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Fukien Christian University

January 28, 1932.

Dr. W. I. Chamberlain,
25 East 22nd Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Chamberlain:

I am enclosing herewith for your information a copy of a very frank letter Miss Asher has written at my suggestion, in which she sets forth the financial difficulties she faces in contemplating return to Fukien this summer.

I need not say anything as to the strong desire of the field to have Miss Asher return. President Lin has written several letters during the last few months, both to Miss Asher and to me, urging that she return to the University at all cost this summer, and giving earnest assurances that her presence there is fully as necessary as it ever was.

I believe Miss Asher is profoundly anxious to go back to the field, but feels that it would be almost impossible for her to return carrying the burden of a debt amounting to about G \$1,700. I believe that our own judgment would agree with her in this. Apparently therefore, if we are to hope for Miss Asher's return, some source must be found from which she can secure substantial assistance toward meeting this obligation.

Where similar things have arisen in other cases, we have always sought first to secure such assistance in the form of gifts from individuals or organizations who may be able and willing to respond to such an appeal for help in keeping the services of an invaluable worker. Sometimes as a last resort appropriations have been made from available funds of an institution.

What suggestions have you to offer in Miss Asher's case? Do you know of any individual or organization to whom we could present such an appeal with any hope of success? If any assistance could be secured outside of the University itself, might it be possible to make some special contribution, as for example from gain on exchange which accrued last year, or else the gain on exchange which will undoubtedly accrue during the current fiscal year.

I am urging Miss Asher to try to keep her plans open for some weeks at least; until we can explore these various possibilities.

Very cordially yours,

PA. Gause

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January 29, 1932

Ad 2-10-32

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

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Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of January 28, together with its enclosure about Miss Asher, gives me a pause. I realize even from what I have heard that Miss Asher's failure to return to Fukien will be a disappointment to the administration and a weakening of its forces. The situation which she detailed so frankly in her letter is certainly an embarrassing one and in these times difficult to overcome.

I can think of no resources other than the two that you suggest, appropriations from available University funds or assistance from some individual or organization.

Do you or Mr. Evans know anything of the Jarvie Commonwealth (150 Broadway) Fund of which our old friend, Mr. W. P. McCulloch, is Secretary? I know that one of the purposes of this Fund is to assist members of Board and Church staffs who may be in need from reasons of health or from other causes. Could you make further enquiries about it and perhaps approach Mr. McCulloch, if your enquiries confirm my impressions of the unique service of this Fund? This would, at least, be one of the various possibilities for exploration, as you suggest in your closing paragraph, before Miss Asher closes the possibility of return.

Yours sincerely,

W. I. Chamberlain

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*Re 2-4584
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** Forwarded on to S. & W. Staff.*

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Fukien Christian University

February 10, 1932.

Dr. Wm. I. Chamberlain,
25 East 22nd Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Chamberlain:

Since receiving your letter of January 29th I have made a number of inquiries as to the possibility of securing some assistance for Miss Asher from some foundation or other philanthropic organization. I began by calling up Mr. McCulloch, the Secretary of the Jarvie Commonweal Fund, as you suggested. While Mr. McCulloch expressed a warmly sympathetic interest, he informed me that his organization is confining itself strictly to the relief of needy people above 65 years of age, and even now is unable to meet all the demands being made upon it.

Mr. McCulloch suggested that I call up Mr. Leonard Miller of the Penney Foundation, as he understood that Mr. Miller had recently made a study of what all the foundations are doing along these lines. Mr. Miller was also quite cordial, but he told me that his very comprehensive study had not shown a single foundation or other smaller organization that is rendering the type of assistance Miss Asher would need. He mentioned some similar instances in which he has himself had an interest, and stated that the only solution he had ever been able to find was that of securing assistance from some individual whose interest and support could be enlisted.

It appears therefore, our only alternative for securing assistance for Miss Asher outside of University funds would be to secure the interest and support of some one or more individuals. What would you suggest as our next step?

Very cordially yours,

B. H. Gaiside

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April
Eighteenth,
1932.

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The Board of Trustees of
Fukien Christian University.

Greetings:-

In grateful recognition of the fact that God in His Providence has been pleased to use the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America as an instrument in the extension of His Kingdom in Asia and has blessed its history with One Hundred Years of fruitful missionary endeavor in China, India, Japan and Arabia, it has been decided to observe this completion of a Century of Foreign Missions with Services of Solemn Thanksgiving and of Historical Commemoration.

These Services will be held in connection with the Meeting of the General Synod of our Reformed Church in the City of Kingston, New York, June fifth and sixth, nineteen hundred and thirty-two.

The Board cordially invites your honorable Body to send Fraternal Greetings to be read on this historic occasion and to be preserved in its records.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

On behalf of the Board,

President.

Corresponding Secretary.

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July 7, 1932

Dr. W. I. Chamberlain,
25 East 22nd Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Chamberlain:

I have the honor and the pleasure of communicating the following resolution which was adopted by the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University at its Annual Meeting held in New York City on June 9, 1932.

"VOTED that the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University unanimously and heartily extend warmest fraternal greetings to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America on the historic occasion of that Board's completion of a century of distinguished foreign missionary service. In sending these greetings this Board of Trustees would give expression to its recognition of the outstanding contribution which the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America has made during the last century to the missionary enterprise throughout Asia, and would especially acknowledge the debt of gratitude which Fukien Christian University owes to the Reformed Church for the large share it has had in creating and nurturing the University as a part of its missionary leadership in Fukien province. This Board of Trustees would convey to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America its hope and confidence that the termination of this first century of faithful missionary endeavor but marks the beginning of still greater service, under God's guidance, throughout the mission lands of the world."

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. Gause

Secretary.

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October 26, 1932

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

My dear Mr. Garside:

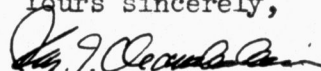
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It becomes necessary to inform you, I am sorry to say, that the Reformed Church Board has felt it necessary to make a slight reduction in its annual contribution to Fukien Christian University.

Our appropriations for 1933, with effect from January 1, are \$1200. This means a reduction of \$200 from the appropriations applicable to 1932, and \$300 from the appropriations which our Board has been making from the beginning of its cooperation up to 1932.

In view of the serious financial conditions of the times, we have a certain measure of satisfaction in the fact that our appropriations to Fukien Christian University have been so little affected, comparatively.

Yours sincerely,



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November 7, 1932

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

My dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of November 5 reinforces your previous letter of September 27, both of this year, relating to our Board's contribution to the budget of the F.C.U.

The first of these two letters has been before me constantly since its receipt. One of our generous individual givers, continuing his gifts through the years, has made it possible for us to maintain our part in the budget of Fukien. Like many others, he is sorely pressed just now and it is for lack of his usual contribution that we have been unable to make payment since our remittance of \$700 May 27, 1932. I have just written him again and hope that he will be in a position to forward his gift that will enable us to pay at least another \$700 on account of the first half of 1932.

Yours sincerely,

W. I. Chamberlain

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June 20, 1933

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

My dear Mr. Evans:

Responding to your letter of May 27, reminding the Reformed Church Board of its appropriation to the Fukien Christian University, I am enclosing herewith our Treasurer's check for \$500 on account of our Board's appropriation for the year July 1, 1932 - June 30, 1933.

I am glad to be able to forward you this substantial amount, but am sorry to say that it is all that our Board feels that it can contribute to the budget of the Fukien Christian University for the year ending June 30, 1933. These are serious times in which we are all sharing, but I fear that this seriousness is particularly felt by Union Institutions.

Yours sincerely,

W. I. Chamberlain

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check enclosed

\$500.00

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October 9, 1934

Dr. William I. Chamberlain
25 East 22nd Street
New York, New York

My dear Dr. Chamberlain:

I enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of our Fukien Trustees held on September 28th.

It did not seem at all right to be holding a meeting of our Fukien Trustees without having you in the chair. Throughout the entire meeting we missed you greatly.

When we came to the election of officers for the ensuing year the Board felt itself bound by the earnest request you made last spring that we relieve you from your duties as President of the Board. The following resolution was adopted:

"VOTED that the Board of Trustees reluctantly accede to Dr. Chamberlain's request that he be relieved of the Presidency of this Board, and that it record its sense of profound gratitude for the seventeen years of able and devoted leadership Dr. Chamberlain has given to the Board ever since the initial organization of the Board in 1917; and that the Secretary be requested to extend to Dr. Chamberlain the Board's affectionate greetings and its most earnest hopes for the speedy and complete restoration of his health."

Every member present expressed sincerest regrets at the thought of your giving up the Presidency of the Board but all voiced the earnest hope that you will in any event be able to continue as an active member of the Board.

With warmest personal regards and with all good wishes for the early completion of your recovery in health, I am

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MP
Encl.

E A GARSIDE

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THE CLIFTON SPRINGS SANITARIUM AND CLINIC
CLIFTON SPRINGS, NEW YORK

FUKIEN

Oct 15: 1934.

Noted 10/16/34

Mr B.A. Consider

Secy. Board of Trustees

Farmers Christian Union

My dear Mr Consider:

Your letter of Oct. 9th forwarding to me the
precious action of the Farmers Union at their recent meeting
upon my resignation as President, has been forwarded to me.

I am deeply indebted to the members of the Union
and will carry with me the desire to be remembered
in memory of the delightful fellowship we have
so long had at our meetings and of our united
and eager service in behalf of Farmers Christian Union.

Please accept for yourself my appreciation of the
kind manner in which you have expressed
the interests of the Board and of the Union.

Yours very sincerely
Wm. F. Consider

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June 25, 1935

Dr. W. I. Chamberlain
25 East 22nd Street
New York City

My dear Dr. Chamberlain:

You will remember that a year ago when our Fukien Trustees invited President and Mrs. C. J. Lin to spend this year here in America, they undertook to provide a fund of \$500., representing "a supplementary fund to cover increased personal expenses, this fund to be obtained from special gifts and other sources entirely outside the regular income of the Board of Trustees."

At the time this action was adopted, several members of the Board agreed to assume responsibility for giving or getting various amounts toward this fund. I believe that you stated you would try to provide \$50. toward the fund.

President and Mrs. Lin's year with us in America has been even more delightful and mutually beneficial than we dared hope for a year ago. It has been a joy and an inspiration to work with President Lin, and to come in contact with his spirit of devotion and unselfish Christian service. Through his efforts we have succeeded in deepening and widening the interest of our American constituency in Fukien Christian University, and have made a beginning toward securing increased support. But because of the very difficult economic situation at the present time, it has not been possible to secure immediately the large increase in contributions needed to close the current year without a deficit and to provide for the budget for the new year.

Our Fukien Trustees have responded loyally, both to the need for increased support for the University, and also to their agreement to provide this \$500. fund connected with the expenses of President and Mrs. Lin. As yet, however, we have not been able to get the entire \$500. we undertook to provide. Dr. and Mrs. Lin have not pressed this obligation in any way, but we know that they have been put to very heavy personal expense, and that at best it will require several years of strict economy on their part to get their personal finances in order again. We all feel, therefore, that we must not fail to provide the full amount of this special assistance.

Appreciating that your health during the past year has not only made it difficult for you to interest others in our Fukien work but must also have meant heavy personal expenses, we have been reluctant to call on you for assistance in meeting our obligation to President Lin. If, however, it is not asking too much of you, we would welcome any aid you may be able to give us.

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Dr. W. I. Chamberlain

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June 25, 1955

President Lin is planning to leave New York in about ten days. If you would care to meet him, even for a few minutes, I know he would be glad to see you at any time that is mutually convenient.

We all join in the heartiest of good wishes for your continued improvement in health.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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CLIFTON SPRINGS SANITARIUM AND CLINIC
CLIFTON SPRINGS, N. Y.

Aug 24: 1905.

Dear Mr. Casside.

I bring you of your clearance to
look with clearance of your lines of business. You
will find that in the past it has not been very
much to fail to reply promptly to correspondence
about financial affairs. This comes about
refers to your letter of June 25th in regard to
President Lin's financial situation. It
came just after I had been obliged to return
to Clifton Springs to resume my
full time process of working as noted in the
my return to office responsibility in your firm - all
too soon. The letter was forwarded later to the
business side of the firm and is to be
correspondence.

You will believe that among the most
grievous disappointments on our side of the
business was the prolonged disinterest of the firm was missing
Mr. Lin. I had so engaged correspondence
with him and was so interested in his coming
to America in the interests of his business. That

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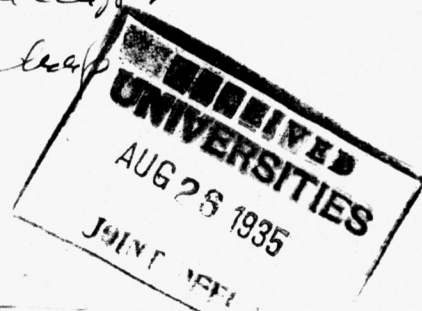
It gives me great satisfaction to hear that you are
desiring to do something to promote
his plans in America.

It is a consolation to me to learn from Dr. Hill that
you had been through a fairly \$500 profit.
Since both of your loyal Trustees F.C.V. were
under the impression that you had at any suggestion
of the fact that I had been successful in some way
toward relieving the economic situation, financial
situation of which you wrote in your letter.

I am deeply sorry that your position was
personally or otherwise affected by friends to whom
they were owing to some contribution to some
"Self-educating Fund" to which Dr. Hill's ^{express} letter
Dr. Potter was just forwarded to you. His letter of Jan 24
to the Trustees and his very interesting illustrated account
of the work of the University.

Please thank Dr. Hill for his letter and accept
my personal assurance of my deep
personal regard.

Yours very sincerely
C. J. Woodward



FUKIEN

September 11, 1935

Dr. William I. Chamberlain
Clifton Springs Sanitarium and Clinic
Clifton Springs, New York

My dear Dr. Chamberlain:

We were extremely sorry to learn that you found it necessary to return to Clifton Springs for further rest and treatment. I am afraid that while you were here in New York many of us had a share in demanding more of your time than your strength would permit.

We have certainly had occasion to be grateful to all of our Fukien Trustees, and particularly to Mr. Thorne, Dr. Hill, and Dr. Warner, for the loyal way in which they have rallied to the support of the University, and have assisted in making President and Mrs. Lin's year in America as pleasant and profitable as they could. While the University is still facing some very serious financial problems, we desire earnestly that the way will continue to open up for it to go ahead with its splendid service to the Chinese people and to the Christian cause.

We think of you constantly with affection and solicitude, and hope and pray that you will continue to improve steadily in health and strength.

Very cordially yours,

B A GATSIDE

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FUKIEN

THE SANITARIUM AND CLINIC
CLIFTON SPRINGS
NEW YORK

July 8, 1936.

Chamberlain

My dear Mr. Chamberlain:

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Your gracious letter of the
3rd came yesterday and brought me
pleasure which I except for the
fact that it bore the postmark of
"Tuesday N.Y." - This gave me some
wondering - Has Mr. Chamberlain self-
found a return of his old trouble
which has taken him back
to his refuge when you have
followed him? He is very deep
suffering and very rest weary.
His appearance of his friends always

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harder or harder spot as it makes
similar experiences in my life.

Robert Alexander Wright of 74
St George's Edinburgh was in
his days of weakness he asked
his friends that when King & Queen
Dear God they would remember him.

I shall be thinking of you at times.
Please also keep me in your prayers.

Sincerely & affectionately

Mr. J. Chamberlain

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April 2, 1941.

Mr. Joseph I. Parker,
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Ave., N. Y. C.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Dr. Shafer turned over to me your letter of the 29th ult. with its enclosure of a questionnaire.

I have looked over the items and find that I can give you a quick answer only concerning our current appropriations. We do not supply anyone on the staff so there is nothing to be filled out there. As to finding the total of our contributions for endowment, plant, etc., I fear that I can hardly turn up these records for you, particularly at this time of the year. It would mean going back into a lot of old accounts which since our coming to this building have been stored in the basement. I should think that this could really be ascertained more readily from the accounts of the colleges. It is my impression that our Board did not contribute anything directly for plant and endowment but considerable contributions were made through one of our Board members, Dr. William Bancroft Hill. Dr. Chamberlain was at that time a member of the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University and worked very hard with Dr. Goudy. I know he succeeded in interesting at least one other man in making substantial contributions. Our cooperation, therefore, has been along these lines rather than through any contribution from the Board itself toward the capital funds.

I am sorry that I cannot give a more satisfactory reply.

Sincerely yours,



FMP*RS

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SUPPORT OF THE CHINA COLLEGES

Reported by Board of Foreign Missions of Reformed Church in America
 For Fukien Christian University

CAPITAL FUNDS

Total from the first date of relationship to the college:

For endowment;	US\$	_____
For plant, buildings and equipment, Cash;	US\$	_____
Contributed property, value;	US\$	_____

CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS

For the last three years:

<u>Cash appropriations:</u> Present year;	US\$	<u>500</u> —
Last year;	US\$	<u>500</u> —
Year before last;	US\$	<u>500</u> —

<u>Number of staff furnished:</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Single</u>
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(Note: Record the number, and not the amount of money paid.)

Present year;	_____	_____
Last year;	_____	_____
Year before last;	_____	_____

<u>Basic salaries paid;</u>	US\$	_____
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SIGNATURE

T. M. Potter
 Treas.

DATE Apr. 2, 1941

AGRICULTURAL MISSIONS FOUNDATION, INC.

419 FOURTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

TELEPHONE: CALEDONIA 5-1271

29th St.

3 o'clock p.m.
Jan. 10, 1935.

Copy letter to Jm.

December 19, 1934

President C. F. Lin
Foochow Christian University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear President Lin:

Miss Eva Asher has just sent me a copy of a statement by Mr. Francis Chen on "How I Look at Rural Service." The statement, of course, involves a report of the work of the F.C.U. Rural Service Program.

You have been so busy since arriving in America that I have not undertaken to see you. However, now that the Associated Boards' Field Campaign is over, I hope that sometime before long we can have an unhurried visit together. Unless I go to Africa early in the spring, I shall be here more or less constantly and can adjust my schedule to yours.

With the season's greetings and best wishes,
I am

Yours very sincerely


John H. Reisher

JHR:M

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January 11, 1935

Mr. John H. Reisner
419 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Reisner:

It was good of you to give me so much time yesterday afternoon. I appreciate your clear knowledge of the situation in Fukien, and your pertinent suggestions as to how we could more effectively make use of the factors we have. Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of my statement as submitted to Mr. S. M. Gunn of the Rockefeller Foundation, before he left for China the latter part of December. Please do not hesitate to give us your opinion of our work.

I have been thinking for some time to have a visit to the southern part of the United States. If there is an opportunity of joining some well planned trip for study or investigation of educational or social problems down South, kindly let me know.

Hoping that you are feeling better today, and that we may have further opportunities of discussing some of the problems of rural reconstruction work in China before I leave this part of America.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

CJL:HV
Enc.

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AGRICULTURAL MISSIONS FOUNDATION, INC.

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

TELEPHONE: CALEDONIA 5-1271

NEW ADDRESS

156 Fifth Avenue

January 25, 1935

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

My dear President Lin:

Thank you for your letter of January 11 which would have had an earlier acknowledgment were it not for the fact that we have been very much upset in the interim with moving to our new offices.

I read the statement submitted to Mr. Gunn with a great deal of interest. I think that I shall not attempt to make any suggestions with reference to it by letter but will look forward to having an opportunity to talk with you when you are in New York next time.

It would be fine for you to make a visit to see some of the rural work in the South. Mr. George Shepherd also desired to make such a trip and another of the A.B.C.F.M. missionaries, Mr. McCall from Japan, would like to go. Professor Ralph Felton of Drew, whom I think you know, has written me with respect to a large group of his students, Chinese, Korean, Japanese and American, who would like to make a visit of this kind after the Seminary closes early next May. If Professor Felton's trip develops and it is not too late for you to go, I heartily commend it because Professor Felton has wide knowledge of the kind of thing in which you would be most interested and a trip under his expert guidance would mean much more than without it. I shall keep this in mind as undoubtedly there will also be others who will want to go. In the meantime if you could indicate something by way of possible dates, it would help in setting up the trip.

I am sorry that I felt so miserable the afternoon you were in the office. As a matter of fact, I spent the worst night that I have had in five years, but I am quite all right again and I'll guarantee it not to happen the next time you come in!

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely


John H. Reisner

JHR:M

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