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January 6, 1934
(Dictated December 28)

Dr. Lewis Hodous
29 Summer Street
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Hodous:

Under separate cover we have sent you a copy of our calendar as our Christmas greeting. We hope that it will remind you of the work which you helped to build up. Although Foochow is at the present time in considerable trouble on account of the political and military movements, we have been carrying on our college work regularly. We hope that conditions will be settled before very long. Our faculty has shown its finest spirit, and our students in general have been doing well.

Before long you will receive a copy of the minutes of the last annual meeting of our Board of Managers. The Managers have asked me to spend next year in America for some promotional work. We have been writing to our New York office for advice from our Trustees as to the advisability of the trip. In the meanwhile, I have been trying to make some tentative plans. I would like very much to spend part of the time in America for some study, and I wonder if you know of any institution which would grant some kind of fellowship to persons of my type. As you will remember I have been back from America and working for F.C.U. for seven years. The administrative work, while quite enjoyable in a way, keeps one from deeper study on specific subjects. I would like very much to have the opportunity to polish my own scholarship a little, if there is any chance at all of so doing. Therefore, any connections you can make for me with the approval of the Trustees will be greatly appreciated. Is there a possibility of a fellowship at the Hartford Theological Seminary? We are quite a distance from the scene, and we would like to leave the detailed arrangement to you in case there is an opportunity there.

I would like to bring my family along, my wife and two small children. Mrs. Lin will, of course, pay her own traveling expenses. She served as a Resident Physician at P.U.M.C. after graduating from Johns Hopkins, and she has some intention of making a little further study on Public Health, so I would like to bring her along for a trip if satisfactory arrangements can be made for my whole year's stay in the United States.

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Under separate cover, I am sending you a reprint of an article by one of our Lecturers here. The subject may be of interest to you.

With warmest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

b. J. Lin.

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January 6, 1934

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President C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Mr. Lin:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 9, which has lain far too long unanswered.

Special Contributions. The \$5,000.00 given by Mr. E. H. Smith through the American Board is already being sent direct to China, as you will have learned before this. Likewise the \$600.00 special grant from the Methodist Board is being transmitted to you direct through regular mission channels.

It is good news indeed that the China Foundation has made such a valuable grant toward the building up of our science equipment.

Request for Absolute Charter. No new action in this matter has been taken recently, as we are waiting for information from the field before bringing the matter officially before our Board of Trustees. Since several of our other China Colleges are also applying for absolute charters from the New York Regents, it would be very advantageous for us to move forward together.

Your Contemplated Trip to America. We have all been very much delighted to learn from Mr. McClure that you are contemplating a trip to America this Fall, and that you may be bringing Mrs. Lin and the children with you. For a number of months our Associated Boards has been going forward with a promotional plan, with clear recognition of the fact that our most effective work will have to be built around the personalities of the presidents or other leading administrative officers of the colleges themselves. Before we had any inkling that you might be coming to America, I heard many expressions of the wish that we might have you here to help with this work. As soon, therefore, as the Promotional Committee and the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards heard that you might be coming, they immediately voted to extend to you, through our Fukien trustees, an earnest invitation to devote a substantial amount of time to publicity and promotional work under the Associated Boards. This matter has not yet been acted on officially by our Fukien Trustees, though we are trying to secure a meeting of the Executive Committee within the next week or so. I am sure, however, that they will warmly approve this recommendation.

I believe that some time spent in this way under the auspices of the Associated Boards would not only be of tremendous value to the whole cause of Christian higher education in China, but would be of very distinct advantage to Fukien Christian University itself. While there might not be any immediate ad-

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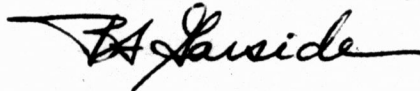
vantage to Fukien in this work, the University would profit very materially by the good will which your work would engender, and we would be able to extend its acquaintanceship throughout the United States much more widely in this way than would be possible if you were going under the auspices of our Fukien Trustees alone.

Mrs. Lin's presence in America would also be very valuable indeed. If the care of the children permitted her to take any part in promotional work of this kind, she could make a very fine contribution. Our Associated Boards, in its tentative planning for meetings next Fall, expressed the hope that we could secure you and President Francis Wei, and also some outstanding Chinese woman educational leader who would be able to interest our women supporters in a way that no mere man possibly could.

I will write to you at great length on these matters as soon as our Fukien Executive Committee has had an opportunity to take action, but we hope that you and Mrs. Lin will be thinking very seriously of these interesting possibilities. In any event you can be very sure of an extremely warm welcome here in America, and can rely on us for all the cooperation we can possibly give.

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Very cordially yours,



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January 10, 1934

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President C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear President Lin:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 7th to which you attach copies of letters to Dr. Chamberlain and Mr. Cartwright.

As I wrote you last week, we are hoping to have a meeting of our Fukien Executive Committee within the next week or so and at that time will discuss plans for making your visit to America as pleasant and productive as possible.

We have received the 1934 calendars, and one of them is hanging on the wall before me as I write. They are quite attractive, and we will be able to use them to good advantage.

We have been very much concerned during the last five or six weeks over the news dispatches telling of military disturbances in and around Foochow. We hope that the work of the University has not been very seriously interrupted, and that the troubles will be amicably settled in the near future.

Very cordially yours,

B. G. M. P.

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January 17, 1934 - #3

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Under date of January 4 we sent you 20 copies of the minutes of the annual meeting of our Board of Managers. We are sorry that this has been so much delayed. I have already made some comments on certain of the items covered in the minutes. You have also received a copy of our Dean's report in typewritten form, and 50 copies of the brief report of our science work for the past year. On account of financial difficulties we are still considering whether or not we shall print the whole thing in pamphlet form as we have done during the past few years. The Treasurer's report has been duly audited, and I believe you have already received a number of copies of it.

The Chens' library has been put in fairly good shape for use. We are glad that we have finally secured this donation. We only hope that some time in the near future we may have a proper place to house our whole library, which may at the same time be fire proof and convenient for students and faculty to use. We are looking forward to receiving some more books from the Chen family, from their residences in Tientsin and Peiping.

✓ Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the revised budget for 1933-34 as adopted by the Board of Managers. We feel very keenly our financial condition, not only for the present year but for the next few years to come. We are very glad that our Trustees are taking definite steps towards promotional work in America. We do not expect immediate financial results, but we hope that preparations are being made so that when conditions improve we shall be able to secure the necessary funds for our work here. *See Mr. Garside's "Data" trial*

We have already written you and the Trustees about my coming to America during next year, 1934-35. I, of course, shall not do anything definite until I have heard from the Trustees. In the meanwhile, I have been writing to some of our friends in America inquiring about the possibility of securing a fellowship. If your office there can arrange some sort of fellowship by which I can do some studying besides doing whatever work the Trustees may assign me to do, it will be very desirable. This plan is considered wise on account of our financial difficulties. I desire very much to relieve the university budget of the expenses of my trip as much as possible.

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As to the land purchase and house building, we are gradually following our plan which was formulated sometime ago. We have not, however, started the building of the staff quarters, which are sorely needed before summer comes, on account of the steady decrease in the gold exchange rate and the possibility of a big deficit arising from that before the end of this year. We hope conditions will be stabilized before long, so that we can see our future more clearly.

The Board of Managers has organized the Fukien Union Council for Rural Service with three representatives from the Board of Managers of the Foochow Union High School. Dr. Francis Chen arrived on the campus on January 2. We have a special faculty committee working on the detailed plan of this phase of our work for the spring term. It has been worked out that we can put together a group of existing courses in such a way as to center on the rural service work, together with one or two special courses on rural cooperatives and service to be given by Dr. Chen. A special sub-committee is also making a survey of the surrounding country with a view to selecting a proper district for our rural experimentation work.

I hope the above covers all of the points arising from the minutes.

Yours very sincerely,

b. J. Lin

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January 17, 1934 - #✓
(Dictated January 16)

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

This is to report to you that we closed our fall semester's work on January 11. A large part of our student body was called home on account of the pending military operations arising from the recent (political) independent movement in Foochow. We postponed the final examinations until February 22. All of our faculty members and their families remained on the campus. There has been no trouble of any kind around here.

During the last week the 19th Route Army, which has been supplying the real force of the independent government, has been retreating to the southern part of the province. The Chinese Navy is in the harbor waiting to take over the city and maintain peace and order as soon as the army has entirely withdrawn. It is not expected that any conflict will occur in Foochow City. In the meanwhile, I have delayed my trip to Shanghai for a number of days, watching the development of the situation. We hope that in one or two days the matter will be settled so far as Foochow is concerned.

I am trying to get up to Shanghai to attend the meeting of the Council of Higher Education, beginning January 19, and after that the Harvard-Yenching Institute Advisory Committee for Undergraduate Study. If there is time, I shall stay on for a number of other conferences, as well as to make a trip to Nanking. But the thing^{is} calls me most urgently to go up is to see Mr. Selskar Gunn of the Rockefeller Foundation before he leaves for America on January 22. Mr. Gunn has been scheduled to visit Fukien since last year, but on account of one thing or another he has not been able to get here, and we have not yet met him personally. We would like very much to have a talk with him before he presents his suggestions for the consideration of a new plan for the work of the Rockefeller Foundation in China. We desire particularly to have the Foundation's cooperation in our science work after the expiration of the present grant in 1935. We also would like to solicit their help in our rural service work, about which we have learned that Mr. Gunn is keenly interested. Due to political disturbances here, I have not been able to leave the campus earlier, but I still hope to get to Shanghai in time to see him.

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I would like to call your attention and the attention of the Trustees to our relation with the Rockefeller Foundation. We hope that somehow you can arrange to have some of our Trustees, as you did the last time, get into closer contact with the Foundation people. Of course, we shall inform you of the negotiations we plan to carry on with Mr. Gunn. We shall formulate a more concrete plan after we have had an interview with him.

Under separate cover we have sent you 50 copies of our new catalogue in English. We have not sent copies to the individual members of our Trustees, and ask that you will please look after that for us. We shall, however, send copies to the educational institutions which have been sending their catalogues to us. If you wish to have more copies, kindly let us know. We did not send more on account of the high cost of postage on same, not knowing how many you needed.

Miss Asher will send you in a few days the material you requested for making application to the Regents of the University of the State of New York for a permanent charter for F.C.U. We hope that this will be sufficient for your purpose, and that the Board of Regents will grant us a permanent charter.

Yours very sincerely,

G. J. Linn

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January 17, 1934 #1
(Dictated January 16)

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated December 11, enclosing a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee and the Committee on Promotion of our Trustees, December 7.

We appreciate very much the continuous effort of our Trustees in planning to meet the financial needs of Fukien. We hope that with this definite organization for promotional service, we shall be able to rally together our old friends and appeal to a larger circle of supporters. We have already sent you some of our pictures and other material which you may use for the promotional work as you see fit. We are also preparing a list of the donors we have on our mailing list here, which will be sent to you in a few days time.

With regard to the financial objectives you list in your letter, it is well done. Sometime ago we advanced reasons and facts about the various items of needs as stated in your list. The donation of the Chinese library will serve to illustrate the very urgent need of our new library building. We have a fairly large collection from the Malcolm F. Farley Loan Collection of Chinese Art. It is our plan to have this new building house both the library and the museum. At the present time our existing library space in the Arts Hall is not large enough for the books which we already have, and the new Chinese collection is now housed on the attic floor of the science hall.

We are urgently in need of more endowment. We hope that our Trustees may arrange to approach the Rockefeller Foundation for the grant of an endowment for our science work. We might offer to raise a part of the \$200,000 which is necessary to maintain our present standard. Owing to the increasing cost of college education, more scholarships are greatly needed. Endowment towards this scholarship fund would be most desirable.

We really need some special endowment for our rural service and agricultural experiment work. This work may be included in the second item of your list under

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endowment, "to strengthen general work of the University." We asked about this in the 1928 correlated program, but somehow it was omitted; not by specific action of the Council, however. It is certainly not out of the spirit of the correlated program as revised by the Council in the 1933 edition in which they asked Fukien to "put its emphasis on training in education, religious education, social work, and other forms of community uplift as may be needed for its constituency." We have been laying some emphasis on the rural social work for the last eight or nine years, as well as on agricultural experimentation. During the last few years the whole country, as have the Christian leaders of China, has begun to realize the importance of rural reconstruction. We believe that Fukien is quite well prepared for meeting such needs now. We have already sent you a plan of our rural service work, and in the other ~~other~~ letter I have given you our immediate plan of work. I hope this may be mentioned specifically in our promotional work at the present time.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

G. J. Lin

CJL:A

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January 22, 1934

President J. Leighton Stuart
President C. J. Lin
President Lincoln Dasing
President I. C. Yang
Mr. Wamamaker

Gentlemen:

Mr. Y. K. Yieh who is now studying in Chicago, and whose address is International House, 1414 East 90th Street, Chicago, Illinois, asks us to write you telling of his interest in securing a teaching position in some one of our Colleges in the autumn of 1934. Mr. Yieh summarizes his preparation and experience as follows:-

Received A.B. degree from the University of Nanking in 1930
Director of religious education at the Middle School at the
University of Nanking, from 1930 to 1931
Received A.A. degree from North Western University, Evanston,
Illinois, 1932

He expects to receive his Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago in the field of Education and Religious Education with special emphasis on curriculum instruction, character education and supervision and administration, in the summer of 1934.

Mr. Yieh is writing his Ph.D. thesis on the subject "The Adjustment Problems of Chinese Graduate Students in America." He is having the opportunity of visiting and inspecting leading American Universities, and has had personal contacts with a large number of deans and advisors to foreign students.

Mr. Yieh has made a very excellent record during his studies here in America. You will also be able to secure information with regard to his character and abilities direct from President Y. G. Chen of the University of Nanking. If any of you are interested in the possibility of securing Mr. Yieh, you can get in touch with him direct through the address I have indicated above.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Linside

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January 22, 1934.

President C. J. Lin,
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China.

My dear Pres. Lin:

Enclosed herewith a copy of Minutes of Meeting of the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees held on January 19, 1934. Thirty copies of this material has been mailed to you under separate cover.

Come
Your visit to America. The most important item to ~~commune~~ before the Committee was the matter of the proposed visit of Mrs. Lin and yourself to America this fall. The Committee was very much delighted at this prospect, and was eager to do everything possible to make your stay with us as pleasant and as profitable as possible. It is our understanding that the cost of your travel, and possibly some portion of the added expense of your year in America, would be borne from your ~~reserve~~ funds, and that the major expense of having Mrs. Lin and the children come with you would be borne by yourselves personally. However, the Committee was anxious to render what assistance it could, directly or indirectly, to relieve you and Mrs. Lin of a heavier financial burden than you ~~should~~ be expected to ~~bare~~. To that end they explored ~~for~~ a number of possibilities.

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In the first place the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China wishes to cooperate with it in a series of meetings and other promotional activities which would probably be consummated in three months or so. Undoubtedly the Associated Boards would be willing to meet your necessary expenses during this period, and could probably also be asked to provide an equitable pro-rata share of your travel to and from China. The Methodist Board has also suggested informally that they would like to have you assist for a few weeks at least, and no doubt would be willing to make similar financial adjustments.

The extent to which the Associated Boards, and possibly also the Methodist Board, could make use of Mrs. Lin's services was also discussed. The Associated Boards is anxious to have at least one woman from China accompanying the group participating in its series of meetings, and I know that everyone would be very happy to have Mrs. Lin undertake this if arrangements could be made to do this without interfering with her responsibilities in caring for the children. Even if she could not give full time, some adjustment could be made which would permit her to give part of her time to this work. Of course the Associated Boards would assume equitable share of her expenses if she were able to render this service.

As yet we have not entered into any formal negotiations in regards to a fellowship for you and Mrs. Lin, because we have not known just what amount of time you would be able to devote to study. As we now appraise the situation, we could bring together practically all of your promotional activities with-

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in the fall months, and the first half of the winter, and would leave you as free as possible to spend your time in study during the second half of the academic year, that is from February through June. What would you think of such an arrangement as this? Would it give you and Mrs. Lin as much time for study as you will need? We could use you throughout the whole year but would try to confine your engagements during the second semester at least to an occasional evening or week-end engagement. I will try to get in touch with Dr. Kelley in the near future to see what arrangement for fellow-ship might be obtained along these lines. I will also see whether it might be possible for you and Mrs. Lin to secure an apartment at the Union Theological Seminary, where the ~~most~~^{rent} would be quite low, under these conditions.

In addition to the financial assistance which you might receive from your fellow-ship and from the use of one of the missionary apartments at the Union Seminary, you could undoubtedly secure a fair amount of financial assistance in the form of honoraria received for your speaking engagements. Most churches and other organizations inviting you to speak would give you an average of \$10.00 or more above your actual travel expenses in keeping such appointments.

Our Fukien Trustees feel, however, that ^{an} allowance is made for all the above sources of support, you will probably have other expenses not adequately provided for. The Executive Committee therefore voted that it would undertake to provide a supplementary fund to cover such additional expenses in whatever amount may be required up to U.S. \$500. This fund would be obtained from special sources entirely outside the regular income which the Board of Trustees uses for the work of the university. Two of the members of the Committee agreed that they would contribute \$100 each to the fund, and another member agreed to contribute \$50. I am sure that the remaining \$250 can be secured, either within the Board or from other good friends of the university.

We hope that all these movements are in the right direction, and that they will assure you that we are all very eager to have you come to America, and will be happy to do everything possible to assist. We will await further word from you as to how we can best serve in making preparations for your coming.

Budget Forecast 1934-35. Action E1050 was adopted by the Committee in order to give the field tentative confirmation as to the amount the Trustees hope they will be able to provide toward the 1934-35 Budget. All the figures given under this action are more or less tentative and unofficial, but will at least give the field a general indication of about what they can expect, so that you can begin the task of building your budget estimates accordingly. We realize that this will be an even more difficult task this year than ever before. Just now we have no assurance whatever of any prospective income beyond the amounts set forth in this action, but if any new sources can be discovered during the next few months, we will at once hasten to inform you.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Copy to Mr. R.W. McClure

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Return to Miss Fochow



February 7, 1934

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President C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
Fochow, China

My dear Mr. Lin:

As we begin our preliminary preparations for your coming to America this fall, we find we are seriously handicapped by lack of any good and up-to-date pictures. For example:-

Several men have been asking us for a good picture of yourself which they can use in publicity material they are preparing. In our files here we have no picture of you that can be used at all, except one very small picture in a large faculty group. We need several pictures of you, of varying degrees of formality:- one in academic costume, a bust length picture in Chinese dress, a full length picture in Chinese dress, and possibly a picture in Western dress, though the last named is not so important. All of these should be done by a good photographer, and should be on glossy prints for better half-tone reproduction.

We should also have quite a large quantity of new and attractive pictures of the University. A few of these pictures should show the University in the large, but more of them should show attractive glimpses in much larger detail:- a few particularly attractive students engaged in some natural occupation, either study or recreation, or even a single student; glimpses of sports; life on the campus with an attractive background that identifies the picture as belonging to Fukien Christian University; pictures of faculty members; and material of that type. Above everything else, such pictures should contain life and human interest. Too many people in the same picture are not desirable - one, two, or three attractive individuals are far better than masses of unidentified faces.

While we appreciate that the securing of this type of material will mean quite a bit of trouble and the expenditure of funds at a time when financial needs are particularly pressing, we feel strongly that this is a very necessary part of the material we must have if we are to make the best out of your year here in America. We hope that you will be able to send us at least one or two good pictures of yourself and a few good pictures of the University within a week or two after this letter reaches you. Other material can follow as rapidly as you can secure it.

I am sending you the original of this letter by air mail and will have a copy for you in the next regular mail.

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Very cordially yours,

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February 21, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Enclosed herewith please find two copies of the statement of request to the Rockefeller Foundation.

I went to Shanghai to see Mr. Selskar M. Gunn of the Rockefeller Foundation on January 22, just before he left for America. Mr. Gunn has been planning to visit us since last summer, but on account of one thing or another he was prevented from coming. The political trouble here prevented me from going up earlier, but we are glad that we did have a conference in which I presented our needs to him. At first, he tried to discourage me on each item I presented. Then on his own initiative, he took each item up again as the conversation^{went} on, and finally he asked me to give him the final presentation of the requests as he considered all of the items quite advisable, so before I left his office I gave him a copy of the statement as enclosed herewith which had been prepared beforehand.

Mr. Gunn thought that our request for the renewal of the Rockefeller grant was quite feasible as an emergency case, and he said he would make such a recommendation to the Foundation when he got to New York. He also advised me to put in the request for the endowment fund, although at first he thought it would be too soon for us to do that as it is yet a period of one and one-half years from now until the present grant runs out and the Rockefeller Foundation would not consider a request for^{more} than a year in advance, but he finally thought that because correspondence between China and America takes such a long time it would be better to put in the request now, and to^{go}, so that when he had a chance to talk over with the authorities in New York the endowment policies of the Foundation, he could present our request. He also promised to consider a fellowship for Professor T. H. Wang. At first he thought the Rockefeller Foundation would not grant a fellowship to a young Chinese to study abroad. After hearing, however, that Professor Wang had been to America on a Rockefeller fellowship after having had several years of teaching experience, and that he had done such good work as Assistant Professor in the Chemistry Department during the last four and a half years, he was quite favorably impressed with our request and promised to consider it.

Mr. Gunn told me frankly that he has been much

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interested in rural work in China and that he was going home for the purpose of persuading the Rockefeller Foundation to change the nature of their policy toward rural reconstruction work in China. In case his policy should be accepted, he would then come back to China in the spring and would immediately come to visit us to look over what we have done and make up his detailed plan incorporating our worthwhile projects.

I was very favorably impressed by Mr. Gunn. He talked very frankly and was in great earnest to find the best ways to help China. He spoke very abruptly about the general unsatisfaction of the Christian colleges. He complained that there are too many colleges and that they are too foreign. He also did not have much interest in making colleges agencies of religious propaganda, but he does desire earnestly to help China in social and economic reconstruction.

I hope that you and the Trustees will arrange some way to approach the Rockefeller Foundation in New York; the above account of my interview with Mr. Gunn might give you some background for such an approach. We think that our requests are very reasonable, and are really quite essential for the carrying on of our work. Of course, the Trustees are at liberty to make any modification of our statement that they may see fit.

I wish here/ to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated January 4, about the Harvard-Yenching Institute report; January 6, replying to the question of our contemplated trip to America; January 10, about the Foochow conditions; and January 22, about the actions of the Executive Committee of our Trustees regarding our visit to America, together with a copy of the minutes. I shall comment on the last one in another letter a little later. We are calling a meeting of the Board of Managers on March 3, to consider our budget for 1934-35 and the arrangement for our year of sabbatical leave. We are very grateful for your early report on the anticipated income for the year 1934-35. We are trying to work out a budget that will not fall too far short of the income allowed, although we do not know ^{yet} how it will come out.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. L.

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Statement of Requests to the Rockefeller Foundation

I. Science Work

1. We request the renewal of the present Rockefeller Foundation grant of \$5,000.00 U.S. Gold per year for a period of three years beginning 1935.

The work of the science departments at Fukien Christian University has won a very high reputation both in China and abroad. The beginning of this work as well as its rapid and steady progress has been due chiefly to the unfailing support of the Rockefeller Foundation. We had planned to find means of securing other sources of support for this work after the expiration of the present grant from the Foundation in 1935, but the economic conditions of the past few years both in China and abroad made it impossible for us to carry out any of our plans. Not only that, our cooperating mission boards have been obliged to decrease their annual appropriations to us from year to year. As a result of such reductions in regular appropriations and the loss of other sources of support on which we previously relied, we are now confronted with a very serious financial condition. Should the Foundation discontinue its grant after 1935, not only would further progress in our science work be impossible, but the present standard of work would be seriously jeopardized. Therefore, we request that the Foundation renew its grant for another period of three years.

2. We request the Foundation to help us secure an endowment fund of \$200,000.00 U.S. Gold for our science work, by a grant of \$150,000.00 U.S. Gold conditional upon the raising of \$50,000.00 U.S. Gold by the Trustees of Fukien Christian University during the period of 1935-1938, to match.

3. We request a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship to permit Prof. T. H. Wang, of our Chemistry Department, to continue his studies in the United States for two more years. Professor Wang was granted a Rockefeller Foundation Scholarship in 1928-1929, during which he had a year of fruitful study at Chicago University and Cornell University. He returned to teach at Fukien Christian University in 1929, and has during the last four years made a splendid record both as teacher and as research scholar.

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Requests to the Foundation from F.C.U.

II. Rural Service Work

We request the Rockefeller Foundation to help us in a five-year program of rural service work according to the following schedule:-

1934-1935	\$10,000.00	Mex.
1935-1936	12,000.00	Mex.
1936-1937	10,000.00	Mex.
1937-1938	8,000.00	Mex.
1938-1939	6,000.00	Mex.
	<u>\$46,000.00</u>	Mex.

For the last eight or nine years we at Fukien Christian University have been carrying on to a limited extent a program of rural betterment through such activities as rice selection, sericulture, bee keeping, poultry raising, and various forms of social service in the villages. A special gift recently received from a friend has enabled us to strengthen this work. We have just engaged a man specially trained at Yale University in the field of rural economics, and we are now reorganizing the different phases of our rural service work into a co-ordinated program. The general outline of this program has already been submitted to the Foundation. Through the newly organized Fukien Union Rural Service Council, our program at Fukien Christian University is brought into co-ordination with the work of the Foochow Union Middle School and other agencies engaged in rural work in Fukien Province.

Our program calls for the continual support of two full-time specialists in rural work and two or three assistants. The annual salaries for these workers will amount to seven or eight thousand dollars per year. The initial expenses of the first two years require a larger financial appropriation, but in the later years we expect that the work will yield enough income to cover a large part of the running expenses and a part of the salaries of assistants.

b. f. Lin
For Fukien Christian University

January, 1934.



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February 28, 1934

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President C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
Focshow, China

My dear Mr. Lin:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter I have just received from President Barstow of Hartford Seminary Foundation together with a copy of the reply I am sending him.

Will you please send us a cablegram stating whether you and Mrs. Lin would be agreeable to the arrangements President Barstow is suggesting? We do not know yet whether these arrangements can be worked out satisfactorily, but if you favor the proposal we will be glad to do all that we can to carry it through.

I have investigated the possibilities of securing a fellowship or some other special arrangement for you at Union Theological Seminary here in New York but have not had much success. We would be very glad of course if you and Mrs. Lin could arrange to live in or near New York during your year in America. But on the other hand you would probably have fewer interruptions, and would be able to get more study and research done if you were a little further away, and could not be called on quite so frequently.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Gurside

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THE HARTFORD SEMINARY FOUNDATION

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February 23, 1934

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

My dear Mr. Garside:

I have been much interested in learning through Dr. Hodous of the coming of President Lin of Fukien University. In consultation with my colleagues, I have been canvassing the situation to see what we could offer by way of special inducements, to reinforce a very cordial hope that he may find it desirable to spend the year at Hartford.

As a matter of fact, I have stated to the Trustees that, as part of the policy of the Kennedy School of Missions, I hope we can from time to time have distinguished nationals added to our faculty as special lecturers, in order that they may bring their interpretations of cultural and religious values to our students. This would seem to be exactly a case in point. We would be happy indeed to have President Lin here, not only to take some advanced work if he so desired but to use this as a base from which he might make other contacts for lecturing or research.

Unfortunately we have no fellowship funds available as yet for such purpose, but I think we could arrange for some special terms which would amount to the same thing. For example, we might remit tuition charges for any courses he might want to take, and in recognition of his willingness to give some lectures in the China Department, as might be arranged with Dr. Hodous, we could perhaps offer him one of our missionary apartments at a nominal rental, which would mean a saving to him of possibly \$25.00 per month for eight months. This would be the equivalent of a \$200.00 scholarship.

We do have here most desirable accommodations for family life. There is on the campus a nursery school for small children and excellent neighborhood schools, not to mention ample playground facilities. I do not know the extent of President Lin's family and how large an apartment he would need, and this is merely a tentative suggestion as to possibilities.

I would be glad to take the matter up further with you at your earliest convenience, and I think undoubtedly we can meet on a common agreement of mutually advantageous terms. In the meantime I will be considering further with Dean Capen and Dr. Hodous details concerning the possible relationship.

Very cordially yours,

ROBBINS WOLCOTT BARSTOW

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February 28, 1934

President Robbins W. Barstow
Hartford Seminary Foundation
Hartford, Connecticut

My dear President Barstow:

I am grateful to you for your letter of February 23rd making suggestions as to possible arrangements for having President C. J. Lin of Fukien Christian University spend the academic year 1934-35 at Hartford Seminary.

From what President Lin has already written to Dr. Hodous and to our office, we are quite sure that he and Mrs. Lin would be happy to spend their sabbatical year at Hartford if suitable arrangements can be made. I believe that the suggestions you make as to possible arrangements would meet both his financial and scholastic requirements quite well. I am forwarding a copy of your letter to President Lin and am asking that he cable us his wishes in the matter. This will mean that we should have word from him in four or five weeks.

Our plans for President Lin's year in this country are still in a formative state. The probabilities are that during the first half of the academic year Mr. Lin will be devoting most of his time to speaking engagements and publicity work under the auspices both of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China and the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University. We hope to keep the latter half of the academic year - from February 1st through the month of June - relatively free of other engagements so as to give Mr. Lin more opportunity for study and research. We would be happy to have Mrs. Lin accompany Mr. Lin on as many of his engagements as possible but she will probably not be able to make any very long trips because of her responsibilities in caring for their two small children (ages about one year and three years). We presume, therefore, that Mr. and Mrs. Lin will wish to get some satisfactory place to live soon after they arrive (probably early in September) and that Mrs. Lin will remain there most of the time, engaging in study and research and attending to her family responsibilities.

Would these plans as I have outlined them fit in fairly well with the use you would like to make of President Lin in giving special lectures or courses in the Seminary? Mrs. Lin herself is quite an interesting personality, and might also prove useful in some departments. She is a graduate of Johns Hopkins Medical College, and before her marriage was engaged in medical work under the Methodist Board. Her special field of interest is, I believe, that of Public Health.

President Robbins W. Barstow

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I hope that I may some day find an opportunity to revisit the Hartford Seminary campus. I have not been back since my year at the School of Missions in 1916-17.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Sanide

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Recd 3/7/34

MEMORANDUM AS TO CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD
SPECIAL FUND FOR PRESIDENT AND MRS. C. J. LIN

The following pledges have been given by the members of the Fukien

Board of Trustees:-

January 19th, 1934	Dr. F. G. Warner	\$100
January 19th, 1934	Mr. Samuel Thorne	100
January 19th, 1934	Dr. W. I. Chamberlain	50
March 3rd, 1934	Dr. Samuel Dorrance	15 (pd)
March 4th, 1934	Dr. Wm. B. Hill	50
March 19th, 1934	Methodist Secretaries	75

Memorandum as to those who are unable to contribute:-

Dr. John W. Wood wrote on March 3rd, 1934 that he would not be able to contribute.

Bishop Lloyd wrote on March 2nd, 1934 that he would like to contribute \$25 but is unable to promise that amount at the present time.

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CABLE ADDRESS:

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FOOCHOW, CHINA.

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March 9, 1934

Act 5/7/34

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

In my last letter to you I mentioned that I would reply later to your letter of January 22 regarding our visit to America. We want first of all to express our sincere gratitude to our Trustees for their warm expression of welcome and consideration of our financial needs when we are there. We appreciate also the great effort which our Trustees are exerting in making plans for promotional work for the university in connection with our visit. We hope that we may be of some service in this respect. We shall follow closely whatever the Trustees arrange for us. We hope that before long we may receive more detailed instructions from you as to what time we shall be expected to be there and what part of ^{the country} our work we shall start first. That will determine our date of leaving China and our plan for visiting friends on the way.

At our last Board of Managers meeting, March 3, I presented to the Board the difficulties of the proposed trip after getting more information about the cost of passage, etc., and suggested to them that I come over for six months only and leave my family here, but it was the general opinion that six months would not be long enough, so we are still planning to come with the family for a year if we can in some way arrange for our traveling expenses. We found out that the steamship companies charge half fare for children over one year of age, which means that we would have to find money enough to finance two adults both ways between China and America, which amounts to more than \$1400 U. S. Currency for the whole trip by second class passage, while the university pays my own expenses. We are still investigating to see if we can get cheaper passage across the Pacific. We heard that there are some freighters that charge around \$120 per adult. Probably you will not need to have us there before the first of September, so we still have some time for correspondence. Any further information about our plans in America will help us to decide on the program of the trip.

We are also hoping that before long we may receive word from you about a possible place where we can stay while we are in America. If either our Trustees or the Associated Boards want to use us for work in the West before we come East, it may be convenient for us to have a place to stay

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on the West coast and move further across to the East as our work goes on. If you want us to come to the East first so that we can plan things together, then it would probably be better to have a place in or around New York for my family, and then I can travel around alone for whatever has been planned for me. Your suggestion for an apartment at the Union Theological Seminary, New York, would be very acceptable to us if the expenses are not too high. I should be around New York when I am not in other parts of the country, so that I can keep in close touch with you and the various mission board people. The main purpose of our coming is to work for the cause of Christian higher education in China in general and for the interest of F.C.U. in particular. It was my desire that we might have some facilities for polishing up our studies, but it probably will not be possible, for we want to give all we can to meet what may be needed of us by our Trustees, so we do not consider our visit for rest or anything else other than for work for our university, and all of our time and energy are at the disposal of our Trustees. If some arrangement can be made at the place we stay, Mrs. Lin would be glad to help in any kind of promotional work which may be needed.

Sometime ago you wrote me that nationals working for Christian causes in connection with Christian institutions would be given the privilege of clergy rates, so we hope that you will make application for the necessary clergy certificates for us.

With regard to your letter of February 7 asking for more pictures, we shall send you under separate cover the various pictures of myself which I have just had taken by a Foochow photographer, and a few other pictures and snap shots of the university. We shall try to send you more from time to time as we get additional ones. Would you think it advisable for us to bring over and prepare some more of the small moving picture reels. I believe you have seen some which Dr. Sutton brought to America when he was there on furlough. We could make over some of his reels so as to convey a general view and some simple stories of Fukien and our work here. The pictures we take here cannot in any way compare with the commercial motion pictures which you have in America. If you think it is desirable we can work out a plan for one or two reels which will convey some idea of our surroundings and our activities. It may be that you could arrange to borrow from some of the mission boards a projector which can be used for Panchromatic cine Kodak Film 100 ft. reels 16 mm. Dr. Sutton told me that a new projector would cost about \$180 U. S. Currency. We would like to leave this to your decision and advice.

What would you suggest for publicity materials that we should bring? It would hardly be desirable for us to prepare publicity literature here as our printing will not appeal to the American people, and we do not have advice from publicity experts as to what goes over in America,

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but we could bring some material which could be worked out while we were in New York. Any suggestions from you will greatly help us in making such a collection.

Yours very sincerely,

G. J. Lin-

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March 9, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

In looking over the minutes of the Executive Committee of our Board of Trustees, January 19, we are glad to know that the Methodist Board has added two new men to our Board of Trustees. I hope they are in addition to Dr. Edwards and Mr. Cartwright. We are writing to both of these gentlemen to express our welcome to them.

We also appreciate your sending us the budget forecast for 1934-35. We were quite surprised to find that the mission boards appropriations have been cut further. As you did not mention each board separately we do not know which boards are cutting again their appropriations to us for the coming year, but we hope that the actual cut later will not be so serious as it is mentioned in the vote. From the new reduction of income, according to your report, and the fall in the rate of gold exchange, we find that the total income will be about \$35,000 Mex less than we had a year ago. We have greatly reduced our expenditures by further cutting off some of our staff members, postponing furloughs, and holding up scheduled increases of salaries. We also propose to leave out the furlough reserve allowances from the budget. There is a plan for certain increases of student fees. With all the above we are still confronted with a possible deficit of around \$19,000 Mex. We have about \$4,000 Mex. of the surplus fund from previous years which can be applied as an additional income to next year's budget, which will still leave about \$15,000 deficit. Our Board of Managers voted at its last meeting on March 3, to tentatively accept the budget as it was presented with the above deficit, and authorized the President to balance it before the beginning of the next fiscal year, either by securing new sources of income or by reducing further our staff personnel and salaries. We have been negotiating with certain agencies that may give us some financial aid, but we have not secured a definite reply from any one of them as yet. We hope that we may be successful with one or two of them, which would more than cover the amount of the deficit we now have in our estimates. We do hope that we may not have to come to the final resort, that of cutting further our personnel, as we are already short of personnel, neither can we afford to reduce our teachers' salaries as they have been on a very

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low scale all the time as compared with other institutions of the same standing. Our faculty members, however, have a very fine spirit, and quite a few of them have offered voluntarily to reduce their salaries when it is necessary.

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of the budget as it has been adopted by the Board of Managers.

Sincerely yours,

b. J. Lin.

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March 24, 1934

President C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Mr. Lin:

A number of letters received from you during recent weeks have not yet been officially acknowledged, and have been only partially cleared. In this letter I will try to bring our correspondence up to date.

First Letter of January 17th. ^{#1} This reports the closing of your fall semester's work on January 11th and states that you were trying to get away from Foochow for a trip to Shanghai. I am sorry that your trip was delayed and that the disturbed conditions in Fukien prevented Dr. Gunn from making a visit there before he left China. I will comment later on with reference to our applications to the Rockefeller Foundation.

We were very glad to receive the fifty copies of the new catalogue in English, and will be able to use them to good advantage. I believe that these fifty copies will be adequate for our needs.

Second Letter of January 17th. ^{#1} This acknowledges receipt of our letter of December 11th and of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive and Promotional Committees held on December 7th. We are glad to have your approval of and comments on the list of financial objectives formulated by the Fukien Board of Trustees in response to inquiries from the Associated Boards. The Finance Committee of our Associated Boards together with a special Committee on the Correlated Program, are now making a very careful study of the lists of financial objectives submitted by each of our Boards of Trustees. It will probably be quite impossible for the Associated Boards to secure during the next few years new funds adequate to meet all of the recognized needs of the several Colleges. The most we can hope to accomplish is to secure the items which are of the greatest urgency and importance to the continued progress of Christian higher education in China.

Your Third Letter of January 17th. ^{#2} This comments on the minutes of the Annual Meeting of our Board of Managers, twenty copies of which were sent under separate cover. We are seeking to have a meeting of at least the Executive Committee of our Fukien Trustees within the near future, in order to pass on certain matters which should be disposed of before the Annual Meeting during the last week in April. I believe that I need not comment further at this time on the matters dealt with in the Managers' minutes. I have read with interest Dean Chen's annual report. Teddy always writes very excellent and interesting reports, and

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we are glad to have this material available.

Your letter of February 21st. With this you enclose two copies of the request submitted to the Rockefeller Foundation. We will ask our Executive Committee to give these requests their endorsement, and will transmit their action at once to the Rockefeller Foundation.

Shortly after Dr. Gunn arrived in New York I had a long and informal conference with him. He discussed quite frankly, though confidentially, his views as to the whole field of Christian higher education in China and also as to what support the Rockefeller Foundation should give to this work in future. Dr. Gunn is very deeply interested in the whole program of rural work in China, and believes that the Foundation should give substantial support to this work, though he would wish to choose very carefully the location and the nature of the work which would thus be supported. Because of his great interest in this field of work it is all the more regrettable that he did not get to Foochow on this trip. He will probably be returning to China this fall, however, and I hope that at that time he will be able to spend some time on the F.C.U. campus.

At the time I talked with Dr. Gunn he apparently did not have any very clearly defined views as to the place which Fukien should have in his proposed program. At that time he had not received the material you had sent him on February 20th and had only the impressions gained from his conversations with you in Shanghai together with any material you may have given him at that time. Since I had not then received this material from the field I was not able to discuss in any definite way the requests you were making. We will try to get in touch with Dr. Gunn again in the near future and will seek to present the endorsement of our Fukien Trustees in whatever way will be most helpful. Our request for help in the Rural Service work should probably be submitted with the hope that action can be taken on it this year, though it is possible that Dr. Gunn may wish to have the matter postponed for another year until he can return to China and make a more comprehensive study of all the details of his proposed program of rural service and reconstruction. Our request for the renewal of the present Rockefeller Foundation grant might be taken up either this year or next. The Foundation has been compelled to curtail its appropriations very greatly, and is disinclined to make any commitments further in advance than is absolutely necessary. It might be advantageous to submit at this time our request for the renewal of the \$5,000 grant, even though the Foundation did no more this year than to defer final decision until later. Dr. Gunn made the general statement that he was sure the Rockefeller Foundation would take no actions whatever this year making conditional endowment grants. It might do no harm to have our request for a conditional grant of U.S. \$150,000 laid before the Foundation now for consideration later on. On the other hand, the Foundation might be inclined to turn down all such requests submitted this year, and so make it more difficult for us to bring the matter up again later. This is a point on which I will try to secure Dr. Gunn's judgment.

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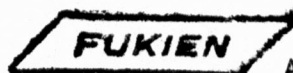
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April 10, 1934

ack'd 4/19/34 by CEE to California

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

In reply to your letter dated February 28, together with copies of letters exchanged between you and President Barstow of Hartford, I sent you a cable yesterday as follows:

"Accept Hartford provided Trustees agree"

We found it cheaper to send this as a deferred message in plain language than to send it in code.

I hope this cable is clear to you. As I wrote you last I put my full time at the disposal of our Trustees to be used in whatever way they can make the best use of it. We are too far away from the scene to give final judgment on any offers that might be made to us. I have not committed myself to any institution to which I have written for information about the possibilities of fellowships. In every case I have asked them to get more particulars about me from your office. I hope this will serve for the best convenience to all.

For ourselves we shall be glad to accept the Hartford offer, as it would be very fine for our family. I can offer a few series of lectures on China when I am on the campus. As I understand the letter from President Barstow, the lectures are probably of a general nature and not regular class room recitations which would have to be met so many times per week throughout the year. I can offer lectures on the Christian Church in China and its problems, general educational problems and conditions in China, or subjects on Christian education in this country in particular. I am also prepared to give a number of general lectures on conditions in China in general, such as political, economic, cultural and social aspects. Any final arrangements you may make for us, kindly let us know.

We are trying to be in America by the early part of September. We could be there one or two months earlier if the Trustees so desire. We have not booked our passage, but we shall probably do it in about two weeks time. We are still trying to find the most economical way of crossing the Pacific.

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The university is not paying the traveling expenses of my family, so we are trying to secure passage on a freighter which is scheduled to leave Shanghai on August 3 and due to arrive at Los Angeles on August 24. It is a Danish line called the Maersk Motor Ship Company, and the particular boat we have in mind is the "Peter Maersk". When we have definitely booked the passage we shall write you again.

In this connection I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your circular letter dated February 9 together with the clergy application blanks for 1934. We shall send you our applications for clergy certificates as soon as we can fill them out. If there is time, you may send them to us here.

As to our living expenses in America, the Board of Managers will be responsible for my personal travel and living expenses in connection with the trip. We will finance our family expenses from my field salary. We have both been away from America for so many years that we do not know exactly how living conditions there will be, but from the information we have gathered from various missionary friends, it would seem that we can do it with the special grant of about \$500.00 gold from our Trustees. Our salary here is \$250 per month, Mexican Currency, and the college here will pay us in gold at the budget rate. With paying only a nominal rental at Hartford and with whatever honorariums I may get from speaking on miscellaneous occasions, we expect to pay all of our necessary expenses while in America, and to secure return passage for our family.

We are writing to Dr. Lewis Hodous asking him to be our visiting lecturer while he is spending his sabbatical year in China, 1934-35. Professor and Mrs. Scott will share their residence with the Hodous while they are here. I shall enclose a copy of my letter to Dr. Hodous for your reference. When you are writing to President Barstow again, I hope you will tell him about this. I am planning to write him direct also about Dr. Hodous.

Yours very sincerely,

E. J. Lin.

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April 11, 1934

Dr. Lewis Hodous
Hartford Theological Seminary
Hartford, Connecticut

Sent up Doc.
Lin's letter
4/10/34

Dear Dr. Hodous:

I wish to thank you for your good letter of February 28. Mr. Garside wrote me on the same day together with a copy of President Barstow's letter with regard to my going to Hartford for the next academic year. I have just cabled a reply to him stating that we shall be glad to accept this offer if it does not interfere with our Trustees' plans for us. We are quite sure that we will enjoy our stay at Hartford. We are asking our Trustees to make the final decision for us. I can offer a few series of lectures on China and Chinese conditions. I am also prepared to give lectures on the church conditions and problems, as well as the educational situation and problems in this country. If you could advise me as to what I should prepare in particular in connection with my lecturing work in America, it would be greatly appreciated.

We are very glad indeed to hear that you are planning to spend your sabbatical year in China. May I extend our official invitation to you to be our visiting lecturer here at Fukien. We shall arrange living quarters for you while you are here. Professor and Mrs. Scott have offered to share their home with you and Mrs. Hodous, so it will not be necessary for you to go to the trouble of keeping house. I believe you will find our Chinese library useful. I have already reported to you about the donation of the Chens' library to us. There are a number of collections which cannot be duplicated in other places in China. You will also remember that the Kushan Monastery is just back of us and that it has quite a rich collection of Buddhist literature. You may also be interested to know that we have subscribed to the special edition of the Buddhist library which has just been recently discovered in Shensi. It is supposed to be the only copy left of this kind. We do hope that you will come and stay with us as long as you can.

We have not booked our passage yet. We are trying to cross the Pacific by a Danish freighter which is scheduled to leave Shanghai on August 3 and arrive at Los Angeles on August 24. If there is any special reason that the Trustees should wish us to come earlier, we could arrange it. I have written to Mr. Garside about this.

With warmest regards,

Yours very sincerely, *b. f. Lin.*

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April 11, 1934

President Robbins Wolcott Barstow
Hartford Seminary
Hartford, Connecticut

*Sent by Dr. Lewis
letter 4/10/34*

My dear President Barstow:

We are very glad to learn from Dr. Lewis Hodous of your Seminary that he is planning to spend his sabattical year in China, 1934-35. May I invite him to be a special lecturer at Fukien during 1934-35. We shall provide him and his family with suitable living quarters, and he can give as many series of lectures as we can mutually arrange.

We have known Dr. Hodous for a number of years. He is one of the founders of our university. It will be a great privilege to all of us here to welcome him back on our campus, which he probably can hardly recognize when he comes. We have quite a good Chinese library. Only recently we secured the donation of a private Chinese library of the former tutor of the last Manchu Emperor consisting of more than 80,000 volumes. Many of them are of the finest editions and of rare kinds. We are sure that Dr. Hodous would be glad to make good use of it. The famous Kushan Monastery is just back of our campus, about two miles. It has a very fine collection of Buddhist literature. Dr. Hodous will remember it as a fine place to visit. We shall do everything possible to make his stay here most profitable.

Mr. B. A. Garside of our New York office has sent me a copy of your letter extending your invitation to us to stay at Hartford next year. We appreciate very much your courtesy, and we have just cabled a reply to Mr. Garside telling him that we shall be glad to accept your offer if it does not interfere with the plans which our Trustees are working out for us. As you have noticed from Mr. Garside's reply to you, we are coming to America chiefly on university business and we have put our full time at the disposal of our Trustees. We certainly would enjoy being at Hartford. We have two children, a girl 3½ and a boy 2½. I am sure they would enjoy the facilities of the nursery and kindergarten schools on your campus. My wife would also like to visit the Yale Medical School which is not far from Hartford. We would consider it a privilege to be associated with you and your colleagues, and shall be glad to do what we can with regard to the lectures on China which you might like for us to give.

Yours very cordially,

b. J. Lin.

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April 10, 1934

at 6/9/34 by CAS to California

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

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Dear Mr. Garside:

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of the minutes of the Board of Managers Meeting, March 3, 1934. We sent you sixteen copies of the minutes yesterday for the Trustees.

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I made some comments on our financial conditions in my last few letters to you, and our Treasurer's office has sent you copies of our budget for 1934-35. We are doing everything possible to balance the budget. We shall probably have to cut one or two persons from our teaching staff, but we are not making any final decision regarding this personnel cut until about the middle part of May. Even then we may not be able to balance the budget without additional sources of income. This simply serves to show that our financial conditions are very bad. We are very grateful that our Trustees are conscious of this fact and are trying to do everything possible to meet the urgent needs here.

Vote M 746 is the final decision of our Board of Managers with regard to my trip to America. In the meeting I presented to them the difficulties of my going to America for a whole year and leaving my family in China, and also the difficulty of financing my family expenses if I should take them along. So I proposed to the Managers that I be sent over for only six months, leaving my family here, but the consensus of opinion was that I probably could not do much in six months, considering that three months of my time would be used by the Associated Boards and two months would be used in traveling between China and America, thus leaving very little time for cultivation work for Fukien. Therefore they urged us to spend the whole year in America if we could make it, and it is our present plan that we shall take our family along and spend the full year there.

My successor, Dr. W. Y. Chen, is quite well known by our Trustees. For the last two years he has been the Chairman of our Arts Faculty, as well as a member of the President's Administrative Council, and he is very well acquainted with the work of this office. He is one of the speakers most in demand in Christian gatherings in this

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country. We are sure that with his leadership Fukien will be well administered and made better known throughout China.

Our Board of Managers reaffirmed their approval of Fukien's part in the correlated program as the program has not changed in any way so far as Fukien is concerned. We are trying to do everything possible to make for better relationships with Hwa Nan College. It is our hope that when our friends at Hwa Nan realize the need of closer cooperation, we shall be able to move still further, but until then, any move on our part will be quite unwise.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter to Mr. Cartwright with regard to the Methodists' appropriations to us. When it is convenient I hope you will talk the matter over with the Methodist members of our Board of Trustees.

Yours very sincerely,

B. J. Lin.

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*Placed w/ other
Fukien*

P.S. I am enclosing a few more snapshots relating pictures to Fukien. The new Governor of Fukien Province visited us on March 19, 1934. He gave a fine address to the students that morning.

One separate cover we have sent you a package of snapshots and pictures connected with Fukien interest. We hope that you may make some good use of some of them. On the back of each picture a brief description is given. So we hope that you will have no difficulty in identifying each.

B. J. Lin.

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*Letter of Rev. F. T. Cartwright
letter 4/10/34*

April 11, 1934.

Rev. F. T. Cartwright
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Cartwright:

I wish to thank you for your letter of March 6. Mr. Wiant passed on to us the information of the Methodists' appropriation to us for 1934 as being \$1,718. It is a further cut from that of last year, but realizing the difficulties which the Board has passed through, we certainly appreciate your ability to give us that much. I only wish to ask you one thing as a matter of information. Several Methodist missionaries have told us that the Board has assigned the annual contribution of the Methodist Board to Fukien Christian University to the Southern California Conference. If that is true, could we ask the Methodist Board to request the Southern California Conference to be responsible for the full original amount of the Methodist contribution of \$4,000, or at least to make that as their goal so they will know that the present sum is not the maximum.

May I also enquire whether or not the Board will allow me to work with the Southern California Conference on this matter when I am in America. We are planning to take a freighter from Shanghai on August 3 which is due to arrive at Los Angeles on August 24. If we are allowed to start our cultivation work in Southern California, we would like to have the Board inform the Conference authorities there of our coming for that purpose. I shall be glad to do whatever other work the Board might like for me to do while I am there. We may have a couple of weeks on the West coast before we move on to the East. Both my wife and myself shall be glad to report on the church conditions in Foochow. I talked this matter over with Bishop Gowdy, and he advised me to write you about it. I hope that before long I may receive advice from you as to what we should prepare to do when we arrive at Los Angeles. If you have any plans for us, kindly work them out with Mr. B. A. Garside.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to having the Kelloggs back this fall. You will be interested to know that our rural service program is being steadily pushed forward. We have now established an experimental station in one of the nearby villages. We have also organized a group of well-trained persons from both our staff and the outside on agricultural

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Mr. Cartwright

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experimentation work. It is our hope that we will have Professor Kellogg to be director of this department. We are corresponding with him regarding the details of his program upon his return.

It will be a great pleasure to all of my family to see you and your family again. Mr. Garside has written us that Hartford Seminary has extended an invitation for me to be a special lecturer there. If this does not interfere with the plans which our Trustees are making for us, we shall accept it. We are leaving all final arrangements to be made by them.

Yours very cordially,

B. J. Pri.

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April 19, 1934

Ack 5/17/34

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

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Mr. Cressy of the Council of Higher Education in Shanghai has just sent me a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, March 1, 1934, together with a copy of your memorandum, "Reviewing the Correlated Program". I have carefully read both the minutes and your memorandum, and I wish to express to you my sincere appreciation of the good work which you and the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards have been doing to the present time.

The analysis of the problem as stated in your Review is keen, concise, and fair. It is a very balanced judgment, and I can say that I agree with practically all of the statements made therein. You have tackled the problem in a most sympathetic spirit, basing your judgment on both the conditions in America and the difficulties on the field. I also think that your proposed possible adjustments within the correlated program is a very good one. There will be practical difficulties in carrying out each one of them, but they seem to some of us as they ought to be. Your suggested methods of effecting adjustment seem to me to be very good, and I personally would like to see the Associated Boards adopt No. 2.

After making the above statement, I would like to register a protest on Section E, page 4 of the "Reviewing The Correlated Program", about Fukien and Hwa Nan. The Executive Committee of the Associated Boards in putting this statement in such a way, which, however, is probably the best they could make, lays a heavy burden on Fukien with possible consequences of being punished in the suggested way as one who has been unwilling to cooperate. I believe you and a number of other members of the Associated Boards know the history of these two institutions quite well. Our Board of Managers here has long been in favor of effecting some kind of cooperation with Hwa Nan. Our Trustees definitely took some steps in the winter of 1930-31 by appointing Dr. John R. Edwards to approach the Hwa Nan Trustees in America on this matter. In neither case, here on the field or in America, we got no response. The desire of one institution alone cannot effect any kind of cooperation. We here have repeatedly made our willingness known to accept almost any terms that the authorities of Hwa Nan would care to propose for an

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effective program of cooperation between our two institutions. In fact, it has been understood among ourselves that we on the field would be willing to go so far as to make ourselves a part of Hwa Nan by giving up our own identity, as well as to reorganize our Board of Managers and officers of administration to suit the desires of Hwa Nan. And if our Trustees approve, we here would be willing to give up the right to the use of the property on our campus if Hwa Nan wished to make any use of same. The mere physical distance, five miles apart by auto road, is not any serious question. The Hwa Nan campus is too small for both the high school and the college even at the present time. There is no place large enough for us to move up there, but if they cared to they could move their college down to a place adjacent to our campus. We have plenty of land for that purpose, and our new women's dormitory could accommodate most of the present Hwa Nan College student body, and arrangements could be made for the housing of their staff. This would leave the present equipment for the Hwa Nan High School without increasing any expenses for their college work, for they could use all of our equipment here. Even with this arrangement it might not be necessary to make Hwa Nan a coeducation institution, as they could maintain their present administration if they so desired, but be under one general Board.

We here also feel keenly that something must be done to save both of these institutions from going down much further in their financial difficulties. Both of our institutions need badly additional finances and personnel, and yet, each one of us is in a way over staffed, as we have two sets of administrative officers which would not be necessary if we were closely united. Each one of these institutions maintains teachers for the same subjects, most of which at the present time cannot give a full major of work to their students on account of being single handed or having insufficient equipment. Take one instance, the Department of Education. If there were a close cooperation between these two institutions, we would have at least five quite well-trained teachers in the fields of secondary education, religious education, and educational psychology, but under existing conditions we have only three and Hwa Nan two. Both of us are trying to cover the same field of work with a very limited personnel and for ^{a number of} very small classes of students, with the result that the work is not very satisfactory and neither of us can get the government to recognize us as a properly qualified place for the training of teachers for the general public, and we are not doing what we ought to do for the training of teachers for our Christian schools and for the churches. The science and the arts departments are more or less in the same state. It is our sincere hope that the Associated Boards will take the matter up with the Hwa Nan Trustees in America, so that we may have a chance to talk over very frankly the whole problem for the benefit of both institutions. We at Fukien would be most willing to follow what the Associated Boards can work out for us in face of the available facts at hand. We have no other object than to see that Christian higher education be maintained

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at the highest efficiency in ^{the Province of} Fukien, for the cause of the Christian movement in this part of China. Both institutions have been doing good work in the past, and it would be a shame if neither one of them would be able to continue to make its contribution within a few years time. But it would seem quite unfair to put the burden on Fukien, so I hope that you may in some way help the Associated Boards to understand our situation.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin.

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April 19, 1934

ack 6/19/34 by CEE to California

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

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Enclosed herewith please find a letter sent to the Board of Trustees together with a copy of my reply to it. I want to assure you again that we shall be happy to accept any plan which you and our Trustees think will be most convenient for the work which you have planned for me during my year in America. We are too far from the scene to make any intelligent decision here. If you feel that by staying somewhere near New York we can be of better service, we shall be glad to do so.

I am also sending herewith application blanks for clergy certificates for Mrs. Lin and myself. We did our best in filling them out. In the places calling for answers such as ordained or licensed, we took the liberty of filling these in as appointed members of F.C.U. In case of the denomination and its headquarters, we both put our respective church membership. We thought at first we might put Board of Trustees, F.C.U., but that might be too vague for those who want to know whether or not we are church members. If they are not right, please do what you can to make them acceptable to the railroad companies. Should it be necessary for us to make them out again, let us know and we shall be glad to do so.

I have received a copy of a letter, dated March 7, from J. H. Wayland addressed to Mr. Frank T. Cartwright, asking about the possibility of a teaching position with our physics and mathematics department. We are quite interested in this candidate, as Professor and Mrs. Martin will go on furlough in the summer of 1935. Their furlough is really due this coming summer, but on account of financial difficulties we asked them to postpone it for one year. We have never had a teacher in pure physics. Both Mr. Lin and Mr. Martin of our physics and mathematics department are engineers, and we have not been able to secure a properly trained Chinese physicist. There are so few who study this subject, and our offers are not attractive enough to those few to get them to come here. Most of them are either in government universities or research institutes. Mr. Wayland and his wife ^{would} ~~may~~ be of great value to our work here, provided we could arrange for financial support which will be quite a difficult proposition during the next two or three years.

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I just wonder whether you would care to take this matter up with them and see whether or not Mr. Cartwright could make any suggestions as to their possible support. When I hear further from you about such a possibility I shall try to get in touch with the Waylands when we land in Los Angeles in the early part of September.

Yours very sincerely,

b. J. Linn.

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P.S. Please pay the necessary fees for our clergy certificates and charge to our current budget account, and we can make adjustment here on the field from your monthly statement.

b. J. Linn.

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UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
BROADWAY AT 120TH STREET
NEW YORK

March 19, 1934

Board of Trustees
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

*Let me Pres. Lin
letter 4/19/34*

Dear Sirs:

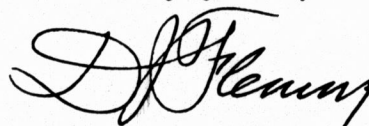
I have received a communication indirectly from President C. J. Lin asking that some fellowship or scholarship be assigned him here at the Seminary.

At the present moment I do not know of any such fellowship that is available, and yet it is possible that owing to resignation by some missionary already appointed a vacancy may occur.

In order that we may be able to act may I ask you to furnish me with the following information: (1) When do you expect President Lin to arrive? In other words would he be here for the full academic year, September 28th, 1934 to May 21st, 1935? (2) Would his duties connected with promotional work for the University enable him to do regular work in the Seminary, or would residence there be simply a point of departure for this promotional work? (3) I do not understand that his wife is coming with him. Am I correct in this?

It would give us great pleasure if the way were open for us to help President Lin in any way possible.

Sincerely yours,



Daniel J. Fleming

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Sent by
Pres. Lin's
letter 4/19/34

Professor Daniel J. Fleming
Union Theological Seminary
Broadway at 120th Street
New York City, New York

Dear Professor Fleming:

Your letter dated March 19 addressed to the Board of Trustees, Fukien Christian University, has just been received. We are writing to our Trustees in New York together with your letter. I am sure the Secretary of our Board of Trustees, Mr. B. A. Garside, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, will take the matter up with you in detail.

It must have been Mr. Garside who wrote you about the possibility of securing some fellowship or scholarship for me at the Union Seminary during the academic year 1934-35. I have been asked by our Board of Trustees, as well as by the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China which also has its headquarters at 150 Fifth Avenue, to help in the promotional work in America during the coming year. I hoped that there might be some time for me to do some studying myself, but I have put my full time at the disposal of our Trustees, and shall accept whatever plans they may make for me. My chief business is to work for the interest of Christian higher education in China in general and for Fukien in particular. It would be a privilege to me in case I could have sometime for study at your seminary.

It is very kind of you to consider my case. Should our Trustees desire me to be in New York, Mr. Garside will undoubtedly furnish you all the information about me which you may need. I am planning to leave China in the early part of August, unless our Trustees want me to be in America earlier. I plan to spend the full academic year in the United States. I am also planning to bring my family along. Mrs. Lin is a graduate of Johns Hopkins Medical College. We have two children, a girl 3½ and a boy 2½. I studied at Columbia during 1920-25.

Again thanking you for your interest,

Yours very sincerely,

B. J. Lin
President.

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April 23, 1934

ack-4/19/34 by CME to California

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I sent you a letter just a few days ago with regard to the question of cooperation between Hwa Nan and F.C.U. You may be interested in having a copy of my paper on Christian Higher Education in the Foochow Area which I prepared last January at the request of Dr. Jesse Lee Corley of the Southern California Conference in connection with preparing a manual for the Conference there. As you know, the Southern California Conference has taken over the Foochow area as their parish abroad. I have only mentioned this in connection with my request to Mr. Cartwright to allow me to take up the matter of Methodist appropriations to us with the Southern California people direct. This paper gives a brief account of the historical developments of these two institutions, together with a description of the present situation and problems. It may be of some use to our Trustees when they approach the Hwa Nan Trustees for further cooperation.

It seems very difficult to get anything initiated here on the field. On account of the psychological background of the Hwa Nan people on the field, we deem it very unwise for us to mention anything more about cooperation. We may be responsible for this state of mind, but it shows that the mere bringing up of the question in Foochow would create much misunderstanding. We believe the proper place to start is with the Hwa Nan Trustees. I hope our Trustees can convince the Hwa Nan members that we have no other thought than to see that Christian higher education be efficiently maintained in Fukien Province, and that we are willing to accept any terms the Hwa Nan Trustees may deem necessary to propose for the sake of a really effective cooperative plan. I think they ought to know now that unless some plan is agreed upon neither Hwa Nan nor Fukien can last very long, but with the combined resources and forces there is every reason to believe that Christian higher education in Fukien Province will occupy a very important and influential place in the life of the people.

I do not know whether or not it is advisable to mention what we here think is the only possible solution to the Hwa Nan Trustees, that is, the moving of the Hwa Nan College department to a section of the F.C.U. campus. The only needed addition on the Fukien campus, should the whole Hwan Nan College department move down, would be a new women's dormitory in the

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next two or three years. Our present women's dormitory could almost accommodate the present Hwa Nan College student body. Our science equipment, laboratories, and library are now sufficient for the combined student body. With our present building experience we estimate that \$20,000 or \$30,000 Mex. would be sufficient to build a new dormitory which would accommodate over 100 students. That sum of money could be raised in two or three years time, and possibly in China. This would leave all of the other Hwa Nan buildings in Foochow for the development of a good girls high school with proper equipment for science work and home economics. It is our belief that the present situation calls for coordination and correlation of the work. No mere talk of cooperation can solve our difficulty, but probably would increase it. I offer the above for your consideration, only with the intention that our Trustees would like to know what is the real situation and our thought about it.

Enclosed herewith I am sending you four copies of snap shots. You will find in the two group pictures which were taken on April 7 the Hwa Nan and F.C.U. science faculties. Our science group invited the Hwa Nan science group to come down for lunch together and an inspection of our science laboratories. The spirit was most cordial. We hope to develop more of the spirit of fellowship among our faculty members as time goes on.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

*Placed in envelope
of other F.C.U. pictures.*

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*Sent w/ Cole
Linn's letter
4/23/34*

There are two Christian institutions of higher learning in the Foochow area; namely, Hwa Nan College (the women's college of South China) and Fukien Christian University. The former was organized by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America, on the conviction that "the most vital force in the uplift and transformation of society is the Christian spirit of self-sacrificing service" and "that the womanhood of China is worthy of the highest type of Christian education." The college work actually started in 1914 "to develop trained leadership and to foster the spirit of willingness to serve China."⁽¹⁾ Fukien is a union enterprise of the four Protestant Christian missions and churches working in the province of Fukien. The Methodist Episcopal Church has a large part in it. The first two presidents of the university were Methodist missionaries; namely, the late Edwin C. Jones and Bishop John Gowdy. The other cooperating boards are the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in America, and the Church Missionary Society for Africa and the East. The object of the university is "to provide higher education for youth in China under such influences as will develop Christian character and leadership to meet the deeper needs of society."⁽²⁾ The Board of Managers in China pledged to maintain this spirit when it accepted the responsibility of control of the institution on the field in 1927.⁽³⁾

The stories of the founding of these institutions are valuable parts of the enterprise which we are going to describe. Hwa Nan College really had its beginning in 1904 when a special committee was appointed by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society to investigate the possibility of such an institution. Bishop J. W. Bashford served as the president of a tentative board of directors, and the site of the college was chosen. In 1907 the constitution of the college was finally adopted, and the regular board of directors organized. Miss Lydia A. Trimble was elected president in 1908. Then there followed a long difficult period of planning and preparation, such as further purchase of land, erection of buildings, and the strengthening of the preparatory department before the regular college work was offered in 1914 with five girls to start. Dr. Idabelle Lewis was elected to succeed Miss Trimble in 1926. There soon followed the difficult period of the anti-Christian educational movement in Foochow, but readjustment was soon made. After the resignation of Miss Lewis, the college was administered by a Commission of five Chinese lady teachers of the institution. In 1930, the present president, Miss Lucy C. Wang, was inaugurated.

The founders of Fukien were first organized in 1911 when they were called together by Dr. John F. Goucher as Chairman of the American section of the Committee on Higher Education of the Edinburgh Missionary Conference of 1910. Dr. Goucher was assigned the task of founding four union Christian universities in China which had been decided upon as necessary to meet the needs of the Christian church in this country for higher education. Foochow was chosen as one of the four strategic centers. The Board of Managers was then organized to secure money for buying land, and Edwin C. Jones of the Methodist

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Mission was elected president in the summer of 1915. The university opened for the spring term of 1916 in rented buildings in Foochow. The three Christian junior colleges in Foochow and two in Amoy transferred their two upper classes to be the freshmen and sophomore students in the new institution. Of course many negotiations and tedious arrangements had to be made before this was accomplished, but they were all done in the finest spirit. The university remained in the old building until it was moved to the present site in the spring of 1922. Bishop John Gowdy, an eye witness of the founding of the institution, made the following statement in an address given at the fifteenth anniversary of the university in January 1931: "I can scarcely imagine a man faced with a more difficult task than was given to Mr. Jones; to organize and equip even the beginnings of a university from almost no resources..... Dr. Goucher promised \$1,500 Mex. a year for three years. Whatever may have been done in the way of high thinking, there was certainly plenty of plain living on the part of the staff, particularly President Jones Some of us who saw the break that was coming in his health labored with him most urgently to give up and go off for a change and rest. But he could see no way of carrying on if he left, so he stood by until he was absolutely physically unfit to continue. Only then did he yield to the doctor's orders and go home, as we now know, to die".(4)

Bishop John Gowdy, the President of Anglo-Chinese College in Foochow, was elected President of the university in 1924, where he served until 1927. During the period 1924-27 an intensive building program was carried on on the new site, and the work at Fukien made very rapid progress. It was during this time that the new men's dormitory and the Edwin C. Jones Memorial Science Hall were completed and put into use. Then came the great changes which took place in the spring of 1927. Fukien was the center of attack by the anti-Christian movement in Foochow. Says Bishop Gowdy, "It is a great joy to me to put on record that in that struggle the right triumphed, and that almost entirely through the daring and unceasing efforts of a group of loyal students..... I confess to you frankly that, well as I knew Chinese students, I was surprised to learn how during that crisis they showed an individual daring and persistent faithfulness that simply would not know defeat". (5) Scarcely had we recovered from this attack and the problems of reorganization, when our main dormitory for men was almost totally destroyed by fire in the spring of 1928. But with all this, Fukien was able not only to recover to its normal rate of progress, but to go forward in both its academic work and physical growth. So much so that Bishop Gowdy made this declaration, "I do not know any educational institution in China today that is so successfully realizing its ideals under the new regime as is Fukien Christian University..... I am amazed that so much has been done. And yet, the greatest accomplishment here is not the buildings. We are a small and comparatively unknown institution, but everywhere throughout China wherever our name has been heard, it at once suggests the famous F.C.U. spirit. I think I am safe in saying that few if any other institutions of higher learning in China have been so conspicuously successful in creating an atmosphere of unselfish Christian helpfulness and camaraderie

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between teachers and students as has Fukien Christian University. I know institutions much greater and more widely known than we, who envy us this great possession".(6)

Hwa Nan is located on an island about three miles South of Foochow City. She has three attractive buildings located on an elevation of ground with fine views of the famous Min River and the beautiful surrounding hills. There are a number of science laboratories in the main recitation hall: "a group of sister colleges in America have helped substantially in adding to the equipment of these laboratories". There is also a good Chinese library. Plans are now under way for the addition of two new buildings, a practice house for the Home Economics Department and a science hall. Fukien is about five miles Southeast of Foochow City on the foot ranges of the famous Kushan Peak (Drum Mountain) on the bank of the Min River. The campus consists of more than sixty acres of wooded hills and plains with eighteen prominent buildings, including faculty residences. It has been claimed by many a visitor that this is probably the most beautiful college site in China. The science building with its equipment and collection of specimens compares favorably with any other college in the country. This is due to generous grants of the China Medical Board and the Rockefeller Foundation almost from the earliest years of the institution. The library at Fukien now contains about 13,000 volumes in foreign languages, chiefly English, and 44,000 in Chinese, about one-third of the latter being of the finest and most rare collections, donated to Fukien by the former tutor to the last Manchu Emperor.

With these fine provisions college education is being offered to the youth in this province at what is probably the lowest possible cost in this country. At Hwa Nan a sum of about \$110 Mex. (\$37 gold at 3:1) covers tuition, board and room of a student for the entire academic year. At Fukien the fees for the same items amount to \$170 Mex (Gold \$57 at 3:1). Then in these small colleges there are plenty of opportunities for close personal contacts between teachers and students as well as between the students themselves. The various student activities give training to practically all the young people in their life contacts among one another.

In 1933 Hwa Nan had a student body of 72, all of whom were reported to be professed Christians. There is a teaching staff of fifteen full time persons, including four American missionary ladies. Hwa Nan's annual budget is \$73,066 Mex. In the same year Fukien had 185 students, 20 of whom were women. Of the total student body 117 (or 63%) were reported to be Christians. Fukien has a teaching staff of 22, including six missionary teachers. Half of the missionary staff is directly paid by the Fukien Board of Trustees and the other half is supported by the cooperating mission boards. The total annual budget for 1933 was \$174,247 Mex. Both Hwa Nan and Fukien offer work of senior college grade in arts, science, education and pre-medicine. Hwa Nan also carries a preparatory department for senior high school girls. She is also to greatly strengthen her science work and home economics department. Fukien has a special program for Chinese Cultural Studies, and is steadily strengthening her agricultural experimentation and rural service work. She also conducts a two-year teacher training course.(7)

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Both of these institutions are comparatively young in their histories and have therefore only a small number of graduates. They have, however, already shown the value of their education to the Christian movement and to society in general. Out of Hwa Nan's 105 alumnae (1931 figure), 76 (or 73%) are engaged in Christian schools as teachers, medical doctors, and social and religious work. Most of these young women are stationed in country districts. This is certainly a most splendid record. Fukien has 179 living alumni as reported to the Council of Higher Education in 1933. A little more than 100 of them are teaching in Christian, government and private schools, 10 are in the ministry, religious and medical work, 37 in government service and business, and a little more than 20 are carrying on further study in China and abroad.(8) Generally speaking, the graduates of both institutions have been in great demand, Hwa Nan's especially for teachers in the Christian girls' schools, and Fukien for science teachers. Society in general appreciates the services of the young graduates from these Christian colleges.

However, Christian higher education is facing a tremendous challenge in China today. Its past achievements and present strength will not necessarily vouchsafe its future unless the necessary adjustments are made in time. Both the Burton Educational Commission of 1921-22 (9) and the Laymen's Inquiry of 1930-32 (10) point out some of the more serious problems that need prompt solutions. Of course, many of our difficulties are shared by the government and private colleges and institutions in China, as viewed by the League of Nations Experts' report of 1932(11), but Christian colleges, and particularly those in the Foochow area, are especially facing the following two problems, the question of meeting the Chinese needs and the question of educational efficiency.

It has often been pointed out with convincing evidence that Christian colleges are not meeting adequately the needs of the Chinese people. Our college curriculum is still based on that which has been developed in the West to meet the industrial conditions there. Our teaching is more or less mechanically done through textbooks and lectures, using chiefly foreign material which is far removed from the life of the people, and especially the life experiences of the young people in China. The ways and habits of living that have been developed in these institutions do not seem to fit quite well the graduates in their work to society. We have not adjusted our college work to the fundamental task of uplifting the people who are suffering in poverty and ignorance. Society in general feels the increasing burden of supporting a class of people who feed on its labor without yielding due returns in service. There is an unceasing demand that the Christian colleges in particular should develop young men and young women who will face the tremendous task of making a new nation in China during its transitional period. This may mean that "in general in the senior colleges each institution offer and emphasize courses preparatory to a limited number of professions, choosing these with reference to the specific needs of the community in that region, and the opportunities offered by other colleges accessible to their students", as recommended by the Burton commission.(12) It would also mean a better and more effective program of character education than we have ever had which will call forth the self-sacrificing spirit and devotion in youth to serve their fellow countrymen,

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even without considering their personal ambition and comfort. It seems to be a task which institutions of higher learning truly Christian can attempt to meet.

The Laymen's Inquiry of 1932 faces "the deplorable lack of unity and coordination" among the Christian colleges in China. They consider duplication of work, whatever may be the historical reason, as quite unjustifiable economically, in view of the available resources of support. (13) In the Foochow area, there is one teacher to every 4.8 students in Hwa Nan and one to every 8.5 in Fukien. The average ratio for all of the Christian colleges in China for Arts and Science is 8.2 in 1933. The cost per student at Hwa Nan is \$1,014 Mex., and \$942 Mex. at Fukien, the median for the whole country among Christian colleges being \$578 Mex., and the average \$679 Mex. (14) In the meanwhile, both of these institutions feel the need of additional competent teachers, administrative staff, and sufficient funds in order to keep up the proper quality of academic work and the program of general educational service. During these years of depression, financial conditions are pressing even more acutely for greater efficiency and economy. Some effort has been made to coordinate the work in higher education in these two institutions since the Burton report and the correlated programs of the Council of Higher Education, 1928-1933, (15) but there are difficulties which seem to be hard to overcome, such as institutional policies and historical connections. Nevertheless, it is quite clear to any disinterested observer that a closer cooperation between these two institutions would greatly strengthen the work of higher education in this area. Christian higher education would then be prepared to meet the serious competition that will soon come, in view of the rapid rise of private and government universities and colleges in the near future. They would, then, also be able to make even a greater contribution to the Christian movement in this country during this critical period of national reconstruction. Cooperation between these two institutions may take any one of the three forms: (1) Combination, putting the resources and the personnel of the two existing institutions together on a new basis, (2) Federation, closely correlating both the administrative and academic work by means of a common Senate, although remaining as independent entities so far as internal discipline is concerned; or (3) Affiliation, coordinating academic work offered and agreeing on certain general standards with regard to the content and grade of each subject given. It is feared that the continuation of the present status of individual development will mean a hard struggle for both institutions, and may also mean the elimination of Christian higher education in this area in the long run. It is hoped that the Christian spirit among the people concerned and the interest which they have for the future of the Christian movement will lead to some better way than the present.

The province of Fukien, of which Foochow is the capital, is among the earliest fields of Protestant missionary activities in China, and it is the birth place of the Methodist church in this country. (16) In this area we have several mission schools now existing that have their history dating back to the beginnings of the Christian educational movement in the whole of Asia. (17) The Foochow Anglo-Chinese College, from a part of which Fukien Christian

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University has evolved, was the first institution definitely designed to do college work in China, after a generous gift from Mr. Chang Hok Ling in 1881. Several other Christian schools in Foochow did junior college grade of work during the first decade of the twentieth century. (18) All of this gives a convincing evidence of the vision and the determination on the part of the missionary leaders to continually place the leadership of the Christian movement into Chinese hands. In a general missionary survey of 1918-21, it is shown that then Fukien had the highest number of church communicants, 24 per 10,000 inhabitants in China, being almost double the number of any other province in the country. It also ranks first in the number of ordained Chinese workers. Many reasons may be offered for this condition about which the above mentioned survey declares, "Fukien is the best evangelized province of China". The persistent attention paid to Christian higher education by the Christian people may be one of the reasons. This, however, should not be considered as a matter of pride or self-contentment. Really, as the survey says, "it may be well to add that the needs for Fukien for this very reason are more pressing than those of other provinces", and that probably explains why Fukien from early times has been chosen to be one of the important centers of higher Christian education in China.

In summing up the situation we probably cannot do better than to quote the concluding paragraph of the Burton Educational Commission of 1922, to the substance of which the Laymen's Inquiry of 1932 also agrees: "The Commission having frankly indicated weaknesses and needed reforms in the system of Christian colleges, desires to put on record its appreciation of their splendid achievements, the devotion and abilities of the men and women on their faculties, and the surpassing importance of their place in the Christian movement. From them must come the educated Christian workers and laymen who are absolutely necessary for the healthy development of Chinese Christianity. Through them will be mediated to Chinese political, social, and industrial progress, the contribution of western Christian ideals and methods. They are the most conspicuous and convincing expression to the Chinese public of the spirit of friendly helpfulness and the ability to render worthwhile service, which are implicit in the missionary enterprise. The Commission is convinced that the Mission Boards should consider seriously the proposed changes in policy, but also that within these conditions the colleges should be strengthened to the limit of financial resources and by the appointment of the choicest Chinese and western teachers to be found." (20)

C. J. Lin

FOOCHOW
January 1934

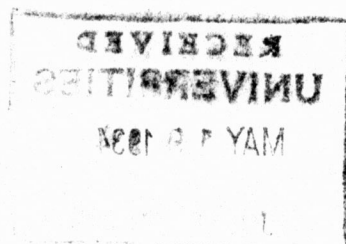
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President C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Mr. Lin:

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Let me first take up the definite questions raised by your letter of March 9th.

As to Date of Arrival. You suggest arrival in the United States about September first, if that fits in with our plans here. This suggestion fits in very well indeed with the tentative plans we have been making. The Methodist Board is anxious to have you spend about two weeks at the beginning of September visiting and speaking in some of their churches in southern California. This would mean that it would be about September 20th when you reach New York City. Since we are hoping to begin our China Colleges Conferences about October first, you would have ten days to get settled down and to make preparations for beginning the conferences. If you can plan your sailing so as to arrive in Los Angeles about the thirtieth or thirty-first of August, this would make possible the best use of your time.

In general the plans of the Methodist Board would be about as follows:- Arrangements would be made to use you, and Mrs. Lin also so far as her responsibilities to the Children would permit, during the first two weeks in September. You would be met in Los Angeles and personally conducted on your tour among the southern California churches, finishing up probably on Sunday, September 16th, departing for New York immediately thereafter. While we have had no definite promise from the Methodist Board on the point, I believe that, in addition to taking care of your necessary expenses during this two weeks, they would either provide some honorarium, or else financial assistance toward meeting the expenses of your journey.

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General Plans for Autumn and Early Winter. At the present time our general plans for using you during the period from October 1st to the latter part of January are as follows:- Throughout the fall and early winter we will be visiting about a score of our North American cities as a team representing the Christian Colleges in China. For about two days we will conduct public meetings, both large and small, and will meet with various groups who are interested, or whom we may interest, in Christian higher education in China. Following these meetings some or all of the members of the team will remain in the city for a day or two to follow up contacts with individuals who are interested either in the entire group of Colleges or in individual institutions. We will then go on to the next city where this general program will be repeated. For a week or two at the Thanksgiving season and again at the Christmas season we will discontinue these meetings. We would also try to finish up in time to leave you as free as possible for devoting yourself to study during the second half of the academic year, though even during this period you would probably be called on occasionally for special meetings.

In such a schedule as this you should have very excellent opportunities to cultivate the acquaintance, and to solicit the support, of men and women all over America who are interested in Fukien Christian University. Just how much harvest we can hope to reap immediately is problematical. At least we should be able to establish contacts, and to lay foundations, which would later on be very productive.

Provision for your Expenses while in America. In addition to the U.S.\$500 which the Trustees have already undertaken to provide, I hope that we will be able to discover other sources of income which will help along materially in the expenses you and Mrs. Lin must incur. In the first place, the Associated Boards will, of course, take care of the expenses involved in your work with them, and will, I believe, be responsible for some fair share of the expense of your travel to and from China. Under the arrangements suggested by President Barstow, the cost of living in Hartford should not be very great. Opportunities should present themselves for special speaking engagements here and there where honoraria in varying sizes would be given. In some places nothing at all might be forthcoming, but in others gifts up to \$25 or even \$50 might be secured. We cannot promise too much in advance, but we do hope that matters can be worked out during the course of the year in ways which will relieve quite substantially the financial strain of your year in America.

Publicity Materials. You ask as to the types of publicity material you should bring with you. Yes, it will be very helpful if you can bring one or more reels of motion picture film of the Fukien campus. I have a 16 millimeter projector of my own which will be available for use at any time, and we have another here in the office which can probably be borrowed whenever needed. In almost any city we go to it is fairly

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B. A. Carside

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May 7, 1934

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Rev Mr. Lin*

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Mr. C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
Fochow, China

My dear Mr. Lin:

We enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of our Fukien Trustees held on April 25th. Under separate cover we have already mailed you thirty copies of this material for distribution on the field. I will comment briefly on the matters taken up by the meeting.

Budget 1934-35. The Trustees by actions T-1054 and T-1055 inform the field as to all the sources of income that at the present time seem to be at all assured. By action T-1056 the Trustees further inform the Board of Managers that they will undertake to provide, through the promotional efforts we are planning for the coming year, an additional U.S.\$5,000. This last action is taken in the faith that through your presence in America, and the efforts which you will be able to make while here, we will be able to secure this additional assistance.

Promotional Matters. I am writing you a separate letter on this topic so need not comment at length here.

Application for Absolute Charter. I hope that we may now go forward with this application without any further delay.

Items from Managers' Minutes. The Trustees reviewed with cordial interest the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers held on November 4th, 1933. There appeared to be nothing in these minutes requiring definite action. On one point the Board asked me to make an informal comment. Actions M-732 to M-736 propose the purchase of certain land and the erection of certain buildings with money to be borrowed from the investment funds held on the field. While the funds being used are presumably those entirely under the control of the Board of Managers and while the Trustees recognize that the field is facing serious financial problems so that emergency measures seem to be necessary, still the hope was expressed that the field would take every care to avoid the use of investment funds for property items. A great many institutions have gotten their finances into hopeless

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difficulties by what were at first intended to be temporary loans from investment funds, which were to be repaid later through rents or other income, but which for one reason or another could never be recovered. There is a wide basis of experience behind the generally accepted rule that under no conditions whatever should investment funds be used, even temporarily, for erecting buildings, purchasing land, or meeting other emergency needs of an institution. We recognize, of course, that all of these comments may be quite out of order.

Very cordially yours,

*B.A. Harside*BAG:MP
Enc.

Cc:

Miss Asher
Mr. McClure

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May 9, 1934

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President C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Mr. Lin:

On December 4th we wrote you sending blanks for preparing the 1933-34 report to the University of the State of New York. I hope that this material reached you and that by the time this letter arrives your report will be in course of preparation. But in order to guard against the possibility of loss of the material already sent, as well as to remind you of the importance of sending in these reports promptly, I am sending you this second letter, and am enclosing three more blank forms. If you do not need these forms this year, save them for preparing your report for 1934-35 in June of next year.

Let me urge again that you see that these reports are mailed to us not later than July 15th, 1934, earlier if possible. We simply must have these reports in the hands of the Department of Education at Albany very promptly if we are to avoid endless annoyance and friction. Let me urge too that you take care to see that the report is filled in completely and accurately. At least half the reports we receive have item #1 omitted. Most of them have mistakes in addition, and other evidences of carelessness which create quite a bit of irritation in Albany.

This is particularly important during the present year, since our Application for an Absolute Charter is now before the authorities in Albany.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garvie

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President J. Leighton Stuart
Rev. L. J. Davies
President Y. G. Chen
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President Lincoln Dsang
Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker

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Gentlemen:

Each of you will be receiving at about the same time as this letter, a communication from Dean George H. Chase, informing you that for the fiscal year 1934-35 the Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute will guarantee to the institutions participating in the Restricted Fund a total of US\$60,000. This is gratifying news indeed, because it means a substantial additional income from the Harvard-Yenching Institute just at a time when each of our universities is being compelled to make radical reductions in their budgets.

The estimates we have heretofore used in preparing our 1934-35 budget, together with the revised figure we can count upon under this guarantee are as follows:-

	Previous estimate	Revised Estimate
Yenching	\$11,710.51	\$15,789.47
Nanking	7,026.32	9,473.69
West China	7,026.32	9,473.69 ✓
Lingnan	7,026.32	9,473.69
Cheeloo	4,684.21	6,315.79 ✓
Fukien	4,684.21	6,315.79 ✓
Allahabad	2,342.11	3,157.88
	<u>\$44,500.00</u>	<u>\$60,000.00</u>

I am sure that in the cases of Yenching, Cheeloo and Fukien, where action has already been taken defining our budget appropriation for 1934-35, the Trustees will at once approve the inclusion of this larger figure as one of the items within their contribution and we will, therefore, use this revised figure in all of our future estimates. In Nanking and West China, where final action has not been taken on next year's budget, we will use the revised figure in preparing our analysis.

It is profoundly to be regretted that just at a time when the Institute is coming so generously to the support of our Colleges in the midst of their serious economic difficulties, the Trustees of the Institute are keenly disappointed at the unsatisfactory nature of the reports submitted by several of the beneficiary institutions. Dean Chase has sent me copies of the letters he has written to each of the Colleges under date of May 8th. I am writing to several of you individually at this time with regard to our past and future reports.

Very cordially yours,

B.A.G.

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May 11, 1934

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President C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
Fuechow, China

My dear President Lin:

Dean Chase has kindly sent me a copy of the letter he wrote you on May 8th, quoting the action adopted by the Institute Trustees on April 30th with reference to the Annual Reports required from the various Universities.

Fukien has always handled these reports in a very much more satisfactory way than most of the other institutions. I am sure you will continue to do so. I hope that you will always make it a rule to have these reports in the mail before the instructional and administrative staff scatter for the summer. In order to avoid any misunderstanding, you should send three copies of the Annual Report - one to Dean Chase in Cambridge, one to Dr. Porter in Peiping, and one to our New York office.

I am sorry to note that for some reason Dean Chase did not receive a reply to the letter he wrote you on December 7th, 1933, asking for certain additional information. It is very important to the cordiality of our relationships with the Institute that all letters be acknowledged promptly and all information requested supplied in as careful a way as possible. The Institute is dealing very generously with all of the Colleges, and we must not do anything to lessen their goodwill.

Very cordially yours,

B.A. Carver

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

Meeting of Educational Committee

February 8, 1933

VOTED: That, for the year 1933-34 and until further notice, Fukien Christian University, Lingnan University, the University of Nanking, Shantung Christian University, West China Union University, and Yenching University be asked to report annually for the year June 30th to July 1st to the Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute so that the report may reach Cambridge by October first of each year, and that each report should include:

1. Two copies of all printed catalogues in Chinese and in English;
2. A financial report showing
 - (a) moneys received from the Institute and paid out;
 - (b) names and salaries of personnel and detail of other expenses;
 - (c) amount spent for book purchases;
 - (d) technical equipment;
3. (a) a list of courses actually given and the number of students in each course;
- (b) a list of research problems in progress;
- (c) a list of publications;
4. Two copies of all publications and syllabi of professors and students (retroactive as far as possible).

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May, 17, 1934

President C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear President Lin:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 19th. In this you comment on the minutes of the March 1st meeting of our Associated Boards Executive Committee together with the memorandum which came before that Committee "Reviewing the Correlated Program.

We are very glad to have your comments on the problem of cooperation between Fukien and Hwa Nan. It has been my own personal conviction right along that Fukien has made every possible move in the direction of cooperation, and that the fundamental difficulty has been the attitude of our Hwa Nan friends that they should continue to maintain an entirely independent and separate College for women. If Hwa Nan is able to secure adequate support for this work, certainly we would all be happy to see the institution go forward. It is a very serious question, however, whether the North American constituency of Christian higher education in China would be inclined to provide support for a separate woman's college in Fukien province. While we tried to present in the memorandum "Reviewing the Correlated Program" as objective and impartial a summary as we could, and while we included for consideration most of the suggestions received from various sources as to possible reductions in program here and there, there has not been any serious move on the part of the Associated Boards to seek for any further restriction of the program of Fukien Christian University unless further reductions in support make that necessary as a final alternative.

Certainly neither Fukien Christian University nor the Associated Boards can win Hwa Nan College to any closer cooperation if the shy maiden refuses to respond to our wooing. Hwa Nan College is not a member of the Associated Boards, so we have no responsibility whatever either for its program or for its financial support.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Caside

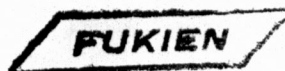
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
處事辦長校



May 17, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

We have sent in reservation for passage to America on the M.S. "Selandia" of the East Asiatic Company, a Danish freighter, which leaves Hongkong on June 26 and arrives at Los Angeles on July 17. We are, therefore, coming earlier than we originally planned, and we are planning to spend from four to six weeks on the West coast before coming East, unless you desire us to move on earlier. We have asked Miss Sarah M. Bosworth, 143 East Washington Street, Pasadena, California, to be our clearing agent there, so that mail to us can be sent to her. We have also asked her to arrange in some way to meet us upon arrival. If you know of any of our friends near there who can help us upon landing or in getting suitable living quarters for our family, kindly write to them and ask them to get in touch with Miss Bosworth. If you have not sent our clergy certificates to us at Foochow, please send them to us in care of Miss Bosworth. *noted* (initials)

Could you also make some arrangement with the proper immigration authorities so that there will be no trouble in regard to our landing. Of course we shall have proper passports.

Sincerely yours,

B. J. Lin.

P.S. *Mrs. Lin and two children are coming with me.*

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Fukien Christian University

May 21, 1934

President C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
Focchow, China

My dear President Lin:

I find that your letter dated March 9th, addressed to Mr. Garbide, has not been acknowledged. Undoubtedly, however, he has covered the matter referring to the budget in the letter accompanying the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Trustees. There is just as much regret and pain on the part of the Trustees at seeing the reductions which are needed in order to meet the budget. With the turn of the tide upward, and with the continued expenditure of funds by the Government, there should be a definite swing toward recovery in all lines at a very early date. Under these circumstances, our promotional efforts should bring better results.

The acquisition of Rev. W. G. Tyson, and Mr. W. A. MacRae, were both in addition to the other members of the Board representing the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We are all looking forward to the opportunity of seeing you and having you with us this fall.

With cordial good wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

Assistant Treasurer

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May 29, 1934

President Y. G. Chen
Dr. Lincoln Deang
President C. J. Lin ✓
Dr. J. Leighton Stuart

Gentlemen:

Several of our China Colleges making annual reports to the University of the State of New York have found it difficult to secure the execution of the affidavit printed on the form supplied us by Albany. Notary Publics are not available in China, and a trip to the American consulate is a tedious task that is apt to cause a great deal of delay.

We therefore wrote to the University of the State of New York some time ago and requested that the Presidents of the various Universities be permitted to fill out the annual report without the affidavit, and that the affidavit be added here in New York. The University of the State of New York has now approved this procedure. You may therefore begin with the report due on June 30th 1934 simply by signing your name on the last page after the words "President of", and then send the reports along to us without delaying to secure the affidavit. Here in New York we will prepare a special affidavit as Secretary of the Board of Trustees stating that we know the signature to be that of the presiding officer of the institution, and that the report has been prepared in accordance with the instructions of the New York State Education Department.

We hope that this simplification of the process of preparing this annual report will expedite its completion, so that we will not hereafter have to make apologies to our friends in Albany for the late arrival of this material. Will each of you try to see that the report is actually in the mail within a few days after the fiscal year closes on June 30th.

Very cordially yours,

W. H. G. H. G. H. G.

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May 30, 1934

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

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Dear Mr. Garside:

Enclosed herewith please find copies of my letters to Mr. Cartwright and Mr. Kellogg, respectively. There are two points which I hope you will pay attention to. One is the return of the Kelloggs. We hope very much that the Kelloggs can come out this fall. If in any way you can encourage both the Methodist Board and the Kelloggs to follow out their plans of his returning to Foochow this fall, we would be most grateful. The second thing is our request for an additional grant for a substitute teacher from the Methodist Board in case the Kelloggs fail to come. We are asking for US\$1,000, or M\$3,000, instead of US\$600 which they gave us this year, the chief reason being on account of the lower rate of gold exchange.

Recently the Fukien government has approached us several times for some effective cooperation in agricultural experiment and extension work. There is no other institution here which is able to do it, and the government people feel quite satisfied with regard to our work here. They certainly need our help, and we should render what service we can for the important phase of service that will help to reconstruct Fukien. If we fail to come in, they will probably go on with their plan of work just the same. In that case, it would mean that we would have a hard time to offer our help in the future for whoever is in charge of the new work of the government would have a set of personnel and work by themselves, and we would be considered as being on the outside of that. Hence, we would not be able to exercise our influence to make the work most helpful for the people. It would also mean that we would have a hard time to start our work by ourselves, for it would mean competition with the government, which even if we had the money and personnel, we would not like to do. So this is a most welcome opportunity for us to extend our hand of cooperation with the public. And for this very reason, we need Mr. Kellogg's services, for it would not cost us any more money to have him here, and in the meanwhile, by having him present we would be able to utilize the financial and other resources of the government which they will be only

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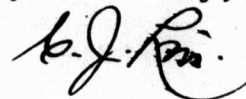
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too glad to put at our disposal both for experimentation and extension service. I hope you can present this matter to the Methodist Board and Mr. Kellogg.

We are still following our schedule of coming to America. We are taking the M.S. "Selandia" from Hongkong on June 26, and arriving at Los Angeles on July 17. Anything you can do in arranging for our landing through the immigration office will be greatly appreciated. As I wrote you last, we have asked Miss Sarah M. Bosworth, 143 East Washington Street, Pasadena, to help us in finding a place for us to stay and planning some way to meet us. I have already asked you about the Clergy Certificates. You may send them to Miss Bosworth if you have not already sent them to us here direct.

Dr. W. Y. Chen, the Acting President, will take over the office on June 4. Our commencement is on June 21 and the baccalaureate service is on June 17. Everything here has been going on very well.

Yours very sincerely,



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May 29, 1934

Mr. C. R. Kellogg
1 Sunset Court
Amherst, Massachusetts

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9/30/34

Dear Mr. Kellogg:

I received a letter from Mr. Cartwright two days ago informing us that there is some possibility of you delaying your return to F.C.U. The reason given is that the Board is not able to assure you of several years of employment on the field without any likelihood of being withdrawn. It would be quite hard for the Board to give such assurance, but we believe that since the Board is willing to send you back that they would think in terms of keeping you here on the field for at least a term of from six to seven years, for it would be quite expensive to recall you on account of travel expenses for the family, and they know very well that you are very valuable in the work here. The Methodist Mission Board has never suggested that they would go back on their assurances of cooperation with F.C.U. by keeping two missionaries on our staff. Since your return, we have had only Stowe representing the Methodist Board, and the Board is conscious of this. Hence it was willing to make a special grant towards our budget expenses until you could actually join us again. It is our belief that the Methodist Board would do everything possible to keep you here when you are once here, so we do hope that you will not let this unlikely possibility prevent you from deciding to return this fall.

From my last two letters you will find that we have definitely arranged the work on the basis of your being here in the fall. There are students who make their stay at F.C.U. conditional on being able to study with you. Our rural work is being carried on with great energy because of the fact that we shall be able to have additional help from you next fall. Our agricultural experiment station is also being carried on on the same basis. We do hope that you will see your important part in our enlarged service to society.

As I wrote you last we are planning to be at Los Angeles on July 17, so that we will meet you before you leave for China. We have asked Miss Bosworth to be our clearing agent, as well as to arrange a place for us to stay while we are waiting on the West coast. We do hope that we may see you there.

Yours very sincerely,

b. J. Lm.

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May 29, 1934

Rev. F. T. Cartwright
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

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Dear Mr. Cartwright:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters dated April 19 and 27, respectively. We are glad that you and Mrs. Cartwright like the calendar. We hope that it will serve to remind you of some of the Foochow connections which are quite dear to your heart.

With regard to the return of the Kelloggs, we are certainly sorry about the latest developments. We appreciate very much the attitude which Dr. Edwards and yourself have taken for the Board. The mere fact that you are willing to send the Kelloggs out implies a certain amount of assurance. I do not believe the Board could do more. We are writing to Mr. Kellogg direct urging them to come on the basis that you have proposed to them. In Christian work in China, there is always a certain amount of adventure based on faith. We hope that the challenge here will be sufficient to attract the Kelloggs to the extent of returning.

It was very kind of you to say for yourself and for Dr. Edwards that you would be willing to recommend to the Executive Committee the continuation of a special grant towards the support of the institution should the Kelloggs fail to return this fall. Of course, our first choice is to have the Kelloggs back. Should they, however, decide to stay in America for another year, we would like to ask the Executive Committee of the Methodist Board to make a special grant towards a substitute amounting to the sum of U.S.\$1,000 or the equivalent of M\$3,000, instead of US\$600 which the Board so kindly appropriated for the present year. We made the request for US\$600 on the basis of exchange at that time being about 5:1. As you all know, the rate of exchange has dropped considerably, and there is no possibility of the rate going higher than 3:1. In securing a Chinese teacher we would at least have to pay \$200 Mex. salary per month, plus travel expenses, medical and other miscellaneous allowances. The sum of \$3,000 is barely enough for such purposes. Please consider this as an official request should you find it necessary to make such a recommendation to the Executive Committee.

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We are very sorry to hear about Dr. Edward's health. We hope your explanation is correct, and that he will be back in his important service before long. Many of our staff here remember his visit to our campus, and I personally feel quite attached to him, both because of our relationship when I was in America and for the kind attitude he had towards us here since my return. We are looking forward to meeting him and his family when we are in America. In case you are writing him I hope you will convey to him our thought of him. I do not want to bother him by writing direct on any business at this time.

It is very kind of you to tell me that the Methodist Board representative will be glad to help us in coming to America. We are planning to leave by a Danish freighter, the M.S. "Selandia" of the East Asiatic Company, from Hongkong on June 26, and to arrive at Los Angeles on July 17. I believe these dates are rather approximate. We have written to Miss Sarah M. Bosworth, 143 East Washington Street, Pasadena, asking her to help us when we land. If you have a representative at Los Angeles, we would be glad if you would ask him to cooperate with Miss Bosworth in making some arrangement to meet us at the boat. It will greatly facilitate our landing, as we have been away from America for so long and neither of us have been in Los Angeles before. Any service which your representative or other friends can render to us in this connection will be greatly appreciated.

We are planning to stay on the West coast for a few weeks, unless our Trustees wish us to go on to the East immediately. It is our plan that we get ourselves adjusted to American thought and conditions before we venture to talk to the American public. A few weeks on the West coast will help us in this matter. Should you like us to do anything while we are in Southern California, we shall be glad to comply. Kindly write us in care of Miss Bosworth.

Yours very sincerely,

b. J. Lin.

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