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January 27, 1934

Dr. Theodore Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Teddy:

We are sending you at this time under separate cover  
28 diplomas just received from the University of the State of  
New York. I trust that they arrive safely and that you find all  
of them in correct form.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

*W. A. Yarwood*

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CABLE ADDRESS:  
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March 16, 1934.

*Recd 4/10/34*

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Garside:

The diplomas were duly received and arrived in good time for the meeting of the Board of the Managers, a convenient occasion for the Chairman and Secretary of the Board to put their signatures on the diplomas. Thank you very much for sending them along so promptly.

The spring semester has started without trouble. The political situation prevented us from holding the final examinations of the fall semester, which had to be postponed till the beginning of this semester. So before we started registration for the spring semester, we had first a week of examinations to finish up the fall semester. Six students have just graduated; their records will be submitted to you in July, together with those of the June graduates.

The total enrollment for this semester is 149. We had expected a larger drop, for there has been a marked decrease in enrollment in many other colleges in the country. I was just reading a report in which it was stated that almost every one of the colleges in the Shanghai had suffered some loss of students. The most important reason is financial; here in Fukien, too, most of the students who failed to come back discontinued on account of financial difficulty.

How is Mrs. Garside recently? I hope that she is stronger. I am herewith sending you a couple of snapshots, one taken ~~two~~ three months ago of the family, and the other taken just about two months ago when the baby was almost ten months old. I am also sending a small snap of the residence which we and W. Y. Chen's family occupy.

*With  
Fukien  
pictures*

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore F. Chen*

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April 10, 1934

Dean Theodore H. E. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Teddy:

We are grateful for your letter of March 16th and even more grateful for the very interesting and attractive pictures you enclose. We have all fallen in love at first sight with both your wife and your sturdy young daughter.

We are glad to know that the work of the University is going forward so well this spring in spite of political disturbances and serious economic problems.

We are all looking forward eagerly to having President and Mrs. Lin with us this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Chen are already making plans to spend a year here in America in the not too distant future.

I am glad to say that Mrs. Garside has been getting on fairly well during the last year. The unusually severe winter we have just passed through was very trying for her, but with the coming of warmer weather she is feeling much better. She has been having a much longer and more difficult struggle than you had, and must still go very cautiously, and spend a great deal of time in bed. I hope that you are exercising a few reasonable precautions yourself, for even though you have had a remarkably fine recovery, it is not wise to overtax yourself too severely.

With warmest regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

*BA Garside*

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July 10, 1934.

Dear C. J.

Very glad to receive your letter and to know that the children were all well during the trip to Hongkong. I do hope that your voyage across the Pacific will be smooth and pleasant. It is terribly hot these days-----I have to stop and fan myself every once in a while while writing -----but I hope it is cooler on the ocean, and the sea breeze might do the children a lot of good.

We had our first entrance exams on the 6th and 7th, and just had a meeting yesterday afternoon to decide whom to take in. There were 37 applicants, of whom 7 were from Trinity, 7 from Wen Shan, 3 from Y, 4 from Foochow ACC, 1 from Union Middle; there was none from Foochow College. Out of the 37, 21 have been admitted and five were asked to come for make-up exams in September in one or more subjects. This is a vast improvement over last year, when we had only 24 applicants in July of whom we admitted 14.

The Foochow PL met here at our home last Saturday evening. All the men came, plus Mrs. C. H. Lin. We had a very good meeting. The Bank of China is going to move to its new site on the 18th, and invitations are being sent to over a thousand people in Foochow. During our gathering last Saturday night, it was suggested that this occasion be made into a campaign on behalf of a hospital for lepers in Foochow. Extended discussion, interpolated by pleasantries and excursions into other subjects, resulted in concrete plans, the central idea of which is to ask all persons to whom invitations are sent to omit all scrolls and presents to the Bank, but ~~xxx~~ to send the money for the Lepers Hospital Fund. The Rotary Club and governmental agencies are asked to co-operate in the undertaking.

You must have opportunity to find out all the facts about Mrs. Martin's health. Miss Asher has sent you, I believe, a duplicate of Dr. Callum's letter advising an early furlough for the Martins. The Administrative Council has authorized me to take steps toward securing a physics man for September. I have not heard from W. Y. since he left, and do not know how to reach him, since he did not leave a forwarding address. I have simply written to Yenching and Cressy to find out about possibilities. Scott thinks Richard Sia is available, and we might have to take him if we are left on the lurch, though I fear he and Y. C. are too much on an equal rank to have either one take the responsibility of running the department.

<sup>我特</sup> Lin Wo Chiang, Wo Lin's brother who is Secretary of the Aviation Bureau, wrote to recommend a Chinese teacher who had taught Chinese literature and Comparative Religion at Soochow University. The letter was addressed to you. I do not know whether I ought to take up negotiations for I do not know whether W. Y. is looking for one during his trip. What I have done is to send the blanks for application and ask Lin to have the prospective candidate fill them out. According to Lin's recommendation, the man seems to be the

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kind we are looking for.

Chen Pei Kang, former Finance Commissioner of Fukien, came down one day on behalf of Fukien Hsueh Yuan to negotiate about the plan of co-operation on rural projects. Unfortunately I knew nothing of past negotiations and was not able to do anything. He showed me a letter from W. Y. in which he was asked to see me and Tso Hsin, but neither Tso Hsin nor I had been told what and how to negotiate. Tso Hsin knew more than I did, for he had been present at some of the conversations, but he said he was entirely ignorant of the project for which Chen Pei Kang came for, namely, an agricultural institute with definite enrolment of students and organized curriculum. The best we could do was ~~xxxxxx~~ to ask him to wait till W. Y.'s return, in spite of his insistence that the matter was urgent and must be decided right away.

Another little ripple in the calm pool was caused by T. L. Lin. One afternoon last week, I was told by my clerk that T. L. had dropped in at the office to say that he had been offered a lucrative job elsewhere and wanted to resign. A couple of days later, he came in to see me and told me that he had been offered a teaching position at Tsingtao University. He said he had quite a talk with you at W. Y.'s home just before you left, and later wrote you to say in case certain needs of his were not met he would consider himself free from any obligation to the University. He admitted, however, that he did promise you to stick for another year, till you come back. We had quite a talk, in which I told him frankly that the coming year would not be an easy one and we would not want to have too many changes. Finally, he agreed not to accept the Tsingtao offer ~~xx~~ "for this year, anyway".

The foreign families have all gone to Kulang. W. T. Chu and his family have returned to Wenchow; C. N. Yang has gone up north, on the same boat with Francis Chen and Tien Fu; Edwin Ding and his whole family are still in Shanghai; Y. C. Lin and his family will go back to Hingwa in a day or two; and T. H. Wang will go to Nanking next week. The Summer Military Training business has given me a lot of trouble and worry. On the ~~one~~ hand, I have to send ~~one~~ letter after another ~~letter~~ to students to urge them to join; on the other hand I have to make replies to the frequent documents from Bureau of Education as well as from the Chief Training Officer on this subject. They want us to produce students and hold us responsible for absences; so we have to report in full details the efforts we have made to get students to go. Whenever a letter comes from a student to ask for excuse, we have to ~~xxxx~~ write to transmit their petition to the Chief Training Officer. The documents from Foochow come sometimes early in the morning and sometimes in the evening, all by special messenger waiting for immediate reply. Now, we have a number of students in the camp, and they are not so sore as they were at the beginning.

It's terribly hot, and I must stop. I'll try to keep you informed of home affairs by newspaper clippings which I cut out specially for you. UngHie joins in best regards to all.

Yours,  
Jeddy.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

August 2nd, 1934.

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Mr. B. A. Garside  
Fukien Christian University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.  
U. S. A.

My Dear Mr. Garside:-

I have the pleasure of submitting to you the records of the graduates of January and June of this year.

The students of these two classes have been approved by the Faculty of Fukien Christian University. They are recommended for the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Their names appear in the following:-

// Class of January, 1934.

Cheng Hsi Chieh	Lin Hsueh Chuan
Chou Teh Pi	Tan Jen Mei
Chou Ting Chieh	Wang Chong Siu
Huang Ching Ho	Wang Ya Tzu

Class of June, 1934.

Chen Ken Sun	Lin Chao Mei
Chen Kung Shan	Lin Fa Tung
Chen Wei	Lin Yung Hsiang
Chen Ying	Lin Tai En
Cheng Chang Shui	Lin Yu
Cheng Chung Fu	Lin Yuan Han
Cheng Chung Mou	Shao Ching Yuan
Cheng Hui Pao	Tsai Chao Siu
Cheng I Shih	Yang Szu Hsun
Ho Chung	Yeh Hua Fang
Lan Chang Fang	//

Please note that there are eight persons in the January Class and twenty-one students in the June Class. When we filled out the blanks for the New York State Education Department a month ago,

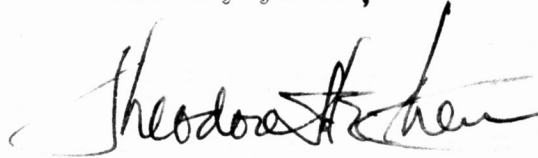
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we reported twenty-two students for the June Class. The discrepancy between the two reports is explained by the fact that one of the Seniors failed to complete one of the requirements within the specified date, and was consequently dropped from the list.

Sincerely yours,



Theodore H. E. Chen, Dean.

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Teddy Chen

August 4, 1934.

Dear C. J.

I have sent you two packages of newspapers' clippings and pictorial news. I thought of doing this long before you did; in fact, before you left Foochow, Ung Hie and I had made a plan of sending you clippings about home conditions. We have divided up the work so that I am responsible for cutting from Shanghai papers while Ung Hie is responsible for finding worthwhile items from the Foochow paper which we get.

Foochow has just had a narrow escape from disaster. On the morning of the 1st, (four days ago), a very large army of the Communists pushed down as far as 水口, much to the surprise of the government; for Liu and Lu had not reported that they had been losing ground and the Foochow government was not prepared for such sudden invasion. That was Wednesday. Few people in Foochow knew what had happened, and so the city was quiet and only a few families began to move. The government sent out all the troops in the city to go up to stop the invading army, but the soldiers soon came back, afraid to fight. The communists, according to reports came near 白沙, and could have advanced upon Foochow that night. What stopped them, few know; the conjecture is that they probably never cared much about coming into Foochow. With soldiers sent out to stop the invaders, Foochow city was practically unprotected Wednesday. The provincial government had a meeting that night and passed a resolution to ask the students, who had just completed three weeks of special training, to take responsibility for peace and order in the city. (!)

News of the above event did not actually get into circulation till Thursday. On Thursday, people got quite excited and the Consuls sent out general warning asking their nationals to be ready for evacuation. But, actually, the most critical period had already passed. Plenty of soldiers were ordered to Foochow from outside by commandeered steamers, and by Friday (yesterday) Foochow was considered fairly safe; for the Communists had evidently turned their direction, now heading for Ning Teh and other places from which government forces had been temporarily withdrawn in order to relieve Foochow.

The above was what I gathered by investigations in Foochow yesterday and the day before. We were entirely ignorant of the situation on Wednesday. The first bit of information which came was from a group of persons who had just moved from 白沙, where they heard gunshots. They knew some of our staff members and asked to be accommodated here. Of course, I turned down the request completely. Then, also, our military training officers came down here quite excited and asked to have a room. They frankly admitted that they planned to hide themselves here first, and then plan to escape to other places.

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The navy also got into action Thursday. They sent a few hundred marines to guard strategic points along the river from ~~Mamoi~~ Mamoi to Foochow. On Thursday afternoon, more than a hundred of them, led by a ~~captain~~ <sup>中長</sup>, came into our campus without permission or any kind of preliminary arrangement and made our old chapel their headquarters. When I went down to tell the man in charge that we could not permit soldiers on the campus, they had already spread out their beddings and other things and said that authorities at Mamoi had made FCU the point from which to direct the forces in adjacent villages. At the same time, a little gunboat anchored itself right in front of our jetty to protect the marines. The marines here are the dirtiest and most undisciplined bunch I have ever seen. We are trying very hard to get them out as soon as possible. I made a strong written protest to the ~~海軍司令部~~ <sup>海軍司令部</sup> and also sent Mingsing down to see about the matter. It is hoped that with the situation becoming easier now the marines will withdraw in a day or two. We could have kept them out more easily before they came in; but after they had spread themselves out it was difficult to get them out. With T. H. Wang in Nanking, I have no one except Mingsing to talk over things with, but now I am glad the worst is over.

(At least the  
watchmen thought  
they were)

A couple of weeks  
some pirates passed  
here with persons they  
had captured.  
Our watchmen  
began to shoot &  
Mingsing also took  
out his gun. We  
scared them away,  
& nothing more  
happened.

(This looks like a  
letter from Martin  
doesn't it? I  
am in a terrible  
rush this morning.)

Last week, the police commissioner sent a man down to ask if we would provide living quarters for a few police they would send down to help us protect the campus during the summer. I have already ~~made~~ <sup>made</sup> formal reply to the effect that we would help them secure quarters in Sieu Kang village, but not within our campus since all our rooms are either being used or closed for repair. The summer is more than half over now; so the problem of summer protection is not really so serious. In case of real political disturbance, a few policemen do not help very much.

The newspapers clippings tell you about the Three of our students joined:

I have been terribly busy. Haven't yet finished reading your manuscript.

Herewith a receipt from the Rotary Club.

Have you heard about Dr. Warner's marriage? There is hope for Beach!

Best wishes,

Ever yours,

Jeddy

August 13, 1934.

Teddy Chen

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Dear C. J.:

When I wrote you a week ago I thought the political storm had entirely blown over, but I was too optimistic. Through the whole week, we were in a state of uncertainty, comparable at times to the days of **last** January. As before, the planes hovered above us carrying heavy bombs, which we could both see and hear. Way into the night we heard machine guns and heavy artillery. Naturally, people got excited; and, as before, families here came to ask me what "plans" I had for emergency. I am sending a few newspaper clippings from which you will know how near the city the fighting occurred. The bandits are still near the outskirts of the city, but it is believed that there are enough soldiers in Foochow to protect the city. The marines <sup>have</sup> left to go down to guard Lieng-chiang (Liang) and Lo Yuan <sup>for</sup> it is feared that a band of bandits might break in through that direction. The tension is not over yet, and the state of uncertainty still continues, but it is hoped that this period will soon be ended.

It must <sup>be</sup> said that Foochow has been comparatively calm. There were two or three nights of grand rush out of the city comparative to the January days, but on the whole the city has been in good order. One reason perhaps is that few people know what is happening. While we heard the fighting clearly from here, Foochow people could not hear a thing. It was only when the bombing planes got into action that the city people began to move. However, the moving was quickly checked, and with the exception of the usual monetary confusion Foochow society was not so terribly disturbed.

There are very few men on the campus just now. W. Y. has not yet returned; T. H. Wang is still in Nanking; C. N. Yang is in Shanghai; Yang Hsin Pao has gone to Amoy for vacation; Edwin Ding and his family are still in Shanghai; Y. C. Lin and his family are at Hinghwa and just wrote to ask whether Foochow is safe; all the foreigners, including Miss Asher, are up on Kuliang. Miss Asher has gone up for two weeks, and I am taking care of her mail these days. We at first planned to have a conference of the Academic Relations Committee on Kuliang a couple of weeks ago, but I have been so busy that I had to put it off again. <sup>Again</sup> After W. Y. comes back, we might be able to have the conference, unless it be too close to entrance exam time.

I have finished reading your manuscript and have <sup>handed</sup> it over to the copyist. Tan Jen Mei is also working on the tables. Your discussion of Christian education and your analysis of the central problem of education in China constitute the best part of the writing, I think. The main reason, I believe, is that the subject is so close to your everyday thinking and what you wrote represented your deep convictions on the subject. The first part seems to me a bit awkward, and yet, with the exception of a few minor changes, I could not see any way of improving it. On the whole, you are to be congratulated for the work; it represents the bolding thinking of a sincere believer in education.

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[27] (His daughter coming to help; need (and))

The Foochow P. L. had another gathering. It was Ai-Chi's turn this time, and we met in his house. James Ding and his wife also joined us. Ung Hie and I went up by college launch and came back about 11:00 in the evening. There was a larger attendance than usual. Y. C. Yeh (葉雲樞) and Ho (何公超), both in Foochow for only a brief visit, came to join us. Also Liau (廖君), who just came back from the North.

My brother Hsi Mou passed the PUMC exams and will leave for Peiping in a day or two for physical examination, which is the final requirement for graduation. His going to PUMC means, of course, an additional burden on me. We shall have to do some very careful figuring this coming year in order to meet all the needs. To be the eldest son of a family is no privilege in China, unless it be a family of great wealth. Ever since the day I arrived from America in 1929, I have been giving my parents regular help,----definitely forty dollars a month, plus special expenses for birthdays, Christmas, etc. Last year, after the birth of our baby, our own expenses so increased that I did not feel able to continue the forty-dollar-a-month arrangement. After much consultation, my mother agreed to reduce the amount to twenty dollars a month, with definite understanding, however, that I should help my brother go to PUMC. I have to-day just given my brother a check for \$100.00 for his travelling expenses. How much more he will need, I do not know. I am sure, however, that during his five years at PUMC I must be ready to help at least one hundred dollars a year towards his regular expenses, plus special appropriations for special needs.

At the same time, my sister who used to work in PUMC had to drop out on account of physical breakdown. After several months of rest, she has now entered a special school of midwifery at Tientsin. I have been sending her ten dollars a month for her expenses.

Another regular outlet is Ung Hie's family obligations. Her brother has refused to support his father, leaving him to the support of her daughters. We have been giving him ten dollars every month, plus special birthday and festival gifts.

I did not mean to begin this long tale of woe, but these thoughts have been in my mind so much these few days that I could not help spilling them out. Only yesterday, my destitute aunt (uncle's widow wife) came to me and asked for regular help too. ~~These demands seem to multiply instead of decreasing!~~ These demands seem to multiply instead of decreasing!

By the way, when you are at Boston, be sure to look up Wu Chao-Jen at the Harvard Medical. He has joined the PL. I believe he is staying on for another year.

Keats is in Nanking. He did not promise definitely to go back to Hunan. Hsueh Liang wants him for the School for the Sons of the Revolution. Keats has accepted a temporary job in that school for the summer only. I have strongly urged him to go back to Hunan and to stick to one job for a few years.

My big family all here. Eleven people, including children, in the family, plus four servants. ~~This, too, is one of my regular obligations.~~

Next letter to n. y. Yours. Jeady

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August 17, 1934

Dean T.H.E. Chen,  
Fukien Christian College,  
Foochow, China.

Dear Teddy:

Your letter dated July 10th was read with great interest upon my arrival in Los Angeles on August 10th. We have had a very fine trip, altogether it took us twenty-nine days. We were called on suddenly to deliver some cotton at San Francisco. We docked at San Francisco in the evening so did not have much of a chance to look up our friends there. We were very grateful to have Miss Bertha Allen meet us at the dock and we spent a few hours together in the city before our ship left for Stockton, an inland port about eighty miles above San Francisco, at midnight.

All of us were greatly pleased to be met by Mrs. Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Allen, parents of Miss Allen, at San Pedro. We now occupy a small cottage in Glendale. It consists of one bedroom, a living room and a kitchen. Hui Ching is having an interesting time of keeping our own house. The children are behaving quite well. We believe that we will enjoy our stay here before we leave for the East the middle part of September.

I started my speaking work for the Methodist churches in Southern California on the very evening of my arrival. Until the middle part of September I will be speaking every evening, with the exception of Saturday, and about twice on Sunday. On account of the summer vacation there is not generally a very large attendance on week days but I enjoy very much our Christian friends here. So far as I have met them, the people are interested in Christian work in China and they respond to my talks quite wonderfully. I am glad I have this chance of doing something for the church as well as for making F.C.U. better known to the Christian friends here.

I am glad to hear your reports about the fine group of new students who have applied for the entrance examinations. By the time when this letter reaches you, you will have finished the second entrance examination. You will also be in the midst of the pre-sessional faculty conferences. I wish very much that I could be there myself but I know you have planned things very well and everything will be going very well.

It is too bad that W.Y. did not leave detailed instructions to you with regard to our relationship with Commissioner Chen about the Rural Service Work. I hope the matter will be straightened out before long. With regard to T.L. Lin's case, I talked the matter quite thoroughly over with W.Y. before I left. I hope he is doing his part in the work of our Social Service department. I could anticipate the difficulties which you would face concerning the question of military training but I am confident that everything has been worked out well.

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I wrote you about Mrs. Martin's health before I left Hongkong on July 12th. Dr. Montgomery told me that Mr. Martin does not have to leave with Mrs. Martin so I hope that the need of the Physics Department will not be so urgent as you seem to indicate in your letter to me. I hope very much that you have finally secured the right man for our Chinese Department. I talked with W.Y. about two or three possibilities of which he would take up during his trip to North China.

I wish to thank you for your newspaper clippings. Hope you will keep it up. Please tell Yang Hsin Pao and Tang Jen Mei to help you in this matter. It will help me a great deal in my keeping up with the developments at home. Please address me next time in care of Mr. B.A. Garside, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Yours fraternally,

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Luddy Chen

August 31, 1934.

Dear C. J.:

Monday, Sept 1, is the date for entrance exams. After that come a series of committee meetings culminating in a pre-sessional faculty conference on the 8th. I fear I shall be so overwhelmed in the coming weeks that I shan't have time at all for writing; hence this letter to-day. I shall leave it to Miss Asher or some one else to pass on to you the news about the number of new students admitted; for such data are not available till the end of next week.

Under separate cover, in order to save postage, I am sending you some more newspaper clippings. One batch of clippings concern the communist situation in Fukien; the other consists of miscellaneous clippings dealing with subjects which are "the talk of the day" as far as can be discerned from current newspapers and magazines. Perhaps a few comments will help you appreciate more fully the significance of the very brief dispatches contained in the clippings. Herewith:-

1. Confucius' birthday has been made a very important occasion for the whole nation. This is part of the New Life Movement, of the effort to revive the "old morality". Lucky Confucius!

2. 'Controlled Culture' or "Planned Culture" (2000) are words very often heard these days. The advocates would regulate all forms of culture: printing, newspapers, publishing companies, schools, "thinking", etc. The effort to regulate the dresses of women and the relationship between sexes belongs to this movement. In educational circles, adherents of this doctrine talk much of 教育統制

3. The campaign for occupations started by the college graduates at Peiping has aroused national interest. Tai Chi Tao wrote to the Executive Yuan an open letter advising immediate effectual steps to be taken to relieve the situation and to help the unemployed graduates. Hu Shih's article, published in the Tientsin Ta Kung Pao at the end of June, in which he said that the college graduates should not blame society but should blame themselves for having no talents and not enough real education to meet the multitudinous needs of China, has elicited bitter replies from people who are in thorough sympathy with the unemployed graduates and with the movement started by the Peiping students. Hu Shih's words are somewhat as follows: Society needs many different kinds of real talents, but a mere diploma is not a guarantee of jobs; it is easier for a real able non-graduate to get a job than for mediocre graduates; when graduates can't get jobs, they must blame themselves for having made a plaything of their college education, for having cheated in exams, for having chosen snap courses and avoided the more difficult but substantial studies, for having preferred the wild-chicken colleges to the better colleges whose entrance exams are harder to pass. (Incidentally, one of my major concerns during the summer has been to find jobs for the big class of graduates this year. Most of them have been adequately taken care of; those who remain are the most mediocre students of the class. Men like Lin Kung Hsiang, Tsai Chao Siu, Young Szu Hsun, were

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offered several jobs for them to choose. Good men never have to worry about jobs----our own experience confirms that)

4. The Bureau of Education requires that every student, new or old, must get two persons to guarantee that ~~that~~ he has no red inclinations. This, again, is an indication of the "professional qualities" of our Commissioner of Education. He does all he can to please the Provincial Government and the important officials. While Nanking ~~is~~ only lukewarm about summer military training, and college students in Shanghai, Nanking, Peiping, and other places took practically no part in the training camps of this summer, our Commissioner suggests that we should discipline our students by either dismissal or retardation (留级) for failure to participate in the summer training. He is a mere puppet for the officials; he is busier making plans to please them than in making plans to improve the quality of education in the province.

Before I forget, I must ask you to look up two particular people in Teachers College. They are Dean William F. Russell of Teachers College, and Provost M. C. Del Manzo of Teachers College. I have kept them informed of FCU during the past five years, and I would like very much to have you see them personally. Russell was a member of the Burton commission, and visited Foochow ~~xxxxxxx~~ in the interests of the Commission over ten years ago. He did me many personal favors when I was in the States. Del Manzo, too, has kept up correspondence with me. ~~With~~ him I have discussed some ~~xxx~~ of our problems, and he has given some valuable suggestions for the improvement of our work. If you can spare a few hours to talk with them about the problems of college education, I am sure you will find the time well spent. I have written ~~xxxxxxx~~ to tell them of your coming. I do hope very much that you can arrange to see them more than once during the year. You might find them of help in your projects.

My folks left to-day, and so the family is considerably reduced. We have a number of guests coming to stay with us next week. W.Y.'s return has been a tremendous relief. I am now able to attend to the business of the Dean's office without other interruptions. I just completed an article for C. S. Miao, and am now checking over the students' records in preparation for registration. Tan Jen Mei has done the preliminary work, but, as you know, assistants always make mistakes, and you simply have to check over yourself. With the political situation eased up and with W.Y. on the campus, I have been feeling very light and easy these ~~two~~ weeks. You may be interested to hear of a piece of construction I have done during the summer, around our house. During the hot days of the season, we longed to have a lawn on which we could stretch in the evening to cool ourselves off. One day, I got the brilliant idea of building a small lawn on the slope beside our house. I got a mason to make a bid and the work was immediately started. My first hope was just to build up a small lawn big enough for four or five chairs, but as the masons began digging, it was found that much of what was supposed to be rock was only hard dirt and



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could easily be levelled down, with the result that we finally got a lawn slightly bigger than my office. The work involved more labor and expense than I at first anticipated; for it involved building a stone foundation more than five feet high and more than ten feet long; and getting grass to grow on hard dirt was not easy either. But it was well worth the while; for it has given us lots of joy during the summer. We often have our supper out on our precious little lawn.

The Foochow PL had three gatherings in the month of August. The first two gatherings were in the evening, and Ung Hie and I went up both times by special launch; the third gathering was held at daytime, at our special request.

Guess this is enough for this time. Miss Asher will write you about a week from now, and she will report in her letter the number of ~~xxxxxx~~ new students we admit for this year.

How do the children like Mi-Guok? I do hope the summer has been easy for you and that you won't have difficulty settling down.

Ung Hie joins in kindest regards to you and Hui Ching and the children.

As always,

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The new students from ~~London~~ just arrived this minute. We sent a man to ~~London~~ to meet them this morning. We plan to ask them to come up to our home for a welcome party to ~~tomorrow evening~~; also the students from ~~London~~ ~~who arrived yesterday~~.

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September 12, 1934

Dean Theodore H. E. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Fochow China

Dear Teddy:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 2nd with the enclosed records of the Fukien graduates of January and June, 1934.

We will submit this list of graduates to the meeting of our Fukien Trustees on September 28th, and will ask them to take the usual action recommending them to the New York Regents for diplomas and degrees.

We are looking forward to seeing President Lin here in about a fortnight. He has been doing some valuable work on the West Coast, chiefly under the auspices of the Methodist Board although I am sure that he has also been able to get in some good work for Fukien and the whole group of China Colleges.

We trust that FCU is opening up this month in a thoroughly satisfactory way, and that you will have a peaceful, and at least reasonably prosperous, year.

With warmest regards, I am

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Very cordially yours,

*B. A. Garside*

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December 22, 1934  
(Dictated December 20th)

Mr. Theodore H. E. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Teddy:

Your letter of October 23rd has been received duly.

I was glad to know about your new daughter. Please convey our congratulations to Wen-hui. Mrs. Lin sent something back to your girl some time ago. I hope you do not have to pay much duty for same. We hesitate to send things back to China because the taxes have been so high recently.

I agree with you with regard to our students standard. We must maintain our high standard. We should not graduate students who are mediocre. I always have had the idea, and still hold the same, that we ought to have a larger selection for our Freshman class, and at the end of the Freshman year we ought to have a severe test for elimination; again in the Sophomore year, in order to get a larger Freshman class. We ought to do more than we have been doing in our student promotional work in the various Middle Schools. I hope you will take this matter up with the Council about making a thorough visit by some of you, to practically all of the Middle Schools in Fukien, Canton, and Swatow, during the coming Spring. The expenses will not be very much and we ought not to try to save from them. We also ought to have some good publicity material about our University. They should be better printed than we used to have, with plenty of illustrations, for general distribution in those Schools we visit. We shall also get in closer relationship with the faculty and principals of those Schools. I think we shall make this as one of our most important things to be done during the Spring.

With the additional ten scholarships which we have just secured from the Pasadena - First Methodist Episcopal Church, we shall be able to offer more free scholarships for promising young people for our Freshman class. I visited several smaller Colleges during my trip through the mid-west, and I find that many of them have been able to secure high-grade students by offering special advantages such as scholarships to the upper third of the high school graduating class. I believe we shall have no difficulty doing the same thing. Every year we should have a much larger Freshman class and better candidates as well.

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Mr. Theodore H. H. Chen

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December 22, 1934

There is no prospect yet for a new Botany teacher. Chen Shih-ti you mention in your letter of October 23rd is also a zoologist studying at Cornell University. I have not yet found any such person specializing in Botany whom we can consider, but I shall continue to search for the same. As you probably know I wrote to W. Y. Chen in the middle of November about Dr. Chen for our Physics and Mathematic Department. I am waiting for a reply from the field to take final steps here.

I am glad that you report to me about rumors circulating in Foochow about Hwa Nan and us. In my two-days letter to W. Y. Chen I mention this letter again. I believe that if we are going to cooperate at all we have to effect the cooperation while both Lucy Wang and myself are in America. I think Miss Wallace is the stumbling block to the whole proposition, but if they do not come around early enough they will be sorry about it, for there is no other way for Christian higher education to exercise effective inference until we are able to do better than we have been doing, and under existing conditions neither one can do it. There is no use of conjuring much further. If they refuse to cooperate with us we will go ahead by ourselves and let Hwa Nan take the consequences that come to them. We offer no apologies.

The Warners have been very kind to us. They invited us several times to visit with them, and we have promised, and each time something happened to our children and we could not come. We are going to see them some time before long.

Please tell Tan Jen Mei that I received his good letter and shall try to reply when I have more time.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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January 7, 1935

Mr. Theodore H. E. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

My dear Mr. Chen:

I am sending you herewith, three copies of the blank form to be used for preparing our annual report to the University of the State of New York as of June 30th, 1935.

We trust that it will be possible to insert the general information regarding the year's work, the student enrollment, faculty, and the like, before the year closes in June, leaving the financial part of the report to be filled out by the field treasurer as soon as the books are closed on June 30th. If it is impossible to give absolutely exact figures at any point by the end of June, it would be better to supply approximate figures rather than to delay the report for any considerable length of time.

Very cordially yours,

*B. A. Caside*

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150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.  
April 2, 1935

Dean Theodore Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Teddy:

I had a very pleasant visit with the Warners in their Brooklyn home last week. I also met the minister of Dr. Warner's Church. All of them remember you very well. They expressed great satisfaction in knowing your work at F.C.U., and the growth of your family. The ~~now~~ Mrs. Warner told me that you used to have a great time in mentioning her maiden name, "Tompkins" (?) as a Chinese name. Both Dr. and Mrs. Warner, however, had had the flu and were suffering a little bit from that yet when I visited them. I have not yet met any of Dr. Warner's children. I wish very much to meet Mr. Harold Warner, and to get him interested in our work at F.C.U.

Mr. Tang, Jen-Mei wrote me about his plan to come to America, taking advantage of the offer of the Allegheny College. As I wrote you, they do not have any graduate department there, and the whole work there may be too elementary for Jen-Mei. I would suggest that you recommend some junior or senior students to come to that place, as well as one or two more to Dickinson College, about which I wrote in my last letter to Dr. W. Y. Chen.

I am looking forward to seeing President Brown of Drew University before long, and to ask him whether there can be opportunity for a fellowship for Jen-Mei at Drew where he can do some advanced work at Drew University, as well as at New York and Columbia Universities. Should Jen-Mei care to come to either Allegheny or Dickinson, the place will be open any time in the near future, so he does not need to worry about not coming over next fall. I am sure he is a very valuable assistant to you and you may like to have his help for another year.

Enclosed herewith I am sending you two sheets on "Bibliography for Endocrinology," and "Bibliography on Creative Discussion," which I secured from Dean Lucy Franklin, Dean of Women, Boston University. She is very anxious to have some Chinese women in her school to prepare for the Dean of Women work. It is a graduate school taking women with a B.A. degree and some practical experience. There does not seem to be any opportunity for much financial aid there.

With kindest regards to you and your family,

Yours very sincerely,

*C. J. Lin*

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150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.  
May 23, 1935

Dean Theodore Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Teddy:

Your newspaper clippings have been duly received and appreciated. They keep me steadily informed with regard to the rapid movement in China, although without further interpretation I cannot understand some of the things. Of course, we supplement those newspaper items with topics of discussion in the various magazines to which you subscribed for me.

I have dealt in my last letter to W.Y.Che, Eva, and McClure about (1) the course which is to be given by Mrs. Kellogg next fall; (2) the work of Dr. S. C. Chen; (3) the possibilities of the services of Miss Eunice T. Thomas, probably next spring; and (4) about Dr. and Mrs. Tinney for botany. I do not believe that I need to add anything here. If no support can be secured for either Miss Thomas or the Tinneys, it may not be realized, but we are still working on both of these cases.

I have also commented in my other letters on the problem of our cooperation with Hwa Nan. I believe the best answer to the question as well as to the whole problem of our place in China as an institution of higher learning, lies in our ability to have more qualified students, so I hope that your effort during last winter and this spring in student cultivation in South Fukien, and Canton, will result in a larger student body of high quality.

In this connection I was rather surprised to see the limited number of scholarships you provided for on our budget for next year. We ought to adopt, and immediately put into effect, some form of scholarship grant like that described in the Simpson College pamphlet which I am enclosing herewith for your reference to upper third students. We should make known that we are ready to entertain ~~education~~ education for full or half scholarships from those who come from the upper third of the graduate class of all the credit schools. I believe we have enough funds for that purpose, as you will remember that the Minnesota Congregational Woman's Society gave us \$50.00 U.S., and the First Methodist Church in Pasadena, California, gave us U.S.\$500 for such a purpose. We should see to make good use of this money every year for the purpose of securing a larger and better student body.

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In connection with the student cultivation problems, the Dean's office can prepare some special leaflets, attractively printed, together with pictures describing the opportunities for higher education in our University, to be distributed to individual members of the senior class of all of our credit schools. I believe we have provided enough money for that purpose, and we hope to make good use of it.

I wrote you and W.Y.Chen a couple of times before about the possibility of some of our students coming to study at Allegheny College and Dickinson College. I believe each one of them can take a couple of our junior or senior students, whom you may recommend, or even ~~ing~~ admitting our graduate students for a year of residence, and they will be ready to bear all of the necessary expenses of boarding and lodging when they are there. I believe this is a very good opportunity for our students to come out. It will also be a good encouragement for other students to come to our University, for they will see that we can make connections for them in America when they wish to study in this country. Because of this fine opportunity, I hope you will encourage some to come for next fall, either from our own present student body, or elsewhere. <sup>Our students</sup> Other persons in these American colleges will also <sup>be</sup> provided with a good friendly relationship between them and us. If Tang, Jen-Mei really wants to come I hope he will be encouraged to do so, even if we may feel the temporary loss of his services. We must let our younger group take whatever opportunity there is. We can always provide some substitute to take their place. We should also give a chance for advancement and training ~~of~~ the younger ~~group~~ graduates when they are selected to take those places. Undoubtedly it will need <sup>some clearing</sup> ~~some clearing~~ in our routine service, but I think they compare so little with the advancement of those persons who come out for further study and wider experience.

I wish also that you take up the case of Mr. William Yen, whose original letter I enclosed in my last letter to W. Y. Chen. I believe that there is a provision in our government regulations in making special arrangement for oversea students. We should sufficiently encourage those students to come back to our University. When you have definite information about that you can write to him direct. I understand that in both Yenching and Lingnan they have taken in a number of students from America and the South Sea Islands, who know nothing, or very little, of Chinese. We shall be able to get the government to grant those students special privileges about Chinese while studying in our University.

I have already reported that we are due in Hongkong on September 10th, and in my last letter to W. Y. I enclosed therein a list of the places of stops which our boat will call. In England you can write us in care of the Church Missionary Society, Salisbury Square, London E. C. 4, England, between July 20th and the first week of August. If there are former students, or other friends in those ports of call, kindly let me have their addresses so I can write them before hand to meet me when I am there. I figure that we shall probably be able to take the Wednesday boat from Hongkong, so we will be on the campus on Friday, September 13th. If we miss that boat we may take our boat direct to Shanghai, and return to Foochow from there which will mean that we probably will not reach the campus until around Wednesday, September 18th.



Dean Theodore Chen

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May 23, 1935

I hope to hear from you some time before we leave about the final calendar of our next academic year.

I still hope that it may be possible for you to schedule a course for me to teach, either of two hours credit or three hours credit, on some general topic like "Problems of Modern Government." I feel the need of doing some teaching so as to keep myself up to literature problems in a more serious way, as well as to get in closer touch with the students. I will be glad to take an 8 o'clock class in the morning, as well as any group of week days.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,



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P.S. Under separate cover we have sent you two booklets about Simpson College.

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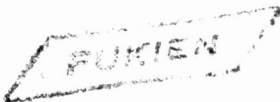
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CABLE ADDRESS:  
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FOOCHOW, CHINA.

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June 27, 1935

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Mr. B. A. Garside,  
Fukien Christian University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Garside:

For some time I have intended to write to ask you for an explanation of the meaning of the absolute charter which has now been granted to us. The immediate question which puzzles me this moment is whether we are to submit the records of the graduates to Albany as we did before. As you remember, it has been our practice to send to you every summer the records of the graduates of the year, using the blanks specified by the State Department of Education. You will see from the enclosed Commencement program that the number of graduates of this year is very large, seven for the January class and twenty-six for the June class. Now that we have an absolute charter which empowers us to grant degrees, I wonder if we should continue the former practice of submitting full transcripts of all graduates to New York. I am for the present holding up the transcripts, awaiting instructions from you. If you wish to have old practice continued and would like to have the records sent to you at an early date, please send a short cable instructing us to send immediately.

Another question in this connection is whether the absolute charter makes any difference in the form of the diploma to be used hereafter. Who are to prepare the diplomas and to sign them? We here are quite ignorant of the practical significance of the absolute charter, and would appreciate your enlightening us on this matter.

College officially closes to-day, and now my summer work is just ready to begin. We have made some plans for admissions and hope to get a good entering class next fall. The first thing I did this morning was to move my office into a cooler room, and this letter is the first piece of work I do in my "summer office".

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We are very glad that President Lin and his family will be with us before long. He has expressed in his letters very great satisfaction with his year's stay in the states and his appreciation of the cordial welcome everywhere and of the co-operation which you and the Trustees have given so generously. We hope to be able to follow up the valuable contacts he has made during the year. I just stopped a moment ago to talk with a student who wishes to take advantage of the opportunity offered by Allegheny College for exchange students. We hope to send over some good students a year from now.

I expect to stay on the campus with my family all throughout the summer. As usual I have a fairly busy summer schedule which will keep me in my office every morning of the week excepting Sunday. I have the ambition of learning to swim in our new swimming pool this summer, but I doubt whether I shall succeed. The pool is being used a good deal, and the swimmers really enjoy it.

I am sending you a snapshot of the family taken about a month ago. *with other FCA pictures* ~~Our~~ older daughter is now 27 months old and the younger one nearly nine months old. Both are very healthy.

How is Mrs. Garside recently? My wife joins in best wishes to her and to yourself.

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore T. Garside*

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150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.  
July 12, 1935

Dean Theordore H. E. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Teddy:

Many thanks for your letter of May 25th.

I have just written to W. Y. Chen in regard to the budget, our faculty personnel for next year, and other questions which you raised in your letter, so I am not going to bother you here. I have just written to Mrs. Kellogg about your suggestion for her to teach one or two courses in English before Miss Thomas arrives next spring. I cannot reach Henry Chen now. He is to sail from Europe for China in a few days. I suggest that you write him at his home.

We have postponed our trip to Europe until July 17th on account of the pressure of business here in New York. We will arrive in Hongkong on September 1st, and will be on the campus soon after that. I am sending a list of the ports of call to Miss Asher. In case you want to send me any urgent message you can use that.

We have definitely engaged Miss Thomas for next spring, her support having been secured only recently. We have not been able to pay for the expenses of the Finnsy so we are not asking them to come this year. I am sure Miss Thomas will be ~~scarcely~~ a great addition to our work. She has also been asked by me last evening to act if necessary as the Dean of Women next spring, and to live in the dormitory.

We are so glad to know that Wan Hui has been doing so well, and has contributed so much to the life of the community, as well as to the women students. Hui Ching and myself enjoyed so much her letter. I do not believe that Hui Ching will have to reply herself. We shall look forward to seeing you both and your children before long.

I called at the Teachers College a couple of times but have not succeeded as yet to see either the Dean or the Provost. It may not be possible for me to call them up again. I am trying to send out some letters to our friends here before we leave, and to ask those on our mailing list to make some cash contribution to our work for the present year. I am leaving most of the packing to be done by Hui Ching, and we still will be much pressed for time. We shall look forward for a quick trip in Europe.

Yours always,

*C. J. Lin*

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August 18, 1935

Dean Theodore H. E. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Teddy:

We are glad to receive your letter of June 27th and even more pleased with the picture of yourself and your very attractive family which you thoughtfully enclosed. I do hope that some day before too long I will have the privilege of meeting Mrs. Chen and your two very fascinating daughters.

I am sorry we have not written more fully with regard to the effect of our absolute charter on our process of conferring diplomas and degrees. Since the University of the State of New York has now authorized the University to confer degrees, it is not necessary for us to submit credentials for each of the graduating students to Albany nor does the University of the State of New York any longer issue our diplomas. From the date the absolute charter was granted this power rests entirely in the hands of the proper authorities of Fukien Christian University.

Since the Board of Trustees is the legal body recognized by the University of the State of New York in granting the absolute charter, the power of conferring diplomas and degrees rests with the Board of Trustees. It is, however, in order for the Board of Trustees to delegate this power to the Board of Directors if that is desired. This is a procedure that has generally been followed in our other China colleges which have already been operating under absolute charters. In both Yenching and Cheeloo the entire process of preparing and conferring diplomas, and of taking action on the granting of degrees has been placed in the hands of our Boards of Directors in China.

As yet our Fukien Board of Trustees has not taken final action on this question due, it must be confessed, to my own failure to put the item on the docket for our last annual meeting. I will, however, bring the matter to the Board's attention at its next meeting, which will probably not be held until fairly late in the autumn. We would welcome suggestions both from yourself and from President Lin as to whether you prefer to adopt the policy now followed by Cheeloo and Yenching - and likely to be followed in the near future by several of our other colleges - of handling this entire process of granting diplomas and degrees, or whether you would prefer that the Board of Trustees in America retain some share of the responsibility for this process. I am sure the Trustees will wish to follow whatever plan the field recommends.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*BA. Garside*

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October 12, 1936.

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
Fukien Christian University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N. Y.,  
U. S. A.

*Adh*  
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Dear Mr. Garside:

I have the pleasure of submitting to you the names of the students who completed their course of study at Fukien Christian University in June, 1935. The list of names, herewith enclosed, includes information with regard to the major study and the degree conferred in each case. The students on the list were formally approved by the Faculty of Fukien Christian University as having fulfilled all academic requirements and possessing good character. They are recommended for their degrees.

I am sorry for the delay that has been made in submitting this recommendation. We were not sure whether the Trustees had delegated to the field the authority to grant degrees for this class. I am not sending to you the names of the students who graduated in June, 1936, because our Board of Managers here took action to confer the degrees last June. Perhaps the Trustees would like to keep record of the names of students who receive degrees every year, in which case the Board of Managers would formally report to the Trustees, I think.

We have a rather large enrollment this year: 174 students, including 44 women students, and a very fine Freshmen class of 59 students. Our new agricultural set-up has drawn students as well as social recognition and promises to be a very important instrument of social reconstruction in Fukien.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore H. E. Chen*  
Theodore H. E. Chen

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CLASS GRADUATING ON THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR  
OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE

Chang Hsi-Hu	Bachelor of Arts	Chinese
Chang Yu-Ying	Bachelor of Science	Physics and Mathematics
Chen Chen-Fu	Bachelor of Science	Biology
Chen Chu-Chiang	Bachelor of Science	Chemistry
Chen Kuei-Yung	Bachelor of Science	Biology
Cheng Min-En	Bachelor of Science	Biology
Cheng Ti-Jen	Bachelor of Arts	Political Science and Economics
Cheng Tien-Mo	Bachelor of Arts	Political Science and Economics
Cheng Wen-Lan	Bachelor of Science	Chemistry
Chou Ting-Wei	Bachelor of Science	Chemistry
Chou Yung-Yao	Bachelor of Arts	Education
Huang Chan-Shen	Bachelor of Arts	Chinese
Huang Chung-Hsien	Bachelor of Arts	Political Science and Economics
Huang Hsieh-Tsuan	Bachelor of Arts	Political Science and Economics
Huang I-Ko	Bachelor of Science	Chemistry
Huang Sien-Siu	Bachelor of Science	Chemistry
Huang Wei-Chi	Bachelor of Arts	Education
Kan Ching-Hao	Bachelor of Science	Chemistry
Li Chang-Chen	Bachelor of Arts	History and Sociology
Li Chen-Han	Bachelor of Science	Biology
Li Ching-Chung	Bachelor of Arts	Political Science and Economics
Li Ting-Sui	Bachelor of Science	Physics and Mathematics
Li Yung	Bachelor of Science	Biology
Lin En-Ching	Bachelor of Arts	Education
Lin Tung-Shu	Bachelor of Arts	History and Sociology
Lin Wo-Lin	Bachelor of Arts	Political Science and Economics
Lin Yu-Tsing	Bachelor of Science	Biology
Liu Yu-Lin	Bachelor of Arts	Political Science and Economics
Sung Shih-Lin	Bachelor of Science	Biology
Teng Tsun	Bachelor of Arts	Political Science and Economics
Tsai Pi-Chieh	Bachelor of Arts	Education
Wang Shih-Tsuan	Bachelor of Science	Chemistry

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December 18, 1936

Mr. Theodore H. E. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Teddys:

Your letter of October 12th, with the list of the Fukien graduates, reached us some weeks ago. I should have written before this to apologize for having caused you some unnecessary labor and concern.

The message we sent President Lin early in October was not very carefully worded and was partially misunderstood. The only inquiry we intended to make was that of what had become of the F.C.U. report to the Harvard-Yenching Institute for 1935-36. There was no intention of asking for any report on the records of undergraduates, to be submitted to the New York Regents.

You will remember that on April 22nd, 1936, the Board of Trustees by action T-1120 voted to "grant full power and authority to the Board of Managers in China to confer the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science upon graduates of Fukien Christian University, who, in the judgment of said Board of Managers, shall duly earn the same." It is not necessary, therefore, for the field authorities to make any recommendations in future either to the Fukien Trustees or to the Regents of the University of the State of New York concerning granting these degrees to the graduates of the University.

There is, however, one possible question in connection with this action of the Board of Trustees which may require clarification. It is this:- The Regents of the University of the State of New York granted Fukien Christian University its absolute charter on October 13th, 1934, at the same time giving the Trustees the authority to grant degrees to the graduates of the University. The Trustees did not actually designate this power to the Board of Directors until April 22nd, 1936. In delegating this authority, the Trustees failed to indicate the exact date at which the delegation became operative. There is some uncertainty, therefore, as to who should grant degrees to graduates completing their course between October 13th, 1934 and April 22nd, 1936. I am sure it was the intention of the Trustees that this authority was to be delegated to the field beginning with the date when the absolute charter was granted. We are, however, bringing this matter to the attention of the next meeting of the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committee, and request that this point be clarified. If the Board follows the line of procedure just indicated, the Directors would be the proper group to confer degrees and diplomas upon the graduating class of June 1935 whose names you attached to your October 12th letter.

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Mr. Theodore Chen

December 18, 1936

We are glad to learn that the year at the University has begun so favorably and trust that the disturbed conditions which exist in various parts of China will not interfere with the work at Fuzien this year.

With every good wish for the New Year, I am

Cordially yours,

*B.A. Garside*

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CABLE ADDRESS:  
"HSIHO, FOOCHOW"

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FOOCHOW, CHINA.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 5, 1937

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N. Y.,  
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Garside:

FUKIEN

My wife and I wish to thank you and Mrs. Garside for the pretty Christmas card you sent and the kind remembrance it brought. We had a very joyful Christmas in our family this year, because both of our little daughters are old enough to enjoy the tree, the gifts, the parties and other festivities of the season. Our older girl will be four years old in March and the younger one ~~she~~ about two years and two months old.

There was a new excitement all over China on Christmas day, because Chiang Kai Shek, the President of the Executive Yuan, who had been held captive by the insurgents in Shensi for nearly two weeks, was released on that day. The Shensi affair, which shocked the entire nation and the whole world, brought to light certain features of strength in the nation which give rise to much optimism. It was a great tribute to the national government that it was able to maintain peace and order throughout the nation during the days of great anxiety when no one was able to predict what the outcome would be. There was no depreciation of currency, as many people feared there would be. The Nanking government seemed to be able to take the situation in hand immediately as soon as the affair broke out.

Most heartening of all has been the unity of public opinion manifested throughout the whole period. The people rose in one voice to condemn the rebels and to demand the release of General Chiang. It is believed that the intensity and unanimity of public opinion acted as a powerful force to bring the insurgents to terms. The spontaneous and unanimous support of the national government by the people at large was a new revelation to the nation as well as to the outside world..

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Mr. B. A. Garside --2--  
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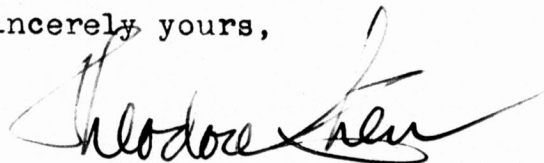
This is the last week of classes. The winter session ends on January 20, and the spring session will begin on February 14. Five seniors finish their course of study this month, but degrees will not be conferred till June, for we hold commencement once a year only. The agricultural departments have made a fine beginning and are drawing a fine lot of students. The government has given enthusiastic support, and if we do not disappoint them I am sure the support will increase in the future.

I am making plans for a couple of years of furlough study in America beginning next summer, after the completion of eight years of service in F. C. W. This has been made possible by a gift from Mr. Davenport, who helped me so much when I was in America last time. I have not yet decided which university to go to. I have made application at a number of universities for scholarship aid and will decide to go to the place which makes the most inducing offer. I hope very much that I can bring my family along, not only because my wife has for many years cherished a desire to go abroad but also because my steady improvement in health during the past few years has been so dependent on the regularity of family life that I would loathe to part with it. Presumably a small family keeping house would not require much additional cost for living expenses than a single person living in dormitory room and eating in cafeteria or public dining hall. The main problem, therefore, is that of travel. I am now waiting to see whether I can obtain a fellowship from one of the universities to which I have made application. If I can get a generous fellowship, I shall be able to bring my family. At present, however, we are only hoping and planning.

Much as I would like to go to Teachers College again, I am now giving up the idea because of the high cost of living at New York. I shall probably go to some university near the western coast. I hope, however, I shall have a chance to see you before I leave America.

My wife joins in kindest regards to you and Mrs. Garside.

Sincerely yours,



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May 28, 1937

Dean Theodore H. E. Chen,  
Fukien Christian University,  
Foochow, China.

Dear Teddy,

I should have written before this to tell you how glad we are that you are coming to America this summer. It scarcely seems possible that eight years have passed since you returned to Foochow. We do hope it will be possible for you to bring your family with you, for I know it would not only be much more enjoyable for you and for them but - what is even more important - it would probably do much to safeguard your health if Mrs. Chen were along to take care of you.

Much as we would like to have you here in the East, we must somewhat reluctantly agree that it would probably be wiser for you to spend at least most of your time somewhere along the West Coast if you can make satisfactory arrangements there. The item of expense is an obvious one. But we think that it would probably also be much safer from the standpoint of health. The climate in New York would probably not be quite so favorable. Also, you would be under more of a nervous strain living in the rush of New York life - and it would be difficult for us and for you to have you keep out of the publicity and promotional activities which will be going on during the next two years.

But if we cannot count on having you here in the East very much, we do hope that you can spend a little while here with us.

We trust that the spring semester has gone well, and that by the time this reaches you the Commencement season will be reaching a pleasant close. May you have a very pleasant journey and a safe arrival in Mei-kuo.

You will note from the postmark on this letter that I am spending a few days here at Trudeau with Mrs. Garside. I had to be in Rochester for several days attending a meeting of the Movement for World Christianity, and stopped here over the week-end. Mrs. Garside has been here a little over a year now - her third prolonged stay here since 1928. She has had a serious time of it, but is feeling somewhat better now and we hope she may be home with us by the autumn.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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CABLE ADDRESS:  
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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

June 10, 1937.

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Firthe Avenue,  
New York City,  
U. S. A.

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Dear Mr. Garside:

After many changes of plans I finally decided to bring my family to America this summer. We have booked passage on the s.s. President Hoover of the Dollar Steamship Line, which leaves Shanghai on the 29th of this month and will arrive in Los Angeles on July 18. Our plan is to stay at Los Angeles for the summer, while I take work at the University of Southern California. There is a possibility of my transferring to some other university later in the year in case that I should be offered a larger fellowship, but chances are that we shall be at Los Angeles for the rest of the year.

I was not sure at first of my address at Los Angeles and when I wrote to friends I took the liberty of asking them to write in care of your office. I am sorry to give you this trouble but I am sure you will be willing to receive my mail, have some one in your office forward the same to me at Los Angeles. I have just received word from a friend saying that he had rented a house for me at Los Angeles. The address is 855 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles. Until further notice, I would appreciate your forwarding my mail to this address.

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We hope that we may have opportunity to see you before we come back to China.

With many thanks and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore [unclear]*

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July 2, 1937

Dr. Theodore Chen  
855 W. 37th Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dr. Chen:

This to acknowledge your letter of June 10th and to welcome you to the United States.

By this time you are located in your own home in Los Angeles, and we trust that you will be comfortable there throughout the period of your stay.

It is needless to say that we are anxious to see you sometime during the year and look forward in pleasant anticipation.

With sincerest regards from everyone in the office I remain,

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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857 W. 37th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.  
July 26, 1937.  
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Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you very much for your kind letter, which came to hand a few minutes ago. The bungalow we now live in was formerly occupied by Chinese students. It has two bedrooms and bath, and also a living-room in addition to dining-room, thus amply meeting all our needs. We are within a few minutes' walk of most of the University buildings. We found the house all ready for us when we arrived a week ago, and so far we have found everything to our satisfaction.

I plan to start work in the summer school in a few days. We hope that our children will learn to speak English before long and will be able to attend <sup>some</sup> nursery school or kindergarten ~~in the neighborhood~~. We have not been here long enough to make investigation of ~~the~~ the possibilities; so we cannot tell yet how things will work out.

We like Los Angeles, so different from the big cities. I am sure we shall enjoy our stay here. At the same time, I hope that we may have a chance to visit you at the East before we return to China.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,  
Herbert Chen

855 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles, Calif.,  
December 17, 1937.

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Dear Mr. Garside:

I have many times thought of writing you but never succeeded in carrying out my intention. Not long ago I came across a bulletin issued by the Associated Board reporting briefly plans and conditions in the various Christian colleges. That was a couple of months ago, I think. I wonder if any recent bulletin has been issued giving information about any of the Christian colleges. I am eager to have news about the colleges. If you will put me on the mailing list for any bulletins or publicity material, I should be much obliged.

Foochow has been comparatively quiet so far, and the schools and colleges have been able to carry on remarkably well. I just received a few days ago a letter from Bishop Gowdy in which he had to make an abrupt stop in order to seek protection from an airplane whose arrival was announced by a city-wide alarm, but the plane passed by without dropping any bomb. They have had a couple of scares like that, but no actual damage has been done in Foochow.

Aside from the anxiety over home conditions, we have greatly enjoyed our stay here at Los Angeles. We are fortunate to be able to send the children to a nursery school not very far from here, and with the children away from home all morning, my wife has been able to study also at the university. She is taking two courses in the department of sociology; if all goes well, she will be able to complete requirements for the Master's degree in two years. My own work, too, has been enjoyable and satisfactory. I carry a schedule considerably more than the ordinary normal load for graduate students and am therefore kept very busy. For the Christmas vacation, I have the important task of preparing myself for an examination in French which I hope to take the first week of January. I am putting in many hours every day for intensive study of French grammar and extensive reading of educational literature in French. I studied French at P. C. U. many years ago, but having not had occasion to use it in all these years I have forgotten most of it.

I had not at first wished to do any public speaking this year on account of my very heavy schedule of studies, but the home situation calls for some effort on the part of all, and with the American public so deeply interested in the Far Eastern situation, I have felt it a duty to respond to some of the requests for speaking. I get a good deal of invitations now, but I can accept only a small part of them. There is a genuine desire on the part of the public to know the facts and the historical background of the present conflict. Many of the people know very little about China, naturally, and still less about the issues involved in the present conflict. The Japanese Chamber of Commerce has issued a good deal of "literature" on the subject. Some of

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it is rather clever; most of it is simply ridiculous; but to those who are not well informed, all have some effect in creating misimpressions and misunderstandings.

We wonder whether after the incident of the American gunboat the Japanese government will be able to exercise a little more control over the recklessness and foolishness of their militarists. My feeling is that the ~~bb~~ombing of the gunboat and other vessels carrying refugees was quite a deliberate affair, although it was probably not sanctioned by the civil government at Tokyo. It seems that the Japanese militarists are anxious to try out every nation to see just how far they could go without getting into a major world war. They tested ~~ant~~ the Russians, as you know, by sinking some Russian boats early in July; and when they found out that Russia was in no mood to start any war, they were emboldened to carry out their schemes in China.

We are very much shocked to hear of the death of Mr. Beach. He was among our closest personal friends in Foochow. He had always been so strong and healthy that we could not believe the first report which came to us. He had not been in very high spirit, however, since the death of Mr. Beach. Having his daughter and son-in-law with him in the last year helped a great deal, and we are thankful that they were with him in the last days of his life.

My wife joins in wishing you and Mrs. Garside a very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore Tilton*

December 29, 1937

Mr. Theodore Chen  
855 West 37th Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Teddy:

Very glad to have your letter of December 17th. We have been wondering how things have gone with you on the west coast and should have written to you before this. It is good to know that you have been enjoying a pleasant and profitable autumn.

We know you have been quite busy and so have not called upon you for any special publicity or promotional work. If, however, you do find it possible to take a share in any activities on behalf of F.C.U. or any of the other China Colleges we would be grateful for your assistance. Just now plans are being made for some rather active weeks of promotional work on behalf of the China Colleges in California and the other Pacific states. These activities will begin about the middle of January. Mr. Roy E. Bendell is now at work in California, organizing promotional work on behalf of the entire group of Colleges. His address is Hotel Stowell, 416 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California. I am sending Mr. Bendell your name and address and am suggesting that he get in touch with you whenever he can find an opportunity to do so. Whether or not you can take time for anything else you can be of real service to Mr. Bendell in giving him firsthand information as to the situation in China, particularly at F.C.U. Also, if you can help him in other ways both he and we would be extremely grateful.

With the warmest of good wishes to you and Mrs. Chen for a very happy New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Copy for Mr. Bendell

Mr. Hedrick

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855 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles, Calif.,  
January 21, 1938.

Mr. C. A. Evans,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Evans:

A couple of weeks ago I received a letter from Dr. Edwin G. Warner saying that he had deposited with you two hundred dollars from which I might draw at any time I needed money. I would appreciate your sending me one hundred dollars at this time. The conditions in China and the new banking regulation restricting the amount that could be drawn have somewhat upset our plan. Dr. Warner's gift meets a timely need.

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We are coming near the end of the semester. Just now we are busy with preparation for final examinations. Both our children came down with a very severe cold last week, and for a while we were afraid that it might develop into something more serious, but we are glad that they are getting better. Aside from that, we have had a very pleasant and profitable semester.

I wonder if you are familiar with radio makes and with the best ways of purchasing a radio. We have in mind the purchase of an all-wave radio, with phonograph attachment. We want one which has a good tone and satisfactory short-wave reception so that we may bring it back to China and may be able to get European and American stations from China. Is a special discount obtainable through your office? Do you get discount on all makes, or do you get special rate for some specific make? Any information which you give me will be very much appreciated. I believe that Mr. Stowe got one such set at Los Angeles and obtained about 40 per cent discount through the board.

May I trouble you to give the enclosed note to Mr. Garside?

With many thanks and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore Chen*

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855 W. 37th Street, Los Angeles, Calif.,  
January 21, 1938.

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Thank you very much for your letter dated the 29th of last month.

Though my busy schedule of studies does not permit me to take active part in any campaign on behalf of the Christian colleges, I shall be happy to help in small ways now and then. I have been doing a good deal more public speaking than I had at first intended to, ~~but~~ the critical situation in the homeland calls for redoubled efforts on the part of every one; ~~and~~, not being able to share directly the responsibilities of carrying on (work at home in this critical period, and, furthermore, being not able to contribute financially to relief campaigns and patriotic funds, I have felt it a duty to ~~ix~~ speak to the American public as often as I can to enable them to understand the Chinese cause. I get so many invitations for speaking in recent weeks that I can only accept a small part of them. If, however, Mr. Bendall should need me at any time not in conflict with my other duties, I would be only too glad to help in any way I can.

I receive frequent questions about the Christian colleges when I speak at different places. At times, I am unable to answer questions simply because of the fact that I am not informed of recent developments. Any bulletin and information from you concerning the present status of the colleges, (particularly Yenching, Cheeloo, and others in the war areas,) will be appreciated and helpful. I heard conflicting reports about Yenching, and would like very much to know whether it has been able to continue and what difficulties it met under the Japanese regime.

Both our girls were sick with a very severe cold last week. We were afraid, for a while, they might develop pneumonia, but we are glad that they are now recovering. How is Mrs. Garside? We hope that she is becoming stronger.

Sincerely yours,

*Judy Chen*

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January 25, 1938

Mr. Theodore Chen  
855 West 37th Street  
Los Angeles, California

My dear Mr. Chen:

I am acknowledging your letter of January 21st, in which you enclosed a communication to Mr. Garside, which has been turned over to him.

We note that you desire \$100. from the amount which Dr. Warner has deposited in the office, and accordingly are enclosing check for that amount herewith.

We know that you will have a very interesting time in California, and we know that it is all for the uplift and advancement of the cause of China throughout the world as well as in China.

Regarding the radio, we find it very difficult here in the East to get any concern to give us concessions, as the business is so broken up into cut-throat methods that one can buy a good machine in a department store at a better figure than the manufacturer will sell it to us at a discount. We are not so sure that the same condition prevails on the West Coast, but we have no means of handling an order from this end through an agency in California. The Methodist Board has a representative in San Francisco, Mr. J. Tunnickliff, 83 MacAllister Street, San Francisco, and if you will write to him, stating your position, it is quite possible he will be able to help you. We were the means of helping Dr. C. J. Lin get his radio when he was in America several years ago, but conditions have greatly altered in the meantime, and we do not know how his machine is operating.

We wish we could be more definite and more helpful in this proposition, but this does not seem to be possible.

With sincerest regards to you all, I remain

Very cordially yours,

*C. A. Evans*

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January 26, 1938

Mr. Theodore H. E. Chen  
855 West 37th Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Teddy:

Thanks for your letter of January 21st. I am passing a copy of it along to Mr. Bendell for his information.

We enclose herewith a copy of a news bulletin issued last week. It gives about the latest information we have available from each of the Colleges. One point which should perhaps have been brought out a little more clearly in the bulletin is that many of the Colleges are closing the first semester's work several weeks early this year, and are opening the second semester a little later than usual. For instance, our recent letters from President Lin tell of the plans of F.C.U. to have the students spend two months or more during the winter vacation assisting in the efforts of the government of Fukien province to train and organize all the people of the province in ways which will best help them to meet the present crisis.

Sorry to learn that your daughters have both been sick with severe colds, but I hope that by this time they have full recovered. I trust too that you and Mrs. Chen are both enjoying good health this year.

Thank you for your inquiry with regard to Mrs. Garside. She has been regaining her health and strength in a very encouraging way during the last year, and we hope that within a few months at most she will be able to return home permanently.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*B. A. Garside*

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Please note our new address. I have the change made in your office record.

1035 1/2 W. 36th Place, Los Angeles, Calif.,  
September 11, 1938. 6-29-19

Dear Mr. Garside:

I have many times thought of writing you, but I have been so extremely busy that I have sadly neglected my correspondence. I am sure that I have worked harder during the past year than I ever did since I became ill in New York almost fourteen years ago, but I am glad to say that we have all prospered under the balmy California climate.

An Airmail letter from Dr. Sutton informs us that he is sailing for China on Sept. 19 from Los Angeles. We are full of curiosity to know the circumstances which led to the cable asking for the immediate return of Sutton and Farley, but we hope that the action is an indication of improved conditions. The last batch of mail, which arrived only two days ago, still reported the fact that the faculty was much concerned over the problem of the long vacation at Shaowu and was considering ways and means of keeping the community together during the vacation. We hope that the return of Sutton and Farley means that the college plans to move back to Foochow before long.

We have had a very profitable year, though a very busy one. We have been able to keep the children in school, the older one in the kindergarten and the younger one in the nursery school. The kindergarten and the school are located in opposite directions, about fifteen blocks from each other, and it was necessary for my wife and me to take turns in taking the children, but we considered the arrangement worthwhile and worth continuing this year, not only in order that we may be more free to pursue our own studies but also to give the <sup>children</sup> a better opportunity for play and for learning the language. Strange to say, they have completely given up the Chinese language, although we talk Chinese at home and try not to let them forget. The children talk English only; they answer us in English when we talk in Chinese.

My wife was able to carry a half-time schedule throughout the year. She has completed half of the requirements for the M. A. degree in sociology. She did not take courses in the summer school, partly because the children were home during the latter part of the summer, and partly because of the expense. She had, however, a very profitable summer reading and collecting material for her thesis. She plans to write a thesis on the Chinese family.

I had a full schedule of studies in both sessions of the summer school, and since the two sessions were continuous, with no period of intermission between them, the summer has been the most strenuous part of my entire year's work. In the second session, I taught a course in Comparative Education, in addition to my own studies. When the Dean invited me to join the summer school faculty as a visiting member, he asked me to teach two or three courses. My own studies were so heavy however, that I simply could not manage to take on too much in addition. At the same time, the honor of being on the summer faculty was something which I did not wish to ~~pass~~ give up; so I consented to teach one course only in the second session. I thoroughly enjoyed the course. I had forty <sup>two</sup> students in the class, all graduate students most of whom had had same years of teaching experience.

I have been appointed Lecturer in Asiatic Studies and shall teach a course in the department of Asiatic Studies during the coming year.

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I was glad to be able to take part in the campaign on behalf of the Christian colleges here in Los Angeles. Dr. Ruch & Dr. Potter wanted me to speak at the Berkeley conference, too, but I regretted that I was not able to do that. After I have completed the study I am just now starting, I may be able to do more on behalf of the Christian colleges. I sent a small scholarship contribution (by a check which I spoke) to Miss Arden a couple of months ago. Kindest regards from all of us. Sincerely yours, Lady Chen

The major part of the coming year, however, will be devoted to a research project in connection with the dissertation. I have proposed a plan which is rather ambitious and which will involve a good deal of expense and a good deal more work than would ordinarily be required for the writing of the dissertation. What I propose to do is to make a general survey of the various attempts to reorganize the liberal arts college curriculum in the United States, and to make an intensive study of some of the leading and, to a degree, representative experiments in the field of college curriculum. A good many experiments have been made in the colleges and universities, but since they are, for the most part, made independently of each other, there is a need for a critical examination of the different approaches, a searching study of the guiding principles of the experiments to discover their similarities as well as their differences. It may be possible to find out from such a study the general trends of development of college education in this present age.

The proposal has met with the enthusiastic approval of my faculty committee as well as the encouragement of such authorities as Dr. Robert L. Kelly, formerly of the Association of American Colleges, to whom I have submitted my general plan. They feel that the study, if properly done, will meet a timely need in American collegiate education. In view of the significance of the problem and the possibilities of making a real contribution to higher education, my committee urge me to make a serious study of the problem, not only to fulfil the requirements of a degree. They urge, among other things, that I should make personal visitation of the leading colleges and universities where significant experiments are being made. They say that it will be easier to defend the findings when they are based on personal visitation as well as on questionnaires and library research.

The problem of finance naturally comes up. The committee is making application, on my behalf, to an outside agency for a small grant to subsidize the study. If successful, the grant will meet about half of the expenses required. The university may give me a loan to cover the rest. My committee feel strongly that it is worthwhile to incur a ~~small~~ debt to carry on the study; I am not so sure yet. I am at present still considering the matter. No definite decision has yet been made.

If the trip is to be made, it will probably be in December and January. I would surely come to New York, though I wouldn't be able to stay more than three or four days, perhaps. Columbia College, the New College of Teachers College, Sarah Lawrence, are among the colleges I want to look into in New York.

I know FCU financial condition too well to ask for any help towards this study. If you know of any other organization which may be interesting in helping such a study, I would appreciate your assistance.

I would like also to have your help in securing clergy privilege for train fare. I was told that faculty members of the Christian colleges would be eligible for such privilege. Since my travel, if carried out, will cover a good deal of territory through Michigan, Minn., Illinois, up to Vermont, and possibly down through Florida, with many short stops to break up the journey, it will involve dealing with more than one railway company, I am sure. I have no knowledge at all of the procedure of securing the reduced fare privilege. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

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September 19, 1938

Mr. Theodore Chen  
1035 1/2 W. 36th Place  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Teddy:

Glad to have your good letter of September 11th. We have realized that you have been extremely busy during the past year, and have not expected to be favored by many letters from you.

We are delighted to know that your year has been a profitable one and we hope that you have not found it too much of a strain on your health. You speak of the California climate with all the enthusiasm of a native son.

The subject which you have chosen for your dissertation is certainly an interesting one, and I am sure that you will make a valuable contribution to the knowledge available in this field. One of the most important problems of Christian higher education in China is that of finding the proper place of the liberal arts college in our plans for the future. While the experience of American institutions can not be made a rigid criterion for the colleges in China, our institutions there should certainly profit by the investigations you are making of conditions here in America.

You are correct in your conclusion that our F.C.U. finances are so limited that nothing could be available there to help you with the expenses involved in your travels on behalf of your research project. As you know, our New York office does not make any appropriation of F.C.U. funds, outside the general budget, except with the approval of the field authorities. This would mean that even if we should be able to find a small amount of F.C.U. funds available for such an item as this, our Fukien Trustees would not be in a position to allocate them except with the approval of the University authorities - and we see no hope here of finding the funds or securing the requisite approval.

I am afraid that I do not at this time know of any other place where we would have any hope of getting such assistance for you. If anything occurs to me I will let you know. If, on the other hand, you learn of any foundation or other organization which might be able to help you, our office would be glad to give any such assistance we could in bringing the matter before such an organization.

You are entitled to the benefit of clergy fares on both the western and eastern railways and we enclose herewith the requisite application forms. As you will note, the cost of each certificate is \$2.00. Since, I believe we are

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not handling your accounts, it would be necessary for you to send this \$4.00 along with the application forms to our New York office. We will then secure the necessary endorsements and will forward the applications to the clergy bureaus for you.

We are pleased to note that you are hoping you will be able to give some help to our China Colleges activities on the Pacific coast during the coming year. Mr. Rugh has now returned to China but Dr. Paul H. Buchholz is now giving full time as our China Colleges representative on the Pacific coast. His address is, Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, Pacific Region Office, 83 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California. Dr. Buchholz already knows your name and address, and we will quote to him what you say as to your availability.

So far as I can find, our office does not have a record of the scholarship contribution which the church where you spoke two months ago made to F.C.U. Since our office needs a record of all such contributions, to avoid the possibility of duplication of appeals, we would be grateful if you would send us a note as to the name of the church where you spoke, the date and amount of the contribution, and the name of the pastor or other leader through whom the contribution was made. Of course, our office would not make any approach to the church in future without consulting you if you are here in America - but without this information some other representative might go to the church without knowing of your contact there.

Our office has not had any very recent information from F.C.U. and does not know exactly why they cabled for the return of Dr. Sutton and Mr. Farley so soon after they sent word that these two staff members should remain in America this year but we do hope that the situation is improving and that it will be possible for F.C.U. to carry on its work on its own campus this year. The whole military situation in China is so full of uncertainty that one can not predict what may happen during the months just ahead.

All the group here in the office joins me in sending greetings and good wishes to Mrs. Chen and yourself.

Very cordially yours,

*B. A. Garde*

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1035½ W. 36th Place, Los Angeles, Calif.,  
October 3, 1938.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Thank you very much for your kind letter and for your assistance in securing for me the benefit of clergy fares.

I am herewith enclosing a check for four dollars and the two blanks which you asked me to fill out. I am sorry that I do not quite know how to answer all the questions and have to trouble you to fill in in such a way as is usually done for faculty members of the Christian universities. Will you kindly fill in the proper answers? I guess that "P" is the answer to the first question, but I am not sure. As for denomination, I do not know whether to write the name of FCU or the Congregational Church. I have attached the necessary signature. Please fill in whatever other information is needed.

Some changes are being made in my plans so that I may start on my journey as early as the 20th of this month. I am these days very busy getting ready for the preliminary doctoral examinations. As soon as I get the examinations out of the way, I shall plan to start out on my trip of visitation. I would, therefore, appreciate your sending me the clergy certificates as soon as possible.

The church which gave a small contribution to FCU is the Palos Verdes Neighborhood Church at Palos Verdes Estates, California. It is a small group of residents on the Estates, but a very enthusiastic and quite well-to-do group. They had made contributions toward the general relief campaigns here in California, but a few of them joined in giving the small amount of fifteen dollars for special use at FCU. Small as the amount was, it was indicative of the interest of the group. I asked President Lin to write directly to the Church, hoping to arouse more interest in FCU.

More when I see you in New York.

With many thanks for your help,

Sincerely yours,

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