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32 Granger Place, Buffalo, New York, July 22, 1934.

Dear Ching-Jun:

I have been much pleased to read that you were about to come to America, and by writing to the New York office of the colleges I have been told that I may address you in care of Miss Bosworth in Pasadena. You have done and have seen many things in these interesting years since you left America and it is a fine step for you to be here now to talk over hopes and problems, and especially to present to America the situation as it now is in China.

Your presence in California in the immediate future is of particular concern to me, because I have recently accepted a new position there and will arrive there just about a month from today. Although I was very happy at Colgate during my three years there, I felt that I could not refuse an invitation to become head of the department of history and politics at the University of Redlands, which is about 60 miles from Pasadena. Chief among my reasons for accepting was that this seemed better for my family in several respects, and of course it is nearer to and more in touch with China. I am at present teaching in the summer session of the State Teachers College at Buffalo, where I taught for the year 1930-31. One of my courses, as has been the case everywhere I have been, is The Far East; I shall have that too at Redlands. When this summer session closes, three weeks hence, I shall start west with my wife, our two and a half year old son, and our daughter, born May 12, 1934, about whom you now learn for the first time. We have rented a house at 108 West Fern Avenue, Redlands, and will establish ourselves there on or soon after August 22nd.

I understand that you will still be in Southern California at that time, and one of my first desires and efforts will be to see you. Please write me what your general program in that region will be after that date of our arrival. If you are there after the University of Redlands opens, or if you return later in the year, I want to arrange to have some of my people, as they then will be, have the real privilege of meeting and hearing you. Doubtless you will run into some of them before I come. And if you are having in the Los Angeles region in late August or in September any group meeting to discuss the China colleges, as I understand you are doing throughout the country, I hope I may be invited and be able to attend, And when we are in our home and you have any lessure, in these next weeks or later, we want you to be our guest. Mildred is a fine girl, and I want to grant her desire to meet and know you. Now that we are to be on the West coast we hope soon to go to China again, perhaps at least a quick trip in the summer of 1935 or 1936, and I hope a semester or so plus a summer a few years later, perhaps on that exchange professor's cheme of which we have so long dreamed. We shall talk all this over when we meet. Write me a word at the above Buffalo address. I have had a lot of joy just inwriting this letter, and in the anticipations.

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108 West Fern Arenne, Redlands, California. Argust 26,1934. Dear Ching Jun: your two letters, one of them forwarded from Buffals, reached me here on the same day. You have arrived in this country a little later than Dexpected, but Dam glad of that because this keeps you in this section longer than otherwise, We reached here only last Wednesday, and now are justly well settled. Thope we can meet during the next few days. Thanh you for your schoolule of dates. I see that most of them are very near Los Angeles, so I suppose you go boch to blendale on most of the nights, and way be found there on most of the days until near evening. We have an automobile, which arrived by freight just yesterday, and I boan come to Glendale to see you, or if it be a day on which you have no evening appointment I should like to fring you book with me to Kedlands so we comed have you as one great at our home that night and I to some point repute trigeles and I could bring you book fefre you next appointment. Thatis, on this week I could come in to see you at Glendale, arriving son about 11 A. M. alstaying to about the middle of the oftenoon, on Thursday or Fines,

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September 26, 1934

Prof. Earl O. Cranston 108 W. Fern Avenue Redlands, California

Dear Earl:

I appreciate very much your trouble to drive me to Pomona, and to arrange for the brief visit with your family at Redlands. I meant to write you earlier, but we did not have time because we were in a great hurry to get away. We left Pasadena on September 18th, after we had settled the negotiations for a gift to our University. The sum agreed on is \$20,000.00 with the possibility of getting \$50,000.00 for the Union Hospital in Foochow. We have, however, not received the payment of the money.

It was a great joy to me to have seen you again and to have two brief visits with you. I only wish we could have more.

I note your suggestions with regard to my work while in America, and I hope they will bring substantial results. I have yet to find out where Professor Thompson is. I shall do so as I get in touch with the Methodist Board people. I shall try to see the Drew people, probably even before I move to Hartford on September 29th. If you have further suggestions, kindly write me to my New York office, as it is printed on the letterhead.

I am also enclosing herewith a snapshop which I took of your family. I think it came out quite well. I showed it to Havighurst and he liked it very much. He was glad that we had a meeting together and that we were talking about him. I spent an evening with his family. It was quite cold in Kansas City but we had a good time.

I also showed our motion picture to the school children at Linwood. Havy does not know yet just what he is going to do. The Methodist Conference will meet next week. It is very likely that he may stay on with the Linwood Church. I made a hurried call on the pastor of the Linwood Church, and made a rather abrupt request that Havy be sent back to Chima.

Prof. Barl O. Cransten We stopped one day in Chicago and went to the World's Fair, in a rather hurried way. I had tes with Vice-President Woodward of Chicago University, and had dinner with one of our former staff members who is now teaching in the Junior College near Chicago. I also saw some of our former students. We had a very pleasant time at Oberlin where we stayed for two days. The people there gave us a warm reception. I spoke to the Oberlin College people at the Tuesday Assembly, and had a brief visit with President Wilkins at a luncheon at his house. We arrived in New York this morning. All members of the family stood the trip quite well, but we shall look forward to getting settled before very long. With kindest wishes to yourself, and remember me very kindly to your wife and Jackie. Yours sincerely, C. J. Kin CJL: HV

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Fukien Christian University

August 8, 1932

President W. C. Dennis Earlham College Richmond, Indiana

My dear President Dennis:

Word has been received through Dr. Kelly's office of the Association of American Colleges wherein it is indicated that it might be desirable for our office to write you relative to the proposed library at Fukien Christian University, Fosehow, China.

The need is so great that we gladly comply with this uuggestion and are giving you a few facts relative to the history as well as the work of the institution.

When the old Chinese education system was abandoned in 1905, Christian leaders all ever China felt not only the need, but a genuine demand for Chinese celleges to educate leaders for the Christian enterprise as well as the social well-being and development of the Chinese people. It was felt that the only chance for China entering the family of nations in playing her part in world progress, would come through the education of its young men and women to take over the responsibilities of government and lead the Chinese people in forming a dependable and efficient nation. At that time six missions were working in the province of Fukien, China, and as an outgrowth of their work there appeared what seemed to be a call for the establishment of a Christian College. As a result, the Reverend John Goucher, D. D. Chairman of the Commission on Education of the 1910 Edinburgh Missionary Conference, and the late Bishop James Bashford of the Methodist Episcopal Church sent representatives to Foochow in 1915 to take the initial steps toward establishing a Christian College.

This was accomplished through the consolidation of the upper two classes of the Anglo-Chinese College and Foochow College, and in February, 1916, Fukien Christian University began class work. It began with 81 students. In 1918, the University of the State of New York granted a provisional charter and degrees are conferred under the authority of the Board of Regents. At the same time, the China Medical Board with the Rockefeller Foundation, made generous appropriation for the teaching of Natural Sciences and this support has continued throughout the years, an extension of the grant being made through the coming three years; it being the purpose to assist in preparing students for entrance to the Peking Union Medical College.

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In 1922, the institution was moved from its first small buildings in Foochow to the present site of 50 acres situated on the north bank of the Min River cutside of the city of Foochow.

The equipment now consists of the Gardner Memorial Arts Hall, E. C. Jones Science Building, three dormitories, dining room, fifteen residences, warehouse, shop, together with electric and water plants. The school started with a registration of 81 and last year surpassed its capacity by caring for 174 students, turning away a large number of applicants for freshman class and more than twenty applicants for upper class work.

From the very beginning it was recognized that adequate library facilities were absolutely necessary. As is usually the case, however, and quite naturally, the collection of books and periodicals outran the facilities set aside for housing. Aside from a very valuable collection of books and periodicals, the library has acquired publications of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, D. C., the Carnegie Endowment of International Peace, and various publications of the United States government. There is no library building upon the campus and due to the constant growth, it is necessary to provide adequate housing facilities. Because of lack of space, full use of publications has not been made possible in the past. In other words, Fukien is faced with the absolute necessity of providing a library building.

The service the University is rendering the province of Fukien is of a character to demand the interest of any organization interested in international development. While the University is a relatively small institution, it has a tremendous influence in moulding Chinese life and character. We other institution in China has instilled such a spirit of devotion; and throughout educational circles in China the "Fukien spirit" has come to be an expression which distinguishes the institution from all others. Foreigners and nationalists on the staff have shared in this spirit and have worked together under a Chinese president in harmony and close cooperation to such an extent and with such devotion that the picture is really inspiring.

As Foothow is a port city, it is on the highway of the world and is rapidly developing. The constant developing of the port will bring a larger usefulness for the University, and commanding a physical location that is unique, the school will always be a landmark for the development of the higher ideals.

The advanced education is conducted largely in English and the library is about 75% English. Many students of the University continue their studies in the United States, and as we come in contact with them here in the New York office, we are tremendously impressed with the fine piece of work the institution is doing.

With the students of Pukien so thoroughly appreciative of all that is being done for them and with the knowledge of the splendid extension work that is being done phroughout Fukien province by the students both graduates and undergraduates, I can conceive of no finer monument of international good will than a Carnegie library on the campus of Fukien Christian University. As I have seen Carnegie libraries in various localities in America, there has frequently some the thought as to the tremendous power for international good will such an institution would engender when located at strategic points in foreign countries; and more particularly in this institution that is striving to upbuild the youth in the thought of international peace and good will. If any institution on foreign soil can fill these requirements, Fukien can fully qualify.

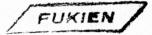
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Very truly yours,

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



September 29, 1932

Mr. C. A. Evans
Associate Secretary-Treasurer
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Evans:

I am exceedingly sorry that I have delayed so long in answering your letter of August 8, but I have been overwhelmed with work incident to the opening of the college year. I had already written to Dr. Kelly telling him that I would be glad to do anything I could to open the way for Fukien University to present its case to the Endowment, and later on I had an opportunity to speak of the matter to Mr. George A. Finch, Assistant Director of the Endowment. Mr. Finch was very doubtful whether the Endowment could do anything for Fukien at the present on account of political conditions in China. However, I believe it would be worth your while to lay the matter formally before them, and I suggest that you write to Dr. James Brown Scott, Secretary of the Endowment, at once as the meeting of their Executive Committee takes place sometime in October; the exact date I do not know.

I myself am writing Dr. Scott in your behalf by this mail, telling him that while I have no personal knowledge of Fukien University, I do know Dr. Kelly and have known him all my life and know that any project which has his thorough and enthusiastic endorsement as this project has is worthy of his consideration.

I sincerely hope that you may secure the assistance needed for Fukien University's library, but, as I say, I am inclined to doubt whether the Executive Committee of the Endowment will think they ought to do anything at this time.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours

WCDennis:SC

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Office of the President

November 8, 1932

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Mr. C. A. Evans
Associate Secretary-Treasurer
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Evans:

Referring to the matter of the Fukien Christian University, I enclose herewith a copy of the paragraph of a letter from Mr. Haskell in response to my letter to Dr. Scott in that regard.

With the kindest regards, I am

WCDennis:SC-c

Extract from a letter from Henry S. Haskell, Assistant to the Director of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, to President Dennis, dated October 21, 1932.

"With regard to the letter of August 8 written
you by Mr. C. A. Evans, the Associate Secretary-Treasurer
of the China Union Universities suggesting an appropriation
for the establishment of a Carnegie Library on the Campus
of Fukien Christian University at Foochow, China, I beg to
say that the Carnegie Endowment is not in position to
provide funds for library buildings."

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Fukien Christian University

November 10, 1982.

President W. C. Dennis, Farlham College, Richmond, Indiana

My dear Dr. Dennis:

I am grateful for your note of November 8th transmitting the extract from Mr. Henry S. Haskell's letter stating that the Carnegie Endowment has found it impossible to meet the request of the appropriation for a library building at Fukien Christian University.

This did not come as a surprise, because Mr. Haskell wrote our office a few days ago giving this same information.

We are sincerely grateful to you for the kindly interest you took in bringing this matter to the attention of the Endowment. I am sure that everything possible was done to secure favorable consideration of this request to meet the urgent need now confronting Fukien. We will continue to be on the lookout for support from some other source, and would be grateful if you could offer any suggestions, or could assist us in some other direction.

Very sincerely yours,

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SOLDIERS FIELD BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

November 22, 1934

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

My dear President Lin:

You will perhaps recall our conversation the other evening about the original Yen Fu edition of Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations." This note is just a memorandum of the fact that I should appreciate it very much if you could procure a copy for me sometime.

It was a great pleasure to have you present at the Harvard-Yenching dinner.

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December 20, 1934 Dean W. B. Donham Harvard University Soldiers Field Boston, Mass. Dear Dean Donham: Your letter of Movember 22nd was forwarded to me while I was travelling in the middle-west. I have sent home for a copy of the original Yen Fu edition of Adam Smith's "Wealth of Matiens." I do not think there will be any difficulty in securing the same, as I have asked them to send it to you direct. It probably will take about a couple of months to come. It was a great pleasure to have seen you at the Harvard-Yenching Institute Trustees meeting. I appreciate the epportunity of meeting it the Trustees at the dinner that evening. I have been invited to come to Boston again on Jamuary 13th and 14th. I have been informed that you are going to preside ever one of the meetings at which I am scheduled to speak. I shall look forward with great pleasure to seeing you again. Yours very cordially, CJL:HV

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Soldiers Field
Boston, Massachusetts

December 28, 1934

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

Dear President Lin:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 20. I greatly appreciate your effort to get me the copy of the "Wealth of Nations."

I was looking forward to seeing you again at the conference in January but now I am a little doubtful whether I shall be there. The pressure of work at the School has been very severe for the past two months and the doctor insists that I need a brief rest before going on with my schedule which is somewhat strenuous. It may work out, therefore, that I shall be away at the time of the meeting. If so, I shall hope for another opportunity of seeing you.

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Dean Low

April 24, 1985 Dean Wallace B. Donham Hervard University Graduate School of Business Administration Soldiers Field Boston, Mass. Dear Dean Donham: A recent letter from Foschow informs me that they have sent you direct, the first Chinese edition of Adam Smith's "Wealth of Mations," as translated by Yen Pu, and published in 1902 by Nanyang College. It is in eight volumes. I hope they reach you in due time. The scholar, Yen Fu, was an uncle of my wife's, so we take special interest in his work. There are later editions of his translated work. Should you desire some of them, we shall be glad to furnish them for you when we are in China again next summer. With kindest regards, Yours very sincerely, C. J. Lin CELAV 0265

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GEORGE F. BAKER FOUNDATION

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Soldiers Field
Boston, Massachusetts

May 13, 1935

Dr. C. J. Lin Fukien Christian University 150 Fifth Avenue New York City

Dear Dr. Lin:

The first Chinese edition of Adam Smith's
"Wealth of Nations" reached me safely and I am very grateful
to you. I have had the great pleasure of adding the edition
to a very large collection which has already been made. It
will interest you to know that the collection will eventually
become the property of our Baker Library.

I am writing to the man who is making the collection to ask about the other Chinese editions which you so kindly offer to locate for us.

With kindest regards and the deepest appreciation of your helpfulness, I am

Cordially yours,

GEORGE MATTHEW DUTCHER.

TRANS

Carnegie Visiting Professor to Fukien, 1930.

Born Pleasant Valley, N.Y. September 16, 1874. Son of Merritt Thomas and Mary Albertson (Stoutenburg) Dutcher.

A.B., Cornell University, 1897; Ph. D. 1903; President White fellow in history, in Europe, 1900-1.

Married Adrienne Van Winkle of Stratford, Conn., June

Assistant in English history, Cornell, 1898-1900; associate professor 1901-05, Professor 1905 - and Vice-President, 1918-21, Wesleyan University. Professor of History summer sessions, Cornell, 1912, Columbia, 1913, 24, University of Pennsylvania, 1917, University of California, 1918,21 Lecture in history, Harvard, 1923-24; visiting professor of history, Yale, 1926-27. Trustee Connecticut State Hospital since 1922. Made tour of world, 1921-22, lecturing before universities and colleges. Member American History Association (chmm. com. on Bibliography since 1915), American Political Science Association, N.E. History Teachers' Association, (Pres. 1918-19). Connecticut History Society, Middlesex County Historical Society, (V.P. since 1916). Societé d' Histoire Moderne, Phi Beta Kappa.

Club: Craduate (New Haven).

Author: Political Awakening of the East, 1925. Contributor to New International Encyclopaedia, American Historical Review, and Other Reviews.

Home: 77 Home Avenue, Middletown, Conn.

LECTURE SUBJECTS.

- 1. Bases of International Order: (1) Economic; (2) Political; tical; (3) Moral; (4) Cultural. Four lectures.
- 2. The World Outlook Since the World War: (1) Economic; (2) Social and Cultural; (3) International. Three lectures.
- 3. American Leaders: (Franklin, (2) Washington, (5) Jefferson, (4) Lincoln, (5) Roosevelt, (6) Wilson. Six lectures.
- How the American People Laid the Foundations of Their Government: the United States from 1781 to 1789. Five lectures.

Tentative Schedule of Dr. Dutcher's Visit.

Da. Dutcher(arrives Tuesday, P.M., March 4 (leaves Thursday, March 13

Morning lectures at F. C. U. are all at 10:30 A.M. Afternoon lectures at F. C. U. are all at 4:00 P.M.

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A special launch schedule to and from the University from Bruner Mond's Jetty has been arranged for Thursday and Friday, March 6th and 7th, for the accommodation of those wishing to attend Dr. Dutcher's lectures on those days.

Boat leaves Brunner Hond's Jetty at 9:00 A.M.

and the University at 5:00 P.M.

The student dining room will be ready to provide tiffin for visitors who remain for the afternoon lectures.

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May 6, 1921

Rev. Lewis Hodous 9 Summer Street Hartford, Conn.

My dear Hodous:

May I ask you this question to secure your preliminary opinion before writing out to President Jones in FooChow?

Vice president George Matthew Dutcher of Wesleyan University in Middle-town, Connecticut, gets a sabbatical year next year. Carnegie Foundation are going to pay his travel expenses around the world, provided he lectures six months in various foreign institutions. Professor Dutcher is professor of modern history in Wesleyan University I believe, and in conversation with him I learned that he was preparing some lectures on the present trends in modern history with chief emphasis on the moral and ethical issues at stake in the world to-day. For instance, he might point out the trends in national and international affairs, and attempt to sift the dangers from the helpful elements, and to weigh ideals over against national selfishness.

Professor Dutcher is a strong thinker, a fine Christian character, popular with the students, and a leading factor in Wesleyan University. He is a man of fine appearance and of commanding presence, and would delight to meet students in personal conference, and to turn his lectures into seminars which might draw out student questions, and strengthen their grasp on modern events.

Now I know that Professor Dutcher would not expect payment for his services, but that he would be willing to make dates for these lectures for two or three weeks in a university on the understanding that he could be entertained during that period. He is anxious of course to keep the expenses of his trip at a minimum. He also wants to be in touch with the universities of each country. I understand that his journey begins in Japan and would then pass from North to South China, thence to India, and possibly to the Near East. If you could express your personal opinion to me as to whether to carry this correspondence further with your institution, I would greatly appreciate it.

Professor Dutcher will apparently go to FooChow third or fourth, bringing it to late November or early December.

Heartily yours,

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Vice-President George Mathew Dutcher, Middletown, Comm.

My dear Dr. Dutcher:

Sometime ago, I received a letter from Mr. Brewer Eddy, Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M., telling of your prospective visit to China. This letter was presented to the Board of Trustees of the Fukien Christian University at its meeting May 25, 1921. The Board of Trustees were very glad to hear of your visit and in view of that visit passed the following vote:

"VOTED, That Vice-President George Matthew Dutcher, of Wesleyan University be invited to visit Fukien Christian University and to make a report to the Board on his return of his observations".

I am also writing to President E. C. Jones, communicating this vote to him. I am sure that you will receive a very hearty welcome in Foochow and that your work there will be very highly appreciated.

to China, just command me. I shall be very glad to do whatever I can for you.

Hoping that you will have a pleasant time in China, I am

Sincerely yours,

LH/B.

[FUKIEN]

February 23, 1922.

Professor George M. Dutcher, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

My dear Professor Dutcher:

Let me thank you most heartily for your good letter. Also let me thank you for the service that you have rendered to the Fukien Christian University. I am sure that your presence there has been a great help. We appreciate very much the suggestions that you have made. I am having the same copied and sent to each one of the members of the Board of Trustees. I shall also send a copy to you and one to President E. C. Jones.

Hoping that you will have a pleasant journey home, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

LH/B.

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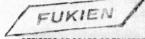
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FOOCHOW, CHINA

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February 23, 1922.



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To the Board of Trustees of the Fukien Christian University: Dear Sir:

Your will remember that we asked Professor Dutcher of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., to geve us a report on the Fukien Christian University, after his visiting and lecturing there. He has kindly done so and I am sending you a copy of the same.

Yours sincerely,

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S.S. Hugkor, En route Hong Kong Colombo. 7 January, 1922.

Dear Professor Hodous:

I take pleasure in responding to the request contained in your letter of the 9th of August with reference to Fukien Christian University.

Mrs. Dutcher and I received a hearty welcome from President Jones, his faculty and students during our visit to Foochow early in December.

I was invited to speak at Chapel and to give a series of five lectures before the student body. I found the students keen and intelligent listeners, and this impression was confirmed by discussion with the members of the senior class whom President Jones invited to dine with us.

The decision to move from the antiquated and over-crowded quarters in the city to temporary buildings on the new site was a wise one and the action has been taken none too soon. The new site will probably rank among the best ten college locations in the world. It is magnificent in its sightliness both as an object of view and as a lookout point. The site is admirably suited to its purpose and the location is in the highest degree strategic. It is the senior institution - it is now the only one - of its grade in the vast and populous province of Fukien, in one of the great dialectical areas of China.

I want to commend in the highest terms the progress made by President Jones and his faculty in the brief period of the history of the University and to bespeak for them in the future most generous support in carrying forward the excellent and far-seeing plans for development.

If I were asked for recommendations, my suggestions would be as follows:

1. Buy as quickly as possible all land conceivably desirable for the campus.

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2. Erect permanent buildings as rapidly as possible. Costs are bound to increase very greatly, and delay will be expensive. Make all buildings of adequate size and plan to

remain in use for a century, and erect all permanent buildings in thoroughly substantial and fire-proof construction.

- 3. Make prompt and generous provision for the athletic and social life of the students. This is highly necessary in the present isolated nature of the situation.
- 4. Every precaution of a sanitary sort should be taken and suitable provision for infirmary and medical attendance should be made from the outset. Most advanced methods should be followed in oversight of the health of the students. Such action. which is becoming increasingly the practice in America, is vastly more necessary in China.
- 5. Maintain the standards of instruction and of scholarship of the students second to none in China.
- 6. Build up the faculty as rapidly as possible both with Chinese and Americans.
- 7. Place basic emphasis upon the straight college course.
- 8. Add other lines of work as the need is clearly shown, and with careful consideration of provision for such work in the other institutions governmental or Christian, so as to avoid unnecessary duplication.
- 9. It was wise to decide to abandon an inadequate medical course, but suitable provision for high grade medical instruction can not fail to be of indispensable value for Fukien in the near future, and such provision should be made by Fukien Christian University.
- 10. Provision for normal training of Christian teachers should be made. The demand for competent Christian teachers will soon far exceed the possible supply. In this provision of Christian doctors and teachers is one of the greatest opportunities of the present to exert far-reaching influence in the future.
- ll. A trained, experienced business man should be sent out as treasurer and business manager to relieve President Jones so that he may give first attention to scholastic matters. Such a man will more than save his salary.
- 12. There should be suitable offices of administration and a suitable President's residence. These will make a good impression which willppay for the cost. It is a serious mistake to allow President Jones' self-sacrificing spirit to delay such provision. It is due him but it is even more due the University to present a good front.

This letter is written without consultation with President Jones or his faculty except in general conversation. I do not know how the various suggestions I have made would appeal to them, or if they approved them what order of preference they would indicate.

Finally, the University is to be Christian but the proper emphasis on this side can only be attained when there is an adequate faculty, so that each teacher has reasonable time to give to Christian work in addition to being a competent scholar, and successful teacher.

Address me % Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., and the letter will be forwarded. I shall be glad to correspond with you further or to discuss matters in person, when I return to America, which I anticipate will be about September 1st.

I cannot close without making reference to the excellent work being done in Foochow by the Anglo-Chinese College under Dr. Gowdy and the Union Middle School under Mr. Newell. The work of these and similar institutions is prerequisite to the success of the University.

I am sorry to have to send this report in my own scrawl instead of typewritten form. If you trouble to copy this, I trust you will send a copy to President Jones and one to me for future reference should any correspondence arise from it.

Yours very cordially,

George M. Dutcher.



February 9, 1923.

Professor George M. Dutcher. Wesleyan University. Middletown. Conn.

My dear Mr. Dutcher:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your check for \$25.00 as a contribution for the Building Fund of Fukien Christian University. We thank you very much for this amount, and are puttint it into the fund at once.

President Jones writes very enthusiastically of the work of the university, and I am sure things are going very well. The plan at present is for him to come home this summer to take part in a financial campaign for the purpose of making possible the meeting of the university's obligations and a further development of tis work.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary, Fukien Christian University

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY MIDDLETOWN, CONN. DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT September 18, 1934. President C. J. Lin c/o B. A. Garside 150 Fifth Avenue New York City. Dear President Lin: During my absence in the summer vacation your letter of June 11 arrived. It is a delight to know that you and your family are having a year in the United States. We shall hope to have the pleasure of seeing you some time during your stay. I trust that you will let me know about your plant of their development. about your plans as they develop so that I may learn when you are likely to be in our vicinity. I also want to thank you for the copies of Foochow News which have come in recent months, and especially for the calendar which you so kindly sent me at the beginning of the year. The pictures which show the improvements and advances at Foochow and at the University since our visit four years ago interest me especially. The last college year was a very busy and satisfactory one. Our summer vacation has been rather quiet. We have not travelled far afield but we have enjoyed a good rest in the mountain atmosphere in New Hampshire. Now we are back ready for the opening of college. Classes begin on Thursday. With heartiest best wishes for your fullest enjoyment of your visit in the United States and with pleasant anticipations of seeing you. Very cordially yours, George M. Dutchen GMD: MS