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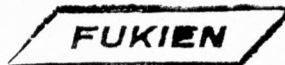
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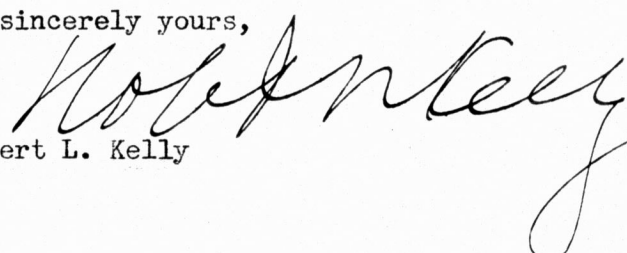
My dear Mr. Garside:

I have your letter of October 3, addressed to my son-in-law Roderick Scott, regarding President Lin's cablegram asking that an appeal be instituted among American students for the support for peace regarding Sino Japanese crisis.

The office of the Association of American Colleges is not in direct touch with American college students, although that of the Council of Church Boards of Education does function in this field in many colleges and universities. In connection with the work of our University Student Secretary, and also in connection with that of the National Student Federation of America I am attempting to discover whether there is anything we can do.

I am enclosing also a letterhead of the Council of Church Boards of Education since it appears from your letter to Roderick Scott that you are not familiar with the work of this office.

Very sincerely yours,


Robert L. Kelly

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111 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

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Mr. B. O. Garside,
Chine Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Mr. Garside:

With further reference to your letter of October 3, urging that Professor Scott and I approach American students to support peace in the China-Japan crisis, I wish to report that during my absence from the office the following letter dated October 19 was received from Mr. E.R. Murrow, President of the National Student Federation of the United States, 218 Madison Avenue, New York:

"Dear Dr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter of October 13 regarding the appeal to American students in connection with the Sino Japanese crisis. I will be glad to carry this matter before the attention of America college students through the medium of our news release."

No doubt, therefore, this notice has already been broadcast as described above to the branches of the N.S.F. throughout the country.

With best regards, I am

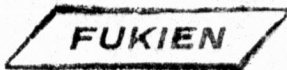
Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Kelly

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Fukien Christian University

November 10, 1951.

Dr. Robert L. Kelly,
Council of Church Boards of Education,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Kelly:

We are grateful for your letter of November 5th, reporting further on the action taken in giving publicity from Fukien University students in connection with the Sino-Japanese crisis.

We have received through the courtesy of the National Student Federation a copy of their weekly news release containing a paragraph in regard to this message.

Very cordially yours,

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CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE

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October 26, 1932

Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary,
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

Dear Mr. Garside:

President Butler asks me to acknowledge on his behalf your letter of October 24 and to say that at the meeting of the Carnegie Endowment's Executive Committee held in New York October 20 letter from President William C. Dennis of Earlham College and other documents relating to the request for a Carnegie library building at Fukien Christian University were presented by him. In view of the fact that the Carnegie Endowment has no funds available to provide library buildings, the Executive Committee was unable to take favorable action on this request.

The Carnegie Endowment is a working and not a money-granting organization, and its entire income is required for its own program of work in various parts of the world.

Trusting that the much needed library building may be provided for from other sources, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Henry S. Haskell

Assistant to the Director.

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Home address

205 Crescent Ave.

Seconia, New Jersey.

Dear President Hin:

We are much disturbed about Agnes's health as reported in her last two letters. The trouble seems to be persistent and difficult to diagnose. We are wondering if she ought to come home. She has evidently overworked as she is prone to do unless she is held back. She never realizes when she has done enough.

It seems to us she has done enough for the University to deserve her passage home if her health requires

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it. If it is not possible for
the Board to do reward
her for her services we
would help with that
expense.

At present we are taking
refuge from the heat here
in Maine in the home
of Elizabeth Perkins who
as you doubtless know
used to be Principal of
the Wenshan school.

We shall look forward
to seeing you & Mrs. Lin
when you come on to
New York. It is known
when you are to be there.

May I hear in the mean-
time in reference to the question
I have raised about Agnes.
Cordially yours (Elizabeth Kelly
Mrs. Robert L.)

September 6, 1934

Mrs. Robert L. Kelly
205 Crescent Ave.
Leonia, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Kelly:

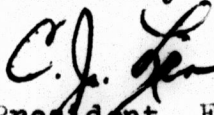
It was very good of you to write me. We did not arrive in Los Angeles until August 10. We are planning to leave here on September 15 and arrive in New York on September 25. We shall look forward to calling on you and Dr. Kelly and I will report in greater detail about the health conditions of Mrs. Agnes Scott.

When we left Foochow we saw Mrs. Scott, in fact she came to see us off on our journey. She has not been well because she works too hard. The Doctor thought it chiefly due to her indigestion and that may in turn be due to some sort of nervousness. My wife visited her several times before we left and she knows also a little bit of her case. We believe that there is no condition so serious as to warrant of sending her back to America. You can be sure that we will do everything possible to guard her health.

I received quite a few letters from Foochow lately. Several of them mentioned that Mr. and Mrs. Scott are now on Kuliang but did not mention anything about Mrs. Scott's sickness. I think this rest during the summer will do her good. I shall talk of the matter further with you when we meet. In the meantime I hope you will not worry too much about her.

Looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you and Dr. Kelly again.

Yours very sincerely,


President, Fukien
Christian University

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Fukien Christian University
150 Fifth Avenue, New York

April 20, 1935

Dr. Robert L. Kelly
Association of American Colleges
111 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Dear Doctor Kelly,

As promised in the course of our conversation in your office some time ago, I am submitting to you the following statement about our collection of rare books at Fukien Christian University, Foochow, China, and our plan for the new library building. Under separate cover I am sending you several photographic facsimiles from some of those books, and a colored sketch of the proposed building. There is a brief account in English on the back of each of the photographs.

The collection was donated by the Honorable Chen Pao-Chen, the Grand Tutor to Emperor Hsuan Tung (Henry Pu-Yi), (1908-1912) of the last Manchu Dynasty. In September of 1933, the large part of the collection was moved to the campus of Fukien Christian University. Owing to the lack of space in the University, a small portion of the collection still remains in the donor's residence in Peiping and Tientsin, and in his ancestral home in Foochow. The part that is now in the University numbers 21,814 volumes, consisting of a little over 80,000 books. It is divided into 2,513 sections, and are closely placed in 27 old artistic Chinese stack-cases, which also came from the donor. Several other thousand volumes are in 90 specially made boxes with their proper titles carved on the outside.

As you will see from the sample facsimiles, a great number of the books are extremely valuable; several are straight hand-copied sets, some are copies directly printed from the Tang Dynasty (618-907 A.D.) editions, and some are from rare Sung (960-1279 A.D.) and Ming (1368-1644) cuts and prints. We have also a few fine works produced in the early part of the Ch'ing Dynasty (17th Century) that cannot now be duplicated anywhere in China, for they were prohibited works in the Manchu Regime, and all of them were supposed to have been burned. In practically every book one can find seals of famous scholars who once owned it, and there are not a few which bear the hand-writings of some of our illustrious scholars and emperors. The entire collection is in the best of condition; all the books are well bound, and broken pages and missing parts of older editions have been properly restored.

The present general library of Fukien Christian University is housed in the second floor of the Arts Hall. There are about 21,000 titles in Chinese and 12,000 in foreign languages, together with over 200 bound Chinese, and 1,100 English standard periodicals and journals. These volumes have already filled up the available space in the Arts Hall. The Chen collection of 80,000 books is in the large attic room of our Science Hall. The room is not fire-proof, and is, therefore, not made accessible to the general student body or the public.

We are urgently in need of a new library building which will not only accommodate our general library, and the entire Chen collection, but also our existing art museum and the private museum of the Honorable Chen Pao-Chen. The Grand Tutor has promised to loan to the University for an indefinite period of time,

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when we have a proper place to house the same, his invaluable collections of porcelains, bronzes, jades, as well as paintings and other articles of art from the ancient times, through the Shang (1766-1150 B.C.) and Chow (1150-221 B.C.) Dynasties, to the modern times. We have in our library his two-volume catalogue giving the entries and illustrations of that collection.

We have been working on our new library building plan for some time. The colored sketch which I am sending you under separate cover, will give you some idea of what the building may look like. It will house about 350,000 volumes, with large reading and exhibition rooms, and seminar accommodations. There will be ground in back of the building that could be used for additional wings, should the library need enlargement in the future. We have already selected the location for our new library building which will have a central place on our campus.

The University now owns all the land that will be necessary for the purpose. It is our plan to have the first two stories built of granite quarried from our own hills, as we have done in our other large buildings. The upper structure will be of bricks burned at Fukien. All of the floors will be reinforced concrete, and the book stacks will be of steel. The approximate cost for the building will be about U.S. \$80,000.00. There should be enough current income to insure its minimum annual maintenance, and we hope to secure an additional U.S. \$50,000.00 as an endowment fund. We are, therefore, in need of U.S. \$130,000.00 for our library work.

We appreciate your interest in our work at Fukien Christian University. We hope that you will cooperate in our effort to make the rare Chinese library available for the use of the scholars, and for the general public.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin (Signed)

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ROBERT L. KELLY, Executive Secretary

April 22, 1935

Rev. W. I. Chamberlain
Board of Foreign Missions
25 East 22nd Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Chamberlain,

During the past year or more I have had some correspondence and one conference with President C. J. Lin of Fukien Christian University with reference to possible means of securing appropriations for the erection of a library building on the University campus with special reference to the collection of books which was donated by the Honorable Chen Pao-Chen, the Grand Tutor to Emperor Hsuan Tung.

It has seemed to me that in view of the value of this remarkable collection, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace might be interested, it being possible that President Nicholas Murray Butler and others might see in the preservation of these books and in the assistance from this country in securing their preservation an important means of maintaining international relationships. President Lin has asked me to present the matter to President Butler and it seems to me that it would be more effective if the presentation was made by representatives of the three American Boards of Foreign Missions which are particularly interested in the maintenance of Fukien Christian University. Perhaps the Church of England would be glad to join in the same presentation. I think the whole situation will have to have very careful study before any step is taken.

I would like very much to have your tentative ideas at least regarding a possible approach to President Butler with the thought that if it seems desirable it might be that the presentation could be made not only by your Boards but by the Association of American Colleges and possibly other educational associations in this country. I should be very glad indeed if an opportunity could be made for a group of us to talk the situation over in advance of the development of any general plan of procedure.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which President Lin wrote to me under date of April 20.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Robert L. Kelly
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Dr. Robert L. Kelly,
Association of American Colleges,
111 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Kelly:

It was very pleasant to receive your letter of April 22nd and to be reminded by it of our happy associations in the past. Our paths have not crossed frequently in more recent years.

It is good of you to take such an interest in the matter of a library building for the extraordinary collection of books which has come into the possession of the Fukien Christian University, with which you have such close association through Professor and Mrs. Roderick Scott.

For a good many months I have been away from the office in New York and out of touch with conditions in Fukien Christian University; indeed, for the whole period of President Lin's presence in this country. The important suggestion which you make in your letter I hardly feel competent to comment upon for this reason. I am therefore forwarding it to Mr. B. A. Garside, the Secretary of the F.C.U. Board of Trustees, who is in a position to consult the representatives of the various American Boards cooperating in the work of the University.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Wm. I. Chamberlain

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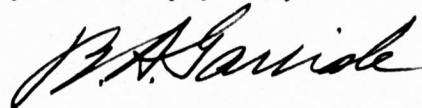
My dear Mr. Kelly:

Dr. Chamberlain has forwarded to me a copy of your letter of April 22nd and of the reply he sent you on April 24th.

We certainly appreciate your continued interest in this urgent problem of securing a library building for the remarkable collection of books received by Fukien Christian University. I know of very few matters anywhere in our educational program which have quite so strong an appeal as this.

As regards the possibility of securing assistance from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, I am afraid that the prospects are not very bright. As you will remember, this matter was presented to the Carnegie Endowment in 1932 through the kindly assistance of President William C. Dennis and yourself. I am attaching a copy of the letter we received from the Endowment explaining the reasons why they were not able at that time to take any favorable action. If there has been any change in the policy of the Foundation as set forth in Mr. Haskell's letter, or if some different approach might prove more productive, we would, of course, be very eager to cooperate with you in every way possible to see that the matter is layed before them again. If it would be helpful to do so, I would be glad to get together some of the officers of our Fukien Board of Trustees, and any others who may be suggested for preliminary discussions of what might be undertaken.

Very sincerely yours,



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Home Department

April 29, 1935

Mr. Robert L. Kelly
111 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Kelly:

Your letter of the 22nd to Dr. Eddy about the collection for Fukien Christian University, has come in his absence on a speaking trip.

I do not know whether you have also written our Foreign Department in the matter, but am passing the letter and enclosure to Dr. Clark in that department, for such attention as he feels the Board can give to the matter.

I am sorry not to be able to send you Dr. Eddy's personal opinion, for he is in the midst of a very strenuous speaking schedule and is at the office seldom.

Sincerely yours,

Mary S. Hales

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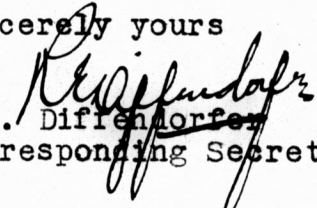
My dear Dr. Kelly,

Your interesting and valuable letter of April 22, with reference to your correspondence with President Lin regarding the special collection of books at Fukien University has just been brought to my attention. I am home today after an absence and leave tomorrow to be gone all of next week. I shall be back in the city on Monday, May 13. On the 14th and 15th, we have the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards for the Christian Colleges in China. At that time representatives of Fukien will be here and I think we can plan to have a conference with you.

I will get in touch with you on Monday, the 13th.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours


R.E. Diefendorf
Corresponding Secretary

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May 6, 1935

Mr. Robert L. Kelly
Association of American Colleges
111 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Dr. Eddy has referred to me your letter of April 22 regarding President Lin's desire for help in securing funds with which to erect a library on the Fukien Christian University campus. I have talked this question over with other members of our Foreign Department and it seems to us that the logical procedure would be for President Lin, representing the Board of Trustees, to make the appeal himself. As you probably know, the Board of Trustees and not the various Boards holds the property. The Boards merely cooperate in furnishing missionaries and some funds but have no supervision over the university such as the Board of Trustees have.

We should be very glad to write a letter for President Lin or a member of the Board of Trustees to present in making an appeal if that should be desired. If, however, you and the members of the other two Boards feel that the appeal should be made as from the Boards, I am sure the American Board would be very glad to unite in such an appeal. If you should desire to have a conference with members of the various groups, kindly let me know and we will try to have a representative present at such a meeting.

Yours most sincerely,

Eleanor Wilson

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May 14, 1935

President C. J. Lin
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear President Lin:

I have given considerable time and thought to your suggestion of April 20 with reference to a new approach to President Butler on the subject of an appropriation for the housing of your collection of rare Chinese books at Fukien Christian University.

You were advised, of course, that when I made my first approach to President Butler he replied that the Carnegie Foundation for Peace was not able to make such commitments as the one requested. Mr. Garside in his letter to me of April 26 reminded me of this fact. In the meantime, however, I had consulted with certain other persons, particularly a very distinguished man who receives funds from time to time from Dr. Butler's Foundation and his opinion did not coincide with the suggestion which Dr. Butler had made to me. I have also looked into the documentary sources of the Foundation and I am not at all sure but that such provision might be made if those in authority cared to make it. Of course, this is a question of interpretation and naturally Dr. Butler is in position to say the last word. No one can dispute what he finally says.


You will observe that it appears to be the judgment of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions that an approach of this sort should be made by the Board of Trustees of the College, and I should think that it would be well for this Board, together with the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China, to initiate any plans, if any are to be developed, along this line.

The letters I have from the representatives of the three American boards which make appropriations to Fukien Christian University have all been sympathetic toward the enterprise but there seems to be no concensus of opinion as to just how to take hold of the case particularly in view of Dr. Butler's previous explanation of reasons why the Endowment is debarred from taking action in the case.

I feel sure that Mr. Garside will take the initiative in any plans which may be in process of development.

Trusting that you will let us know when you are in New York so that we may see more of you, and with best regards,

Sincerely yours,


Robert L. Kelly

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Dr. Robert L. Kelly
Association of American Colleges
111 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Kelly:

As promised in the course of our conversation in your office some time ago, I am submitting to you the following statement about our collection of rare Chinese books at Fukien Christian University, Foochow, China, and our plan for the new library building. Under separate cover I am sending you several photographic facsimiles from some of these books, ~~and a colored sketch of the proposed building.~~ There is a brief account in English on the back of each of the photographs.

The collection was donated by the Honorable Chen Pao-Chen (陳寶琛), the Grand Tutor to Emperor Hsuan Tung (Henry Pu-Yi), (1908-1912) of the last Manchu Dynasty. In September of 1933, the large part of the collection was moved to the campus of Fukien Christian University. Owing to the lack of space in the University, a small portion of the collection still remains in the donor's residences in Peiping and Tientsin, and in his ancestral home in Foochow. The part that is now in the University numbers 21,814 volumes, consisting of a little over 80,000 books. It is divided into 2,513 sections, and are closely placed in 27 old artistic Chinese stock-cases, which also came from the donor. Several other thousand volumes are in 90 specially made boxes with their proper titles carved on the outside.

As you will see from the sample facsimiles, a great number of the books are extremely valuable; several are straight hand-copied sets, some are copies directly printed from the Tang Dynasty (618 - 907 A.D.) editions, and some are from rare Sung (960 - 1279 A.D.) and Ming (1368 - 1644) cuts and prints. We have also a few fine

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works, produced in the early part of the Ch'ing Dynasty (17th Century), that cannot now be duplicated anywhere in China, for they were prohibited works in the Manchu Regime, and all of them were supposed to have been burned. In practically every book one can find seals of famous scholars who once owned it, and there are not a few which bear the hand-writings of some of our illustrious scholars and emperors. The entire collection is in the best of condition; all the books are well bound, and broken pages and missing parts of older editions have been properly restored.

The present general library of Fukien Christian University is housed in the second floor of the Arts Hall. There are about 21,000 titles in Chinese and 12,000 in foreign languages, together with over 200 bound Chinese, and 1,100 English standard periodicals and journals. These volumes have already filled up the available space in the Arts Hall. The Chen collection of 80,000 books is in the large attic room of our Science Hall. The room is not fire-proof, and is, therefore, not made accessible to the general student body or the public.

We are urgently in need of a new library building which will not only accommodate our general library, and the entire Chen collection, but also our existing art museum and the private museum of the Honorable Chen Pao Chen. The Grand Tutor has promised to loan to the University for an indefinite period of time, when we have a proper place to house the same, his invaluable collections of porcelains, bronzes, jades, as well as paintings and other articles of art from the ancient times, through the Shang (1766 - 1160 B.C.) and Chow (1150 - 221 B.C.) Dynasties, to the modern times. We have in our library his two-volume catalogue giving the entries and illustrations of that collection.

We have been working on our new library building plan for some time. ~~(The colored sketch which I am sending you under separate cover, will give you some idea of what the building may look like. It will house about 350,000 volumes, with large reading and exhibition rooms, and seminar accommodations. There will be ground in back of the building that could be used for additional wings. should the library need enlargement in the future. We have already selected the location for our new library building which will have a central place on our campus.~~

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 The University now owns all the land that will be necessary for the purpose. It is our plan to have the first two stories built of granite quarried from our own hills, as we have done in our other large buildings. The upper structure will be of bricks burned at Fukien. All of the floors will be reinforced concrete, and the book stacks will be of steel. The approximate cost for the building will be about U.S. \$1,000,000.00. There should be enough current income to insure its minimum annual maintenance, and we hope to secure an additional U.S. \$50,000.00 as an endowment fund. We are, therefore, in need of U.S. \$150,000.00 for our library work.

We appreciate your interest in our work at Fukien Christian University. We hope that you will cooperate in our effort to make the rare Chinese library available for the use of the scholars, and for the general public.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Liu

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Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Kelly
19 West 44th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor and Mrs. Kelly:

I succeeded in finding a picture of our whole campus that shows the residence which Mr. and Mrs. Scott live in. I am also taking this opportunity of sending you a few snapshots of our family. Mrs. Lin only wished that she had the opportunity of meeting both of you, but as we are sailing on July 17th, she will not have that privilege until you come to see us in China. These snapshots were taken about ten days ago at Hartford, Connecticut.

We hope you are enjoying your vacation. We shall report to the Scotts what we have seen and heard from you. It has been a great pleasure to have seen you again. We are going back to take up the routine administrative work again. Although we shall find tremendous financial problems, we shall work with joy for the cause which we deeply believe in.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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Alliance, Ohio,
July 7, 1920.

Dr. A.L. Warnshuis,
25 E. 22nd St.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Since Dr. Jones is willing to take me without a complete preparation and let me get my training as I go I am glad to say that I will accept his offer.

If it is at all possible I ought to have three weeks at home yet in order to get my training in shorthand and typewriting well started. I have a man engaged to teach me and I will put my full time on it.

If you will suggest what route I ought to take across country and arrange for steamer transportation I would appreciate it because it is getting pretty late for me to do any experimenting along that line. If it would meet with your approval I would like to stop in California for two or three days. I have friends at Covina and Long Beach whom I would like to see. But probably that will have to be determined by what route I take and when the steamer leaves. If possible, include such a stop-over in your arrangements for me. Dr. Jones wrote that you would provide for my expenses for the trip. Is that in addition to the salary or to be deducted?

What provisions shall I make in the line of clothing? And how about money, should it be carried along or left in a bank at home to be drawn from in case it is needed?

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One more question: Do you know what kind of a typewriter will be used in Dr. Jones' office?

Very sincerely yours,

Clara W. Knoll

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December 12, 1936.

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Samuel Thorne, Treasurer
Fukien Christian University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of December 10, 1936, listing the contribution for Fukien Christian University. Before deciding whether to make a contribution, I would like to know whether Professor Roderick Scott is still on the faculty of the University. Professor Scott, who taught me at Earlham College, was one of the most interesting and inspiring teachers that I have ever had, and, if he is still on the faculty at Fukien, I am sure that the University is doing good work. If he is no longer on the faculty, I would wish to write him and find out his reasons for disassociating himself from the University, before I would wish to consider making a gift, even of the modest amount that I could afford.

Yours truly,

Bernhard Knollenberg

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December 17, 1936

Mr. Bernhard Knollenberg
Lord, Day & Lord
25 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Knollenberg:

We are interested to learn from your letter of December 12th that you are a former student of Professor Roderick Scott. You will be glad to know that Professor Scott not only is still a member of the faculty of Fukien Christian University, but is one of the most influential members of the western staff there. He is Professor and Head of the Department of Philosophy, and is perhaps the most trusted advisor of President C. J. Lin.

The little booklet we sent you on December 10th, "Three Wise Men - And a Star" will be of special interest to you for several reasons. The story of Francis Chen as told in this little booklet is taken largely from an article by Professor Scott which appeared in the Foochow News about a year ago. You will be interested in seeing the original article so I am enclosing a copy herewith. (Will you please return this in the enclosed envelope when you have finished with it?)

The story of one of the other men - Theodore Chen - will also be of special interest to you because he has long been a special protégé of Dr. Scott. For a number of years Dr. Scott was the Dean of the University, but several years ago succeeded in persuading Theodore Chen to accept this administrative position. Dr. Scott took this action both because of his desire to give greater attention to his own favorite field of philosophy and also in accordance with the tendency which now prevails to get all of our Christian Colleges in China to bring well qualified Chinese educators into administrative positions as rapidly as possible. Theodore Chen looks always to Dr. Scott as his counselor and friend.

We will be writing to Professor Scott within the next few weeks, and will tell him of your inquiry and of your interest in his work. Needless to say, your support of the University will be particularly gratifying to Dr. Scott, as well as helpful to the work to which his life has been devoted.

Very sincerely yours,

B. Garside

Secretary

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