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Duke University,  
Durham, N. C.  
Feb. 15, 1930.

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

TRANS

My dear Mr. Garside:

I have been working on my thesis with the hope that I may get it done before May 1. My health is better and the condition in the dormitory is also improved. I only regret that I could not write you often.

Will you kindly send me one hundred dollars for the expenses of February and March? My scholarship covers only tuition, fees, and room rent.

I heard from Dr. Gowdy last week, and this afternoon I received two packages of books from him. I have been working on my thesis under difficulties, for our library has not yet well developed.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

*W. Y. Chen*  
W. Y. Chen.

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Duke University  
DURHAM  
NORTH CAROLINA



April 4, 1930

TRANSFER

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
China University Office,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Garside:

Will you kindly send me a check for \$120.00 for my expenses in April and May. I shall be much obliged if you would send it at your earliest convenience, for I have overdrawn some money from the bank.

Several weeks ago I received a circular from you about steamer reservation. I regret very much that I can not tell yet just when I can leave here. I still have three chapters to write, and hope that some special arrangements can be made, so that I may be able to take the final examinations by May. I shall write you as soon as I know more definitely.

Of course you have heard that Dr. Gowdy was elected Bishop. I heard that he is coming to America to attend the Bishop Conference in May. Do you know the exact date of his arrival? I should like to see him very much.

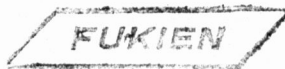
Please excuse this hurried letter.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

*W. Y. Chen*

W. Y. Chen.



TRANSFER

Fukien Christian University

April 5, 1930

Mr. W. Y. Chen,  
Duke University,  
Durham, N.C.

My dear Mr.Chen:

In accordance with the request in your letter of yesterday, we are sending you herewith a check for \$120.00 to cover your expenses for April and May.

I can quite understand why it will not be possible for you to make definite plans for your steamer reservations until you have more nearly finished the work you are doing at Duke. Probably we can get satisfactory accommodations for you a little later, since it is easier to get late reservations for a single individual than for a family group. We wish you every success in these closing stages of the work you are now doing.

As far as I have been able to learn from the Methodist Board, Dr.Gowdy is not expected to come to America this year. If I later get any different information I will let you know.

Very cordially yours,

*B.A. Harvill*

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Duke University,  
Durham, N. C.  
May 20, 1930.

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

TRANSMITTED

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am glad to inform you that my thesis has been accepted and I have also passed the final examinations. It is indeed exceedingly hard to get a Ph.D. degree under Dr. William McDougall. Since he came down from Harvard three years ago he has turned down seven Ph.D. candidates, and I am the first one that has gotten through. My work, however, is not entirely finished, and there is yet a lot to be done. Nevertheless, I do feel as if a great burden is relieved.

The commencement will be held here on the fourth of June. One or two days after that I shall be in New York and should like to talk over my plans with you. I may write you in detail a few days later, for at present I am almost exhausted physically.

My thesis cannot be published right away, for it needs revision and addition of few more chapters. The University demands a surety for the publication of the thesis within two years, or a deposit of three hundred dollars. I trust that you will arrange this matter for me. Enclosed please find a copy of the agreement I have made with Duke University and also a copy of bond which either you or some one else may sign as my surety. I shall be much obliged if you would send both of them back to me at your earliest convenience.

I also need some money to defray my expenses for typing the thesis, and for commencement fees, diploma, cap and gown, etc. At least I need one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00). This may be the last payment for my expenses at Duke. I wish that you could come down to attend our commencement exercise.

There are two boxes of books which I want to send back to China. Do you think I should communicate with the Shipping Department of the Methodist Board of Missions? I am indeed very grateful to you for all the troubles you have taken on my behalf.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

W. Y. Chen.  
W. Y. Chen.

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TRANSFER

Fukien Christian University

May 22, 1930

Rev. W. Y. Chen  
Duke University  
Durham, N. C.

My dear Mr. Chen:

Congratulations upon the acceptance of your thesis and the successful outcome of your final examinations! We are very happy to know that your arduous labors toward the attainment of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy are thus happily ended. I appreciate, however, the fact you still have a ~~great~~ many duties yet to finish up before the task is entirely finished.

The execution by the University of the Surety Bond of \$300.00 to guarantee the publication of your thesis within two years will require the signature of Dr. Chamberlain as the President of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Chamberlain is not in his office this morning though his secretary hopes he may be there late this afternoon. If I can get in touch with him later in the day I hope that we may be able to obtain his signature and in that case I will return it with this letter. If the completion of the Bond is delayed until tomorrow I will send ~~an~~ this letter with the enclosed check and will forward the Bond later.

Our office will be glad to assist you with the shipment of the two boxes of books. The Shipping Department of the Methodist Board will handle the shipment for us. The simplest procedure will be for you to send the books by freight addressed to the Shipping Department of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 4 West 20th Street, New York City. I am taking the matter up with Dr. F. I. Johnson who is in charge of the Shipping Department.

We are looking forward to seeing you here in New York early in June.

Very cordially yours,

*B. J. Janice*

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Duke University,  
Durham, N. C.  
June 6, 1930.

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TRANS

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Two or three days ago I received one telegram from Bishop Gowdy and another from President Lin of Fukien Christian University. I have wired them and told them that I shall go home via Europe. I can travel probably by the third class so that the expenses will not be very much more than what is ordinarily needed.

There are several reasons why it is necessary for me to do so. One is that my thesis needs be reorganized and elaborated before it is published. The whole scheme and a great part of it were worked out in Cambridge University under Mr. Bartlett and I should like to consult with him about the change that is to be made. Besides, much of the material was gathered in Europe. I should like to refer to this material for accuracy and it is not accessible in China. Dr. William McDougall will also be in England by September to attend the Conference of the Philosophical Association, and he suggested that I should avail myself of this opportunity and that he would recommend me to become a member. It will afford me a splendid chance to get in touch with some leading scholars who may mean a great deal to me in my future work at home. At the same time he will go over again the whole thesis with me. This of course means that I shall be a little late for the work this Fall in China, but I think Mr. Lin and Dr. Gowdy will be able to arrange it. I enclose herewith a letter from Bishop Gowdy.

I have also cabled President Lin about the date of my return, that is, about the end of September. But I have also written him that if my immediate return is necessary he can cable me again about the middle of July while I am in Europe. I should like to sail for England or Germany as soon as I can get a steamer. Perhaps it would be better for me to go first to Germany, where the expenses are considerably less than in England, and I shall have more time for writing instead of being constantly called upon to make speeches etc. The expenses in Germany will be about <sup>the same</sup> as in America.

Meanwhile I shall also be able to prepare the courses that I am going to offer. During the past three years I have been very busy meeting the requirements for my degree. I should like to have at least a little time for preparing the work before I enter immediately into it. I hope that my plan will meet the approval of the university.

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During the past year I had to decline all the invitations to make speeches and other extra-curricula works. I was called upon by Dr. Diffendorfer twice, and I regret very much that I could not respond to his urgent calls. I have written him, however, that I am responsible to the University alone and that I shall not be able to do any outside work unless it is approved by the University authorities. Personally, I enjoy speaking and staying in America, but it will mean that I will be delayed a little in returning home. But I am willing to do whatever the University authorities suggest.

In the meantime I shall be much obliged if you will enquire about the steamer reservations, tourist third, the quickest line to England or Germany. I had thought of leaving here right after the Commencement Exercises so that I might be in New York to talk over the matter with you and others personally. But it occurred to me that it would be quite expensive to stay in New York while I wait for the steamer, etc. Meantime, I am remaining here and attending the Pastor's School. Moreover, I have forgotten to renew the clergy tickets, for I did not use them very often last year. If you will kindly send me at once the blanks for both the Eastern and the Southern railways I shall perhaps be able to use them for the last time.

One box of my books will be sent up to New York in a day or two. Our Commencement Exercises went on smoothly, and the degree was finally conferred upon me. I certainly consider the past three years of study in America and Europe the most profitable period in my life. No expression here can exhaust my gratitude for having been given this opportunity, and above all I am very thankful for the kindness and hospitality that have been extended me by many of my American friends. I am looking forward to seeing you soon in New York.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,



W. Y. Chen.

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Berlin N. O. 55,  
Pasteur Strasse 31, v. 1.  
July 23, 1930.

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

TRANSFER  
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Dear Mr. Garside:

I arrived in Berlin on July 8. The summer school of Berlin University opened on the tenth, so I came just on time. As I stayed in London only one night I regret that I could not see you while you were there.

Mr. Chang is still in London, and may come to Berlin in August. The whole trip was a very delightful one, though we met some difficulties on the way to Canada. We were detained by the immigration officers, for they demanded a transit paper issued from Washington besides our passport. Consequently, we missed the steamer and decided to return back to New York. But we soon made the friendship of the immigration officers who would allow us to go through if we could get another steamer. They said that it was the fault of C. P. R., for we must be informed about the new regulation when we bought the ticket. We then telephoned to the C. P. R. office in Montreal and wired to Quebec to hold our baggages. Fortunately, the company in Montreal made a special arrangement to let us go in the third class of the "Dutches of Richmond", which sailed from Montreal to Liverpool. We reached Liverpool on July 5, and went to London the next morning.

I have recently received several letters from Bishop Gowdy and President Lin saying that the University expects me to be in Foochow before school opens on August 28. It seems to me that the only way for me to do is to go back by Siberia, for it takes only twelve days from Berlin to Peking. I wish very much indeed that I could go back by the sea route as I had planned, but it would be impossible to reach Foochow by the end of August. I have already paid all the fees and tuition for the summer courses in Berlin University, and should like to remain here as long as I can. Perhaps it would be possible for me to stay here three more weeks, that is, until August 13 or 14. It is not easy to go through Russia; the Russian consul must wire to Moscow before I can get my passport vised, and it takes at least two weeks. Twenty five Marks will be charged for the telegram and another twenty five Marks for the passport.

The railway fare between Berlin and Peking for the second class is about two hundred dollars. Another fifty dollars are needed for the berth, meals and other expenses. From Peking to Foochow I shall have to travel both by train and steamer, and the expenses will be amount to about one hundred dollars. So the whole trip, travelling by second class, will cost about three hundred fifty dollars. Since I try to cover the trip in fifteen or sixteen days and must begin my work as soon as I arrive at Foochow I deem it necessary to

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take second class instead of third on the train.

Because of the trouble on the way we have this time spent a little bit more than it is necessary. Herewith I am sending a statement of my account, from which you will see that by the 14th of August I shall have only \$73.50 left. I need \$276.50 more for the trip to Foochow. I shall start ~~back~~ for China as soon as I receive the sum, and I shall be much obliged if you will send it at your earliest convenience.

I certainly appreciate very much your kindness and all the troubles you and Mr. Evans have hitherto taken on my behalf. I want also to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Trustee of F. C. U. in giving me the opportunity to study in America and Europe.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

W. Y. Chen  
W. Y. Chen.

P. S.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Will you please register the letter when you send it.

W. Y. Chen

\$300.00

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Brown Bros & Co.  
No #1918-8/6/30

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Copy mailed to Foochow

TRANSMITTED

August 7, 1930.

Dr. W. Y. Chen,  
Pasteur Strasse 31, v. 1.  
Berlin N. O. 55, Germany

My dear Dr. Chen,

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 23rd, which has just arrived. Obviously it was delayed for several days en route.

I am extremely sorry that you and Mr. Chang had such unexpected difficulties on your way to Canada. It is too bad that you were delayed and put to expense and inconvenience over the lack of a transit order. I will inform the Canadian Pacific of the difficulties you experienced as a step toward avoiding the repetition of such an oversight in the case of others.

Because of the delay in your letter there would not have been time for a draft to reach you by mail before August 13th or 14th, when you will probably be beginning your journey via Russia. We therefore asked Brown Brothers to cable to you at your Berlin address the sum of G. \$300.00. I understand they will handle this remittance through their Berlin banking connection. You should receive the funds today, or tomorrow at the latest. This should give you time to make your preparations without too much undue haste.

I hope that this \$300.00, which is slightly in excess of the amount you asked for, will be sufficient to cover your expenses until you arrive in Foochow. Will you keep a memorandum of your expenses en route and turn it over to President Lin or the field treasurer when you arrive, adjusting any balance with them at that time?

You will probably have left Berlin before this letter can reach you, so I am sending a second copy of it to Foochow in case the original does not catch you. I sincerely hope that your journey to China will be speedy and pleasant, and that the coming years of service at the University will be filled with the happiness of good work well done. It has been a great privilege to have known you during these years you have been here in the West. I hope that we may meet again, either in China or elsewhere.

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Very cordially yours,

*B.A. Hasside*

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Pasteurstrasse 31, v. 1,  
Berlin N.O. 55, Germany,  
October 28, 1930.

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

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Dear Mr. Garside:

You may probably be surprised to learn that I am still in Berlin. Your kind letter of August 6 and the sum of \$300.00 came duly. I was delayed to start on my journey on August 16, because the passport for Russia was not ready at that time. A few days later I received a letter from Bishop Gowdy and later also a letter from President Lin, which I am sending on to you, for that will explain the reason why I have changed the plans.

I regret very much that I was not able to write you earlier, for I was sick for some time. I have sent a 'test' from the doctor to Bishop Gowdy. My health is now improved, and I expect to take the steamer on December 4 from Marseille. I shall leave Berlin on November 26 or 27. I am taking the thired class, so that the expenses are not very much more than the sum you have sent me. But the expenses in Berlin during the past three months have been taken out of this sum. I shall be very much obliged if you will kindly send me \$350.00 (three hundred and fifty dollars) which will cover the expenses from August to December, <sup>and part of travelling expenses</sup> that is the expenses of four months at about \$80.00 a month. I need some money to be sent to the steamship company for reservations, and I shall be very much grateful to you if you would send it at your earliest convenience.

My sojourn at Berlin has been very profitable, though I suffered a little bit with my poor health. Professor Brightman of Boston University has been taking the advanced German course together with me in the University. I wish I could stay here a little bit longer, but I do not think that I should delay any longer. Your kindness will always be remembered, and I hope that we may see each other again.

with kindest regards,

Most sincerely yours,

W. Y. Chen.  
W. Y. Chen.

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TRANSFER

Fukien Christian University

November 12, 1950

Dr. W. Y. Chen,  
Pasteurstrasse 31, v. 1,  
Berlin N.O. 55,  
Germany.

My dear Dr. Chen:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 28.

We are sorry to learn that ill health and other causes have delayed the completion of your journey to China. I know, however, that you have made excellent use of these months in Germany, and that in the end they will prove of benefit to you and will increase the measure of your service to Fukien.

In accordance with your request, I am sending you herewith a draft for the equivalent of \$350.

I am returning President Lin's letter of September 1, as you may wish to keep this in your files.

With warmest good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

*B. H. Garside*

BAG-H

Enc.

CC: Miss Cloud

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Permit Chen  
Look up Gown  
& Hood

Pasterstr. 31, v.l.,  
Berlin N.O.55, Germany,  
December 16, 1930.

TRANSFER

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of November 13 and also a check for \$350.00. Permit me to express my sincere thanks for all the kindness you have hitherto shown me. I am leaving Berlin to-morrow, and expect to be in Foochow about the middle of January, 1931.

Dean Theodore Chen wrote me about the text books which I am going to use for my classes this coming semester, and he advised me to take up this matter with you. I should like to order the following books. They may be too expensive for our students on account of the present rate of Chinese silver, therefore I think it advisable not to order too many copies. The first two kinds in the list have been translated by the Commercial Press, Shanghai, and the students can use Chinese translation if they can not afford to buy the original texts. They are as follows:

1. Six copies of H.E. Cushman's A Beginner's History of Philosophy. *Houghton Mifflin 386 Franklin.*
2. Six copies of C.A. Ellwood's An Introduction to Social Psychology. *Y. Appleton & Co. 35 N. 32*
3. Six copies of Coe's Psychology of Religion. *Harcourt, Brace & Co. 115 N. 4th St. New York*

If these books are published by the Macmillan company of New York, probably they have the "China edition", which is sold at one third of the original price. I should like also to have one copy of each kind of the following books for reference.

1. F. Allport's Social Psychology *Houghton Mifflin*
2. Bernard's An Introduction to Social Psychology *Holt Rinehart & Co. 15 N. 4th St. New York*
3. Sparrow's Social Psychology *Macmillan 60 N. 4th St. New York*
4. B.C. EWER'S Social Psychology *Macmillan 60 N. 4th St. New York*

I should like to ask you to do one more favour. That is for me personally. I have been told that I need my doctor's cap and gown in the University. Last June I rented it, for I think I can have it made in China. But I am told that it would be better to have cap and gown from America, and let the Chinese tailor make the gown. The company from which I rented my cap and gown is Cox Son and Vining Inc, 131 E. 23St., New York City.

*Be sure to get the cap and gown*

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The number of my hat is 9, and I think the company has the measurement too. I shall be much obliged if you can order for me one doctor's cap and hook of Duke University. I shall pay to the treasurer of Fukien Christian University whatever amount it may incur.

Let me thank you again for all the troubles you have taken on my behalf. May the New Year be a very happy and joyful one for you.

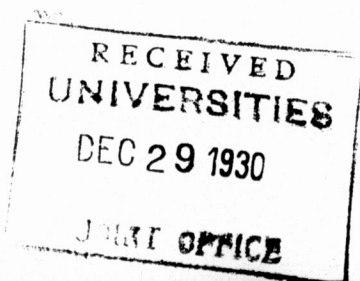
Most sincerely yours,

W. Y. Chen.

W. Y. Chen.

#7 \$~~24~~<sup>19</sup> Hood  
\$4 6.50 cap

attn m. clark.



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Graduate School of Arts and Sciences  
Office of the Dean

Duke University  
DURHAM  
NORTH CAROLINA

FUKIEN

TRANSFER

December 31, 1930.

Mr. C. A. Evans,  
Associate Secretary,  
China Union Universities,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Evans:

Last June Mr. W. Y. Chen, on leave of absence from the faculty of Fukien Christian University, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Duke University. Since he left the University we have lost track of Mr. Chen. We do not know whether he is in the United States or has returned to China or where he is. If you have in your office the present address of Mr. Chen, will you kindly send it to me for our records? If Mr. Chen has left the United States we also desire to know the place from which he sailed, the date of sailing and the steamer. We were recently called upon by the United States Immigration Office to furnish them with this information and they seemed to feel that we had been careless in not getting this information for our records.

Very sincerely yours,

William H. Glasson  
W. H. Glasson,  
Dean.

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*sailed on  
Dutchess of  
Richmond  
from  
Montreal  
on June  
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CABLE ADDRESS:  
"HSIHO, FOOCOW"

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY  
FOOCOW, CHINA.

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FUKIEN

March 14, 1930. 1931

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

The text books you ordered for me arrived just on time. I want to thank you again for the trouble you have taken on my behalf. But the invoice has not come, and probably the book companies sent it to you. The students here would like to know the price of the books, and if you have the invoice, will you not kindly send it to me or to the University book store?

I am enjoying my work in the University, giving but two courses this semester. There are 38 students in the elementary psychology class, and 12 in the psychology of religion class. Both are elective courses. Since Mr. Beach is teaching social psychology, the text books I ordered for that course will not be sold to the students. My family moved to the University only ten days ago, and we are just getting settled down.

In my last letter written from Berlin I think I also asked you to order a cap and a hook for me. I do hope that you have not done so. The price of silver dollar is falling down terribly: now five to one. These two things may probably cost me more than one month's salary. They can be made by Chinese tailors, and of course they will not be so good.

Both Bishop Gowdy and President Lin are in Shanghai. I was also asked to go to Hanchow to attend the annual conference of the National Christian Council, but I do not think I can make it.

Thanking you again for all the kindness and hospitality you have extended to me during the past four years, I remain

Most sincerely yours,

P. S.

Please also stop ordering the reference books for social psychology.

W. Y. Chen.

W. Y. Chen.

W. Y. Chen

3 of the reference books ordered and mailed in answer to your letter.

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Fukien Christian University

April 13, 1931

Dr. W. Y. Chen,  
Fukien Christian University,  
Foochow, China.

My dear Dr. Chen:

Within the last few days we have forwarded to you the cap and gown which in your letter of December 16, 1930, you requested us to purchase for you from Cox Son and Vining.

We hope that the cap and gown will be reaching you at about the same time as this letter and that you will find them entirely satisfactory. The costs were as follows:

Hood	\$19.00	
Cap	<u>6.50</u>	\$25.50

I believe that there will not be any additional charge for shipping costs though it may be necessary later to add a very small charge for this item. We are charging this \$25.50 to the current budget account. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. McCann and am asking him to make the necessary adjustment with you.

I hope that you will be satisfied with the cap and gown and that you will find the cost no greater than you have been counting on. When I went over to the offices of Cox Son and Vining to place the order for the cap and gown I found that it was necessary to choose between a number of options both as to quality and price.

We were sorry to learn that you suffered from an attack of influenza just after you arrived in Foochow. I hope that your health is now entirely satisfactory, and that you are having a very happy term at the University.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

CC: Mr. McCann

*H. L. G. L. G.*

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Fukien Christian University

April 27, 1931

Dr. W. Y. Chen,  
Fukien Christian University,  
Foochow, China.

My dear Dr. Chen:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 14. We are very happy to learn that your work at Fukien Christian is beginning so auspiciously.

Your letter asks for information on a number of matters in connection with purchases we have recently made for you.

Invoices for the text books we ordered for you were sent to Mr. McCann, along with the financial statements from our office at the end of February. These statements were mailed on March 3, and I trust that ~~that~~ reached the field several weeks ago and that from these invoices you received all the information you require.

The cap and hood which you requested us to order for you were shipped about a month ago. We are very sorry that the fall in the price of the silver dollar will make the cost of these parts of your academic costume so expensive. I hope, however, that with the slight rise in the value of silver, together with the fact that we tried to purchase these goods for you as economically as possible, the cost will not be quite so great as you feared.

With regard to the order for the four reference books in psychology listed in your letter of December 16, three of these books were ordered and mailed the latter part of January and the first of February. The fourth book on the list, Sparrow's "Social Psychology", was not ordered because we were unable to locate it. We are noting that no further effort should be made to obtain this reference book for you.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

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*Rev. L. L. L. L.*

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Fukien Christian University

July 27, 1934

Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Focchow, China

Dear Doctor Chen:

I see from the Fukien Managers' minutes that you have been asked to carry on as Acting President in Mr. Lin's absence, so I will now begin to address to you all my correspondence with the President's Office. We are all very happy that you are available and willing to carry on the administrative work while Mr. Lin is in America, for we know that under your capable leadership F.C.U. will continue to go steadily forward.

Let me at this time acknowledge receipt of Mr. Lin's letter of June 12. This deals with a number of matters, most of which do not require any detailed comments.

We are all looking forward eagerly to the privilege of greeting Mr. and Mrs. Lin. Their present plans call for their spending some weeks on the Pacific Coast, arriving here in New York about the middle of September.

We are glad to know that the field is planning to get off very promptly this year the annual reports to the University of the State of New York and to the Harvard-Yenching Institute. We know that the preparation of such reports is a difficult and tedious business, but careful and prompt preparation and dispatch of this material is of tremendous importance in keeping the good will of these North American groups to which the University is related.

On the first page of his letter, Mr. Lin calls attention to the questions with reference to exchange raised by Mr. McClure in his letter of June 4th. As Mr. Evans has already written Mr. McClure (on July 3rd), it will probably be impossible for us to obtain a satisfactory meeting of the Fukien Board of Trustees, or even of the Executive Committee, until after Mr. Lin arrives in September. We have, however, definitely arranged for a meeting of our Fukien Trustees during the last week in September, and will try to dispose at that time of all such questions as these. I believe it would be much more satisfactory all around for us to wait until Mr. Lin can be with us before attempting to reach decisions on these important matters.

I am sure that, so far as the Trustees are concerned, they will be very happy to make any change desired by the field in their method of defining their contribution to the annual budget. There are some advantages, and also some defects, in either method we adopt.

In defining the Trustees' appropriation in local currency at an agreed rate of exchange, the Trustees are giving the field their guarantee that they

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will send out the number of local currency dollars they have promised, regardless of what variations the exchange may have during the year. If the rate is unfavorable, the Trustees will probably incur a deficit; but they assume responsibility for taking care of this. If exchange is favorable and a surplus results, the Trustees have always consulted with the field as to the use of such a surplus, and have always applied it to the work of the University, either for current purposes or for whatever special objectives the field may suggest. That is to say, the field is given advance assurance that its income from the Trustees will not fall below a defined minimum, though the use of any surplus from exchange above this minimum is deferred until later.

If, on the other hand, the Trustees define their appropriation in American dollars, any uncertainty as to just how much will be obtained in local currency dollars is a matter of field responsibility. If the exchange is less favorable than was estimated, the field will probably secure less than what the Trustees would have been willing to guarantee. If it is more favorable, the field can have the immediate use of any surplus.

In the final analysis, the field ultimately receives practically the same amount by either method. In these times of such great financial uncertainty, all of our Boards of Trustees are necessarily a little conservative in making their promises of support for the coming year. If they define their appropriations in local currency, they are apt to use a basis that will provide a small margin for shrinkage in income. If they define their contribution in American dollars, they will have a tendency to appropriate a little less than the maximum they hope to obtain, so that they can guard against unwieldy deficits if they suffer further losses during the year.

Mr. Lin's letter, as well as that of Mr. McClure, gives further explanations as to the plans you are making for the use of investment funds for property items. I am sure the field understands that the minute adopted by the Trustees was merely in the nature of comment, and not instruction. Here also it will be profitable to have Mr. Lin meeting with the Trustees to assure them of the wisdom of the plans the field is undertaking.

I hope that the work of the University will open up in a very satisfactory way in September, and that you will have a most pleasant and prosperous year.

Very cordially yours,

*B. G. McClure*

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September 6, 1934

Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear W. Y.:

I hope you have had a good trip in North China. I am quite anxious to know about the outcome of our request for a grant from the China Foundation. You may also know by this time the action of the Ministry of Education in Peking with regard to our request for financial aid. I am also particularly concerned about your success in securing a competent professor of Chinese. I am very sorry that I have had to leave you with so many difficult problems but I hope that everything has been well arranged by this time and that you are opening the college again with great success. Teddy wrote me about a preliminary entrance examination and I trust that you have a good selection of the new class.

I generally call a meeting of our Board of Managers in the latter part of September or any time in October. If you are not ready you can make it some time in November. Please consult McClure and Teddy about this. I generally send out preliminary notices about a month ahead of time suggesting the proposed date of the meeting and asking their confirmation for the date. I generally make it on Saturday morning and this being the actual meeting I generally ask them to come down to the university for the meeting. We of course provide transportation and lunch for them.

I hope that by the time I get to New York I shall receive your report with regard to Harvard-Yenching Institute in Chinese Studies, as well as our treasurer's report and our special report to the Rockefeller Foundation. I want to write out my report for the academic year 1934-35 but I cannot get time to do it. I generally present this annual report before the Annual Meeting of our Board of Managers in the fall. If I get some time I shall still send you what I have in mind, but Teddy probably has made the Dean's report and in case you do not receive my report in time I believe you know the general things that happened during the last year enough to present a general outline under your own name for me. I generally cover in my report matters of general interest not otherwise covered by the Dean's report. It will also be good to get Willard Sutton to write a brief report with regard to science work during the last year for their general use to be sent to the China Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, etc.

I sent my travel account from Foochow to Los Angeles to McClure. My expenses during my stay in Southern California will probably be carried by the Methodist Board. I am planning to stop at Kansas City to see the Havighurst's and at Chicago and Cleveland before reaching New York on September 25. Our Trustees have planned to have a meeting of the Board on September 28. I will take my family to New York and after the Board Meeting we will go to get settled at Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Conn.

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The voyage across the Pacific was quite pleasant. We did not leave Hong Kong until July 13. I have been speaking to the Methodist Churches in Southern California almost every day since my arrival in Los Angeles on August 10. I found the people here quite interested in China and in our work at the University. Due to the vacation period I have not been able to meet some of the church leaders to talk more intimately for the interest of F. C. U. I still hope to have some chances of this kind before I leave here on September 15.

I have already written to Miss Asher about the news that the Kellogg's will not be back to Foochow this fall anyway, and that Miss Eunice Thomas has accepted a position in America for the coming year. I hope that Dr. Brecher has come to Foochow when this letter reaches you and that some reasonable arrangement has been made with Commissioner Chen in this connection, as I told you before I left that nothing definite was agreed upon and only tentative ideas of cooperation had been made. I trust that you will have successful negotiations with him so that we may start freindly relations with the non-Christian gentry of the city. If they are not ready to do very much financially at the present time we ought to go in with them as far as we can, thus leaving a chance for better cooperation in the future. The Commissioner of Education was quite willing to bring about some cooperation between the Fukien government and our work. You may work on further with him whenever there is a chance.

I am sending you herewith a copy of my letter to Prof. Howel-ling. I do not know whether or not you had a chance of seeing him when he landed in China. You might like to write him a letter extending him our invitation to come to us and give a few lectures. I visited the University of Southern California last week, as well as the particular School of Philosophy. Dean Lockwell L. Hunt of the Graduate School of that University entertained me very cordially. I met a number of the heads of departments and schools in that location. Dean Hunt particularly expressed high appreciation of the scholarship and personality of our Edwin Ling, and he will be willing to make some kind of cooperative plan with us in the near future. I also visited the State University at Los Angeles and was entertained there for the most part of a day. Both Mrs. Lin and I were at California Institute of Technology one morning. The college people here are generally quite interested in the work we are doing at F. C. U.

With best wishes,

Yours affectionately,

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There is also a possibility of securing a gift of \$50,000.00 U. S. dollars toward the Union Hospital Building in Foochow. As I am not in any way officially connected with the Hospital, I could not push the matter very strongly before I left Southern California. I do hope that something will turn out for the Hospital. I have asked Dr. Neil Lewis to follow the matter

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up further with the prospective donor. You might inform the Union Hospital authorities about this. I am also reporting this matter to the Methodist Board, and the American Board people.

During my speaking tour in Southern California, I found that a number of the Methodist Churches there are quite interested in our work at the University. A number of the pastors have more or less expressed a wish that they would like to cooperate with us by taking some of our specific projects. One church in particular, in their recent action, promised to give us as a gift from a few hundred dollars to a thousand dollars, for our work this year. Two other churches may do the same, although a lesser amount. These matters could not be settled when I was still in Southern California, as most of the leading church people in that region are still on vacation, and they could not get official action until they have a formal meeting of the whole Board some time in the Fall. I sincerely hope that something will come from these churches before long.

I have not yet gotten in touch with the Rockefeller Foundation people. I shall try to do so very soon, but I believe we probably could not do very much further with that organization for the time being. If Dr. Gann is still in America, as I shall try to find out soon, I may get in touch with him, and get him interested in our Rural Service Program, and through that program we may get his cooperation. It is my belief that there are quite a number of people who are really interested in Christian higher education in China, and are also able to give if they can be reached in the proper way, and convinced of the value of the work being done there. The Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China are pushing forward for a strong campaign to begin right now. I am expected to start my work sometime in the latter part of October. In line with this general educational campaign, the friends in America will appreciate more the part played by Christian Colleges in China, in the Christian movement in our country.

I am glad you finally succeeded in securing Mr. Li for our Chinese Department. If there are other good men on the horizon, you can still carry on negotiations with them. We really need one or two strong men in our Department of Chinese Literature and History. The Associated Boards allow us to raise U.S. \$12,500.00 this year in addition to our budget toward our current expenses. I am also going to ask our Board of Trustees to request the Associated Boards to permit us to raise money for our Library Building. We are also allowed to raise for our endowment fund up to the amount of \$350,000.00, which being a capitalization of the additional annual fund allotted to us. (U.S. \$21,000.00) I do not believe I could do all that during my year here, but I hope something will be done towards those goals.

I am very glad to know that you had a good meeting of the Christian Writers in Peiping, but am sorry that you had to cut short your writing period. I hope you have not worked too hard through accepting too many preaching and speaking engagements, as you have so many administrative matters to look after. I also hope that you may have received some definite information about Dr. Brecher by this time. I wrote you last that we are to come into closer relationship with Commissioner P. K. Chen with regard to our Rural Service and Agricultural Experimentation work.

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I had a very pleasant time in Southern California. In my forty days sojourn there I spoke at thirty-six churches and places, making about fifty speeches, including about a half a dozen made by Mrs. Lin to some women's clubs. We made quite a number of friends who seem to be quite interested in our work. I have also completed the titling of our motion picture reel, which I have shown two or three times, and which we are going to show to our Trustees tomorrow evening at the reception dinner to Mrs. Lin and myself. The people who have seen those pictures like them very much. We showed them once in the Linwood School, Kansas City, where I visited the Haighurst's last Friday. I also showed them to the reception meeting at Oakland, Ohio, last Sunday evening. Please tell Willard to send me some more films; whatever he thinks is worthwhile. I certainly can make very good use of them.

We left Los Angeles on September 18th. After spending a day in Kansas City, we spent another day in Chicago. Dr. Woodward, Vice-President of Chicago University gave a tea for us in his home, where we also met Dr. and Mrs. Houghton. He was travelling with Dr. Woodward with the Laymen's Appraisal Commission, and he also spent two days with us at F. C. U., two years ago last February. Dr. Houghton is going to return to China as the new director of P. U. M. C. We also spent an afternoon with the Seaman's. They have just accepted a teaching position in Oak Park, near Chicago. They seem to be quite happy in their new home.

We shall move our family to Hartford, Connecticut, on September 29th. Our Hartford address will be 85 Sherman Street. I understand they have a very fine apartment for our family. We are quite sure we will be happy there.

Would you please notice the foreign matters and see that they are done as soon as possible?

1. Put on our Women's Dormitory the memorial features as sent to you under separate cover. The inscription is as follows:-

"ORLINDA CHILDS PIERCE MEMORIAL"

Put it on as soon as you receive my cable to that effect, and then take a picture of it when the inscription is put in front of the Women's Dormitory in the vacant space, which our original plan left there. We are waiting for the actual payment of the money by Dr. Pierce before we cable you.

2. A copy of our plan and sketch of our new Library Building, which you can get from the Fukien Construction Bureau in Foochow. I also wish to have a few copies of the other views of the Library as they were prepared for us some time ago. We need to use them for our campaign for the new Library Building.
3. A copy of the blue prints of our Women's Dormitory for filing in our New York office. I left the office copy with Dr. Pierce, who wants to keep it.
4. Please send me twenty-four copies of the colored pictures of the campus view - small size.
5. More motion picture film as they have been taken by Sutton. More snapshots of college life, student activity, and the village people near us.

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W. Y., Teddy, and Mac

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You have not given me your letters of introduction to/Duke University people. You remember, you suggested that we might be able to make some kind of institutional connections with Duke, and you also ought to write to some of those people there before my visit with them.

I already wrote you about the coming of Dr. Hodous to Foochow. I think you can write him in care of the Peking Language School. I also met Dr. and Mrs. George Hinman while I was in Los Angeles. They are sailing for China on September 30th, and will be in Foochow around the first of November. He was connected with Foochow College about twenty years ago, and is now intending to go to Foochow on their own account. I had quite a talk with him. He is keeping his mind open as to where he will make his headquarters and carry on his activities for the Union work among the churches. I have slightly suggested the possibility of their coming to stay with us in one of our residences, and contribute their services wherever they wish. He is willing to consider it after consultation with some other friends in Foochow. We want to do this very tactfully because of our relationship with Foochow College, and with Donald Hsieh. I hope you will take the matter up quickly with McClure, and Scott, as well as with Dr. Beard.

With regard to other matters which have to do with the American Board, I shall write you after I make my visit to Boston the first week of next month. I have an appointment with Dr. Fairfield and I hope that we may come to some kind of a conclusion with regard to Miss Eunice Thomas, cooperation with Union High School, and the possibility of our relationship with the Yen Shan Girls' School.

Very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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To-

Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

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October 8, 1934

Rev. W. Y. Chen  
Mr. R. W. McClure  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

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My dear Mr. Chen and Mr. McClure:

We enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Fukien Trustees held on September 28th. Under separate cover we are sending you thirty copies of this material for distribution on the field. Of course, the center around which the entire meeting revolved was President C. J. Lin. Mrs. Lin was also present for a part of the meeting and in the evening we had the great delight of having the two adorable younger members of the Lin family as additional guests for dinner. Each of the four members of the Lin household captivated us completely.

President Lin has certainly made a fine beginning of his work here in America. His presence at the meeting of the Trustees stimulated the group far beyond any activity they have ever shown, and I am sure that under his leadership we will accomplish some very constructive results during the coming year.

You will note that most of the meeting was devoted to a discussion with President Lin of the concrete problems now confronting the University. Since the minutes are written out in rather full detail I need not add too much of what is contained therein.

Dr. Pierce's Gift for Women's Dormitory. No doubt President Lin has already sent you detailed information with regard to this most encouraging gift. Final decisions have not yet been reached as to the use to which this \$20,000 will be placed. President Lin has made a number of suggestions which have met with cordial approval from the Trustees, but it will probably be a few weeks or possibly months before final decisions are reached.

Financial Reports. We have already sent you a copy of the Annual Report of the Trustees' treasurer. I am enclosing herewith (in Mr. McClure's copy of this letter) a copy of the Auditors' Report for the past year.

With all good wishes for the continued prosperity of F.C.U.,  
I am

Very cordially yours,

*BA Jarside*

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Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear W. Y.:

Last evening we sent you the following cablegram:

"SEND AIR MAIL FOR HARVARD YENCHING MEETING  
NOVEMBER TWELFTH PHOTOGRAPHS ABOUT THIRTY  
DIFFERENT SAMPLE PAGES MOST VALUABLE BOOKS  
CHINESE COLLECTION, ALSO PHOTOGRAPH WHOLE  
COLLECTION STOP KELLOGGS RETURN PROBABLE"

I went to Boston last week and called on Dean Chase of the Harvard-Yenching Institute. He has quite an intelligent and good opinion of our work in the Chinese Studies as we reported to him. I then talked with him about our Chinese Library donated to us by the Chen's family. He was quite impressed by it and encouraged me to write him a formal letter of a request to the Trustees of Harvard-Yenching Institute for an appropriation toward the building of a new Library. Then the professor of Chinese, either a Frenchman or a Russian, who participated in the interview, suggested that our case would be much stronger before the Harvard-Yenching Institute Trustees if we could show them photographs of some thirty or more of what we consider the most valuable books in this Chinese collection. From those photographs, he said, the scholars here would easily see what kind of edition those books were printed in, and what sort of manuscript, or hand copy books we have in our Library. He would also be able to give us stronger support for special appropriations for the building. I have thought of asking Willard, or some other photographer to take a picture of the whole Chinese collection, but on account of the absence of Mr. C. Chin, I was not able to have that done before I left Foochow. Please see that the bookcases, together with those books, and other Chinese books which may be transferred to that collection, be so arranged as to give a good picture of the whole group, so that people here can see the quantity of it, as well as the quality.

Both Mr. Garside and I hope that our cable is clear and that you will make those photographs immediately, and then send them by air mail, both to Shanghai, and across the country in America, so as to save time. Be sure to send several copies of each.

The Harvard-Yenching Institute Trustees meeting is being scheduled to meet on the 12th of November, or the 19th. It is not yet settled definitely at the present time. We are hoping that the meeting may be set on the 19th, so that we have reason to believe that our photographs will be ready to be placed in the hands of Dean Chase. If this is delayed in any way, I hope you will see

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to it that they are sent here to the office as soon as possible, so we can present them to the Institute for their Spring meeting. Meanwhile, I shall prepare a statement and submit it to Dean Chase so that he can present it to the November Trustees meeting, with, or without our photographs of our Library.

I also mentioned in the cable about the Kellogg's return. I wrote you last that I had several conferences with both Mr. Cartwright and Dr. Edwards of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions here. I spent last week-end, October 6th and 7th, with the Kelloggs in their home at Amherst. I broke to them the news that there is a strong probability that the Methodist Board will send them over in the Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg were quite prepared to leave. Mrs. Kellogg is also looking forward toward returning to China probably next summer, or as soon as they can dispose of their house at Amherst. It is their ~~prayer~~ that Mr. Kellogg will get to China with Stanley at the end of the Fall semester, and then Mrs. Kellogg will either stay with Virginia until she finishes at Mount Holyoke College, for she is a junior now, or they can dispose of their house profitably, they might go to the West and have Virginia finish her college work in the University of Southern California. Of course, the details have to be worked out later, but it is quite certain now that as soon as the Methodist Board gives the formal word in their November meeting, Mr. Kellogg will leave for Foochow. He may not arrive there in time for the beginning of the Spring semester, as it is very likely that he will like to finish the ~~four~~ semester's work at Amherst, but I think we can count on his services during the Spring. I realize the urgency of Mr. Kellogg's return, especially when I heard from Miss Asher that Dr. Brecher is not coming on account of his mother's health in general. I think we have a very strong case ~~at~~ the Methodist Board, and both Mr. Cartwright and Dr. Edwards have strongly expressed a conviction that they will do everything possible to convince the next Executive Meeting of the Board to send Mr. Kellogg back.

Under separate cover I also sent you the picture of Mrs. W. F. Pierce, and an inscription to be used for the memorial on our Women's Dormitory. As I wrote you last, Dr. Pierce of Los Angeles, California, promised to give us U.S.\$20,000.00 to purchase our Women's Dormitory, and donated it to us for the use of our women students. The terms of the gift have been given in the minutes of our Trustees meeting, of September 28th, which I believe have been sent to you. Mrs. Pierce's picture was an enlarged one from a much smaller picture which Dr. Pierce gave to me when we closed the negotiations for the gift. Dr. Pierce also saw the enlargement and approved it. He also saw the inscription as it is sent to you and approved both the type and the arrangement of the words. The money has been paid, and our office here will call a meeting of the Finance Committee <sup>to decide</sup> as to where to put the U.S.\$20,000.00 for the time being. Would you, therefore, get the Construction Bureau people to put the memorial features on the Women's Dormitory as quickly as possible? You probably will like to follow the general scheme which we have adopted, that is using our College colors - blue and gold - for the words and the background. You will also remember to take a good picture of it and send several copies to us here.

The Trustees did not finally decided how to use this U.S.\$20,000.00 gift in their last meeting because there was a possibility that we might come to some kind of an understanding with the Hwa Nan Trustees. The possibility is still there, and if the Hwa Nan ladies should consider some kind of cooperation, it is the idea of the Trustees that we might offer this U.S.\$20,000.00 for building purposes on our campus to accommodate the Hwa Nan College. I have yet to meet some of the ladies which the Methodist Board people are trying to arrange for me. If any further progress is made I shall report same to you.

Dr. W. Y. Chen

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I did not include in my last evening's cablegram to you about Dr. Pierce's gift as I promised to you in my last letter, because of my ignorance of the fact that the money had been paid when we drafted the cablegram. I hope it does not make very much difference because both the picture and the inscription has been sent to you, and you would not be able to do much about the memorial feature after receiving the cable today, and the pressure might be just as great when you find out from this letter that we have actually gotten this U.S.\$20,000.00 gift.

I came to New York yesterday and spoke in the celebration of the 10th of October, sponsored by the Chinese groups in the city. The large assembly hall of the International House was filled to capacity. It proves poor China still has quite a number of friends. Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the program of last night.

I am planning to stay in New York for a week to catch up with correspondence and to call on a number of friends whom I have not yet had time to call on the last time when I was passing through New York. I shall then return to Hartford for two or three days to participate in the Centennial Celebration of the founding of Hartford Seminary as an official delegate from F. C. U. Then I shall come back to New York for only ten days to follow up some of the connections which have been made here, and then both Mrs. Lin and I will go to Boston at the end of October to participate in a reception dinner which the American Board Prudential Committee will give, the evening of October 29th. I am also planning to speak at the West Roxbury Church in Boston, which helps to support the Scott's, on Sunday morning October 28th.

The joint campaign sponsored by the Associated Boards will start in the early part of November. The enclosed list of my itinerary will give you some idea to what extent my trip will be during the next few months. We are planning to have a meeting of those persons who will participate in the campaign next Saturday. We are also making a list of Fukien friends in those various localities where the College Conferences will be held so I can write them before hand and have a meeting of our own friends outside of the larger meetings. We are also engaged here in preparing a special small pamphlet for F.C.U. for use during this campaign. The "Fukien News" which we have received here is very well done and I shall use them as far as they will last.

Yours very sincerely,

*C. J. Lin*

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October 11, 1934

Mr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

My dear Mr. Chen:

We enclose herewith confirmation copy of the cablegram we sent you last night.

The request for photographs of the Chinese collection was made at the suggestion of Dean Chase that the Harvard-Yenching Institute trustees would be interested in seeing this material. President Lin hopes that we may be able to interest the Institute in contributing towards the cost of the urgently needed library at F.C.U. At the present time the Institute is suffering from reduced income, along with all other organizations so it is unlikely that they could make a substantial gift immediately. We do hope, however, that within a few years the Aluminum Company may be able to pay up the large amount of dividends now in arrears, and in that case the Institute might have a large amount of available cash which would make them feel more generously inclined. So it is wise to get in our bid at this time when President Lin's presence enables us to make our most convincing appeal.

The Methodist Board is hoping that they can arrange the return of Professor Kellogg about the first of January, though I understand that the matter is not entirely settled as yet.

No doubt President Lin is writing to you with regard to both of these matters.

Very cordially yours,

*Bob Garside*

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CABLE ADDRESS:

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

處事辦長校

Oct. 12, 1934

Dear C.J.

We received your cablegram yesterday, and I asked T.H. and Dr. Sutton to take the photos of the most valuable books that Mr. Chin has selected. T.H. and Mr. Chin worked whole day and night, and they are just ready this morning for Mac to bring to Shanghai. We have no airmail service in Foochow since last Summer and there is one American boat leaving Shanghai the day after MacClure arrives. The boat will be arriving Seattle on the 20th, and there are 12 days left to get to you. However, I asked Mac. to send by airmail in Shanghai if he thinks it better.

We need Mr. Kellogg next term very badly, for Dr. Cheng is now the only man in the Department. Brecher did not come after all. He wrote that his mother was seriously ill and that the doctor prevented him from coming. C.N. Yang left suddenly and I think I had written in my last letter. Chiang Jen Yu died two weeks ago. I do not want to get any teacher whom I do not know well. Both Dr. Cheng and Teddy feel that we had better wait until Kellogg comes back. I am writing to Mr. Cartwright and Mr. Kellogg stating to him the situation we are now in. I hope you will do your best to get him back.

*Coop* The Board met two weeks ago, and I shall send the agenda and minutes of the meeting. We had a very good meeting in my house, and the Board has agreed to ask President Ling Sang to be the honorary member of the Board, *Coop* to co-opt ~~the~~ Commissioner Chan Fei Sang, and Mr. Lin Tsai Yang as members of the Board.

The Ministry of Education is going to appropriate \$12000.60 (twelve thousand dollars) to us, but so far we have not received any official notice to that effect. The Ministry has not yet got the fund from the government, though the announcement was made throughout the country.

*Chung* We are quite lucky to secure Mr. Li Chao King of Soochow University to be our Chinese teacher. He is a Christian and is very sympathetic with our work. So far I have not heard any complaint from the students about him. C.S. wrote that he is considering of coming back. I do not think that he is happy in Shanghai.

Mr. Cressy is coming to Foochow by the end of the month, and he shall stay two or three days in the campus. The Fukien Educational Association is arranging the daily schedule for him. He will go to Southern Fukien too.



CABLE ADDRESS:

"HSIHO, FOOCHOW"

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

處事辦長校

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I am writing this letter in the B.M. office while awaiting Mr. MacClure on his way to the Japanese steamer for Shanghai. I shall have to stop as soon as he is coming.

Our work is going on very smoothly. The only trouble we have is the military officers. They are making many unreasonable demands. Next fall all the schools are required to have a full officer and the first year class will have three months of military training beginning from May 10 to July with the college and from April to July with all middle schools. It means that all the students in the first of the middle school or college will have only one or two months of study and there is no provision being made to make up the time. Shanghai schools have made petition to government, but I am afraid that they will not succeed, for the military people seem to run the whole show and the ministry of education is just helpless.

Only two families moved into the Staff residence, H.P. Yang and Chu signed up just before I left for Leining, and after I came back they had changed their mind. Y.C. Lin and Mr. Li are now the only two families living there. Mr. Chu's family is still in Fenchow, and Mr. Yang feels that he ought to live in there free. As the members of our staff are increasing, I think the new houses will soon be occupied. We do not want to compel them to move in if they do not want to.

Teddy has another baby girl. He and his wife will be down this Sunday afternoon. Bishop Gowdy has left for the Central China Conference. We all will think about you during our Christmas celebration, and hope that we will get a letter from you then. I believe you and your family are keeping well. Methodist church certainly knows how to use people and to keep them busy. I hope that you not be overworked.

Please remember me to Mr. Garside, and I shall write him soon. If you see Dr. Diffendorfer please remember me to him too.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

D. G. Chen

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Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear W. Y. :

Enclosed herewith please find a blank for application of a fellowship in The Humanities Division of the Rockefeller Foundation. There is a strong possibility of securing a fellowship for our Assistant Chinese Librarian. I had a talk the other day with Dr. David H. Stevens, Director of the Humanities, and he suggested that we send in application as soon as possible. It is one of his new policies now that the Librarian shall be well trained, and he already granted two such fellowships to Chinese Librarians; one for the Medical Library at Peking; and one for St. Johns University. He is much impressed by my report of our Chinese collection from the Chen family, and there is a possibility that the Rockefeller Foundation may grant us a certain amount of money toward the building of our new Library, so please ask Mr. Chin to fill out the blank promptly, with a photograph of him as requested. Then you can fill in those spaces which ask about his future prospects. We can certainly put down that we shall ask him to come back to be our Chinese Librarian. The period of study in America may be either a year, or 18 months. We probably will not be able to pay his salary while he is away, and we may request the Foundation to grant enough money for the maintenance of Mr. Chin's family when he is studying in America. As to the place of his study, he may go to the Library School of Columbia University, New York City, with practice work in the Library of Congress under Dr. Arthur Hummel of the Oriental Division there. I had a visit with Dr. Hummel while I was in Washington, D. C., October 19th, in connection with my conference with the W. F. M. S. and the Hwa Nan College representatives. Miss Lucy Wang and Miss Wallace were there also. We did not get very far that day, but we thought we would make a start. I shall report about this matter more in detail later.

I hope before long I may receive a detailed account of the Chens collection, as to what are the most valuable books we have there; their names and additions; and their sources; as well as a photograph of those pictures which I asked you to prepare in my last cable. We need every possible information so as to be able to present them more convincingly to those persons who are interested in our Chinese Library, or the Library Building.

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Dr. W. Y. Chen

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I hope that you will send me, if you have not already done so, a detailed account of our Rural Service work, its present program, and future projects. I am going to meet Dr. Gunn of the Rockefeller Foundation in the middle part of November. The Rockefeller Foundation Trustees will take action on Dr. Gunn's recommendations around Christmas time, and Dr. Gunn will go back to China the first part of next January. It is my hope that we may get Dr. Gunn to visit us in Foochow, either next February or March. Please get our Advisory Council and the Rural Service Committee to prepare the work in readiness for the visit of Dr. Gunn. I shall write you more when I have a talk with Dr. Gunn.

Yours very sincerely,

CJL:HV

Dictated by President Lin and signed in his absence.

P.S. President Lin also wishes some pictures of the Chapel; with the students in attendance, and without. HV.

Fukien Christian University

**November 12, 1934**

Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Dr. Chen:

President Lin has asked me to send you a copy of the letter which he sent to Dean Chase under date of November 8th, so I am enclosing a copy of same herewith. He will write to you direct a little later on.

Under separate cover I am today sending you the following literature:

18 copies "China Colleges Bulletin" June, 1934  
18 copies       "                 "                 October, 1934  
12 copies "Within These Gates"  
12 copies "Philadelphia Conferences"  
6 copies "Urgent Current Needs of the Christian  
Colleges in China."  
6 copies "News from the China Colleges," Nov. 10, 1934.

also,

6 copies "The Question of Cooperation between Hwa Nan  
and Fukien Christian University," by Pres.  
C. J. Lin, October 19, 1934, Washington, D.C.

Yours very sincerely,

**HV**  
**Enc.**

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December 22, 1934  
(Dictated December 20th)

Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear W Y:

Would you please arrange as soon as possible to secure a copy of the original edition of Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations," as translated by Yen Fu. Dean W. B. Donham of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration wishes very much to secure a copy to add to their collection of Adam Smith's work in various languages. They have later editions of Chinese translations of Smith's work, but they have not the first edition as translated by Yen Fu, about which I told him in my dinner with the Trustees of Harvard-Yenching Institute. Dean Donham is the Chairman of the Trustees of that Institute. As soon as you get the same you can send it to him direct and then notify me that you have already done so.

I saw Mr. S. M. Gunn of the Rockefeller Foundation yesterday. He had the final approval of the Trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation for his rural program in China. He is leaving next Sunday, December 23rd, for China, to work out the details of his program. He told me that he had more or less committed himself to rural programs in North China in connection with Yenching, Nankai, and Tingsien. He also has some negotiations with the National University of Chekiang and Canton. I had a little over an hours interview with him. My most important point was to get him to come to Fukien before he made up his mind for the distribution of the Rockefeller Foundation funds. He probably will come to see us if transportation could be conveniently arranged. He said he might go to Canton about March, and may come up from Canton to Foochow. I suggest that you get in touch with him through correspondence, or a personal visit in Shanghai, to urge him to come to see us. You will find enclosed herewith a copy of my statement which I handed to him yesterday.

He is much interested in aiding institutions that have prospects of making some contributions to rural reconstruction work in China. I have already impressed on him that we are the only institution in Fukien that both Government and public are willing to cooperate with, and that our work both at the University and in Union High School is worthy of his consideration. He wants to see things well done although it may be on a small scale. I have not doubt that with our staff members, and with Francis Chen, he will be brought to see the important part we can play in his rural reconstruction program. He will be willing to stay with us for three or four days.

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He also would be willing to consider aids to natural science work so far as they contribute to the rural work. He is not particularly interested in science for the sake of science, so when he comes to us we should lay special emphasis on our work in the Biology Department relating to insects, etc., and in ceramics which will help the rural industry, as well as soil testing; and in our Physics Department by showing him how we can contribute to improving the farm tools for the villages. He is most intensely interested in rural cooperatives.

If Mr. Gunn can be convinced of our rural work in rural education, I believe he will be willing to help too. He has just had a few weeks visit to Mexico where he studied the peoples education there. He was much interested yesterday to hear that there was a possibility of my going to Mexico on my way back to China. He therefore gave me an introduction to one of his friends in Mexico City.

He still is open-minded as to the giving of fellowships for our teachers and promising instructors for advanced training either in China or abroad. He wishes, however, to see that the training is of some practical use in each case. Whatever the person may learn will have to bear with the direct contribution to Chinese reconstruction. He would only consider very few rare cases, where geniuses in pure science are concerned.

I am giving all of the above to show you what he has in mind. He will not, I am sure, like to see that with our limited resources we are trying to spread into many fields. If it is at all possible, we should present very strongly the few of our strongest undertakings for his consideration. I am going to write him a letter before he leaves New York, so as to remind him of our conversation and his promise to come to visit us in the Spring.

I am going to send you a cablegram about the Kelloggs return. The Methodist Board has decided to send him back, and the correspondence up to yesterday indicated that Mr. Kellogg will leave Amherst with Stanley on February 2nd, while Mrs. Kellogg with her daughter Virginia will stay on. The prospects of securing passages are still being worked out by the Methodist Board office in New York. From Mr. Kellogg's letter he will decide to have about two weeks for his travel to the West before he sails. It is very likely that he will take the "President Hoover" leaving San Francisco on February 20th. He will be several weeks late for our Spring work, but I think he should be given the opportunity of seeing his Mother in San Diego, and his Brother in Denver. He also would like to call on a few institutions on the West coast for scientific consultation, as well as to stay in Honolulu for a conference with some of his science friends there. I think you can count on him arriving in Foochow in the middle part of March.

I have not heard from you or from Everett Stowe about what the Stowes' plans are; when he is leaving Foochow, where he is going to stay in America, and for how long. There has been much talk about Mrs. Stowe's health both while I was in Foochow and here with the Methodist Board people in New York. We should have a definite understanding with the Stowes themselves before they leave, that we want them to come back. In the meanwhile, we ought to have an official statement from your office to invite him to return, and then in the Spring meeting of our Board of Managers, we should make an official invitation to the Stowes to return.

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and a definite request to the Methodist Board for the same. Before I left Everett came to see me about the whole thing. As I remember, he was planning to stay in America for three semesters to do his work in California. You better get him to write down his definite plans and send a copy to me for reference. It will help to facilitate my negotiations here with the Methodist Board before I leave for home.

With regard to Miss Eunice Thomas. I had a couple of conferences with the American Board Secretaries when I was in Boston last. They suggest that it would not be wise for us to make a specific request just now, but they advise us to take formal action by our Board of Managers to invite her to come back through the American Board, whenever the Board could see its way through to send her back. I have also corresponded with Miss Thomas direct. She expresses her willingness to come back to us. I have not yet been able to get into contact with some of Miss Thomas's friends who might consider supporting her, but in this matter of support we should have to respect the American Board policy, of not being willing to allow the making of private arrangements in supporting missionaries to certain fields of work, unless definitely approved by the Board itself. I am, therefore, still feeling my way about this matter. I should be able to say more definitely when I see some of her friends in Philadelphia in the Spring.

I sent you some time ago an application blank for Mr. Chen to fill out for a fellowship in library training in America. I called on Dr. Stevens of the Rockefeller Foundation again yesterday. He wants our application to come in as soon as possible. There is a strong probability that he will grant the fellowship. I told him that Chen would probably be available to come next Fall.

I just heard from the Chairman of the World Service Council of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Pasadena, California, Mr. Elwood Fink, about the vote to apply to -

"\$500.00 for ten scholarships of \$50.00 each, and  
500.00 for general work of the University where  
in your judgment it is most needed"

I am writing to him asking when the funds will be available. It is my belief that it probably will begin right away; that means for this present year. You will then see that announcements for these new scholarships will be made. The other \$500.00 for general work of the University probably will have to be applied to the general amount of money which our Board of Trustees guaranteed to us for the present year's budget. You will find a copy of my letter to Mr. Fink enclosed herewith.

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I am sending you today a cablegram in connection with the Kelloggs return, and about the above scholarships also.

In regard to the cooperation with Hwa Nan, we are planning a joint meeting on January 7th, with the W.F.M.S. people and with the Methodist Board for the determination of policy with regard to foreign missionary service. We did not have a meeting last time because the time allowed for notice was too short, and two of the ladies who live in mid-west could not come especially for that purpose.

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I will send you herewith a copy of Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield's itinerary to China. You will notice that he is hoping to get to Foochow between March 6th and 29th, and he is certainly to come down to Fukien with Mr. Cartwright around the latter part of May. As I wrote you before, both Mr. Cartwright and Dr. Fairfield are representing their respective Boards to study the conditions in China with relation to interdenominational cooperation. Fukien has been picked out as one of the two places in the world where cooperation would be pushed forward with great effort; the other place being in Africa. It happens also that both of these men are on our Board of Trustees, and Dr. Fairfield has just been elected as President of our Board in place of Dr. Chamberlain, who has been suffering from ill health.

I am expecting to receive<sup>a</sup>/copy of a photograph from you with regard to the Women's Dormitory with the new inscription on. We are quite anxious to have a good photograph of it for our presentation to Dr. Pierce the donor. Before we can ask him to do anything further for us, we must show our good faith in carrying out what he has already done for us.

Enclosed herewith you will find two pages and a slip of names and addresses. They are young people who would like to carry on correspondence with the young people in Foochow. Everywhere I spoke during my trip to the mid-west, the young people were particularly interested in forwarding the idea of international friendship, and they offered to give their names so that they may have the opportunity to (meet some boys or girls) to carry on correspondence with them. Since I have no list of Chinese names with me I told them to send me their names first. I hope you will do your best to promote this project, both among our own College students, and among all the Middle Schools in Foochow, and in other parts of Fukien. The pink slip contains two names of young girls who are in Glencoe, Illinois, which gave us money for the building of the Scott-Lin house. All these people on the lists are of high school age.

When I was speaking in Indianola, Iowa, to the Simpson College students, both the faculty and students thought very favorably of carrying on a movement there to become related to us in some way. Simpson College is a Methodist College of about 460 students; men and women. Mrs. Lydia Wilkinson, formerly of Hwa Nan College and Anglo-Chinese College, lives there with her adopted daughter Dorothy, who is a senior in the College.

I just came back to New York yesterday, after about six weeks travel with the China Colleges Conference team. In general the work has been quite successful and we were able to make some worthwhile contacts. In the majority of cities where we visited a local committee had been set up to carry on the work for the interest of the Associated Boards. It is the plan of the Associated Boards to follow-up this work by sending one or two promotional secretaries to go around through those places in the Spring. I think the prospect is quite good. The foundation has been quite well laid; there surely will be an increase of support to the Christian Colleges in the future. We shall start our work again during the first week of January.

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Would you send us thirty copies of the English catalog. Our supply is running very low at the present time. <sup>1924-36</sup>

We have just received the colored pictures of the University campus, which Miss Eva Asher sent directly from the photographer in Shanghai. The color is much poorer than the other one; but I think we can make use of them.

Please keep me supplied with any publicity material which any one of our staff members may have sent out for publication; for instance, Chen mentioned some of his writings which I have never seen yet. I am planning to issue two or three small folders for Fukien for our publicity work here; one on the rural service program; one on our library collection; and another general account of the University work. Material relating to them will be very helpful for my preparation of the same in February.

In your letter of October 18th I was glad to find that you have finally succeeded in co-opting Commissioner Chen and Mr. Lin on our Board. I hope that they have accepted and will be ready to help in our work.

In the same letter you mention about the new Chinese teacher Mr. Li. Some time ago I received a letter from Dr. C. Y. Cheng about Mr. Li. I am enclosing it herewith for your reference. You might file it under Mr. Li's name. I shall reply to Dr. Cheng when I have time.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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Fukien Christian University

January 21, 1935

Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

My dear Dr. Chen:

President Lin requested us to wire you as follows:

KELLOGGS ARRIVING SHANGHAI MARCH THIRTEENTH LIN

The cable was forwarded today, with the hope that it would get you the information before the winter semester closed. It is necessary for the Kelloggs to change boats at Yokohama and take an express for Shanghai. This seems to be about the best arrangement which could be made to get them back in any kind of season. We are quite sure, however, that you will be very glad to welcome them.

Very cordially yours,

*C. A. Evans*

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CABLE ADDRESS:  
"HSIHO, FOOCOW"

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FOOCOW, CHINA.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

處事辦長校

February 24, 1935

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I want to report to you that the permanent charter from the University of the State of New York to F.C.U. has been received. Thank you for all of your help in securing it for us. *(See changed to CUE 3/2/35)*

We are just beginning our spring term. To date we have 142 students. There may be one or two more within the next few days before the registration period closes. Students and faculty members seem to be in fine spirits and everything is starting off nicely. We feel that we had a very satisfactory fall term, which ended the latter part of January. Six students completed their work for the B.A. degree at that time, and there are about thirty who are scheduled to finish their work in June.

We have been concerned over the drop in our student body during the last year or two. We are doing all we can to make better contacts with the middle schools in this province. One of the special features this spring toward this end is a trip of our Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Frederick Scott, to South Fukien. Our alumni in and around here feel very strongly that a series of concerts given in South Fukien would do more than anything else to interest students in coming to F.C.U.

Very soon now we shall begin on our budget for 1935-36. We shall be glad to have information from your office concerning estimated receipts for next year as soon as possible. We are trying our best not to have a deficit at the end of the current year.

Mr. Martin will leave here in June for furlough. President Lin writes that he is in touch with a Chinese in America who is interested in coming to work in our Physics Department. At any rate, we shall have to have some one.

We are all looking forward to Mr. Kellogg's return soon after the middle of March. We have been waiting for him to begin our Agricultural Experiment Station in connection with our rural service program. His services will be invaluable in that work, as well as in many other ways. We shall also be ready to welcome Mrs. Kellogg in the summer or early fall.

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We have been very much pleased with the reports from President Lin. He and the other members of the team have certainly done a fine piece of work, and we believe that further results will be reaped as time goes on. We greatly appreciate the work of our Trustees and the members of the Associated Boards in the interest of Christian higher education in this country, as well as the help of all of you there in the office.

With best wishes to all of you,

Yours very sincerely,



Acting President.

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March 13, 1935

Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear W Y :

Our Trustees have scheduled to meet for their Annual Meeting on May 16th. Kindly send any official reports about the work of our University; financial requests, and other needs for the year 1935-36, so that I can present the same to the meeting at that time. Any additional information about our plan for work for the next two or three years will also be of help<sup>to</sup> bring our Trustees to more vividly see our work.

Regarding our Physics and Mathematics teacher. I have talked the matter over with Dr. Henry Chen of the University of Pennsylvania, two days ago at Philadelphia. He is going to accept our offer, and as soon as his formal reply to me is received in two or three days time, I shall make final arrangements with him. He is planning to finish his advanced research work at the University of Pennsylvania, until June, and he is thinking of going back to China through Europe. He will be available for our work in September. He has verbally accepted the terms as we generally apply them to a new teaching staff member with his training and experience. I may send you a cable when we make final arrangements of his appointment.

About a month ago the Minnesota Congregational Woman's Missionary Society, of Minneapolis, gave us \$50.00 for a scholarship to be called "The Minnesota Congregational Woman's Scholarship," and our office here has sent you both the money and an account of the gift.

About the time you receive this letter Mr. Kellogg will be on the campus. Through a grant of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions, Mrs. Kellogg is now studying Home Economics at Teachers College, Columbia University, preparing herself to help in our work among the women students at Fukien next Fall.

There will be a number of visitors from among our friends in America during the next few months. I have already written you about the coming of Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield, President of our Board of Trustees, and Reverend Frank Cartwright, a member of our Board of Trustees representing the Methodist Church. I hope you will check up the dates of their arrival and plan to help them in making their stay in Foochow most profitable. These two gentlemen are particularly

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instructed by their Mission Boards to study the conditions of the Christian work in Fukien and to find means of cooperative enterprise among the various Christian bodies there.

There will also be a Mr. and Mrs. Green who plan to go to Foochow and spend some months with Mr. Kellogg. They are from a quite wealthy family, interested in ceramic work and handicraft art. Their stay in Foochow will probably establish a good contact for us. We may get them to help in our ceramic work, which Dr. Sutton has been able to develop so well last Fall. Mrs. Green may be interested in doing something for the art work in connection with our women students, so I hope that you will try to keep in close touch with them, and extend to them our formal invitation to stay on our campus, if that has not already been done.

There is also the coming visit of Dr. Luther A. Weigle, in connection with the Christian Leadership Training Study in China. I met him a couple of times in conference in New York, and he will definitely visit us in Foochow. Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the conference with Dr. Weigle on December 27, 1934, which may give you some idea of his plan.

Dr. Hugh Vernon White, Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, of Boston, is planning to go to Japan and China in August, and will like to stay at F. C. U. for from four to six weeks. He has already written to Mr. Roderick Scott of our Philosophy Department inquiring about possibilities of staying on our campus, and probably teaching in one or two of his classes on Philosophy while he is with us. I have since met him personally and have found him to be a very fine man. I have told him that we would definitely welcome him to come to us, and that he can count on our help in making definite contacts with the various groups of people in Fukien which he might like to meet. If Mr. Scott has not replied to Dr. White, would you talk this over with him, and you may send a letter along with Mr. Scott's of welcome to Dr. White.

We are aware of the fact that we have to plan for our return to China before long, although we have not definitely settled the date of sailing. I will stay in the eastern part of the United States probably until the end of June. If there are valuable contacts which I must follow-up here, I may stay here a few weeks longer. There is also a possibility for us to go to Los Angeles earlier and to work among the Churches there before we sail for home. We shall plan to be back in China before or during the early part of September.

The Associated Boards in New York is trying to do as much publicity work as possible for all of the colleges. They have asked me specifically for a report about our Easter celebration, with full descriptions of our activities and ways of observing the occasion, so that it can be used as an item of news for next Spring. I suppose a full description of our Christmas Season celebration will also be of interest to the people here, and since that is probably still fresh in your minds, you may get Miss Asher to write it out in full, and send it to Mrs. Macmillan.



Dr. W. Y. Chen

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I have received the literature which Mr. S. P. Yang sent me. I think the new publication on Fukien culture is very good. "The F. C. U. News" is also more attractive than before. The new publication by the Chinese Department will be of great value in stimulating interest in research work among our students. I am also glad to learn that you have been very successful in getting the faculty to publish the <sup>three</sup> volumes of the "Faculty Studies." I shall send a copy of each of these publications that I receive to the Director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute. I am sure they will give them a good impression of our work in Chinese.

We have been glad to receive the news from F.C.U. about the number of happy weddings, births of new children, and your trips to Shanghai. On account of my travel almost all the time, I have not written to individual members of our staff who have written to me as often as I should. When I have a little more time I am planning to write a general letter from which Miss Asher may be able to reproduce a few copies for general distribution to our friends both at the University and around Foochow.

We just had a meeting of the Promotional Committee of our Trustees this morning. We are hoping to more effectively raise some money which the Trustees have pledged toward the balance of our budget this year.

I have been making some good contacts in various places I visit every week almost, but we cannot hope to reap immediate results, but I think the seeds have been sown rather widely, and sometime we will see more fruitful results.

Please remember me to the members of our faculty and staff, and tell them that I have remembered each one of them that has written to me and shall keep in mind what they have asked me to do.

Our office here has received thirty copies of the catalog, and three sets of the Library collection together with films for the same, and the regular bulletins. I have already acknowledge receipt of the newspaper reprint of an article written in the name of McClure. All of the material has been of great value and I am constantly making use of it. I shall look forward to receiving Mr. Scott's bulletin and any other literature in English which you have prepared.

It is very important that we want to put our work clearly and concisely before our friends. I believe we are preparing the ground for future work which we never have done before. Several other colleges have been doing much better than we. With this new start we hope that we may keep it up from which we will have a reliable and constant source of income toward the support of our work.



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March 20, 1935  
(Via Air Mail to Pacific Coast)

Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear W. Y.:

Several matters have come up since I wrote you last week.

No. 1 - Cooperation between Hwa Nan and Fukien.

On March 18th we had a joint committee meeting of the representatives of our Board and that of Hwa Nan. The enclosed copy is a report of the meeting by Mr. B. A. Garside, acting as Executive Secretary of the Associated Boards. I hope our faculty will have a thorough discussion of the plan suggested there, and if possible, you may secure a chance for consultation with Miss Carol Chen, or if she prefers, with the Hwa Nan faculty. Of course, the next move apparently lies in the hands of the W.F.M.S. in America. We ought to prepare ourselves as to what next step we will take in the event of the women's adoption of either Plan A or Plan B. We should like to have detailed reports of the discussion of our faculty, and the opinions from other sources. Of course, you will seek in some way to get a discussion of this plan before our Board of Managers, after you have some definite expression of opinion from our faculty, and after distributing the report from America to the members of our Board of Managers. I would like to have some comments on this report sent to me before May 14th when our Associated Boards will meet, and also for our Trustees meeting on May 16th.

This joint meeting was the fourth attempt we tried to get the two groups of representatives together, beside a personal conference with Miss Lucy Wang two days before this meeting was held. At first, both Miss Lucy Wang and Mrs. Nicholson, the President of the W.F.M.S., were strongly against the moving of Hwa Nan to Fukien. In the course of the joint meeting, and in view of Miss Carol Chen's proposal, all the Hwa Nan ladies seemed to incline for the adoption of Plan A, if they had to take those alternatives between Plan A and Plan B. From our personal contacts the chief consideration to Hwa Nan seemed to be financial. If Hwa Nan could get all the money she wants for the building of a Science Hall, they probably would not consider any cooperation with us, besides the vague idea of exchanging teachers. It seems that they were not very successful in securing funds for Hwa Nan, and several of the leading ladies realized very clearly the importance of higher education standards that must be maintained if Hwa Nan is going to have a future. Miss Lucy Wang is

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trying to get the women here in America to join her dream of making Hwa Nan a "Wellesley" or a "Vassar" of China, and I had an occasion to raise this question before the joining committee as to where Hwa Nan expects to get her students in the future.

It seems to me that Miss Carol Chen is the best <sup>plan</sup> they have and you may have a cordial approach with her, and to work out things that will be for the best interests of Christian higher education in Fukien Province.

No. 2 - Mr. Kellogg's motor car has been turned into the Ford Company, and it is my suggestion that we might exchange it for a new Ford which we will take back with us next summer for the use of our College. As yet we have no idea of how we can finance it. It will probably cost altogether, including freight and custom duties, about U.S. \$800. We are not making our definite decision at the present time, awaiting comments from you. Kindly let me know what you would suggest about this. If it is an urgent need that we must have a car which by the way could be made to be a small bus carrying eight or twelve people, I will try my best to get it in cooperation with Mrs. Kellogg.

Would you find out also from Mr. John Change, the Ford representative in Foochow, as to whether or not he would give us any discount should we buy the car from them, and what would be his exact quotation, so that I may make a comparison of the figures.

No. 3 - I hope you have approached Professor G. S. Wang in your last trip to Shanghai, as to his return to our Chinese Department next year. If not, I hope you will write him and let me know about the results of your negotiations. I am trying to write him a personal letter as soon as I have a chance to do it. If you have other arrangements for the Chinese Department for next fall, kindly let me know too. I have nobody specifically in mind, but we ought to secure one or two strong members in that Department.

No. 4 - I have just written a preliminary letter to Miss Chen Wen Hsien, approaching her for consideration of joining us, probably taking the place of the Dean of Women of our college when she is ready to go back to China. There is, of course, no time to hear from her as yet, but I like to mention this to you for your information. If you have other persons in mind, kindly keep me in touch with the developments of your plans with regard to the personnel of our women's staff.

No. 5 - You will remember that I wrote you some time ago about a copy of the original edition of Yen Fu's translation of Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations," for Dean Denham of the Harvard-Yenching Institute. I hope you were successful in getting it.

No. 6 - I just returned from Dickinson College, in Carlisle, Pa. They used to have a Dickinson in China, by sending a missionary family to West China Union University. During the last three or four years they have been discontinued this on account of the unfortunate choice of the personnel. They want to revise the Dickinson connection with China.

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I spoke five times yesterday, both before the whole gathering of the students and faculty, and to various individual groups, besides a tea reception and a dinner party. I believe their interest is quite high and they probably will consider cooperation with us in their new movement which will be launched next Fall. You probably know that Dickinson College is one of the two oldest Methodist Colleges in America. President and Mrs. Fred B. Corson, who was inaugurated last Fall, were in China for a brief visit on their round-the-world trip last Summer. While at Dickinson I stayed with them. The President desired very much to have one or two Chinese students come to his college. He offers to be responsible for all expenses for the students while he or she is at Dickinson; the student, of course, to plan for his or her travel expenses. Some of our Sophomore or Junior students may like to do that. Of course, we want to send the best type we have. If we do get the right person, kindly let me know and we will take further steps with the College authorities here. It will strengthen the relationship between our two institutions, and we will probably definitely swing Dickinson interest to us. In this connection you will remember that I wrote you about some thing with regard to the Allegheny College at Meadville, Pa., another Methodist College. Allegheny and Dickinson are about the same size with a student body between 500 and 600. They are both co-educational. They both have very good science equipment, although they do not seem to be able to compare with ours. But both of them have a good department of education, training teachers for the State of Pennsylvania, and some of their science teachers are of quite a distinctive type although the equipment may not be so elaborate. Dickinson College has in its possession Joseph Priestley's original instrument with which he discovered oxygen.

No. 7 - I got a copy of Teddy's confidential memorandum to the President. I am inclined to agree with Teddy on all the points he mentioned. Kindly let me know what steps you are taking to remedy those points, and what you would suggest that I can do while I am here. We must push forward our work as quickly as possible. So far as those urgent and fundamental needs of our University are concerned, we ought to try to meet them without even considering the cost. Only through recommendable work that will show the value of the service can we secure further financial support both in China and in America.

No. 8 - Miss Eunice Thomas has been pushing forward quite steadily. I have seen the President of the women's organization in Pennsylvania which was responsible for her missionary service in Foochow, a week ago, and I think before long we will be able to know how far the women can go to help sending Miss Thomas back to us. At present I am of the opinion that we should try to get Miss Thomas to come in any case, even at our own expense, so as to strengthen our English Department, and to relieve Mr. Farley to apply himself more on his special subjects.

No. 9 - I am considering pushing forward a campaign to enlist 500 persons in America to pledge \$10.00 or more each year, some time next month. Good contacts have been strongly made, and I am trying to follow a few others up as far as I can. The prospects are quite promising. The Associated Boards staff has also been working very hard. I believe that we shall not have much financial difficulty during the next two or three years.

With kindest wishes,

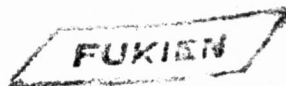
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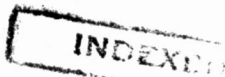
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March 20, 1935

*File 2*

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



Dear Mr. Evans:

I have your letter of January 18 and the recommendations regarding Dr. S.C. Chen. It would seem that he would fit into our need very nicely, and I think we shall definitely take the matter up with him.

I am glad to report that Mr. Kellogg arrived on the campus this morning.

I note that Dr. Hodous has visited you since he returned from China. I am glad he could tell you something of our work here. We thoroughly enjoyed his visit with us. Dr. Weigle was here for a short time a few days ago. He met with our Religious Activity Committee and the Faculty. We were glad of the opportunity to talk things over with him.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

*W. Y. Chen*

Acting President.

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

Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear W. Y.:

I wrote you a few days ago about our joint meeting with regard to cooperation between Hwa Nan and Fukien.

Our office here has just heard from Mrs. Thomas Nicholson, President of the W.F.M.S., and Board of Trustees of Hwa Nan College, saying that the Board of Trustees of Hwa Nan adopted unanimously "Plan A" as the form of cooperation between Hwa Nan and us, on March 29th, 1935. You will remember that "Plan A" calls for the moving of Hwa Nan College to a place adjacent to our campus, and we in turn will turn over our women's student body and dormitory, and if need be, also our U.S.\$20,000.00 for any additional buildings that may be necessary.

Miss Lucy Wang apparently agreed to the Hwa Nan trustees action. She only suggests two modifications from the report of the joint committee, copy of which I sent you in my last letter. One is the omission of the word "possibly" in connection with the buying of additional land, at the bottom of the first page of the report; in the second place the omission of any mention of Dr. Carol Chen's name, in connection with "Plan B", page four of the report. (Under separate cover I am sending you 15 copies of the mimeographed report.)

Mrs. Nicholson says of Miss Lucy Wang, in connection with the Hwa Nan trustees meeting on March 29th, at Evanston, Illinois:- "President Wang's presence and her lovely Christian spirit helped much. She has a difficult task ahead of her in winning to this change of location her faculty and Board of Directors, but we believe she can do it. Of course, we are hoping that in the few days she is to be in our country, she may be able to secure some funds toward the new plant."

There is no time for a Trustees meeting of our University, but I believe a meeting may be called especially for this purpose, or wait until our regular meeting in May. The next step probably will have to wait until a specific decision is reached by the Hwa Nan faculty and Board of Directors, and our Board of Managers. It is very likely that our Board of Trustees will adopt "Plan A." With the change of mind on the part of Miss Lucy Wang I believe it will be quite easy for the Hwa Nan group in Foochow to also agree to the new plan. It will, therefore, be necessary for us to prepare for the second step on our part. The most important thing would seem to be that we take a definite step to purchase additional land on the Hui Gie side. You probably remember that we have been negotiating about the purchase of the old brick yard. Mr. Yang, Ming-Sing knows something about this.



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We were prepared some time ago to offer six or seven thousand dollars for that piece of land. We also ought to buy in several pieces of orchard farm, immediately below our land in front of the Science Hall. Of course, we should do all of this without any reference to Hwa Nan moving to that place. It may be possible that the Hwa Nan people will select the Hsiao-Kung side. We really would have enough land on that hill for the women's college also, but that would mean the abandonment of the use of the women's dormitory, as well as the inconvenience for the girls to come over to the educational buildings on the hill. But those are some details which we can work out later on.

In commenting on the Joint committee report I mentioned two things: one, the necessity of some kind of permanent joint organization such as a Senate representing the faculties and officers of both colleges with regard to problems of administration; and two, the importance of having some endowment funds for the women's college, rather than building more buildings as the committee has hinted.

Enclosed herewith I am sending you the recent correspondence between Mr. Horsley of Simpson College and myself, regarding a closer relationship between our two colleges, for your reference. I am hoping that some time next fall Dickinson college, about which I wrote you in my last letter, will also take some definite action.

With regard to the progress of having Miss Eunice Thomas return to us, the American Board people naturally suggest that the Congregational women in Pennsylvania have to raise the additional money for that purpose. I am going to Boston on April 4th, and I also have promised to go to Philadelphia to speak to the congregational women's organization there, on April 23rd. I hope before long I may say something definite. Should the women in Pennsylvania feel that for the time being they could not raise sufficient money to send Miss Thomas back to us, I will then propose to have Miss Thomas come to us in any case; either in the fall after her summer work at Columbia University, or next spring after her additional semester's work in the University of California. I believe the Pennsylvania women will do something toward her support, and eventually they may be able to carry her fully if she is already in China. We are in need of an English teacher very badly at the present time, and will be more so when Mr. Farley goes home on Furlough, and Miss Thomas with her experience in Foochow, and her particular training in the English language, will be very valuable person to have; the support for a single lady will not be so great either. If you and the Council approve of this last resort, kindly let me know so that I can make some kind of a final arrangement with Miss Thomas, and our Board here, before the spring term is over.

Yours very sincerely,

*C. J. Lin*

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150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.  
April 8, 1935

Dr. W.Y. Chen  
Rukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear W. Y.:

Dr. Henry Chen has definitely accepted our appointment to be a lecturer of physics and mathematics at our University, beginning July 1, 1935. I am going to write him a formal letter stating the various terms upon which we have agreed in conversation. He is planning to go back to China through Europe, and will be in Shanghai in the first part of August. We can definitely count on him to be on the campus either at the end of August, or the first part of September.

I have asked him to work out an outline of work for a combined department of physics and mathematics from his experience and observations among the various smaller colleges in this country, with a view to building up a department of physics on a sounder basis than we have had before. We also discussed about the courses and responsibilities he will take when he is with us next fall. Could you send me, after consultation with Teddy and Martin about this, a statement of what you expect of him to teach next fall, so that he can be thinking and planning for the same before he arrives on the campus.

Dr. Chen is not married yet, and he can either stay with someone in the house, or he can move into the suite of rooms which provided for Dr. Cheng, Tso-Hsin. You will remember that I wrote you about him some time ago; that he has considerable teaching experience at Howard University, Washington, for two years. He has been considered by all his acquaintances as one of the most brilliant students at the University of Pennsylvania. He has a very broad interest; is quite good in music, is a drummer, and he expressed a wish to have a part in some of our music education, as well as in other students activities. Officially he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, but he has thrown overboard most of the narrow theological points of view of the Southern Methodist people.

I wrote you some time ago about our prospective Botany teacher, in the person of Dr. Fred W. Tinney. Mrs. Tinney has a degree of master of arts, and is teaching at Smith College. Both of them are very anxious to come over to China and they have proposed to pay their own traveling expenses to us, if they can be assured of a salary that will meet their daily living expenses. They are also willing to accept a contract for three years. They are not sure yet whether or not they will be able to save enough money to pay their expenses back to America, in case the contract is not renewed. This couple seems to me to be very fine persons to have. Mr. Kellogg knows both of them fairly well. If Dr. Brecher of Germany is not coming, it will be a good proposition to have this couple come to us for we are so badly in need of a botany teacher.

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Dr. W. Y. Chen

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Mrs. Tinney can also help in our biology department in whatever way we can make use of her. They have no children yet.

If our budget allowance for C. N. Yang, our former botany teacher is in next year's budget, our Trustees will probably have no objection of having us use that money for this new couple, with a little additional if it is necessary. I also believe that we will have a residence for them next fall. Mr. Martin's house may be available for that purpose. If you feel that we do not have to wait for Dr. Brecher, and would be in need of this couple, kindly send me a cable so that we can make some arrangement here before our Trustees meeting on May 16th.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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April 9, 1935

To the Presidents of

Cheeloo University  
Fukien Christian University  
Lingnan University  
University of Nanking  
West China Union University  
Yenching University

Gentlemen:

I have just learned unofficially that at its meeting yesterday the Harvard-Yenching Institute voted to guarantee to the Colleges participating in the Restricted Fund the following amounts for the year 1935-36:-

Cheeloo University	US \$3,421.06
Fukien Christian Univ.	3,421.06
Lingnan University	12,631.57
University of Nanking	12,631.57
West China Union Univ.	12,631.57
Yenching University	21,052.65
	75,780.48
Aligarh College	4,210.52
	80,000.00

We know you will rejoice at this very generous action of the Institute in increasing this guarantee 33 1/3% above what it has provided in 1934-35, even though this may mean that the Institute will have to take all or most of this increase out of its fast-windling reserve.

It will be a week or two before we can send you official notice of this action. But I am passing along this advance and unofficial information to assist you in the struggles I know all of you are having just now as you are trying to balance your budget estimates for 1935-36.

Very cordially yours,

*W. A. Garside*

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Air Mail.



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April 15, 1935

Acting President  
Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China.

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My dear Dr. Chen:

We enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of our Fukien Executive Committee held on April 8th.

I am sure that President Lin has already written you at some length with regard to our negotiations with our friends in Hwa Nan College. We all most earnestly hope that these proposals for closer cooperation between the two institutions will prove to be practicable, and that down through the years each institution will be able to render a larger and finer service because of the assistance of the other. All of us here appreciate very profoundly that the success or failure of cooperation must lie with those of you on the field. There is little more we can do here than to support you as effectively as we can in going forward with plans and policies which you yourself must work out and put into practice. If the proposals we have been working on here do not meet with the approval of the field, they are foredoomed to failure.

All of our Fukien Trustees are anxious that the plans we make and the policies we adopt will be for the best interest both of Fukien Christian University and for the whole enterprise of Christian higher education in China.

We will await with keen interest information from Foochow as to the progress you are able to make in this proposed cooperation with Hwa Nan.

Very cordially yours,

*W. Y. Chen*

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April 20, 1935

Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Acting-President  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

My dear Dr. Chen:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 24th.

It is good to know that the work of your spring term has started off in a satisfactory way. I hope that by the time this reaches the field you will all be getting ready for the very happy commencement season.

I am sure that President Lin has been keeping you informed of what is going on here. The problem of support from the West for next year's budget is an extremely critical one. With the termination of the Rockefeller grant of US\$5,000 we have a serious reduction in income which as yet we do not know how we can replace. The economic situation in America has remained very unsatisfactory during the past year, and in recent months has in some ways grown even more difficult. Our Fukien Trustees and the Associated Boards have been doing everything possible to secure additional support for our China Colleges but the task of securing new money at this time is a very slow and difficult one. While there seems reasonably good hopes that over a period of years we should be able to build up substantially larger income for our China Colleges, we can hardly hope for any great amounts this year, and perhaps not much more during the coming year. How our Colleges are to carry on through these lean years is a problem that disturbs us all very profoundly.

We have been putting in quite a bit of time with President Lin during the last few days studying our financial outlook for next year, and will be sending a cablegram to Foochow within a few days. I am afraid that the most we can promise just now will be discouragingly inadequate. We hope that by the time of the Annual Meeting of our Fukien Trustees on May 16th we can reach a more optimistic position than we have as yet attained.

It is a constant delight to have President Lin with us. We will all regret very much to see him start back to China later in the spring.

Very cordially yours,

*T. A. Garside*

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150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.  
April 22nd, 1935

Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear W. Y.:

Income for next year.

Upon receipt of Mr. McClure's letter and Miss Asher's letter I found from the office that we have not sent you the income for the next fiscal year, 1935-36. It was not done because there is so much uncertainty with regard to our resources. The available resources we can be assured of now are:-

From Mission Boards

American Board	\$3,500.00
Methodist Board	1,682.00
Reformed Church	500.00
Harvard-Yenching Institute	8,421.06
Endowment Income	<u>4,427.50</u>

Total - \$18,530.56

From the endowment income a sum of \$2,476.00 has already been deducted for our share for the office expenses and for promotional activities in America. You will note that this is about \$7,000.00 less than last year. The Rockefeller Foundation will drop its \$5,000.00 contribution to us, and the guarantee of the Trustees for \$5,000.00 for the present year budget has not yet been raised, so far, and we have no meeting of the Trustees so far as to ascertain whether or not they will continue to underwrite that sum for next year. The office here has no authority of assuring us what the Trustees will do before the annual meeting on May 16th. I believe that you will make up the budget in any case, and if I fail to get your budget before the Trustees meeting, I will make a tentative budget, basing it on last year's for the submission to the Trustees. As I roughly figure that due to the unfavorable rate of gold exchange, together with the reduced income from the two sources mentioned above, we will be about \$40,000.00 Chinese currency short in case we even just maintain the present budget as this year. You can be sure that we will do what we can while here, and I hope that our Trustees will do something at the annual meeting. I am working on a cablegram conveying these figures to you to be sent either today or tomorrow.

Exchange Rate.

The office will not suggest anything about exchange rate because they believe that we in Foochow probably know better than they here. The Trustees will be quite willing to turn over all that they are able to raise here in American dollars, and we have to do what we can. Personally I would suggest that we figure about 2 to 1 for our budget for next year.

April 22, 1935

Hwa Nan Cooperation.

I already wrote you about our Trustees approval of the plan to have Hwa Nan move down to a place adjacent to our place. Miss Lucy Wang is now on her way going home, sailing from San Francisco on the "President Johnson," April 26th. With her is Mrs. L. R. Peel. Official Correspondent of the Hwa Nan Trustees. She is going to Foochow on her own expense in order to help Hwa Nan make the new adjustment, and in order to secure further information for the Trustees in America. I hope you will extend Mrs. Peel a cordial invitation to come to see our campus as soon as she arrives with some of the Hwa Nan ladies, and to show her around our present women's dormitory, and the possibilities for a college campus for Hwa Nan, either on the Hui-cie side, or on the Hsiao-kung side. I have told some of the ladies here that they could move down if they so desire next fall, using our women's dormitory and the President's house. There seems to be another possibility that should the Hwa Nan ladies consider to come down next fall we might offer them the use of the Kung-kao dormitory for men, and we put our men students in the two lower dormitories. So far as I can find out they will probably not consider moving down until they have built a sort of a campus for their own, and approaching them we ought to be careful to use terms that they are going to move down to a place adjacent, and not on the Fukien campus.

I hope you will be able to show around Mrs. Peel the extent of land we have so that she will know that there is really no need of much waiting, and no need of further purchase of land. Those two ladies will be visiting the Ewha College in Korea, another college of the WFMS. They may take an architect, Captain Swinehart, who built the Ewha College, to come to see our campus. It may also be possible for you and Miss Lucy Wang to arrange for some sort of a joint meeting for discussion while Mrs. Peel is in Foochow, so that Mrs. Peel may understand all of the problems involved from both sides. This will be the first visit of Mrs. Peel to China. She is a very pleasant lady to meet. She is supposed to have the full authority of the Hwa Nan Trustees, and whatever impression she receives from her visit in Foochow, will mean very much to the future relations of Hwa Nan and Fukien. Enclosed herewith I am sending you a copy of a letter which Mrs. Garside sent to Miss Lucy Wang on this subject.

Physics Teachers

We made final appointment of Dr. Henry Chen to be our physics teacher, beginning July 1, 1935. He is going home by way of Europe and will arrive in Shanghai on August 8th. He will spend some time with his mother in Soochow, and his brother in Shantung. He will be ready to be on our campus around the end of August.

Botany Teacher

In my last letter I wrote you about Dr. and Mrs. Tinney. They are prepared to pay their own travelling expenses both to China and return, on a three year contract, at the regular salary which we would pay to a regular lecturer of the same training, of our Chinese staff. I wonder whether or not you have made any arrangement with

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Dr. W. Y. Chen

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April 22, 1935

Dr. Brecher. I am asking you to send me a reply by cable, both in my last letter and also in my cable to you at the present time.

Our Return.

We are planning to go back to China by way of Europe, leaving New York About July 5th, and arriving in Hongkong, September 5th. We found out that the passage fare between New York and Europe to Hongkong, is almost the same as from New York and across the Pacific to Shanghai. We will have to, of course, spend a little more for our children's passage from New York to London, and the travelling expenses on the continent of Europe, but we believe the experiences there will be of interest to us. Unless we hear from you immediately for any reason that we should change our plan, we will follow that course.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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Eng: B.A.Garside's letter to Miss Lucy Wang, 4/20/35.

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Fukien Christian University

April 23, 1935

Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

My dear Dr. Chen:

President Lin wrote you last night regarding the estimates for 1935-36.

We are writing to give you a copy of the cablegram which was sent out this morning. I have not seen President Lin's letter, but a great many factors enter into this whole situation of the estimates for next year. Due to the generosity of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, the appropriations from that source were increased this year. You have been aware for some time though that the Rockefeller Foundation appropriation would be withdrawn this year. We do not know what Mr. Gunn has decided, but by the time this reaches you, undoubtedly you will be familiar with his decision.

There is nothing more we can say at the present time, but shortly after this letter reaches you, the Trustees will meet to give consideration to whatever budget you may present.

Very truly yours,

*C. A. Evans*

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150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.  
April 24, 1935  
(Via air mail to Pacific Coast)

Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear W. Y.:

In my letter to you on Monday, I enclosed a list of the courses suggested by Dr. C. S. Chen for the physics and mathematics department. He will be prepared to give any number of those courses which the Dean and the science faculty may desire to ask him to give next fall. He has prepared a list of textbooks for those courses, as well as a list of reference books for each. I shall send the list to you as soon as I receive it so you can check them over and see what books you will need next year, and how many copies of each textbook which you may offer to students to select for next fall. You can send that statement to our office directly so that the books can be ordered and be sent to Foochow in time for next fall's use.

I wrote you about the botany teacher. I believe I mentioned the possibility of having an American botanist serve us in the latter part of January, when I was in Syracuse, if Dr. Brecher is not coming, and if we still are in need of a botany teacher. We can get Dr. and Mrs. Tinney to come over for next fall with the same amount of money which we offered to Brecher or to C. N. Yang. I hope you will send me a cable after you have thoroughly discussed this matter. Mr. Kellogg knows the Tinneys quite well.

Mrs. Kellogg has made tentative reservations on the "President Cleveland," sailing from San Francisco, August 23rd, and arriving in Shanghai, September 13th. We have not heard in reply to my inquiry about the necessity for a car at the University. If there is urgent need of it we will get one here and Mrs. Kellogg will drive it with Virginia to Los Angeles. The car can be taken over to Shanghai probably cheaper with the passage, and having driven a couple of thousand miles the custom duty may also be reduced. We estimated that it will cost about U.S.\$800.00 to take a new Beechnut car from Detroit to Foochow, including the taxes, etc. The car can seat eight or ten persons quite easily.

Would you, at your convenience, give me the address of Dr. Brecher? I may arrange to see him while I am in Europe. I was sorry that I did not have his address, otherwise I could have written him direct from here, which would save much more time in our negotiations with the Tinneys. If there are other friends in Europe whom you want me to meet, kindly let me have their names and addresses. I will try to get connections with them during the limited time at our disposal while there.

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I wrote you already about the suggestions for living quarters for Dr. C. S. Chen. If you have not already assigned the suite of rooms which was formerly occupied by Dr. T. H. Cheng, you may make other temporary arrangements for him. He plans to be around the campus in the end of August, or the first part of September. You may write him at his home address as I sent you. He will also communicate with you and you may arrange for somebody to meet him when he first arrives. We are sorry that we will not be able to be there when he comes.

I am leaving for Cleveland, and then Chicago, tomorrow evening. I will be speaking at the Glencoe Church on April 28th, and will be a speaker at the Missionary Congress, in Chicago, May 2-4. We are planning to hold contact meetings again in Detroit and Cleveland to renew some of the acquaintances which we made last winter. They do not seem to have much prospect of any large sum of money coming, but the friendship which we have made will quite definitely yield financial results in the years to come.

Enclosed herewith I am sending you a copy of my letter to Mr. and Mrs. Brester Bingham. Mrs. Bingham was Frances Beach, the eldest daughter of Professor Fred Beach of our University. They are planning to go to China this summer under the American Board appointment. Having independent incomes themselves they will be supporting themselves while working in China. Their plan is to spend a year of language study in the Peiping Language School. I believe they are seriously considering coming to Foochow to work among the students, and I believe they will be willing to come to join us.

Mrs. Bingham has been studying sacred music at the Union Theological Seminary. You probably remember she played the piano most beautifully even before she returned to America for her college work. She is now studying methods of teaching piano, as well as taking courses in Union Seminary in Religious education and philosophy. Mr. Bingham is taking his theological training at Union. He is a very fine young man with high ideals, and will be a great addition to our work.

From the American Board office in Boston I found that the Mid-Fukien-Synod has extended a formal invitation to the Bingham's to come to Foochow. There is no question that the American Board will so appoint them. As to where they will stay while they are in Foochow it is up to the Bingham's themselves to decide. While we extend our invitation to the Bingham's to stay on our campus, it does not mean that we want to monopolize their service. Mr. Bingham's chief interest is working among the students, and I told him he could, that through our student organization, and our students leadership in the Students Christian Federation, both in Foochow and throughout Fukien. His joining us as a regular member will strengthen his position as a worker among the young people, so I hope that when you talk the matter over with the American Board people and the Church people, we want them to understand that we are not trying to grasp any persons whom they may desire. I believe Frances will be glad to do any service in other institutions, such as Wen-sham or Foochow College, as her services may be needed, and as she is able, although they may be living on our campus.



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Words coming from various quarters in China highly praise your leadership. I hope you have not been too much overburdened by the additional duty which you had to carry on in my place during the last year. The progress which you have made for F.C.U. so far will be a definite contribution in the history of our institution.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

*C. J. Lin*

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Encs. Copy of letter same date to Mr. and Mrs. Brewster Bingham

Clipping from "N.Y. Times."

~~3 leaflets from Simpson College.~~

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Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

My dear Dr. Chen:

I do not know whether or not the Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute have communicated with you directly as to the appropriation they are making from their Restricted Fund Account next year. I am, therefore writing to inform you of the following action adopted by the Institute at its meeting on April 8th:

"VOTED: That the Trustees guarantee to the institutions in China \$80,000 from the Restricted Account for 1935-36, and that the institutions be informed that this is done to help them over the peculiarly difficult circumstances when exchange has shifted greatly, and not for the purpose of expanding their programs."

As you know, Fukien's share of this appropriation is two nineteenthths of this \$80,000 or \$8,421.06.

Very cordially yours,

*B.A. Garfield*

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150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.  
May 18, 1935

Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Miss Eva M. Asher  
Mr. R. W. McClure  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear W.Y., Eva and Mac:

Your respective letters dated April 12, 13, and 16, reached me at the same time. The budget for 1935-36 arrived here the morning of our Trustees meeting, May 16th, and Mr. Evans made the whole thing ready for that meeting that afternoon. The colored picture of the Pierce Memorial Dormitory has also been received. The new leaflet on rural service also reached here in due time. For all of these I wish to thank all of you, especially Eva's letter giving many items of interesting news on the campus.

No. 1 Budget 1935-36.

The Board of Trustees approved the budget as sent by you and ~~unanimously~~ <sup>as amended</sup> particularly on the income side as made up by our office here. It will probably take some time for the minutes to come out so I will write here briefly for your information in advance of the official minutes.

With the adjustment of our assured items of income here we find that there is a deficit of about \$28,600 in Chinese currency. At the rate of exchange about \$2.50 the deficit amounts to about U.S.\$11,500. If the Associated Boards succeeds in getting the amount of money it has set as its goal for next year, our share will be U.S.\$12,500. Of course, there is the question whether or not the Associated Boards will be able to secure that amount. Nevertheless it signifies that our case is not so hopeless as it may seem at the present time.

Looking over carefully the budget you sent, I find that there is a considerable increase in the physical education item. I suppose this is probably due to the increase of salary for our military training office. There is also ten dollars a month increase for T.L.Lin, and the commission of Liu Chiang from the Sociology Department. You did not provide anything for botany, although Cheng, Ching-Tuan is put on our budget again. There is also rather a large amount, \$500, for the Chinese Educational Association which I do not understand. The item on Women's Dormitory expenses comes to \$1,119. I suppose you included the expenses in connection with the proposed partition of the top floor of the Women's Dormitory. The item of \$1,150 for Chinese Cultural Studies is also a much larger sum than last year's. I suppose you plan to do some particular research work which the committee on Chinese studies has decided upon. I finally observe the large increase in the contingent fund of \$4,000; while probably, unless you have something particular in your mind, \$1,000 will be sufficient. This budget does not include money that needs to be paid out in connection with the Martins furlough and travelling expenses. The furlough reserve item for the members of our staff is also omitted from this year's budget.

I do hope that we will get grants either from the China Foundation, or from Nanking, as we did this year. It is also my hope that Mr. Gunn may come around with some grant, either toward our science work, or for our rural service. As I wrote you that he had done ~~nothing~~ <sup>nothing</sup> for

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Yenching, and they have renewed their grant to Cheeloo Medical School, there is every reason to believe that Mr. Gunn will consider our request if he comes to our place and we present our problems to him convincingly. I have not yet heard how our relation with the Fukien <sup>dept</sup> Cultural Institute comes out. In general I believe that we do not need to worry about our next year's budget, although we must work very hard for additional resources.

## No. 2 Personnel

A. The enclosed list which I have submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval will give you the plan we are trying to carry out here. The Trustees have approved in their last meeting of all these items. We have to wait for a few more days to see how the support for Miss Thomas can be arranged. I am also strongly attempting to get the Tinneys out this fall for our botany work, counting on \$3,000 in the contingent fund for their salary if I cannot secure extra support for their salary before I leave here. There is yet no definite word from you so I have to plan on that basis. Unless I hear from you to the contrary I will try to carry this plan out.

B. The Dean of Women remains a problem. I notice in your Council resolution it definitely states to discontinue Miss Yu's contract, to which I heartily agree, as I wrote you last in connection with Teddy's memorandum. I am offering to the Philadelphia women of the Congregational Churches, to be responsible for the salary of Miss Thomas for the next academic year, in case they would transfer the amount of salary which they raised toward her support in her work in Tennessee, with an additional sum of about U.S.\$300 toward her travelling expenses. If that can be done I am thinking of asking Miss Thomas to come this fall and to temporarily act as the Dean of Women, while teaching the necessary courses in the English department. We will then have the salary left by the Dean of Women to be applied for Miss Thomas' expenses. For the future it will depend upon how far co-operation with Hwa Nan will come out, about which I will write personally.

C. The Martins case. I expressed my opinion about this case with all of you in the Council before I left for America. With that understanding I wrote a letter to Mr. Martin in the same group of letters which I sent through Miss Asher, expressing my personal wishes of their return to Fukien after their furlough. Mr. Scott's letter to me dated April 7th discusses specifically about this question, saying that you really do not know what to do about the case as yet, although I detect from between the lines that he is strongly in favor of releasing the Martins. I think we better let your decision stand. If we can get some additional support from the Church Missionary Society, or from the Australian Mission, we can then extend our invitation to the Martins later. The Martins have done wonderfully for our institution, and I keenly feel the loss of their services, should we not be able to get financial resources for their return to us.

D. Dr. S. C. Chen, left for Europe last evening, and his schedule will be what I wrote you last. He is due in Shanghai on August 6th, and will be prepared to come to our campus in the first part of September. He has given me the list of books which I may like to have. I hope it is not of any difficulty to arrange for the books later. We had to advance to him for his travelling expenses there altogether U.S.\$400. He is to pay back all that amount from his salary at the current rate of exchange at the time when the money was advanced, and his salary begins on July 1, 1935.



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Dr. Chen's name will not appear in the regular minutes of our Trustees for they do not want to upset their regular plan by approving Chinese faculty staff members. I put it down in my memorandum just as a report to them.

E. Mr. and Mrs. Brewster Bingham. Mr. Bingham will be ordained as a Congregational minister on May 28th at Salem, Conn. I have been especially invited to attend that ceremony, and I shall try to be there unless my appointment at Rochester around the same time has to be carried out. It is quite interesting that when our Trustees approved this request I find that on the same day in Boston, the American Board made that announcement to the Associated Press, in the "New York Times." I am enclosing this clipping. But we cannot count on their service until a year from now for they have planned to spend at least a year studying the Chinese language in North China.

F. Teachers in Chinese. I notice that you keep on Mr. Li for next year, although I remember in one of the Council minutes that they asked Chen, Chung-tung to take his place as a full time teacher. I hope that you will be able to get the proper personnel for our Chinese department, which really ought to include solid work on philosophy, and history, as well as literature.

### No. 3 Hwa Nan Cooperation.

Our Trustees approved the recommendation of the executive committee of the Board, namely; the Plan A. They also considered the suggestions from our faculty as sent me by W. Y. Chen, and they were in hearty sympathy with it, but they thought we should not put those formally on record. It might scare the Hwa Nan ladies, so instead, the Trustees have authorized the definite formation of a joint committee with the Hwa Nan Board of Trustees, to discuss the details of cooperation, as soon as Hwa Nan people in Foochow have made up their minds. We should also withhold our turning over either our women's student body, or the sum of U.S.\$20,000, until some real plans of cooperation have been agreed upon, besides the moving of Hwa Nan College to a separate campus next to us, ~~which seemed to be very strong opinion of the Hwa Nan ladies in Foochow.~~ In a recent letter from Miss Lucy Wang to Mr. B. A. Garside, she states definitely that Hwa Nan was not prepared to move until they have a campus of their own, which probably would be the case when she gets back to Foochow. That will mean that no effective cooperation will take place until a few years from now. It is the hope of some of our people here that Hwa Nan might find it difficult to carry on the work as she is, and it is certainly quite difficult to get additional money for the building of a new campus, and that they might consider our proposal in making use of what we have already there, and enter into hearty cooperation in our work for Christian higher education in Fukien.

While we are waiting for Hwa Nan we want to make all the offers we are ready to make. At the same time we want to build up our women's department as we have planned to do, taking in as many qualified students as possible for the next year. I brought this question before our Trustees and they approve of this policy, although not to be put on record.

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In this connection I would like to report on the proposed course in home economics by Mrs. Kellogg. We have discussed several times, and she will recommend to make her course the title of "Arts of Modern Living," which will deal with the problems of proper home making; interior decoration; dress designing; food nutrition and diet; care of children; handicraft arts; etiquette and social manners; etc.,. For the first year it is probably better to make it a two hours course, open to both men and women, but I hope Teddy will make this course attractive in the announcement so that we will have a good number of them taking advantage of it. I believe Mrs. Kellogg is very well prepared in taking up this course. She will have the cooperation of all the ladies to make their homes as a part of her laboratory. The doctors and nurses on our campus will also be <sup>trained</sup> ~~trained~~ for certain kinds of service. She is very enthusiastic about her work next fall.

No. 4 C. J. Lin's plan of trip.

I am sending you herewith the ports of call of our ship in case you have any message which you want to send me, and you can write to that port in care of the ship. We will stay on with the ship and stop only when the ship stops, so any mail so sent will reach us.

Would you also please get a permit for our radio which we bought for our own use, from the Chinese government, if that is still necessary. Enclosed herewith you will find the receipt from the shop from which we purchased our radio. The make is called "Fada." Send the permit to us at Hongkong, in care of our ship. Kindly see that it is registered so that we will be sure to get it.

We have not been able to get somebody to give us a motor car or to provide us with money for the same as yet. We realize that it is no time for us to spend the money for that purpose, and unless we can get a gift for the same, we probably will do without it and let Mrs. Kellogg go to the Pacific Coast the regular way. When we find it urgently in need of a car, particularly for Mr. Kellogg in connection with our rural extension service, we may buy a second-hand one in Foochow or from Shanghai.

From now on please address me in care of 150 Fifth Avenue, instead of our Hartford address. We probably will leave Hartford the end of May. I have already written to Eva some time ago about the sending of my magazines here to America.

No. 5 Other financial matters.

The Methodist Board will not give us any additional money now beyond sending back the Kelloggs. They say that they have put all that they have to make the Kelloggs return possible. The Methodist Board is really quite hard hit even at the present time. We are still having a little difficulty in negotiating with the Methodist Board of paying Virginia Kellogg's travelling expenses from Amherst to California.

The U.S.\$1,000 has been granted by our Trustees from the Pierce building fund toward the expenses for a partition of the top floor of our women's dormitory. I asked them to give us U.S.\$1,000 because we want to make the partitions as strong, and safe, and desirable as possible, and then we probably need some additional money for furniture for those rooms. The money will be sent

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you any time, or you can draw on it at any time.

Mr. Evans has invested our U.S. \$20,000 to good advantage, so I am not asking the Trustees to let us have a part of the money in China. I believe in case we need the money for additional land we can draw upon them by giving them due notice any time.

No. 6 Simpson College.

Simpson College has definitely raised an amount of money over \$100 to be sent to us before long. They have also sent some publications and pictures of their College. I am sending you, under separate cover, those College pictures, and a few lighter pamphlets and bulletins for your reference. I shall take the year books with me so as to save postage. The original letter from Simpson College explaining those pictures will be enclosed herewith for your reference.

When I visited the Oak Park Junior College, where Norvil Beeman is now teaching part time, the students were very interested in carrying on correspondence with some of our students. Enclosed herewith you will find a list of three names of ~~particular~~ who desire to have some of our students carry on correspondence with them.

No. 7 Publicity material.

The leaflet on "Rural Service at Fukien" is a fine piece of work, both in writing and in printing. I am glad you have sent it to those persons on our mailing list in Foochow. I should, of course, send you a revised list of those names because many of them have changed their addresses, either deceased or moved and I cannot locate them. Our office here in New York will send you the correct addresses later on and I shall send you the entire list when I leave here. We have now over 1300 names on our mailing list, so when you get your next bulletin out you better send me about 1,000 copies for our use here.

I have made a brief report of the work at Fukien of the present year to our Trustees, as well as a summary of my activities in America. I shall send a copy each for your reference, although I have not yet had time to put them into better shape.

Yours very sincerely,

*C. J. Lin*

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Fukien Christian University

May 22, 1935

Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Mr. A. W. McClure  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

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My dear Dr. Chen and Mr. McClure:

We are sending this letter by air mail with the hope that it will reach you a week earlier than were we to wait for next Monday's boat.

The meeting of the Board was well attended in spite of various absences from the city and illness on the part of some. Miss Wilson made a very acceptable substitute for Dr. Fairfield, whom we trust you enjoyed in his visit to Fukien. It was noted that he was at the University on the same day the Trustees met.

Cooperation Between Hwa Nan and Fukien. The various conferences covering this very important subject have been encouraging and productive of a better understanding. The basic terms on which cooperation is to be assumed as outlined in plan "A" are the very best which can be formulated at the present time. The utmost tact and Christian grace and patience is necessary to go forward in any kind of a cooperative movement, but we are confident that Fukien possesses an abundance of these assets to bring about a successful issue. To a very large degree, an eventual success of both institutions can depend upon this cooperation.

It is obvious that any extended development cannot be made by Hwa Nan, and the shrinking income of Fukien and its lack of support by the Rockefeller Foundation force us to conclude that Fukien is in a very unstable condition. We believe, however, to stress these material things would be fatal, it being the part of wisdom to allow such a condition to assert itself, rather than to emphasize it in the preliminary conferences regarding cooperation. In other words, soft pedal the stringent condition of both units.

It is obvious, however, that certain savings will be effected, which, in the long run, will stimulate the growth of the two units. Undoubtedly you will have a number of conferences with Miss Wang before President Lin arrives on the field, and it is to be hoped that every courtesy will be extended to her, as well as the visiting ladies from the Women's Board. It is to be hoped, therefore, that under the guidance of the Spirit you will be led in your deliberations to a place where the cooperative movement will be a most happy and welcome solution to the present untenable condition. May the good Lord add his blessings to these efforts.

You will note the various steps proposed in the event that cooperation becomes operative, all of them working toward a harmonious solution of the diffi-



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culties involved. Here in America, we are setting up as soon as possible a meeting of the Joint Committee, it being understood that the committee appointed will convene at an early date.

Cooperation With Associated Boards. Your Board is actively interested in the welfare of the Associated Boards, seeing in this situation the future salvation of all of our institutions. It has become obvious during the past year that the securing of any large sum of money without great effort and study is out of the question. In the hope that somewhere along the line there will be a break which will give further encouragement and hope, we go forward with confidence that great things are ahead of us.

U.S.\$1,000. for Women's Dormitory Alterations. You will note that the Board voted the use of \$1,000. to complete the third floor of the Women's Dormitory. It was felt that this would be necessary in spite of any cooperation with Hwa Nan, and that this work should not be delayed unduly. Will you not kindly let us know when this amount will be required, so that we can issue the proper authorization and make arrangements for the payment of the draft?

Field Staff. We believe no further comment will be required regarding the various motions covering each item.

Treasurer's Report. This report showed in detail the anticipated income to June 30th. Balancing anticipated income over expenditures for the year, showed a deficit of above \$7,000. Of course, this will be modified according to what the balance of the drafts will cost. In spite of this gloomy picture, the Trustees felt that there is hope that this can be secured from various sources.

Clearing Old Surpluses and Deficits. For the purpose of using all available funds to clear off the above deficit, the motion to clear old accounts was voted. This will give us a very small balance to apply on the impending shortage, but at the same time it clears out several accounts on the books.

Budget for 1935-36. The Board gave very careful study to this situation, noting that there would be approximately a L.C.\$30,000. shortage. It was regretted exceedingly that there are no funds in sight to meet this emergency, and that it is necessary for the field to adjust its budget in some way to meet the new condition. It is quite possible that from one source or another the field will be able to secure at least a portion of this shortage. It is hoped that the Aluminum Company will come back on a paying basis other than the \$2.50 rate which is now being used. That would help somewhat; but it is a long way from reaching the figure to which you have been accustomed.

The one encouraging feature is the additional assistance rendered by the Harvard-Yenching Institute. This increase was the result of very careful study on the part of Dr. Eric M. North and Dean Donham. Through their combined efforts, the Institute was influenced to appropriate an additional amount for the relief of our China Colleges.

Report of Committee on Promotion. During this week and part of next week we are holding small conferences of people interested in our China Colleges,

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with the hope of evolving some plan to bring larger results in our promotional work. We have learned through experience not to be too optimistic; but with each turn of the road, we become more convinced that our combined program is saleable to the American people, and that in the long run it will be put across. We hope that at least partial success will be realized at not too distant a date.

New Board Members. These names were suggested largely by President Lin, who has met all of them and heartily endorses the names. We trust some of them will accept the trusteeship.

Election of Officers and Appointment of Committees. Miss Welcher's addition to the Board is a very valuable asset for the future. She is a very able lady and deeply interested in China. She contributed very largely to the success of the Board meeting.

The expressions of appreciation and gratitude, both on the part of President Lin and Dr. Warner, were very fitting, and brought the meeting to a effective close. Surely President Lin and his family have won the hearts of all of those connected with our work, and he is returning to China with a deeper consciousness of the effectiveness of the whole organization. At the same time everyone who has known him feels that he is competent to handle any problem which faces Fukien, and that though large expansions are not possible in the near future, yet through any crisis he will be able to carry on and uphold the cause of Christian education in China.

Very cordially yours,

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

處事辦長校

FUKIEN

June 4, 1935

*Ack 7/2/35*

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I have your letter of April 27, and also the Bulletins you sent. We are always glad to have copies of the publicity material you are getting out, both for our faculty and our Board of Managers. We have found all of the material you have sent us during the year very interesting and most attractive. May the good work continue.

The spring meeting of our Board of Managers was held on May 18 while Dr. Fairfield and Mr. Cartwright were here. It was a great inspiration to us to have them with us. We shall soon have the minutes ready to send you. Only a few points call for comment:

1. Budget for 1935-36. Due to the decrease in gold income and the drop of exchange, our income in Mex. is considerably less than it has been for the last few years. The Managers turned the budget back to us with the request that we try to cut to the extent of bringing the expenditures within our income. We have gone over the budget again and cut it to the extent of \$10,500, which still leaves a deficit of about M\$23,000. We feel very keenly that further cuts will seriously impair the standard and efficiency of our work here, and we are sincerely hoping that by the end of the summer additional income will be in sight. There is a possibility of getting something from Nanking, but I do not know how much. We are hoping that they will at least grant us Mr. Kellogg's salary and Dr. Chen's. If so, that will amount to \$7,000 or \$8,000. Also we are hoping that there will be additional income coming in as a result of President Lin's work in America.

2. Continuation of Cultivation Work in America. The members of the Board of Managers felt very strongly that we should have a representative working for us in America all the time, and they ask that the Trustees try to find some one who can ably represent us. For this year, they had in mind that perhaps Prof. E. M. Stowe could help. Prof. Stowe and his family will soon be in America, having left Japan on May 24. The Methodist Board is planning to use him in Southern California for about six weeks. And then Prof. Stowe plans to finish the work for his Ph.D. degree, so that he will not be free for full time cultivation work.

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I think he has in mind to study either at Union or Yale, so he will be near New York. I would suggest that you write to him about this. His address in California is 369 Mission Avenue, Glendale. I think he would be very good at this kind of work.

3. Cooperation between Hwa Nan College and F.C.U.

The recommendations of the report of the joint committee of the Hwa Nan Board and the F.C.U. Board were read, and after some discussion, it was voted to postpone definite action until both President Lin and President Wang are here, and then the Executive Committee of the two Boards and the two presidents should meet and discuss the matter more in detail. We here do not know anything about what the groups in America who have come to a final decision have in mind as to a number of details, and we feel that it would not be fair to proceed in the absence of President Lin who has had the advantage of all of the discussion on both sides there in America. President Lucy Wang arrived in Foochow last week, but so far as I know Mrs. Peale has not yet come. Our faculty is very much pleased with the progress that has been made in the matter of cooperation. We are thoroughly in favor of it, and we realize that certain details are involved that will have to be worked out here on the field.

Our spring term will soon come to a close, commencement coming on Tuesday, June 25. The baccalaureate service will be held the preceding Sunday. We are trying to get Bishop Gowdy for that. He and Mrs. Gowdy came back to Foochow about a month ago after an absence of several months in Central and West China. So we have not seen very much of them this year.

Professor Kellogg is making good progress in getting his agricultural experiment program started. He is giving practically all of his time to that. The teaching he does is related to his experiment work. He is a great inspiration to his students, and I am sure his presence among us will help in many ways to strengthen our rural service program. We are looking forward to Mrs. Kellogg's arrival in the early fall. All of the members of our faculty have been very busy this year doing their regular work, as well as some research.

With best wishes to all of you there who are doing so much for F.C.U. We do greatly appreciate your efficient service, and shall be glad to cooperate with you in any way that we can at any time.

Very sincerely yours,

*L. H. Chen*  
Acting President

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

✓ Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Mr. R. W. McClure  
Miss Eva Asher

Dear W. Y., Mac, and Eva:

#1. Appointment of Miss Eunice T. Thomas.

I have made formal appointment with Miss Eunice T. Thomas for our English Department. She is planning to come next January. Between now and then she will prepare herself specifically for the service with us, at Columbia University, New York City, during the summer, and at the University of California next fall. The enclosed copy of my letter to her will show you the details of the terms upon which we have agreed.

For Miss Thomas' support I have secured last week from one of our new Trustees, a promise of a contribution of U.S. \$1,000 a year for a period of seven years. The Philadelphia women of the Congregational Churches were not able to raise the additional money, over and above what they have already been giving toward Miss Thomas' support in Foochow, also toward her work in Tennessee last year; the American Board having put all of these items on their regular apportionment, but we still hope that some time in the future we may yet secure a certain amount of money from that group of ladies, as they are really interested in Miss Thomas personally, and in her work at Fukien, after both she and I spoke there a couple of times.

In view of Miss Thomas' definite appointment, would you take this matter up with Teddy, as well as with Mr. Scott and Mr. Farley, about the arrangement of the courses in English for next spring. They can directly correspond with her about the matter, and the courses can be announced to the students.

#2. Mr. and Mrs. Martin's case.

I wrote you last about this case but I forgot to mention to you that we ought to speak to Bishop John Gwidy about it, as he is the official field representative of our Trustees. It seems to be highly desirable that he should be consulted with, and I am sure he will give definite consent to what our faculty is deciding. I have not officially reported the decision about the Martins to our members here, for we should be glad to receive some support from the C.M.S. in England, or still can ask for the return of the Martins.

#3. The closing of the Banks in Shanghai.

A couple of weeks ago we read about the closing of the three banks connected with Mr. Raven. As I look over our monthly report I find that we have over \$8,000 in realty investments, and about \$4,000 in the Raven Trust Company. Mr. Raven has the reputation of high integrity, and I am sure he will plan to discharge his obligations eventually. We hope that the Underwriters Savings Bank will not follow suit, for we have about \$12,000 there also. It never seems to me very safe to deposit our money with these

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banks who really have no connection with the banking system in America, or in China. If it is possible, I hope you may plan to transfer our deposit ~~with~~ with them to some other Chinese Bank, either the Bank of China, the Shanghai Commercial Savings Bank, or the Hongkong Shanghai Bank. Nobody here yet knows what will be the policy of the United States government with regard to silver. If the price of silver is further raised it may cause further trouble among our banks.

#4. Sending money from the Methodist Board.

In Eva's letter of May 8th, she mentions the possibility of having the Methodist Board sending all the gifts from the Methodist people to us through our New York Office. I shall take the matter up with the Methodist Treasurer, and I hope that they can do it, not only for the miscellaneous gifts, but also the regular board appropriations. I shall report the result of our negotiations to you later on.

#5. New Trustees.

You will probably have noticed the election of a few new Trustees. Under the new Charter from the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, each cooperating board can have four representatives serving four years each; then the Board at large has the right to elect eight additional members. It is based on this authority that the Trustees at their last annual meeting voted on these names. To date we have been able to speak to four persons and they have accepted our election. I have yet to hear from two more persons in the next week. When the last have consented to serve, we shall send you a complete list of the names of our Trustees with their addresses, so that you can send them our weekly bulletin and other literature which you may plan to send out to our Trustees in America directly.

#6. Our Travelling Plans.

I have just been informed that the S.S. SCHARNHORST, is not going to sail from Genoa to Hongkong on the date as we have booked our passage. We are, therefore, not sure how we are going to come back in case we cannot get satisfactory passage, to reach China in time for the beginning of the fall work. We may yet return to China across the Pacific Ocean. I will keep you informed about our plan as soon as we know it.

#7. The plan of Promotional Work during the remaining weeks.

We have only a few weeks left in America and we will find it very crowded. I have a number of speaking engagements to fulfill, and quite a few prospects to interview. It seems to be quite awkward of me that only recently I began to learn how to carry on the promotional activities, and then I find that the time is so short to do it. People have already begun to go away for the summer vacation, and within two or three weeks nothing very much can be done. What I cannot do I shall try to pass on to Mr. Stowe for his continuation.

#8. My travelling account.

I have already sent you some time ago my expenses between Foochow and Los Angeles. On a separate sheet I am submitting to you an account of my personal expenses between August 10, 1934, and June 9, 1935, a period of ten months. The total comes to U.S. \$521.10.

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June 12, 1935

Dr. W. Y. Chen, Mr. McClure and Miss Asher

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I kept a detailed account of our household expenses as well as other miscellaneous items for the first five or six months. The figure given under "b" and "c". I have given a fair average of these first few months and I believe they are quite fair, although the prices of things have raised very sharply during the last three or four months. The average raise is about 25% to 40% on food, but for the sake of clarity I am giving you the round number instead of preparing an itemized account.

My personal expenses from now on to next September including our passage and railroad fare through Europe, and expenses between Hongkong and Foochow, will be around U.S.\$495. I shall keep a detailed account, and then report it later on. I have just sent the above account for ten months so that you may incorporate this sum into our 1934-35 budget report; the other part may well go into the next year's account.

Best wishes to you all for a very pleasant vacation, but I am sure it will be a busy one as usual.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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EXPENSES OF C. J. LIN IN AMERICA.

August 10, 1934 - June 9, 1935

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(a) From Los Angeles to Hartford  
Railroad, pullman, meals,  
hotels, transfer of baggage,  
tips, etc. - - - - - \$81.10

(b) Share in house rent, food, etc.,  
10 months @ \$56.00 per month - - - 560.00

(c) Miscellaneous expenses, (laundry  
(pressing, haircuts, etc.)  
for 10 months @ \$3.00 per  
month - - - - - 30.00

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July 2, 1935

Dr. W. Y. Chen,  
Fukien Christian University,  
Foochow, China.

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Dear Dr. Chen,

Herewith we enclose a copy of the minutes of the meeting of our Fukien Executive Committee held on June 28th, also a copy of the cablegram we sent you that same day.

Your letter of June 4th arrived just the day after the meeting. We hope, however, that we succeeded in giving careful and sympathetic consideration to all the problems discussed in your letter. President Lin brought practically all these questions before us in a very able manner.

Additional Members at Large. We are all delighted to have these five unusually desirable additions to our Board of Trustees. Dr. Lin was the one who took the lead in this for us.

Financial Situation, 1934-35. Our Trustees are facing a very substantial deficit this year, due primarily to the fact that we were not able to get all of the special gifts which we knew a year ago we would have to provide to meet the appropriations we made. Dr. Lin has rendered us a splendid service, and the results of his work will continue during the years just ahead, but it was too much to expect that this first year would produce very much in immediate cash. The Trustees will try to carry this deficit along as best they can until additional funds can be secured.

Special Assistance for 1935-36 Budget. Despite these serious financial problems already confronting them, the Committee underwrote an additional US\$8,000 beyond assured resources for the 1935-36 budget. We are hoping that this may yet be found in additional contributions that we can all unitedly secure during the coming year. This should enable you to go ahead in the assurance that you will have practically all you require to go ahead on the minimum budget you have been considering.

Within a month or so after this reaches you, President and Mrs. Lin will be getting back to the campus, and can give you full details of these and all the other matters with which they have dealt here this year.

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Enc.

Cordially,

B. A. Casside

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

Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China.

Dear W. Y.:

Your letter of June 10th arrived here duly.

On account of the pressure of business here, I postponed my sailing until July 17th, on the S. S. EUROPA. This will cut our time in Europe much shorter than we had planned, but we must do our duty first here while we are in America. We shall take the CONTE ROSSO from Trieste, on August 10th, which arrived in Hongkong on September 1st. We shall proceed immediately to Foochow. We will get there in time for the change of the boat. I do hope that I will see you before you leave for Shanghai. I am enclosing herewith a schedule of the ports of call of our boat in case there is any urgent message, you can send it to our boat in either of the ports before the date indicated.

No. 1 - The Budget.

I received the budget. I also received your cable and letter about the budget, and sent you the following cable:

"ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION GRANTED AS FOLLOWS  
US\$8,000 BUDGET FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR."

I did that immediately after the Executive Committee meeting of our Board of Trustees, and without information which I later received from you in the form of the revised budget. We still figure the exchange rate at 2.50, and a deficit of \$20,000 Chinese currency, so I asked the Trustees to appropriate an additional U.S.\$8,000 to cover that amount, but I hope that the Pasadena M. E. Church will continue the contribution of U.S. \$1,000, so that we will make up whatever deficit will be yet ahead.

Undoubtedly our financial situation is quite critical, but we hope that we may be able to tie over for the next year or two, allowing time for the development of the promotional work of the Associated Boards, as well as those friends whom we have cultivated in connection with my year's work here. I am very pleased to know that you are in close touch with the Nanking officials. I do hope that you will get some money for our Chinese Department, as well as for our science work. I also hope that you will succeed in securing some financial help either from Mr. Lau, or from Commissioner Chen.

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No. 2 - Faculty personnel:

I am certainly pleased to know of your action with regard to Dean Yu, Mr. Martin and Mr. T. L. Lin. I saw Miss Thomas last night and told her that we would ask her to be Acting-Dean next spring when she comes. She is now preparing herself for the teaching of English with us at the summer school of Columbia University; three courses each day. She will leave New York on August 16th, to attend the fall semester at the University of California. She will be ready to leave for China after Christmas. She has a very fine spirit and we are glad that we have been able to secure the promise for her support for a period of seven years.

I have expected some sort of a trick which T. L. Lin might have put on as he did. I am sorry you have so much trouble with him. He is a good teacher to have but his spirit is certainly not the one which B. C. U. can be proud of. I only regret that you have to do the dirty job for me, but I hope you do not mind his unpleasant way of doing things. We certainly cannot allow any member of our staff to be pulling either on our Board of Managers, other faculty members, or the student body. The more he does that the more definitely he brings himself to be undesirable. I hope Teddy can get some substitute for his work. If not, it will probably not be very serious for the time being. I can chip in and teach a couple of courses both in Political Science and in History. Without knowing how you will be successful in securing a new man, I cannot do anything about getting a new person here for that department. Have you ever thought of inviting Lin Hsi Chien, formerly head of the Fukien College in Foochow to take T. L.'s place? He will be a very good man if we can get him.

No. 3 - Our agricultural program.

I have been quite anxious about the development of our agriculture and rural service. With Mr. Kellogg back with the money we supplied him, you should be able to make a good start, but I do hope you will get sufficient local and Fukien government support for our work. It is particularly important that we get some support from Mr. Gunn. His interest has been in North China and in some of the government institutions in East and Central China. I do hope that he will come to Foochow and see our work. There is a great interest among the American people here about our rural reconstruction work in China. We hope that our work will be so helpful that we can secure some substantial support from our friends here in the future. I also hope that you will have some preliminary contact with the Union High School people about our rural service.

No. 4 - The Chinese Department.

You have done a very fine piece of work in pushing forward the publications of those issues on "Fukien Culture" and "Fukien Arts and Letters." The special number on Li Cho-Wu is particularly appreciated by the head of the Chinese Department of Columbia University, Dr. L. Carrington Goodrich, and Dr. Himmel, Chief of the Oriental Division of the Library of Congress. I too, hope that you secure satisfactory and full reports for our Chinese, besides Mr. Chu. I am not close enough to know about Mr. Chen Yung Tao whom you mention.

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Dr. W. Y. Chen

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No. 5 - Brecher and Tinneys.

I hope you will be able to get Brecher to accept the Nanking offer. I have not been able to get anybody to promise support of the Tinneys salary, so I am not asking them to come next fall, but in case you succeed in getting somebody in Foochow to underwrite the Tinneys salary, around \$200 Chinese currency a month, we can invite them almost at any time.

No. 6 - Mrs. C. R. Kellogg.

Mrs. Kellogg is sailing on the EXPRESS OF ASIA, from Vancouver, on August 22nd. She is due to arrive in Shanghai on September 11th. She is bringing a second-hand Ford car, 1934-V-8, with her. I am trying to secure some money to pay the freight. I hope you will try to approach the Nanking government to get us duty free on the second-hand car. I suggested to Teddy Chen, and I have just written her to consider teaching one or two courses in English before Miss Thomas comes to us next January.

No. 7 - T. H. Wang.

I received a letter from T. H. asking about our sabbatical arrangements for him. I am enclosing my reply to him for your reference. I hope you will talk with him personally about this matter.

No. 8 - Hwa Nan cooperation.

The problem as I see it here now is the idea of Miss Lucy Wang in building up a new campus near us rather than trying to cooperate with what resources we already have in strengthening our existing work. This will probably will prove to be a very serious problem. Nevertheless we shall look forward to what we can do. In the meanwhile I hope you have come into touch with Mrs. Peel and have showed her around our campus, and told her what we have. They really need to see a larger vision of our higher educational service at Fuli-chun as a whole. Anything you can present to them as a great opportunity for both Hwa Nan and ourselves in closer cooperation, will be of great service to the Hwa Nan Trustees in America.

No. 9 - Board of Trustees.

Enclosed herewith I am sending you a list of our Trustees. As you will notice there are two or three changes in our old members as elected to represent the various cooperating Boards, in addition to those which the Board has elected at large. There are six new members. They are men and women who are personally interested in our work and are not particularly tied up with other missionary connections in China. We hope that with these additional members our Board of Trustees is so much strengthened.

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No. 10 - The Stowes.

I am in touch with Everett M. Stowe. He is busily working in California and is coming to the East around August 1st. I have prepared things for him to follow-up when he comes here. Our Board of Trustees has already taken definite action in asking him to help in our promotional work next year, and in providing the necessary funds in that connection.

I hope you have had a fine commencement. It has been a great strain on your time and energy the last year. I heartily appreciate what you have done. I know you have enjoyed the work also. I am glad that you are going to go on a lecture tour in the interest of the Youth and Religious Movement. I am sure you will be of great service to our young people in the whole of China, and a great publicity for F. C. U. I shall try to do what I can when you are away.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

*C. J. Lin*

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July 16, 1935

Dr. W. Y. Chen  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear W. Y.:

I just received a letter from the Rockefeller Foundation here, dated July 15th, saying that they are not able to make appointment of Mr. Yun-min Chin for a fellowship to study library science in this country. I hope that it will be possible for them to give further consideration for Mr. Chin next year.

Yours very sincerely,

CJL:HV

Copy of letter from Dr. W. Y. Chen telling about his work  
in connection with the Youth and Religion Movement

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Hankow, October 20, 1935.

"I arrived in Shanghai just in time for the Deputation Retreat, and we met from morning until evening for one week. We left Shanghai on September 25 and arrived at Tientsin September 27. We made calls from 9 to 2 p.m. and conducted a round table conference at 4, and then went to the reception at 7. Besides two mass meetings I was asked to speak in the schools and club meetings, and I spoke at least five times a day. Several influential laymen were quite worried for they thought that we preached the social gospel only, and that we would not touch on the problem of sin and personal salvation. Later they were very much pleased with the message we gave and a great number of them were won over. Our executive secretary got more than six hundred dollars from these men for the National "Y", and the books written by C. T. Chao, Miss Tseng and others were sold out readily.

"We received more than 500 questions by the use of question blanks. We have learned a great deal from these questions. In Tientsin I received 63 personal letters asking for advice on personal problems. For several mornings, even as early as 7'clock, the students came and asked for personal interviews. My afternoon talks were broadcasted. A number of Japanese students came to the meeting. In spite of my fearless attack on the Japanese policy in China several of them signed the cards and pledged themselves to join the Youth and Religion Movement. Of course their sincerity is questionable.

"The party left for Taiyuanfu on October 10, and got there the next day. Governor Yen sent his representative and the police commissioner to meet us. The officials in Shansi were very courteous and they gave us all kinds of help and cooperation. There is no mission school in Taiyuan, and the youth are practically the students of the government schools. The teachers and the principals of these schools gave their full support, and they availed themselves of the opportunity of coming to the meetings regularly. The church was packed. The missionaries and the preachers worked together whole-heartedly for the campaign, which we did not see in Peiping or Tientsin. Both in Tientsin and Peiping we found that the government schools are more interested and cooperative than the mission schools. Wang Gang Ho's daughter, Miss Anna Wang, is the general secretary of the Taiyuan Y.M.C.A., and she was very glad when she saw me at the station. An English Salvation Army officer led the congregation in singing, and he is wonderful. He helped to make the campaign in Taiyuan a great success. So far we have had three campaigns in the three student centers of North China. I should put Taiyuan first, Tientsin second, and Peiping the last so far as the net result is concerned. The evening we left Taiyuan, a number of Foochow people (about 20, working in the Salt Gabell and the Post Office) gave me a dinner, and we had a great time. We have one day of rest in Hankow before we go down to Changsha."

(Signed) W. Y. Chen

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