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October 9, 1939

Mr. Samuel Thorne
20 Exchange Place
New York City

Dear Mr. Thorne:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter of May 17 from Mr. Cole of the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. I have held over further action on this until we could take the matter up this fall.

During the summer I was able to secure the two signatures which were missing to complete 100% approval by the Board of Trustees.

According to Mr. Cole's letter, it is necessary to prepare a petition with certain documents attached. I am sending also herewith a copy of a suggested petition, which we have worked out for you to go over and see whether, in your opinion, it will be a satisfactory form in which to place the petition. I will be glad to make any changes that you may think wise, after which we will put it into final form to forward to the Board of Regents.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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SUGGESTED PETITION TO THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

The Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University respectfully petition the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York to grant an amendment to the charter of Fukien Christian University, as set forth under the conditions herewith given.

Fukien Christian University was granted a Provisional Charter by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York on June 6, 1918. This charter was made absolute on October 18, 1934. The Provisional Charter set forth the names of twelve persons who made up the membership of the Board. These were incorporated as the Board of Trustees of the University. They were divided into three classes, so that the terms of four members expired in each of three successive years. Re-appointment, or appointment of their successors, was to be made by four Missionary Societies, namely, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the Church Missionary Society for Africa and the East, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America. Each of these Societies was to elect one member each year for a term of three years.

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An amendment to the charter was granted on October 18, 1934, which provided for each of the constituent Mission Societies electing an additional member every fourth year for a term of four years. The amendment also provided for the Trustees electing additional Trustees, the total board membership not to exceed twenty-four. These additional Trustees were to be elected for terms of four years, one-fourth of the number being elected each year.

The amendment now proposed is in reference to the manner of election of Trustees by the constituent Missionary Societies. Under the terms of the charter and its amendment, each of the four Societies elects four members, three for three-year terms and one for a four-year term. This difference in length of term causes difficulty in keeping the elections in order. The amendment is designed to correct

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the length of term, so that each of the four members elected by a Missionary Society will serve for four years, one of such members being elected each year. The proposed amendment does not change the number of members of the Board of Trustees, nor the number or personnel of the representation of the constituent Missionary Societies, but adjusts the length of term of service.

The proposed amendment is as follows:-

"The Trustees elected to succeed the original Trustees, provided in the Provisional Charter granted by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, on June 6, 1918, to Fukien Christian University in Foochow, China, shall hold office for terms of four years instead of three years. The Trustees elected upon nomination by the Mission Boards shall be divided into classes so that the term of office of one member of such nominees shall expire each year."

Signature of Secretary of the Board and the seal of the University to be attached. Also to be attached to the petition, a certified copy of the minute authorising the request for amendment, and a certified list of the names and addresses of the members of the Board, and the signed approvals of the members of the Board not present at the meeting.

SAMUEL THORNE
20 EXCHANGE PLACE
NEW YORK

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October 11, 1939.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Replying to your letter of October 9th, it would seem to me that a little more legal form for the petition to the Board of Regents would be to have it read:

"TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

The Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University, respectfully petitioning the Board of Regents of the State of New York to grant an amendment to the charter of Fukien Christian University, allege

FIRST: (Take in the second paragraph of the draft of your petition which starts with the words 'Fukien Christian University was granted a provisional charter,' etc.)

SECOND: An amendment to the charter was granted on October 18, 1934, etc. to the end of the paragraph as stated in your form of petition.

THIRD: The amendment now proposed is in reference to the manner of election of trustees, etc., following the wording to the end of this paragraph, and then

FOURTH: The proposed amendment is as follows (quoting the statement as set forth in the second page of your petition commencing with the words 'The trustees elected to succeed the original trustees, etc.')

FIFTH: Attached hereto is a certified copy of the minute duly adopted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting duly called and held on the day of , authorizing the execution of this petition, marked Exhibit I, and also attached is a certified list of the names and addresses of the members of the Board of Trustees and the signed

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Oct. 11, 1939.

approvals of the execution and delivery of this petition by members of the Board of Trustees not present at the meeting above referred to, marked Exhibit II.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we _____
President of the Board of Trustees of Fukien
Christian University, and _____
Secretary duly authorized by the Board of
Trustees to make and execute this petition,
have hereunto set our hands and the seal of
the corporation this _____ day of _____, 19 .

(Followed by proper form of corporate
acknowledgment.) "

If you have not the form of legal
paper upon which this petition should be typed, if you
care to have me put it in final form we can do so at the
reasonable cost of stenography.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel H. Hume

Mr. Joseph I. Parker, Asst. Secretary
Fukien Christian University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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SAMUEL THORNE
20 EXCHANGE PLACE
NEW YORK

Nov 1, 1939

Dear Mr. Parker,

For paragraph numbered 1 of the draft of agreement enclosed with your letter of Oct. 27th the following is suggested by way of substitution:

" 1, In accordance with and subject to the provisions of § 65-a of Art 3 of the Education Law as enacted by Chapter 816 of the Laws of 1939 the contracting corporations do agree to consolidate and form a corporation to be known as

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hereinafter referred to as the Consolidated Corporation"

Yours sincerely
Samuel Thorne

Mr. Joseph J Parker
Room 900
150 Fifth Ave,
City.

SAMUEL THORNE
20 EXCHANGE PLACE
NEW YORK

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November 14, 1939.

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Enclosed herewith is a letter recently received from Mr. Chester A. Willets of Harriman Ripley & Company, 63 Wall Street, giving his opinion, after having consulted with Mr. Ransom of White Weld & Company, bankers and brokers, at 40 Wall Street, on the investments of Fukien Christian University. I believe his recommendations are sound and I wish you would have copies made of his letter and send it around with an explanation to other members of the Finance Committee of Fukien Christian University to secure their opinions for some constructive action in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel Thorne

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

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HARRIMAN RIPLEY & Co.

INCORPORATED

SIXTY THREE WALL STREET

NEW YORK

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November 10, 1939.

Mr. Samuel Thorne
20 Exchange Place
New York City.

Dear Mr. Thorne:

of White Weld Co.

For some time I have felt that the holdings of the Fukien Christian University were not entirely suitable. After having made a study of this list, I consulted Mr. Ransom, and we both feel that consideration should be first devoted to the establishment of standards, which, while they may be deemed not immediately attainable, should be regarded as ultimate objectives. It would appear that safety of principal is the primary requirement of this fund, with the securing of a high rate of current income and of principal appreciation desirable, but of secondary importance. Therefore, we believe that a long-term aim should be to increase the percentage of high grade assets to something in the neighborhood of 50%. With this proportion in top grade securities, it would appear that the balance might be distributed between fixed income issues of lesser quality which would produce a relatively high rate of return and equities which would provide potentialities for principal enhancement. We suggest that the latter should be maintained at about 20 to 30% of the entire fund.

If it were considered undesirable to hold common stocks as permanent investments, the definite policy of switching from them into fixed income securities at a propitious time in the future might be established now. Under present conditions, however, it appears that not only do equities with a speculative appeal offer the only sound possibility for recouping the losses which have been experienced in the past, but their inclusion in an account of this type may be deemed advisable to provide a hedge against inflation.

We are basing our present recommendations on the realization that, while many of the securities held are unsuitable for permanent retention, wholesale liquidation would constitute too drastic a move in view of the fact that certain of these items appear reasonably safe for temporary retention, and are producing a rate of income that cannot be duplicated in the type of investments which we believe should be eventually substituted for those now held. American Power & Light 6s, Puget Sound Power & Light 5 1/2s and United Light & Railways 5 1/2s are issues which fall in this classification. On the other hand, we believe that better results might be obtained over a period of time by placing the proceeds of this type of issue into investment stocks such as American Chicle, Hazel Atlas Glass, United Shoe Machinery and G. W. Helme.

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Second grade preferred stocks appear to be held in an inordinately large amount, and we believe a reduction in this classifications of assets should be made some time in the future. While such items as National Power & Light and Aluminum Company of America do not seem unduly risky for retention at the present time, we suggest that consideration be given to their eventual sale and especially to a reduction in the amount of the latter. Sale of the other preferred stocks would depend to a large extent on the proportion that the total of second grade preferreds and other fixed income assets bore to the entire portfolio at a particular time. It should be noted that Colgate preferred stock is selling five points above the call price.

There is risk entailed in the retention of an issue such as New South Wales under war conditions, but we believe that there will be an earnest effort to continue uninterrupted interest payments on the issues of this obligor. Moreover, it appears that the bonds at their present level constitute some hedge against the possibility of a quick peace. On the other hand, we believe that the opportunity is afforded for getting out of the Norway bonds at a small loss whereas the price of this issue might be seriously affected if the country was actively involved in the war or if its exports were shut off by a blockade. We feel that a stock such as Climax Molybdenum would prove a more satisfactory holding.

We suggest the sale of Hudson and Manhattan Income bonds, the Arkansas and Memphis issue as well as the Southern Pacific and the reinvestment of the proceeds in equities which offer possibilities of principal appreciation. Issues of this type might include Babcock & Wilcox and West Virginia Pulp & Paper.

We both feel that there is real justification for a small percentage of equities in this portfolio.

Yours very sincerely,

Chester.

Chester A. Willets

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December 1, 1939

Mr. Samuel Thorne
20 Exchange Place
New York City

Dear Mr. Thorne:

We were greatly shocked this morning to hear of the tragic death of your son.

Mr. Garside, Mr. Evans, and the other colleagues here in the office join me in this very inadequate attempt to express our deep sympathy for you and your family. It is difficult to really adequately indicate the extent of our feeling for you. Please accept this brief note as a token of a very real sharing with you in your sorrow.

Sincerely yours,

Auto Crash Kills Thorne, Yale Senior; Family and Kin Noted in College Annals

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Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 30—Peter Brinckerhoff Thorne, Yale, '40, of Rye, N. Y., a member of the varsity crew squad, died in the New Haven Hospital at 9 A. M. today, a few hours after a beach wagon he was driving crashed into a tree in Whitney Avenue.

With him at the time were two classmates, John D. Kausel of Beach Bluff, Mass. and Lewis C. Thomson of Cincinnati. Both escaped serious injury, but are in the hospital for observation suffering from lacerations.

The trio were returning from a dance in Hartford, when the accident occurred. The two injured men were asleep on a rear seat, and the police think that Thorne fell asleep at the wheel. Relatives suggested that a broken axle had caused the accident.

Funeral services for Thorne will be held in Dwight Memorial Chapel Saturday noon, with the Rev. Sidney Lovett, university chaplain, officiating.

Young Thorne was the son of Samuel Thorne, Yale, '96, a New York lawyer. The elder Thorne was a classmate in college of Samuel Brinckerhoff Thorne, famous in the football annals of Yale.

The two were cousins, one,

Samuel was called by his mates "Brink," the other "Peter." They married sisters and traveled around the world together, being the closest of friends.

The son of "Peter" was named after the Yale nickname of his father, and the middle name of the cousin, who died in 1930. He prepared for Yale at Brooks School and had been a member of the freshman crew and the varsity squad for two seasons. He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, Skull and Bones, Davenport College and the Whiffenpoofs.

A brother, Samuel, Yale, '28, is curator of the map collection in the Yale library; Dr. Lewis, Yale, '31, is a psychiatrist in the Department of University Health, and James is a sophomore in the university. Two other brothers, Ward, Yale, '31, and Arthur, and a sister, Emeline, also survive. His mother, Mrs. Ethel Cheney Thorne, died two years ago.

Samuel Thorne, the father, is associated with Delafield, Marsh, Porter & Hope of 20 Exchange Place. He has long been active in church work and is a director of the Church Pension Fund of the Protestant Episcopal Church and of several allied organizations, of which J. P. Morgan is treasurer.

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Dear Mr. Parker,

Correspondence has been neglected, or you should have heard from me long ago to thank you and Mr. Garside and Mr. Evans and all for their expression of sympathy to me and our family in the tragedy which happened to my boy Peter. They were deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours

Samuel Thorne

January tenth
1940

Mr. Joseph I. Parker
Secretary of the Associated Boards
for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

February 21, 1940

Mr. Samuel Thorne
20 Exchange Place
New York City

Dear Mr. Thorne:

Now that we have shaped our plan, there comes at once to the fore a group of points on which we need still more of your greatly appreciated help.

1. We need quite soon to secure some informal (not necessarily fully authoritative) indication as to the probable attitude of the Regents toward the points of our plan. It would be very unfortunate if we secured any considerable body of mission board or college board approval and then found that some principal element in the plan was unsatisfactory. Would it be possible for you to find a qualified member or representative of the Regents in whose hands you and I, with some verbal introduction, might place the document for a review and then get his impressions afterward? This probably should be done as soon as the mimeographed copies are available.

2. We need to know more precisely the legal steps involved in the case of colleges incorporated outside of New York State for these questions are sure to be asked and the lack of answer may block favorable attitudes toward the rest of the plan.

3. We need to have a specific schedule and text of the actions which should be taken by mission and college boards favoring the plan. Is the schedule under XI, "Measures of Future Procedure," in the document satisfactory, and what is needed to implement it?

Is there some way in which I can help to clarify these items?

With warm regards,

Cordially yours,

Chairman, Committee on
Greater Unity

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SAMUEL THORNE
20 EXCHANGE PLACE
NEW YORK

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February 26, 1940.

Dear Mr. Parker:

I have been going over the various charters of the Christian Colleges in China and I find that the charter for Shantung, which was incorporated in Canada, provides for alternates representing missionary boards, and it made me wonder if it might not be worth while to try and work out some plan to make use of this charter in connection with mergers of other colleges. Will you let me know what the powers that be have to say in regard to this possibility?

Yours sincerely,

Samuel Thorne

Mr. Joseph I. Parker
Secretary, Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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SAMUEL THORNE
20 EXCHANGE PLACE
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March 5, 1940.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter that I wrote a short time ago to the Honorable Gordon Knox Bell, one of the members of the board of regents of the University of the State of New York, together with a copy of a reply received yesterday from the Honorable Frank Pierrepont Graves, President of the University of the State of New York and Commissioner of Education, together with a copy of my reply.

I am sending a copy of these letters to Dr. Eric North for his information.

Yours sincerely,
Samuel Thorne

Mr. Joseph I. Parker
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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March 5, 1940.

Dear Mr. Bell:

In connection with the possible merger of six Christian Colleges in China, a number of the members of the Board of Directors of the merged institution could be elected by various constituent missionary bodies in this country, just as is now provided in the charter issued by the University of the State of New York to Fukien Christian University and other universities which might become parties to the merger.

The question has been raised by a representative of one of the Boards whether a provision should not be made in the constitution of the organization which would result from the merger for the election by a trustee electing body of alternates to sit with full power in case the principal elected by the same trustee elected body could not attend the meeting.

The purpose of this idea would be to provide a much better and more representative attendance at meetings and make the actions of the meetings more widely effective because some groups can sometimes be personally represented only by alternates.

The legality of electing alternates, I am informed, was questioned some years ago by Messrs. White and Case of 14 Wall Street in this city, but upon studying into the question I am informed they reported that if the constitution of the proposed organization made provision for the election of alternate members having the right to attend a meeting if the principal

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March 5, 1940.

elected by the electing body could not attend, then such alternates may serve in a meeting in the absence of their principals.

As I cannot find time at the present to go into this question I will be greatly obliged to you if you can give me any information on the point from the viewpoint of the board of regents that might be helpful.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) SAMUEL THORNE

Hon. Gordon Knox Bell
20 Exchange Place
New York, N.Y.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
The State Education Department
Office of the President of the University
and Commissioner of Education

Albany

March 8, 1940.

My dear Mr. Thorne:

My good friend and associate, the Honorable Gordon Knox Bell, Regent of The University of the State of New York, has asked me to reply to your letter of the 5th. As I have always been very greatly interested in the Christian colleges chartered by The University of the State of New York, I am glad that you have written and that the matter has been confided to me.

I think there is no question but that you could have the change in your charter for which you ask if application is made through the proper channels. To that end I am referring your communication to Dr. Milton E. Loomis, Associate Commissioner, who will take the matter into consideration and will probably consult with Judge Ernest E. Cole, the Counsel for the Department, as to what steps should be taken. If you do not receive a prompt answer or if there is anything further that can be done, please let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank P. Graves

FRANK PIERREPONT GRAVES

To
Mr. Samuel Thorne
20 Exchange Place
New York City.

March 12, 1940.

My dear President Graves:

Thank you warmly for your letter of March 8th. Your words are encouraging and we shall await with great interest further and more definite report upon the question submitted.

Dr. Eric North, an able member of a number of the boards that are planning the merger, has raised the question whether the proposed agreement of merger has not reached the stage where it should be submitted for approval or criticism to some official of the board of regents. Might not this be an advisable idea in view of the importance of the proposed merger, so that we could have no hesitancy in assuring those planning to join it that we were working along right lines. It will be a great help to have your suggestions in regard to such a proposal.

Yours very sincerely,

(SGD) SAMUEL THORNE

The Hon. Frank Pierrepont Graves
President, The University of the
State of New York and Commissioner
of Education
Albany, N.Y.

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SAMUEL THORNE
20 EXCHANGE PLACE
NEW YORK

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June 11, 1940.

Re: Merger - China Christian Universities

Dear Mr. Garside:

Yesterday I had a letter from Dr. Milton E. Loomis, similar to what he wrote you, and I was about to write Dr. North and yourself.

If what Mr. Cressy says in his statement about the United Board in relation to the Boards of Directors in China, on page 13 of the memorandum ~~he~~ handed Dr. Loomis, is so, namely, that "these regulations do not permit of outside control", it would seem to me that the regents would have a very valid objection to the incorporating of a merger of the Christian Colleges in China, under the Education Law.

On the other hand, if, as long as the local Christian Colleges or Universities in China are dependent for their support on funds sent from this part of the world, there would seem to be ground for maintaining at least a veto power over educational policies in case they did not agree with the standards required by the Board of Regents.

Cannot a plan to this end be worked out that would be satisfactory to all concerned?

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. North for his information.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel Thorne

Mr. B. A. Garside
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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June 24, 1940.

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Dear Mr. Loomis:

Since you wrote before about what Mr. Cressy said in the papers we gave you, I have talked with Mr. Garside, and much as I respect Mr. Cressy and his ability, the question has arisen in my mind whether his statement fully and accurately presented the situation.

Fukien Christian University was incorporated by the Regents. It is registered in China but before degrees are granted in China the matter of the candidates is submitted to the Directors in this country, so that there is no transfer of entire power to China in this matter, and in my opinion the same would hold good of the proposed merger of Christian Colleges in China.

I can thoroughly appreciate Regent Woodward's and your own feelings, but my answer is that the Board of Trustees in this country, of the proposed merged Christian Colleges, will have the same powers that the present Directors of Fukien Christian University have.

Before sending this letter I am submitting it to Mr. B. A. Garside and to Dr. Eric North for their comment, so it is going with their approval.

Yours very sincerely,

(SAMUEL THORNE)

Mr. Milton E. Loomis
Associate Commissioner and
Acting Assistant Commissioner
for Higher Education
The University of the State of N.Y.
State Education Department
Albany, N.Y.

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June 24, 1940

Dr. Samuel Thorne
20 Exchange Place
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Thorne:

Following the suggestions at our meeting today,
we submit for your consideration the enclosed letter to
Dr. Hill. You will no doubt care to change it in accordance
with your own ideas.

Mr. Garside is getting in touch with Miss Welcher,
and we are looking forward to a successful meeting with Dr.
Hill.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell
Field Representative

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My dear Dr. Hill:

As you know, Fukien Christian University will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary during the next year, and the Directors are asking the Trustees to undertake some special activities in this connection. At a meeting of our Committee on Promotion yesterday, possible ways of celebrating this occasion were discussed. It seemed to us that the first step should be to establish a Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Committee to lead in our planning and activities. Action was taken requesting that you, Miss Welcher, Dr. Shafer, and I serve as the nucleus of such a committee.

On July 2nd I will be driving through Poughkeepsie on my way to Keene Valley. Dr. Shafer will be in Kingston at that time and could easily come to Poughkeepsie. If it were convenient to you to have us meet in your home that morning, Dr. Shafer and I could be present at about ten-thirty, and we hope that Miss Welcher could also come over from Hartford. We would also wish Mr. Oliver Caldwell, our Fukien field representative, to join us.

Would such a meeting be convenient for you? If so, we can make the necessary arrangements. Needless to say, all of us would find great joy in seeing you and Mrs. Hill.

Sincerely yours,

July 5, 1940

Mr. Samuel Thorne
Keene Valley
Essex County, New York

Dear Mr. Thorne:

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation in presenting to Dr. and Mrs. Hill the needs of Fukien Christian University. Bishop Gowdy and I thought you made a particularly fine appeal, and we are confident that the results will be most worthwhile.

I am enclosing a copy of a brief report of our meeting, and I shall be happy to receive your corrections.

In a letter which arrived this morning, Dr. Hill insists that you should remain the Chairman of our Committee. He reports that he will be happy to serve as a member, but that he should much prefer not to be Chairman.

Following my return from my vacation early in August, I expect to spend considerable time on our campaign on behalf of Fukien Christian University. With Dr. Hill's help assured, I believe we shall be successful.

Hoping you will have a pleasant summer,

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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September 18, 1940

Mr. Samuel Thorne
20 Exchange Place
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Thorne:

Since I last saw you, our Fukien campaign has advanced several steps. We have received from Dr. Hill a check for \$10,000 which gives us a good start.

Mr. Parker informs me that he is trying to arrange a meeting of the Board to take place on Tuesday, October 2. I hope that it will be possible for you to be present. It is necessary for us to discuss: (1) means of completing this fund, and (2) the best method of expending the money thus secured.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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Mr. Parker:

For your information.

Samuel Thorne

November 26, 1940.

Dear Dr. Loomis:

Referring to your letters to me of June 7 and June 21, and my letter to you in reply of June 27th; together with Mr. Garside's letter to you of the same day, with its enclosures, it is my hope that the question you raised in regard to educational control and responsibility in this Country of the Trustees of the proposed merged board, has been satisfactorily answered. If not, I should be glad to have from you any further questions or suggestions that might be in your mind, in order that the Regents may be entirely satisfied before they are officially approached in this matter of merger and the China Christian Colleges. From recent negotiations it now seems there might be a possibility in the next few months. for such an approach.

Yours very sincerely,

Hon. Milton E. Loomis
Associate Commissioner and
Acting Asst. Commissioner
for Higher Education
The University of the State of N.Y.
Albany, N.Y.

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SAMUEL THORNE
20 EXCHANGE PLACE
NEW YORK

January 7, 1941.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Acknowledging your letter of December 26th, I would write frankly to Dr. Victor C. Thorne, 120 Fifth Avenue, recalling his generosity in the past in making contributions to the Christian Colleges in China, telling him that for many years I ^{have} held office as Treasurer of Fukien Christian University and asking if sometime at his convenience you might call at his office and bring him up to date as to what the University is doing.

Congratulations on your success in having in sight upwards of \$30,000 for the Fukien Fund. I am hoping either this month or in April to be able to do something in cashing in on my pledge of \$1,000.

With best wishes for the new year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel Thorne

Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges In China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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SAMUEL THORNE
20 EXCHANGE PLACE
NEW YORK

July 1, 1941.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Enclosed herewith is my check for
\$1,000. which I said I hoped to
give to Fukien Christian University
in connection with its twenty-fifth
anniversary fund.

With all good wishes, believe me.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel Thorne

Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell, Field Represent-
ative,
Fukien Christian University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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SAMUEL THORNE
20 EXCHANGE PLACE
NEW YORK

July 1, 1941.

Dear Mr. McBrier:

✓ Enclosed herewith is my check for \$100, which as I recollect, I told Mr. Decker I would contribute to the fund for Evangelism which the China Christian College did not feel that they could expressly include in their budget, but which I understand, will be administered under their auspices.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel Thorne

Mr. E. M. McBrier, Treasurer
Christian Colleges in China to Aid in
Evangelism
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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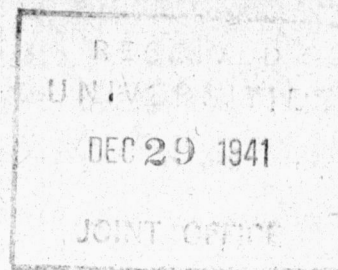
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Copy to Dr. North



December 27, 1941

Mr. Samuel Thorne
20 Exchange Place
New York City

Dear Mr. Thorne:

I should long ago have acknowledged your letter of September 22 enclosing Mr. Brind's comment on the Agreement and Constitution. You will shortly receive a memorandum giving a summary of the present situation. I will try here to go over Mr. Brind's points.

1. "The Constitution should not be part of the agreement". I think this is sound. The resulting situation is helped by his Section 10. But this will not be quite enough for there will be many who will feel it insufficient for the new corporation along to form and adopt the Constitution (as it should the By-laws). Therefore could we not have the several Boards approve and authorize the Agreement (Regents) and then separately approve the Constitution as the basis on which they instruct their appointees to proceed? Some technique of united approval of the Constitution is desirable. Do you not think so?

2. "The Constitution Article III, 4, b, infringes on the powers of the Regents" - relating to power to establish new institutions, consolidate, etc. This needs some very careful thought, as does also Mr. Brind's paragraph 1 which limits activities to those "now being carried on".

I am more and more clear that the new corporation requires - to fulfill its responsibility for North American and British aid to higher education under Christian auspices in China - more powers than now inhere in the separate corporations or their aggregate. In our draft of Agreement nothing is said about powers, but in the Constitution, Sections III, 2.b, 4.b, and VI 1.

I think what we want is a corporation which can

- a. Receive and disburse funds for any purpose contributing to Christian higher education (e.g. middle schools, and educational association, fellowships, a new college, etc.)
- b. Receive and disburse funds for the specific institutions involved in the new united board.

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- c. Direct these institutions and enterprises so far as entitled to by New York State Law and Chinese Law and conditions.
- d. Award degrees under the Charters.
- e. Exercise such authority as the present trustees have and the new corporation can get in respect to re-location, consolidation, etc., of institutions.
 - 1. There are limits, by powers of field boards.
 - 2. There are limits, by powers of Chinese Ministry of Education.
 - 3. There are limits, by powers of Regents (see below)

Would the new corporation have all such powers (a) under its inheritance of existing charters, (b) under the Agreement as drawn by Mr. Brind and the Constitution as drawn by us? If not, what modifications are necessary to secure these powers?

3. Re the requirement in Mr. Brind's memorandum that founding of new institutions, consolidations, etc., would require approval by the Regents.

- a. In respect to new institutions, I assume that Regents approval would not be required if the new United Board, with powers as above, became (under Chinese Law) a Board of Founders, for a new institution, unless the new Board desired power to award American degrees.
- b. In respect to consolidations, re-location, dissolution, etc., there seems to me that some interpretation is needed as to powers of a board that is a consolidation of several boards. Where does "corporation" leave off and "institution" begin in such situation? Examples:

Case X. Corporation A holding an absolute educational charter from the Regents directs two colleges - say one in New York and one in Ithaca. Under its approval each college awards degrees. The corporation decides that it will do a better educational job if it unites the colleges (facilities, students, plants) at Sparta and under a united or a new name issues diplomas. Does it have to secure authority from the Regents for this under an absolute charter? What is the institution - the corporation, or the faculty-student-plant combination?

Case Y. If corporations B, C, and D, holding absolute charters and administering respectively colleges L, M, and N, decide to unite as corporations and securing the Regents approval do so unite as corporation E, must the new corporation E secure further approval if it wishes to consolidate into one educational enterprise colleges L and M? Does the charter inhere in the corporation or in the faculty-student-plant unit?

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If the Regents hold, however, that the faculty-student-plant which they have chartered cannot be consolidated, etc., without the agreement of the Regents, is this then the situation:

- a. We may secure the agreement of the Regents (which is probable);
- b. If they refuse, and we determine consolidation is right and consolidate, then we surrender the charter under which American degrees may be granted. Is there any other loss incurred - the colleges being registered under Chinese Government Ministry of Education?
4. Under first "Whereas", the facts in the case of the last three lines should probably be checked for the various boards.
5. "Location of the institutions to be named in the agreement, the new corporation to have power to conduct institutions only at the exact locations named;" Mr. Brind's form, paragraph 4.

I am sure we need all the freedom we can get and the powers which I suggest above should be worded so as to allow change of location.

6. Date of Annual Meeting. If it is legally necessary to name a fixed date, we can do so, but I should like to avoid it as it will frequently be necessary to meet at some other date.

7. As to "time of taking effect", I agree that that should be struck out and left as of the Regents approval.

8. I see no difficulties in the rearrangement of the paragraphs he has made.

After you have received this, should we not get together and go over the items and then secure a further contact with Mr. Brind?

With holiday greetings,

Eric M. North

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SAMUEL THORNE
20 EXCHANGE PLACE
NEW YORK

January 30, 1942

Dear Mr. Parker:

Enclosed herewith, for your information, is copy of a letter which Mr. Thorne has just written to Mr. Dillistone.

Yours very truly,
(Mrs.) Alice Lambach
Secretary to Mr. Thorne

Mr. Joseph I. Parker, Secretary
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Encl.

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January 30, 1942

Dear Mr. Dillistone:

It was a matter of sincere regret to the undersigned that after being advised of the honor of representing you and the Church Missionary Society at a recent meeting of the Committee on Greater Unity for Christian Colleges in China, that I was unable to attend the meeting on January 16th.

Since that date, however, Dr. Eric M. North and I have had a conference and I note from copy of the letter of January 29th which Mr. Joseph I. Parker has written to you, that you presumably have received the papers entitled "Working Document" fully setting forth the draft of proposed agreement of merger, constitution and declaration of purpose, as well as provisions of New York State Law regarding consolidation of educational corporations. If, in reading over the Working Document any questions come into your mind, I should be happy to try to answer them.

There is one matter that Dr. North and I talked about particularly which relates to Article III, sub-paragraphs 4.(a) and 4.(b). From correspondence with the counsel of the Board of Regents, he has given us his opinion that before the Board of Trustees of the consolidated corporation could carry out the provisions as they stand in the sub-paragraphs referred to, they would have to secure the express approval of the Board of Regents of this State, and of course, for this reason, that provision will be included.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. F. W. Dillistone
Wycliffe College
Toronto, Canada

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SAMUEL THORNE
20 EXCHANGE PLACE
NEW YORK

March 12, 1942

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Dear Mr. Parker:

I note in the memorandum on corporate powers of the several Boards of Trustees of China Colleges, the statement in regard to Yenching University, "Incorporated, New York State, 1889, amended by Regents 1915, 1928, 1929."

The other colleges incorporated under the Education Law are granted first a provisional charter and later an absolute charter. Was that not the case in regard to Yenching University? Please advise me when and if an absolute charter was granted to that University, with the date when it was granted, and whether any amendments were made to that absolute charter.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel Thorne

Mr. Joseph I. Parker, Secretary
Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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March 16, 1942

Mr. Samuel Thorne
20 Exchange Place
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Thorne:

Your letter of March 12, concerning the incorporation of Yenching University, has been received. The records indicate that the original incorporation was under the name of "Peking University" and was filed on June 25, 1890, with the authorities of New York State. This, apparently, preceded the time when incorporations were made through the Board of Regents, and, I presume, for that reason it was done differently than those which came later and were given provisional charters by the Regents. The amendments to the Yenching Charter, in 1915, 1928 and 1929, were made through the Regents. In securing certified copies of these documents, it was necessary for us to get the original Certificate of Incorporation from State Offices in Albany - other than the Regents - and there is no record of any document with them other than the Certificate of Incorporation, dated as above.

There seems to be one other college which has gotten an absolute charter directly, without previously having had a provisional charter. This is Ginling College which secured their charter from the Board of Regents under the date of January 25, 1935. This was remarked upon at the last meeting of the Committee as being unusual, but the Ginling representatives indicated that this had happened in their case.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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Fukien Christian University

September 21, 1925,

United States Veterans Bureau,
Insurance Division,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Kindly advise us whether the annual premium of \$205.50 due this month on the policy of Raymond B. Blakney #K318049, has been paid to you by the Assistant Treasurer of Fukien Christian University in Foochow, China.

We are instructed to pay this premium, if payment has not already been made. Kindly advise us promptly in order that we can make the payment this month.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Fukien Christian University.

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UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU
WASHINGTON

September 26, 1925.

Mr. Eric M. North, Ass't Treas.,
Fulden Christian University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

IN REPLY REFER TO: FBED

BLAKNEY, Raymond B.
K-318,049

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of September 21, 1925, you are advised that the above numbered policy is credited with premiums paid to include the month of August 1925. An annual premium of \$205.50 became due September 1st, and should be remitted within the grace period of thirty-one days, to avoid lapse.

For the Director,

Charles E. Mulhearn
CHARLES E. MULHEARN,
Assistant Director.

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Fukien Christian University

September 28, 1925.

Mr. Chas. E. Mulhearn, Asst. Director,
United States Veteran Bureau,
Insurance Division,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your advice of the 26th inst. that the premium on policy K-318,049 on the life of Raymond B. Blakney, had not been previously paid, we are enclosing herewith our check in the amount of \$205.50 to cover the annual payment.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Fukien Christian University.

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Fukien Christian University

December 31, 1926.

United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington,
D. C.

Attention Mr. George E. Ijams,
Asst. Director.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed notice of lapse of insurance and form #744 properly filled in by Mr. R. B. Blakney, reached us this morning. When Mr. Blakney was in this country last year he intended to arrange for the payments on his policy to be made from this office, but he evidently neglected to instruct you to send the notices here.

Our check in the amount of \$208.07 is herewith enclosed. This amount covers the annual premium of \$205.50 and three months interest at the rate of 5% for the months of October, November and December. If this amount is not correct, kindly notify us and we will remit for whatever additional may be required.

Mr. Blakney informs us that he has written you an explanation for the reason for the lapsing of his policy, and we trust he has at the same time given you instructions to address future notices to

Mr. R. B. Blakney,
% Mr. Eric M. North, Asst. Treasurer,
Fukien Christian University,
150 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. City.

We trust this check may reach you in time for reinstatement of Mr. Blakney's policy.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Fukien Christian University.

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Fukien Christian University

April 22, 1927.

United States Veterans Bureau,
Insurance Division,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed check of Fukien Christian University in the amount of \$229.20 is tendered in payment of the premium due on the policy of Willard J. Sutton, as indicated in attached letter written in Foochow, China.

A letter of instructions to us from China stated that the policy would lapse if not paid by the 20th inst. We trust, however, that you can grant a few days grace, as this letter of advice has been delayed in reaching us.

Please inform us at once as to the status of this policy and also mail receipt of check to this office, 150 Fifth Avenue, N.Y. City.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Fukien Christian University.

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Policy #446841

Pd. no. #1327

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April 27, 1927

United States Veterans Bureau,
Insurance Division,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

We enclose check in the amount of \$107.59 and letter from Miss Eva M. Asher, Assistant Treasurer of Fukien Christian University, Foochow, China. Evidently you have sent the notice of premium payments on the policies of Franklin P. Metcalf to Foochow. Will you kindly, however, send the receipt for this payment to Fukien Christian University, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Secretary

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Fukien Christian University

May 9, 1927.

United States Veterans Bureau,
Insurance Division,
Washington,
D. C.

Gentlemen:

We have had no response to our communication of the 22nd ulto. with check enclosed in the amount of \$229.20 in payment of premium due on the policy of Mr. Willard J. Sutton. We were a few days late in sending this remittance caused by delay in the notice reaching us from China, and we are anxious to know that the payment has been accepted and that the policy is in good standing.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Fukien Christian University.

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UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU

WASHINGTON

May 9, 1927.

THIS LETTER REFERS TO
YOUR FILE NUMBER:

IN REPLY REFER TO: FBBD

SUTTON, Willard J.
K-446,841

TRANSFER

Mr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The remittance which you forwarded on April 22, 1927 for
the above named man covers an annual premium beginning April 1, 1927
as shown by the inclosed receipt. His policy has not lapsed. The
next premium will be due April 1, 1928.

For the Director,

GEORGE E. IJAMS,
Assistant Director.

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UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1927

THIS LETTER REFERS TO
YOUR FILE NUMBER:

Mr. Eric M. North,
Fukien Christian University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

IN REPLY REFER TO: FBBB

METCALF, Franklin P.
K-35,223

TRANSFER

Dear Sir:

Inclosed you will find receipts for the April semi-annual premiums on the policies of the above named insured. The next premiums will be due October 1, 1927.

The address in China remains on the records. If a change of address is desired so that future notices and receipts will be sent to the New York Office, this request should be made on the inclosed application for change of address, form 889. "

For the Director,

George E. Evans
GEORGE E. EVANS
Assistant Director

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Fukien Christian University

September 1, 1927

United States Veterans Bureau

Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

We are herewith sending you a check for \$204.83 in payment of the annual premium on Mr. Raymond B. Blakney's insurance policy K-318 049 in the amount of \$10,000.

The amount of our remittance is computed by deducting from the regular annual premium of \$205.50 the credit of 67¢ on this account to which you refer in your letter of January 20, 1927, reference No. K-318 049.

We have not as yet received from your Bureau the usual statement showing the date and amount due on this insurance policy. If there is any error in our method of calculating the amount due please call it to our attention at once in order that we may complete any adjustments necessary within the time allotted.

Very sincerely yours,

B. J. Gause
Assistant Secretary
Fukien Christian University

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Fukien Christian University

November 9, 1927

United States Veterans Bureau
Insurance Division
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Assistant Treasurer of Fukien Christian University has requested us to send you our check in the amount of \$220.90 in payment of premium on policy # K-430100 in the name of Malcolm P. Farley. Kindly forward the receipt to this office.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Fukien Christian University.

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Fukien Christian University

December 10, 1927

U.S. Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen: Attention Mr. A. P. Carson, Insurance Cashier

On Sept. 1, 1927 we mailed you our check for \$204.83 in payment of the annual premium on policy No. K318049 of Mr. R. B. Blakney. The total annual premium on this policy is \$205.60 but by authorization of your letter of January 20, 1927 we deducted a credit of 67¢, leaving a net total of \$204.83.

This cancelled check is now in our files and shows your endorsement as proof that our payment was properly received and recorded. We have not, however, received any formal receipt from your office covering this payment of insurance premium. This is the third letter we have written asking that you formally indicate that our payments on this policy have been received and are correct. We are anxious to have your acknowledgment to this effect because a year ago there was a considerable amount of trouble due to a misunderstanding in regard to the total of this premium.

Very truly yours,

B. A. Glasside

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✓ UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU

WASHINGTON

December 22, 1927

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In reply refer to: FBBD
K-318,049
BLAKNEY, Raymond B.

Mr. B. A. Garside, Sect'y,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

TRANSFER

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated December 10, you are advised that the remittance of \$204.83 dated September 1, 1927, was received and together with a previous credit of 67¢ paid the annual premium due September 1, 1927 on the above named man's Policy K-318,049. His next premium will be due September 1, 1928. The receipt has been mailed and if not received, you may regard this letter as sufficient evidence of the payment in question.

For the Director

GEORGE E. IJAMS
Assistant Director

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UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU

WASHINGTON

January 20, 1927

THIS LETTER REFERS TO
YOUR FILE NUMBER:

IN REPLY REFER TO: FBAC

K-318 049

BLAKNEY, Raymond B.

Dr. Eric M. North, Asst. Treasurer
Fukien Christian University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

TRANSFER

Dear Sir:

no #1257
Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of December 31, 1926 inclosing a remittance of \$208.07 in payment of premium on insurance granted Mr. Raymond B. Blakney under Policy K-318 049.

The above mentioned remittance has been applied in accordance with the inclosed receipt in payment of premiums through the month of August 1927.

There is a credit of 67¢ on this account which may be deducted from your next remittance for premium due September 1, 1927 and payable during that calendar month.

A receipt has been forwarded direct to Mr. Blakney, advising him of the receipt and application of this remittance.

The records of the Bureau have been changed to show that the notices of premiums due should be forwarded to you at New York.

For the Director,

George E. Adams
GEORGE E. ADAMS
Assistant Director

Incl. receipt

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