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Fukien Christian University

January 14, 1936

Dr. E. G. Warner 56 Montgomery Place Brooklyn, New York

My dear Dr. Warner:

I am acknowledging your letter of January 13th, and wish to thank you most heartily for the check for \$250. covering your pledge for the current year. Receipt for same is enclosed herewith.

I am also acknowledging receipt of your vote on the existing cash situation, and probably you are right in the selection of the motion on borrowing. This is an emergency, of course. We are not sure, however, where the funds are coming from to repay the loan. It will be good psychology, however, to carry such an item on our books for a while anymay.

President Lin told us to pay the customs on those two packages and charge same to the field, which we did. You were so insistent about reimburning the field, however, that I am giving you the exact amount which we disbursed, which is \$1.25. I am not sure that I am doing the right thing in giving this information to you, as the instructions were very imperative that we were to take care of the charges and deliver the packages to you without cost.

With best regards, I remain,

Ca. Evans

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Fukien Christian University

January 16, 1956

Dr. E. G. Warner 56 Montgomery Place Brooklyn, New York

My dear Dr. Warner,

I am acknowledging your letter of the 15th, enclosing check for \$1.25 to reimburse the field for the customs charges on presents which were sent to you last fall. I shall report this to Miss Asher as we are crediting it to the field account.

I shall indeed be very happy to see the presents some time, but the field did the proper thing in sending them to you. Your interest and loyalty to Fukien is one of the finest exhibitions of interest in Christian education in China that we know of.

It will greatly enhearten you, as it has us, to know that in response to our letter to the Finance Committee, aside from the check you sent, came one from Dr. Hill for \$725., and in yesterday's mail came contributions from the Methodist Board from two churches in the middle west for the work of Fukien Christian University, and thus our immediate problem is met by the generosity and loyalty of friends.

day, telling them of the splendid cooperation in meeting this very serious situation, as it will serve as a splendid example. We will send a copy of the letter to you.

Again with deepest appreciation for all you have done,

I remain,

Most cordially yours,

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ASSOCIATED BOARDS

March 12, 1936

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Dr. E. G. Warner Hollander Hotel St. Fetersburg, Fla.

My dear Dr. Warners

We are delighted to learn from your letter of March 10th that you are enjoying a trip to Florida, even though we sincerely regret that you cannot be with us for the committee meetings on March 18th.

of the Sommittee on Promotion and the Executive Committee. If you have time to send us your comments and suggestions on any of the matters to be dealt with, the Committees will be very happy to have them.

The other members of the office staff join me in sending greetings and good wishes to Mrs. Warner and yourself.

Very cordially yours,

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56 MONTGOMERY PLACE BROOKLYN, NEW YORK Dear Mr. Even. / FUKIEM I am sending you with this my vote on the propositions which you put before. I am however perfectly willing to vote for the sale of a bond if you are to need that amount in the near If however you will med only about five hundred at present then I should forge to borrow as I have voute. With this I enclose my check For \$ 250, the amount that I pladged this year for current expense For have not told we what paid in ourtoms duties on the article sent me by President Lin I wish to frans Cordially pay that char check \$ 250.00 Awn Harner enc.

56 MONTGOMERY PLACE BROOKLYN, NEW YORK Jan, 15 4 1936 Dear Mr. Evans: I am enclosing my check for \$1.25 to remouse you for the amount you spent on Jon Inselect Lin. Jam surprice that the charges were so small I thouk you for attending to the matter Those were supert presents sent me by the faculty are by Pms. and Vers. Lin. I want you to be then some time July Court Course

ASSOCIATED BOARDS **Hollander Hotel** St. Petersburg Florida Warch 10 - 1938 Dear Ur. Farside leh 3/12/38 egon letter of the ord a wonning the meeting of the Executive Connectie and the Commetter or Prosection of the associated Boards. I shall have to ask to be excused from book of these meetings, for we shall not get book forme till the 8 4 & April. I am ruserving the dates the Boards. Cordially Jours Jour letter of the 26% reached me in the same mail

56 MONTGOMERY PLACE BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

June 20,1936 Dear Uv. Garside: I regret that I can not attend the meeting of the Executive Committee on the 25th I shale then be on the ocean well on the way to Oslo. In the minutes of the Finance Committee held on June 17th my name is not starred. I am sure Hat I was present and voted, though Sleft defore the adjournment consider Cordiacy Journ purely Oderi Il aruer munt 6/23/36

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November 25, 1936

Dr. Edwin G. Warner 56 Montgomery Place Brooklyn, New York

Dear Dr. Warners

We are getting out a piece of Fukien publicity in which we need a picture of Teddy Chen. We have several snap shows, but nothing in the way of a good photograph.

I am sure you must have a photograph of Teddy somewhere. If you could lend us such a picture, we would try to guard it carefully and return it to you promptly.

. We hope that you and Mrs. Warner will enjoy a very pleasant Thanksgiving tomorrow.

Very sincerely yours,

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FUKIEN EDWIN G. WARNER 56 MONTGOMERY PLACE BROOKLYN, N. Y. NOV. 27.1936 ach 1/3/36 Dear DE Farside: I am very sorry that I do not have a photograph of I have had Teady chen. only snapshots of him is recent years. Then was a good one of him taken about une years ago but I can not find it now. It would harvey to do to use, for

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he has changed & much.

I send along the latest surpwhen I have of him and his

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FUNIEN EDWIN G. WARNER 56 MONTGOMERY PLACE BROOKLYN, N. Y. Jan. 27.6937 arb 1/29 Dear D. Garride: Though I am sitting up and go about this floor of my house there is no prospect that the doctor will allow me to go out next week. I deeply regret my inability to alled this luncher meeting. There is not much probabelity that I can altend the meeting come from D' Warnshuis, Farthermore I am now stone deaf and could not partheisate in a meeting if able to allowed Cordinary yours Edwar Glorina

ack-2-3-37 VC ASSOCIATED EDWIN G. WARNER 56 MONTGOMERY PLACE Fax. 1. 1937 Dear D' Garrick. I have your letter of The 29th. It is too face that the attendance of the Fakin hunter regret my own insolity & be present. I am one loving my which For\$ 250, in payment of my pleage for the surrent expenses of F.Ch. and hers. Nacuris check for \$ 2500

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January 29, 1937

Dear Dr. Warners

Glad to learn that you are making progress, but regret that you will probably have to remain indoors for another week or so.

We hope that your improvement will continue steadily and rapidly.

I am afraid that our Fukien meetings on February 2nd are going to have a very unsatisfactory attendance, for ia number of the members are either ill or absent from the city. But since some rather important matters must be dealt with at this time, we should probably go ahead with the meeting anyway, even though we may have to secure the approval of absent members by circulation vote before any of the actions taken become valid.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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February 5, 1957

Dr. Bdwin G. Warner 56 Montgomery Place Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Warner:

We are grateful for your letter of Petruary 1st, and for the two generous cheeks from Mrs. Warmer and yourself, totalling \$275. We enclose formal receipts herewith. Such generous friends as yourselves are always a joy and imspiration to all of us who are trying to serve the China Colleges.

We are glad to know that you are continuing to improve, and hope that your temperary deafness will soon disappear. While we would be very happy to have you at the meeting of our Associated Boards Committee on Promotion on Pobruary 11, we must not urge you to some if it would not be safe for you to go out that soon.

I had a very interesting letter from Teddy Chem teday, in which he told us that he is planning to some to America next summer for a year or two of study in America. This is the first intimation we have had that he was planning to some so soon. Probably he has already written you this same information.

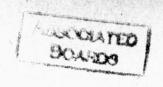
At our Pukien meeting yesterday, we did not have a quorum present, so all the actions taken will have to be circulated to absent members of the Executive Committee for their approval. We will try again to get our Promotional Committee together a little later, after your dester emisiders it safe for you to attend.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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May 1, 1937

Dear Dr. Warners

as you know, our China Colleges have, during the past eight months, carried on active publicity and promotional work in a number of cities. In each community where we have been at work, the members of the Associated Boards, and other friends of the China Colleges, have formed a local sponsoring committee to endorse and to support these activities. As a rule, the success of our efforts in each community has been proportionate to the activity of the sponsoring committee.

During the months of May and June our activities on behalf of the Colleges will be centered largely in the New York metropolitan area. We are therefore asking all members of the Associated Boards, and of the Advisory Councils established by several of the Colleges, to form the Metropolitan Committee of Sponsors. The list of members of this Committee will be a striking proof of the large number of influential men and women who are actively interested in Christian higher education in China.

We are, of course, counting on you as one of the Committee. But we try to make it a rule never to use the names of even our most loyal friends in any way without first informing them and securing their consent.

We would be grateful if you would indicate on the enclosed card the ways in which you will be able to assist during the coming weeks. You have probably already sent in, or will be sending in within the next day or two, your reservations for the annual Dinner on May 10th, so you need not make any special notation on those two items.

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Dr. Edwin G. Warner 56 Montgomery Place Brooklyn, Hew York

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FUKIEN May 25, 1937 I am indeed glad that you are to be the Chairman of the Fukien Promotional Committee for the coming year and look forward with a great deal of pleasure to working with If you will kindly let Miss Brown, of this office, know when you would like to see me, I will try to arrange a

conference with you. With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Beyard M. Hedrick.

BMH/B

Dr. Edwin G. Warner 56 Montgomery Place Brooklyn, N. Y.

you in that connection.

Dear Dr. Warners

August 31, 1937,

Dr. E. G. Warner, Brightwaters, Long Island, New York.

Dear Dr. Warners

You will remember that in June our Associated Boards' Committee on Promotion began to make plans for a conference and retreat to be held during the week after Labor Days for the planning of our promotional work during the coming year. The developments which have taken place in China during recent weeks make this conference even more important than it would otherwise have been.

We enclose herewith a preliminary amnouncement of the plans for the retreat, which will
be held in Poughkeepsie on the evening of September
10 and the morning of September 11. We sincerely
hope that you can attend, and that you will be ready
to take part in all our discussion, meditation, and
prayers

If you wish to go up from New York by train, you can leave the Grand Central Station at 4 P. M. Daylight Saving Time and arrive in Pough-keepsie at 5:50 P. M. D. S. T. This will make it possible to get to the Vacsar Alumnae House in time for dinner at 6:30.

With the hope that you can be with us,

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Sincerely yours,

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Howember 5, 1937

Dear Dr. Warners

We have been giving you a nice long rest from any very arduous duties as Chairman of the Fukien Committee on Promotion. But now the time has arrived when we should be gin to put on the pressure in all of our promotional efforts.

We would welcome your criticisms and suggestions of the enclosed suggested draft of a Fukien appeal letter. You will note what I have written to Dr. Fairfield.

If you ever happen to be passing through our section of the city, we would be glad to have you drop in and talk over Fukien promotional matters.

Sincerely,

EDWIN G. WARNER 56 MONTGOMERY PLACE BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Nov. 62 1937 ach unix Dear D. Gasside: I thank you for sending copies of letters and of the draft of the who may he supposed to be interested in Jutien Ih seems to me to be an excettent letter. My only suggestion as That in case this letter should not go ont the the international efforts have proved fulle as they som likely to do, that then the words foresent international be omitted. I have been de again and was obliged to stay in the home for two weeks. Now I seem to have recovered and I hope 527 to get over to your office next week.

Cordially Jours

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November 9, 1937

Mr. John H. Smith 647 West Tenth Street Morthville, Uhio

Dear Mr. Smiths

Letters and cables from Foochow during recent weeks show that despite the war conditions prevailing in China Fukien Christian University is carrying on with approximately normal enrollment. The attached excerpts from recent letters of President Lin give a glimpse of the conditions under which the University is operating and the courageous way in which the staff and student body are going ahead with their work.

Yet, as President Lin points out, the University is facing a very critical financial situation as a result both of the inevitable cutting off of much of the normal income from Chinese sources and also of the greatly increased cost of operating under very abnormal conditions. In order to keep the University functioning this year, additional current funds amounting to a minimum of at least \$15,000 must be secured during the next few weaks. If the present international efforts to find some basis for peace in the Far East are not successful and the struggle continues during the coming month, the minimum amount required will be even greater.

Fukien Christian University is one of the group of twelve Christian universities and colleges of China which are now appealing jointly for an emergency fund of \$250,000 to enable them to carry on this year. Approximately one hundred prominent men and women throughout America are giving their active support to this important undertaking as members of A Mational Emergency Committee. The enclosed folder gives a glimpse of this larger program and need.

We are all deeply stirred by the sacrificial courage both of our American staff members and of their Chinese colleagues on the Fukien staff. Yet even their courage and sacrifice may count for naught unless we here in America share in their labors and dangers by our generous gifts. We know that we can count on your responding to the limit of your ability. A subscription form is enclosed for your use in indicating your gift.

Very sincerely yours,

President Board of Trustees



November 10, 1957

Dr. Edwin G. Warner 56 Montgomery Place Brooklyn, H. Y.

Dear Dr. Warners

The matter of a speaker for your church has been referred to Miss Griest in our office, who with Miss Sharp has charge of the Speakers Bureau, and she assures me that a speaker will be supplied. You will be hearing from her.

We are very grateful for your loyal support and I wish to thank you again for the names you gave me for the Brooklyn list of spensors.

Very sincerely yours,

George C. Aydelott, Secretary

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Movember 12, 1937

Dr. E. G. Warner 56 Montgomery Place Brocklyn, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Warners

Thank you for your letter of November 6th with which you enclosed a copy of the draft of the Fukien appeal letter. We will omit any reference to international efforts at mediation, of course.

We hope that you are feeling better these days. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

PS Garside

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December 3, 1937

Dr. E. G. Warner 56 Montgomery Place Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Warners

You will remember that at our meeting on November 22nd attention was called to the necessity for having each of the Colleges submit to the associated Boards at the earliest possible date a detailed statement of its supplementary budget for promotional expenses to be borne by the Board of Trustees itself, outside the joint activities of the Associated Boards.

Our Fukien Executive Committee has not prepared any definite statement of such a supplementary promotional budget. Of course we are not contemplating any substantial expenditure this year, though we shall probably be spending a very small amount in sending special information to our Fukien constituency. Should we have an early meeting of our Fukien Committee on Promotion to deal with this particular question and with other matters which might probably be brought up? Nearly all of us have been so busy with our joint emergency campaign that we have not given much time to meetings of promotional groups of the individual Boards of Trustees. We should not overlook, however, the importance of stimulating the groups in each of the individual Boards to take an active share in our joint undertaking.

If you think that such a meeting of our Fukien promotional group is desirable, please suggest times that would be most convenient for you, and I will try to get the group together. If you think that a meeting is not necessary and that we could clear this matter of supplementary promotional budget by correspondence, I would welcome an opportunity to go over the matter with you here in the office at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

B.A. Garside

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EDWIN G. WARNER 56 MONTGOMERY PLACE BROOKLYN, N. Y. Dre 10. 1937 fel in/18 Dear W. Farrile: Mrs. Warner and I are souding forth this our fit toward the emergency fund, underignated. Cornally Jours Edwin & Warner Our Noman's Kingion Circles had Mrs. Randolph Sailer speak to then lash bruneslag on the Chinese Col-leges. She is a very effective speaker.

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EDWIN G.WARNER 56 MONTGOMERY PLACE BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Dec. 1 st 1939

Dear Mr. Evans:

I do not know to what extent we are legally or morally bound by the restrictions on the sale of the Hudson and Manhattan bonds and therefore hesitate to approve the sale at present. The picture of the road is not entirely dark any way. The last three payments have advanced as follows: one quarter percent, one half, one. The tube to Thirtyfourth is now in normal use and apparently hosts of commuters are being carried to the Erie and D.L.& W.

I think that some investment in common stocks is wise if now legal for us. I believe there are restrictions on our sale of Aluminum Preferred. I presume you will not permit the sale if there is such a bar.

Sincerely yours



Dec. 29. 4 1939 Dear M. Evans: I thank you for your letter of yestorday. For have quite Conomiced me that your judgment is right about the House We are starting for Florida Tomorrow morning. My address there will be Hollander Hotel St. Petersburg. Knidly have this address noted in the office so that all comments meations to me can reach mu their Sweerely yours Odwin G. Warner

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56 MONTGOMERY PLACE

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December 28, 1939

Dr. Edwin G. Warner 56 Montgomery Place Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Warners

I could have written you immediately in reply to your letter of December 1st which raised some questions regarding the Hudson and Manhattan bonds, also restrictions on the sale of Aluminum Preferred. I have delayed, however, as I desired to get a larger vote from the Committee and just yesterday we received the final authorization from Mr. Thorne to proceed with the further study. We do not anticipate doing anything drastic. That would be fatal. What we desire to do more than anything else is to move cautiously and secure the best judgment from all sources upon each recommendation.

It is the judgment of all counsel with whom we have conferred that we are at liberty to sell the Hudson and Manhattan bonds if for no other reason than the earning record of the company which obviously places them in a position where they cannot command a price of 90. You mentioned the increased earnings and I find the latest study of the road indicates that they will earn their fixed charges about 2.18 times. This is giving full consideration to the World Fair traffic and the opening of the Thirty-Third Street Terminal. One of the most significant factors, however, is that even with these favorable considerations and in spite of drastic cuts in expenditures the road has not shown sufficient come back to warrant confidence in its future. Heavy employment in the financial district would go a long way toward helping raise the income but everyone concedes that such a situation is not apt to develop in the future in such a way as it did up through 1952. The facts are that the commutation on the Eric and the D. L. & W. have decreased tremendously. The Eric Railroad has cut its commutation service to such an extent that commuters have gone over to buses, and with the opening of the George Washington Bridge many commuters are driving down to the Bridge and taking the buses into New York. The commutation on the Delaware has likewise greatly decreased in the last few years. With the opening of new tunnels to Jersey, additional bus service will be innaugurated, still further cutting into the traffic of the Hudson Tubes.

I have discussed this situation with half a dozen different investment counsel organizations and the verdict is unanimous in the recommendation to sell. One far-sighted organization sold out all of the bonds held in their trust accounts four years ago anticipating just what has happened.

After all, isn't there a larger question in the ability of these bonds to recover in the same manner as the common stock of a high grade going company?

If these bonds can travel to 100% advance in price during the same period a high grade common stock will go still further, and during the same period there is greater protection in the equity. However, I would not desire to urge anyone to change his attitude, especially as we do not have a new and conclusive recommendation to act upon. If that comes to hand I certainly will get in touch with you again.

Regarding the sale of Aluminum there are no restrictions whatever thereon, but apparently we have weathered one difficult period with the Company and there is considerable speculation as to the advisability of selling this stock when the Company is now doing so well. There are, however, several law suits with the Government pending, and the Company might be forced to discolve some of the units involved. This may not materially affect the status of the investor, but no one can tell what the effect will be. Surely before a recommendation to sell is finally acted upon, more serious consideration will be given to it.

There are no restrictions regarding the use of common stocks. With the Season's Greetings to you and Mrs. Warner, I remain

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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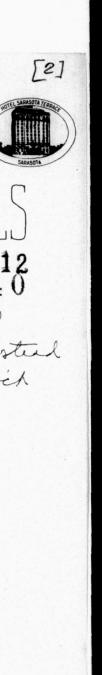
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SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Dear Mr. Evano:

Feb. 12. 1940 ack 2/19/40

I am sending you with this my cheek for \$ 250. for the courent expenses of the University, and this trainer sevas her check for \$ 25. For the same purpose. I regret that we have been obliged to delay longer than usual in getting these contributions to you. We have om difficulties this year, on so many others have. Receipts are not necessary, but if you do send them they may be addressed to me at The Lake Afred Hotel Lake Alfred, Florida We shall be there a short time before returning to St. Petersburg at the address which you have. I hope that the money has been coming in well for Fuscien and the associated Boards I have heard nothing about this since we left Brotheyn and prisume therefore



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SARASOTA, FLORIDA

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Very condially Jours

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February 19, 1940

Dr. Edwin G. Warner Lake Alfred Hotel Lake Alfred, Florida

Dear Dr. Warner:

My desk is piled a foot high (more or less) with mail to be acknowledged — all seemingly important. However, it is a sacrilege to not acknowledge remittances more promptly. I am hoping that you and Mrs. Warner are having such a delightful time that you will have overlooked the fact that you wrote us on February 12th enclosing \$250.00 from yourself for the current budget of Fukien, and \$25.00 from Mrs. Warner toward the current needs of the University. Receipts are enclosed herewith.

A copy of our last bulletin is also enclosed, which will show you the progress of the general campaign.

Up to January 31st, the University had received \$7,395.00 in Sustaining Funds from the Associated Boards aside from the \$875.00 needed to balance the current budget underwritten by the Trustees. We have authorized the field to draw this extra amount. You will recall that the total askings from the Associated Boards was \$17,230.00. Approximately 48% therefor has been received.

It is with deepest appreciation that I write you good friends, for there is a deeper warmth of feeling for those who so conscientiously stand back of the work in which we are engaged.

With best wishes to you both, and with the hope that you will have a splendid vacation, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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February 26, 1940

Dr. Edwin G. Warner Hotel Hollander St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Dr. Warners

I enclose herewith the minutes of the meeting of the Fukien Board of Trustees of February 19.

Dr. Hill have been added to the Committee on Promotion. This was done in view of the fact that there are special considerations coming before the Committee in which it was felt that a wider board representation should take part.

We will be getting in touch with you later on as to arrangements for discussion of the matters before the Committee on Promotion.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

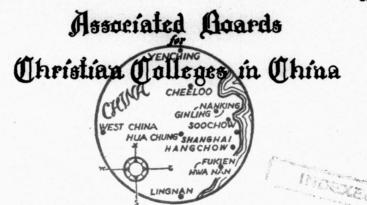
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MOEXED March 25, 1940 Dr. Edwin G. Warner Hollander Hotel St. Petersburg, Florida Dear Dr. Warner: Thank you for your note regarding George H. Johnson. If we cannot get word from Bishop Gowdy, we will have to apply to the Court for a decision. Are you unqualifiedly in favor of selling these Hudson-Manhattan income bonds? True, you voted affirmatively, but I wonder if you had your fingers crossed at the time. My logic may be wrong, and it is not entirely in accord with investment counsel, but I have visions of a reorganization of this road whereby these income bonds will take on the status of a common stock. In that case we would own common stocks anyway, and we might as well make a discriminating selection now. Very cordially yours, C. A. EVANS CAE/B

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March 19, 1940

Dr. Edwin G. Warner Hollenden Hotel St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Dr. Warner:

The Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University has voted to sell the Hudson-Manhattan income bonds, provided the way is made clear and restrictions are removed.

To that end I spent most of this afternoon in Brooklyn in the Hall of Records and on Columbia Heights, trying to find some clew regarding the estate and heirs of Dr. George H. Johnson, the donor. There is absolutely no record in the Surrogate's office of any will ever having been probated. At 113 Columbia Heights he is not known, the present tenants having occupied the building for five years. The neighborhood seems to have changed almost entirely, and the older ones remaining have no recollection of such a person.

Do you have any memory as to what became of Dr. Johnson? If so, will you kindly scribble me a note, using the enclosed stamped envelope.

Sincerely yours,

CAE:RC

cc: Bishop John Gowdy

I am sorry. I never met D. Johnson and have no means of tracing his heirs yours



St. Petersburg Florida

March 27th 3/29/40

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have your letter of the 25th. You are right. It was a reluctent consent that I gave to the sale of the H.& M. bonds. I have two of them myself and am not selling them at the present prices. I can sell one of them now for \$150. Last year it paid I don't know how I can me \$ 15. invest \$150 to obtain that return. So I prefer to hold the bond. I admit there is something of a gamble in that for me, for it may be worth still less next year. I would rather not gamble with trust funds. But this is not entirely a gamble. The income may drop below its present level and the bond may drop to be worth no more than a hundred dollars. Still at that price we should not have made a mistake to hold the bonds. It is difficult to believe that the property on which those bonds are a lien can come to be entirely worthless.

Consequently with the encouragement that I get from you I withdraw my consent to the sale at present prices unless the information that you are seeking from Dr.Gowdy shall lead to some change in the picture.

Cordially yours

Edwin G. Warner

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March 29 , 1940

Dr. Edwin G. Warner Hollander Hotel St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Dr. Warner:

I certainly appreciate your letter of March 27th, and I am grateful for your frankness. I had a feeling all along that you were not wholly in agreement with the sale of these Hudson-Manhattan bonds.

We have no additional information regarding our ability to sell these bonds, as no word has come from Bishop Gowdy, and of course will do nothing until the way is perfectly clear. In the meanwhile we should investigate as thoroughly as possible the proper course to pursue. To that end, and simply by way of acknowledgment of your gracious letter, I thought I might repeat the consensus of opinion expressed by two different people this morning whom I casually asked about these securities. I know you will be interested, as you are owning some of these bonds.

Many people holding these securities anticipated a drastic upward swing in traffic last summer due to the World's Fair, but it hardly made an impression. Others feel that a strong stock market would bring back a host of Jersey commuters, but a careful study points to a very little additional profit did we have even a boom market such as 1929. This is largely because it could not last long under the present stringent legislation, and probably the days are by when the financial district will contribute largely to the maintenance of the tube traffic. Bus traffic is increasing rapidly through the Holland Tunnel and over the George Washington Bridge. The rotten service being rendered by the Erie Railroad has cut heavily into the Hudson-Manhattan traffic. The increase in cost of travel on the tubes has mitigated against their use in many instances -- the passengers turning to the ferries and finally whether we like it or not the reduction in railroad passenger fare from 20 to 2¢ lends a physiological influence which actually affects the transportation. Many people will take a railroad train to Newark at a greater price than to put up with the inconvenience of the tubes and insolent employees.

Regarding the capital structure, these \$33,102,000 bonds are a mortgage on the property, subject to \$36,736,000 of prior liens, followed by 52,429 preferred and 399,954 common \$100.00 per share.

With this structure, it is easily conceivable that this property can readily be devalued to even less than the total of the prior liens, and it is not so very far away at that when the public values them at only fifteen points above that margin. The contention is that these bonds are no better than a second or third rate common stock, and a high grade common would travel infinitely faster on any upward swing of the market.

Please do not burden yourself with replying to this, as we are not at the point anyway where we need a final conclusion. I am giving this to you simply as information.

Again may I wish you and Mrs. Warner every good thing.

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Hollander Hotel St. Petersburg Florida april 20.1940 Dear Mr. Evous: I thank you for your letter of the 15th with the refork about The H. dl. forest. And I think that I am ready to agree with your about the window of dis way is seen I note that the quoted price continues to drop. We are starting for home NTuesday and writereach there proont the end of the month. Please notify the office that now my address will be 56 Mentgovern Race, Brooklyn Cordially Friend Calver & Barner

EDWIN G.WARNER 56 MONTGOMERY PLACE BROOKLYN, N.Y.

May 25. 1940 1 28 40

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am enclosing with this a check from Mr. Creamer for Fukien. Please send a receipt to him: Mr. Wm. G. Creamer 162

Argyle Road, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sincerely yours

Edwin G. Warner

EDWIN G. WARNER 56 MONTGOMERY PLACE BROOKLYN, NEW YORK Jan. 45, 1941 Fukien Christian University 150 Fifth Ave. New York Attention Mr. Evans Dear Mr. Evans; I am sending you at this time my usual contribution for Fukien of two hundred and fifty dollars. Mrs. Warner is also sending her check of twentyfive dollars for the same purpose. We have heard little news about the University lately or about what is going on in that part of China, but are hopeful that no news is good news. Cordially yours Edwin G. Warner

May 28, 1940

Dr. Edwin G. Warner 56 Montgomery Place Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Warner:

Thank you for your gracious letter of May 25th enclosing check for \$25.00 from Mr. William G. Creemer. I am sending the receipt direct to him accompanied by a letter of appreciation.

Our counsel thinks we are still interested, as we are, while we still own Hudson-Manhattan Bonds, and sends me another report on the Company. From your personal viewpoint I thought you might be interest, and you may keep this copy or destroy it. Up to the present we have taken no action on this situation regarding the holdings of Fukien Christian University.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B ENC.

January 18, 1941

Dr. Edwin G. Warner 56 Montgomery Place Brooklyn, New York

Dear Dr. Warner:

Yesterday's mail brought your letter enclosing checks of \$250. from yourself and \$25. from Mrs. Warner. You will find receipts enclosed herewith.

We in the office and members of the Board of Trustees are deeply grateful for your continued loyal interest in the work of Fukien Christian University and the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China.

The warm friendship of Mrs. Warner and yourself toward this vital work, in which we are so deeply interested, always stimulates us to greater effort and consecration to the task.

From present appearances, China is leading the world in true Christian leadership. After all, it might be in the Divine plan that China will show us the patience of endurance such as exemplified in the teachings of the Master.

With every good wish to you and Mrs. Warner, I am

Most gratefully yours,

CAE:RC enc.

C. a. Evans

EDWIN G.WARNER 56 MONTGOMERY PLACE BROOKLYN, N.Y.

March 24, 1941

Mr.Joseph I.Parker 150 Fith Ave. New York City The

Dear Mr. Parker:

The meeting of the Fukien Board I note is scheduled for the afternoon of May 8th. This year I cannot well attend at that time and shall have to ask to be excused. The meeting of our New York City Congregational Church Association occurs on that day, morning and afternoon. In other years when these meetings fell at the same time I attended the Fukien meeting rather than the Association meeting. This year it seems to me to be important for me to attend the Association meeting. If I learn in advance that the Fukien meeting is to be continued in the evening I will come over for that

This Association meeting always comes on the second Thursday of May. Perhaps next year it may be possible for ypu to arrange the Fukien meeting so as to avoid this conflict.

Cordially yours Some

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EDWIN G.WARNER 56 MONTGOMERY PLACE BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Nov. 26, 1941

Mr.Joseph I.Parker China College Boards 150 Fifth Ave. New York City

Dear Mr. Parker:

In order to safeguard Mrs.Warner's health

we are going to spend the winter in Florida, leaving here

on December fifth. If there are any communications that

should be sent to me either in regard to Fukien or the

Associated Boards please mail such to me at

Hotel Lake Alfred, Lake Alfred, Florida.

Sincerely yours

Edwin G. Warner

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ack 1/16/44 HOTEL LAKE ALFRED JOS. H. CHAMBERLAIN, MGR. LAKE ALFRED, FLORIDA Jan 2 1942 (form letter 29/41) Dear Mr, Parker: I have your letter stating That I have been appointed a manber of the morninating commettee of the Associated Boards. I hope That some other name can be substituted for mine While I should be glad to serve if I were at home it is quite improvible While we are away. We do not expect to reach home before the first of May The work of the committee should be done bafor that time. Sweerely yours Edwin Slarne

Dr. Warner's gift of \$250. is a budgeted item and is not to be applied towards the Sustaining Fund or the United China Relief

EDWIN G. WARNER - HOTEL LAKE ALFRED - LAKE ALFRED, FLORID

Feb. 4, 1942 Dear Mr. Evans: 416/42

I am sending you with this my usual annual contribution for Fukien of two hundred and fifty dollars and hus Warner sends her check for twenty five for the same purpose. It is a joy to learn of the good work that the university is during in spite of the obstacles. It is good also to learn of the recent success of the Chinese army.

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Dear My, Parker:

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about the United Boards.

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January 16, 1942

Dr. E. G. Warner Hotel Lake Alfred Lake Alfred, Florida

Dear Dr. Warner:

Your letter of January 2 was received some days ago, and I took up with Dr. Decker the question of your appointment to the Nominating Committee. He has now made another appointment so that you are released from this particular Committee.

We hope you are having a good stay in Florida this winter and that the temperatures are better than we have had here during the last few days. There has been some really cold weather, although it is moderated now to some extent.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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February 9, 1942

Dr. B. G. Warner Hotel Lake Alfred Lake Alfred, Florida

Dear Dr. Warmer:

In response to your letter of February 7, we are sending under separate cover a package of publicity material for Fukien University and the Associated Boards.

Mr. Cameron tells me that a new piece of publicity material for Fukien is expected within the next two or three days from the printer. Just as soon as this is received, copies will be sent on to you.

Hoping that you have good success in the use of this material, I am

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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February 16, 1942

Dr. and Mrs. Edwin G. Warner 56 Montgomery Place Brocklyn, N. Y.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Warners

The reason you have not received an acknowledgment to your letter of February 4th is not that our system has failed, but because of my own personal short-comings in not being able to keep abreast of daily events. The rapid pase of compation of the Japanese in the Far East and the consequent multiplicity of meetings added to the regulation of quota has kept me away from my desk a great deal.

My reason for keeping your acknowledgment from our regular routine was because the \$250.00 from you and the \$25.00 from Mrs. Warner represents such a substantial portion toward our budget that I wished to add my personal gratitude for your continuing faith in the Fukien project and in the Chinese people.

It may seem out of place to write thus to old friends, but you have no idea of how stimulating gifts of this sort are to those of us who are close to the situation and at times feel that the personal touch is becoming elouded. Many, many thanks to you both. Receipts are emclased.

You will be interested in knowing that Pukien has agreed to take on one hundred fifty refugee students which have filtered through from Shanghai and are now in Kinkwa, Chekiang Province. The Associated Boards has appropriated \$1,000.00 for the purpose of erecting temperary quarters and the work should start immediately. Thus Shaown is becoming a relief center. We will let you know of any new developments.

With every good wish to you and Mrs. Warner, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B EECS. (above mailed to Lake Alfred, Florida)

May 25, 1942

Dr. E. G. Warner 56 Montgomery Place Brooklyn, New York

Dear Dr. Warner:

At the Annual Meeting of the Fukien Board of Trustees, special note was made of the fact that Dr. William B. Hill had requested to be released from representing the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church on the Board of Trustees. The fellowing action was taken:

"WOTED to elect Dr. Hill as an honorary life member of the Board and that a resolution of appreciation for his long and great service to the University be prepared by Dr. Shafer and Dr. Warner for inclusion in these minutes as Appendix A."

Dr. Shafer has been closely in touch with Dr. Hill since they are members of the same church, and I am making Dr. Shafer to take the initiative in preparing this resolution. He will probably be getting in touch with you either by mail or 'phone in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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EDWIN G. WARNER

HOTEL LAKE ALFRED

LAKE ALFRED. FLORIDA

Feb. 17, 1942

Dear Mr. Evans:

I mailed to you on the 4th of this month a letter addressed as this is containing my check for the University for \$250.00 and and one of Mrs. Warner's for \$25.00 for the same purpose. You have always been so prompt in answering that failure to hear from you has occasioned a little anxiety, because there has been much trouble with the mail here this year. On two occasions a mail pouch was dropped or fell from the train. One letter addressed to me was picked up on the track five miles from here and ultimately reached me. Another containing a check was found on the track fourteen miles away. This after greater delay reached me by way of New York. I don't know much other mail of mine never reached its destination. Hence I am writing to you.

Cordially yours dwin Same

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EDWIN G.WARNER 56 MONTGOMERY PLACE BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Sept. 16, 1942

Mr.Oliver J.Caldwell Fukien Christian University 150 Fifth Ave. New York

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

I thank you for the Fukien booklet. I am delighted with it. The reproductions of photographs are attractive and the information about Fukien Province and our university is most timely.

I should have preferred greater condensation of the matter about the province and expansion of that relating to the university.

In my judgment the word control on page six should have been used rather than supervision and instead of American Board of Trustees a Board of Trustees in America. This would prevent a careless reader from assuming that the American Board mentioned on page six is the same organization as the American Board mentioned on page eight and so concluding that the ABCFM was solely responsible for Fukien and that it was a Congregational institution, which as a Congregationalist I should deplore. These are trifling matters and I think that you have done a good job.I

If you have them to spare I will try to get twenty copies into the hands of some ofmy frinds. Please let me know if you have already sent copies to all who contribute directly to Fukien.

Sincerely yours

Edwin G. Warner

EDWIN G. WARNER
HOTEL LAKE ALFRED
LAKE ALFRED
FLORIDA

Dear Uler, Evans:

Nov. 28. 1942 /+

Jukien seems to be doing such fine work under such great difficulties that I wish to make a little Further contribution to it this grav and suchose my chack for threaty five dollars. There are no re-strictions on the are of this mite. It may go for current expense, or for the scholarship fand or endowment fund. I wish that it might be Jon man expect my dseral chock for \$ 250. in January or February. It is doubt ful whether I shall be aber to continue that gift begond next year We expect to be here and next May. With hearty Christmas greetings

There so that the above, address is marked for all communications to me for the prosent

September 18, 1942

Br. Berin G. Warner 56 Montgomery Place Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Warners

Thank you very much for your kind letter of September 16. I am grateful to you for your suggestions concerning changes which might be made in the text of our Fukien pamphlet. Your letter will be kept on file, and if and when we reprint this pamphlet, we will make the necessary changes.

We have already sent copies to all the people on our Fukien mailing list, but we are very anxious that the booklet get into the hands of friends who might not otherwise see it. Your help will be greatly appreciated, and we are sending you separately twenty copies.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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December 10, 1942

Dr. Edwin G. Warner Hotel Lake Alfred Lake Alfred, Florida

Dear Dr. Warmer:

Your contribution of Movember 28th came to hand and an acknowledgment has been deferred pending an opportunity to write you personally.

We are indeed grateful for this additional contribution and realize how deeply you are interested through this voluntary gift. It is true that the sacrifice and the conditions under which our colleagues are working is a challenge to us all, but relatively few in America have caught the vision such as you possess. Of course, we regret to learn that conditions may conflict with your regular gift toward the current budget, but time will only reveal the actual situation.

Your Christmas greetings are reciprocated in a goodly measure and we hope you will have a most enjoyable season.

As requested, your address has been changed on our records for the winter months.

Most simeerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B ENC. (receipt) February 13, 1943

Dr. Edwin G. Warner Hotel Lake Alfred Lake Alfred, Florida

Dear Dr. Warner:

I take great pleasure in acknowledging your letter of February 8 enclosing checks for \$250.00 and \$25.00. It is also a great joy to hear from you and Mrs. Warner and to record your continuing deep interest in the work of Fukien. Of course, we share with you to the fullest extent your expressions of the type of work Fukien is doing, especially in these days when China has been so war-torn and disrupted.

In behalf of the Trustees, may I thank you and Mrs. Warner for these material contributions, for which we enclose receipts herewith.

Mudson and Manhattan are now selling around 24 and we still have the entire \$20,000 on our books. This is a drastic improvement from the 7s and 8s of the last year or so. Last year we received \$500.00 income on the bonds which is something to brag about. The recommendation from all sources, however, is that we get out of this very unsatisfactory situation and put the proceeds into common stock. Of course, it will be difficult to obtain the income on present valuations such as we secured last year, and it is quite conceivable that these bonds will take a larger jump than they have recently. Before doing anything, I feel it is wise to have a more careful survey made and I am asking our Counsel to look them up.

As I am dictating there is a wild snow storm in progress and it looks very beautiful outside. Possibly you are just as well satisfied to be where you are however.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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EDWIN G. WARNER HOTEL LAKE ALFRED LAKE ALFRED FLORIDA

Feb. 8. 1943

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am sending you with this cheeks of les. Narner and myself to cover our usual contributions to F.C.V. It gives us joy to be able still to kelp a bit in the work of an institution That is doing so much for the citizens of a Country to which we are deeply industred for its stort resistance through these long years to the merciles aggressor. I read of nothing that seams to me finer than the service rendered by F. C. V., turning the misfortune of a forced removal from its attractive home to a distant interior into the achievement of greater results and wider influence in the opportunities presented in The rural region to which it ratreated. Itake pride in having my name still recorded as a brustee though Take now such a small part in The activities of the ovarel. bonds are doing better. I hope you did not dispose of them while they were so low. Mes Warner and I stand our warm

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personal greetings to you

FLORIDA Jeo. 22, 1943 Dear Ulr. Evans: The report which you have on The AT M. Inc fdg. bould makes evident that they are not a safe permanent investment and that it would be wire to sell them stile it seems to me protable That the fresent condition will sortine for another year and the frice maintained at about the present quotation. I know nothing nigself about the Reyonlas Tobacco Co the have been talking here with a relued Sauker from Winston-Salem and find That he is persumestie about all tobacco stocks about except Skelip Morning My opinion about encochments, Korvever, is of no value for I am quite out of touch with all surces of information, Let your own good Judgment forward. Cordially Jours Talom Glarner I assume that you wish to have the copy of the report and enclose it Kerewith

EDWIN G. WARNER HOTEL LAKE ALFRED LAKE ALFRED Dear Mr. Evans;

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Wm G. Creamer of 162 Argale Rd.

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April 2, 1943 Dr. Edwin G. Warner Hotel Lake Alfred Lake Alfred, Florida Dear Dr. Warmer: Since your letter of February 22nd came to hand we have been giving some considerable thought to the Hudson-Manhattan Adjustment Income Bonds. These bonds have been investigated by two other houses and there is general agreement that we should be out of them before this war is over. However, the abonimable restrictions placed upon them make it difficult to secure united estion. This has been discussed from every angle and presumably we must have a meeting of the Pinance Committee to face the issue squarely. I will let you know of any early developments as I know you are deeply interested in this situation. Very sincerely yours, C. A. EVANS C AE/B 0224

Jan 16, 1943 Dr. Edwin G. Warmer 56 Montgomery Place Brooklyn, New York Door Dr. Warmer: Thank you for your letter of Just 8th minlosing shock for \$25.00 from William G. Crommer. As suggested, I have sont him a receipt and written him a personal acknowledgment. I hope to see you one of these days when you have an opportunity to drop in the office. Very simeerely yours, C. A. EVANS CAE/B 0225

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EDWIN G.WARNER 56 MONTGOMERY PLACE BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Oct. 3. 1943

Mr. Chas. H. Corbett China College Bounds 150 54 Ave N.9.

Dear My Corbett.

The meeting of the Fenance Ommittee tomorrow afternoon: I regret deeply that I must ask to be excused. Mrs.

Name recently met with an accident resulting is a forture of the bones of one of her feet. Her condition is such that I parent leave her forthe forsent I rejoine in the information contained in the trassurer's report

Succeeder yours

Edward Marner

EDWIN G. WARNER HOTEL LAKE ALFRED LAKE ALFRED FLORIDA

January 11,1944

Dear Mr. Evans:

I enclose my check for two hundred and fifty dollars, my regular contribution to Fukien for the current year hoping that every thing is going well with th University now, or as well as could be expected under the trying conditiona What I have read about the plague in Fukien Province has caused me some anxiety

Recently I was invited to address the Rotary Club in WinterhHaven and took the opportunity to present the interests of the Chinese Christian Colleges. It was a fine group of about one hundred alert men who seemed much interested. I will enclose a clipping from the Lakeland Daily Ledger. However, the reporter misquoted me or never heard me and drew on his imagination entirely about my recent retirement from educational work, for I stated at the beginning that I had not been so engaged for thirty years.

Mrs.Warner also sendshher check for twentyfive dollars. She has recovered entirely from the effects of the accidents last summer and is busy today in the Red Cross work. I have gained much in weight and strength, taking walks daily.

Yours

Edwin G. Warner

Education In China Is Haven **Rotary Theme**

WINTER HAVEN, Dec. 10—
(Special) — Christian mission schools are responsible for the unparalleled progress made by the Chinese nation in the past few decades, Dr. Edwin G. Warned retired educator, told members of the Rotary club at their weekly program meeting in the Haven hotel. Accompanying Dr. Warner were his wife and Miss Grace McKechnie, of Seattle, Wash., a former instructor in an American Christian mission school in China. Dr. B. R. Fudge, the president, presided and J. H. Chamberlain was program chairman.

Dr. Warner, who retired recently after many years as an educator in Brooklyn and China, traced the rise of modern education in the Chinese republic and paid a high tribute to the efficient work of Christian missionary schools there, declaring that "Nearly all of the outstanding leaders of the new China were educated in Christian colleges and universities and a majority of them are members of the different Christian communions. They have given such an impetus to popular education in their country that China has overcome its former unenviable illiteracy rate to an amazing dein their country that China has overcome its former unenviable illiteracy rate to an amazing degree and is now affording the masses a good education. China, formerly the land of the highly educated few, is rapidly becoming a land of the educated millions."

Miss McKechnie spoke on some of her experiences in the mis-

of her experiences in the mission field of China, emphasizing humorous incidents of her residence there.

January 18, 1944

Dr. Edwin G. Warner Hotel Lake Alfred Lake Alfred, Florida.

Dear Dr. Warner:

It certainly is good to hear from you and to know that you are still so keenly interested in the cause of China, and I am sure that the Rotarians heard a good message.

Your contribution of \$250 for the current budget of Pukien Christian University was received, also the gift of \$25 from Mrs. Warner. Receipts are enclosed herewith. And we also wish to enclose herewith our very sincerest gratitude. May the Lord be with you from day to day.

Cordially yours,

C. A. Evens

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EDWIN G. WARNER HOTEL LAKE ALFRED LAKE ALFRED FLORIDA BALLOU REG'D 2/21

Feb. 17, 1944

Mr. Earle H. Ballou: Fukien Christian University 150 Fifth Ave. New York 11, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Ballou :

After a recent recurrence of illness which confined me to bed for some time I
have been going over my correspondence and find
a letter from you dated Dec. 18, asking me to
indicate my approval of the action of the Fukien
Board in the meeting of Dec. 14th. This was to be
done on aballot which you said was enclosed and was
to be notarized.

I fear that I have to confess that I did not attend to the matter. I have a hazy recollection that the ballot was not enclosed, but I may be mistaken. Any way I shall be glad to attend to the duty now if you will kindly send me a ballot and hope that this may not be too late. I have only to cross the street to get a notary. As I was well at the time I do not understand my negligence. If it is necessary to have a county clerk's certificate of the notary's authority that is more difficult and will require time. The Clerk's office is fifteen miles away with no direct communication.

With sincere apology

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Edwin G. Warner

Dec 23

EDWIN G. WARNER
56 MONTGOMERY PLACE
BROOKLYN 15, NEW YORK

Qct. 20, 1914

Dear lev. Frans.

Jam very sorry that I have been able to do nothing this past summer pertaining to my duties as Trustee of Jurien or the level Browners or local to get over to see you. It has been an emplorement season for me. Soon after our fecturate season for me. Soon after our leturn from Florida I was in the hands of the doctor, have spent over eight weeks in the hospital and been incapacitated the hospital and been incapacitated when at home. I have been out of the when at home. I have been out of the when at home I have been out of the whor the for Jam on the traditions were plete restoration, that the operations were plete restoration, that the operations were plete restoration, that the operations were soon to Florida for the reason.

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EDWIN G.WARNER 56 MONTGOMERY PLACE BROOKLYN, N.Y. 15

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Nov. 1, 1944

Mr.Earl H.Ballou Fukien Christian University 150 Fifth Ave New York

Dear Mr. Ballou

On Oct 19th I sent a letter to the University, att.Mr.Evans, explaining that on account of my very serious experience in the hospitalmy recent refrom it and my slow convalesence I could not attend any meetings or even get over to see him. I am still under the doctor's care , feeling not so well as when I wrote before. The doctor advises me to go to Florida and I have already bought tickets and secured reservations and we must leave on the 15th.

In my previous letter I gave my winter address requesting that it be noted both for Fukien and for the United Colleges. I repeat it now.

Edwin G. Warner, Hotel Lake Alfred, Fla

If my health does not improve I will tender my resignation that the work of the Board may not be impaired by absence continued

Sincerely yours

Edwin G. Warner

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REC'D 11/24

HOTEL LAKE ALFRED JOS. H. CHAMBERLAIN, MGR. LAKE ALFRED, FLORIDA

Nov. 21 19xc

Hear Mr. Ballon:

As I said in my forevious letters

to you, my long illness has prevented my
participation in any public activities. I am
here now by my doctors advice for recuperation and am making some
prograss. I am much interested in
the Plan for greater Unity and would cast
my vote in favor of the action if I could.
Though in your letter to me you advised against my resignation at present
Still if acceptance of it and the election
of another in my place would hasten
detion in the matter, that course seems
to me to be wise and, if you approve
it, I again authorize you to foresent
my resignation.

Ancerely Fours

November 3, 1944

Dr. Edwin G. Warner 56 Montgomery Place Brooklyn 15, New York

Dear Dr. Warner:

We regret very much that you will not be able to attend the Fukien Christian University Board meeting. Even more we regret the reason for your enforced absence. You would have been informed as a matter of routine in any case, and we thank you for replying so promptly.

We have noted your address in Florida and wish to extend to you our very best wishes for a rapid and comfortable convalescence. Let us not talk about resignation until Florida has had a chance to do its work.

Very sincerely yours,

E. H. Ballon

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December 15, 1944

Dr. Edward G. Warner Hotel Lake Alfred Lake Alfred, Florida

Dear Dr. Warners

You wrote me a letter on October 20th over which I made a solemn vow that I would see you before a week passed by. Developments have proven how utterly incapable I am of keeping such a vow. I really wanted to see you and talk over with you many things about Fukien but somehow I could not find the opportunity and our visit must wait until you return to the north, when the robins visit us again. It is just as well you are down south because we have had some cold weather, although nothing like what the rest of the country beyond the appalachian Mountains have experienced; come to think of it some friends wrote up from Florida saying is was too cool for them this year down there. So keep inside and around a fire if you have one.

The real news from Fukien is that practically all of the Americans evacuated from the campus last June are back here in the States. Merlin Bishop stayed on and is the Executive Officer for the United Clearing Board which is selling our funds on the open market. Helen Smith of the American Board also stayed on. The worst we have heard, however, is that the Foochow Campus on October 19th was thoroughly looted and the Arts Hall was burned. Apparently there was no loss of life and the work on the Shaowu campus continues in a normal manner, with an enrollment above 500.

Today, Fukien voted approval to the United Board plan with 15 of the 18 members of the Board present and voting in favor. As all of the Boards incorporated in the State of New York have now practically approved the plan it remains for us to go shead and draw up the final papers for the presentation to the Regents. That may take some time for accomplishment.

I hope you will receive a lot of good out of the trip to Florida this year and that you will return to us greatly strengthened. Meanwhile I wish to extend Best Greetings for the Christmas Season to you all.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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December 18, 1944

Dr. Edwin G. Warner Hotel Lake Alfred Lake Alfred, Florida

Dear Dr. Warner:

It was thoughtful and generous of you to suggest the possibility of resignation if by doing so and the election of someone to your place we could be sure of getting a large enough attendance at the Fukien Board meeting. No one around here, however, falt that we wanted to do that, even though we were in difficulties securing our required three-fourths majority. Both Mr. Evans and Dr. Fairfield were quite emphatic at this point and, as you will see from the inclosed documents, their faith was justified in the event. We are glad that the meeting was a success, and we are also glad that you are still a member of the Board.

Very sincerely yours,

EA Ballow

Sent with ballot and other documents relative to voting (on Plan for Greater Unity.)

December 18, 1944

Dr. Edwin G. Warner Hotel Lake Alfred Lake Alfred, Florida

Dear Dr. Warner:

The Fukien Board of Trustees met as scheduled on December 14th to consider the plan for the consolidation of the trustee boards of the Christian Colleges in China. As you have received a copy of the plan you are acquainted with its provisions.

Those present expressed their approval of the plan, and the attendance of fifteen comprised more than the required three-fourths of the total membership of the Board which now consists of eighteen persons. Nevertheless it was the judgment of the Board that in a matter of such importance it is desirable to poll the votes of the absent members. A resolution was therefore adopted, a copy of which is anclosed, asking each absent member to record by notarised vote his or her approval or disapproval of the plan.

As you were one of the members who could not be present at the meeting held on December 14th, will you kindly send us your notarized vote as provided by this action of the Board? A copy of the original resolution dealing with the consolidation of the trustee boards and a ballot are inclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Barle H. Ballou Secretary

Inclosures.

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"In the Lake Region"

LAKE ALFRED, FLORIDA

Dec 23.1944

Dear Mr. Ballon. I am glad to learn that you were able to get or many trustee present at the meeting and have the measure passed. I enclose the notarized

paper Sincerely yours EdwinsWarner



February 8, 1945

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We have had no further word from Fukien since I wrote you on December 15th, but it is quite probable that some of the students of Lingman University are on the way to Shaowu. Kukong was taken by the Japanese and Lingman undoubtedly has gone into eclipse for the time being. That University certainly has suffered greatly from the inroads of the Japanese. If anything new comes to hand I will let you know.

Again may I thank you for your continued deep interest in Fukien's welfare.

I wonder if you know that William Bancroft Hill passed away a couple of weeks ago. He was in his eighty-seventh year.

With sincerest best wishes to you and Mrs. Warner, I am

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EDWIN G. WARNER HOTEL LAKE ALFRED LAKE ALFRED FLORIDA

Feb. 4, 1945

Mr.C.A.Evans Fukien Christian University 150 Fifth Ave. New York 11 N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I thank you for your gracious letter of Dec. 13th and am sorry that I have not replied more promptly. The truth is I have not recuperated as rapidly as I had been led to believe I would. Still I am not discouraged. I have found a good physician in Winter Haven and go to him regularly for treatment. Indeed, I am thankful that I can be so comfortable and away from the weather that prevails in Brooklyn this winter. I am ashamed to think at all of my petty discomorts when the whole world is in such agony.

I am distressed about the damage done to our campus and the burning of the Arts Hall. We may rejoice that the work can go on so well in Shaowu. At least ,I hope it still is and have heard of no attack there by the Japanese. If Mr. and Mrs Scott have reached this country I shall be interested to learn their address when

you are writing.

With Teddy Chen I keep in touch and am proud of his success in the University of Southern California. I had darling letters from his two daughters . Apparently they are going to prove that they have as brilliant minds as their father. Recently I had a call from Professor Wen Tsai Chang of the University of Nanking. He was here for a few days observing what was being done in citrus fruit in the experiment station here. That was one of the days when I had to stay in bed and he came up to my room to talk with me. He knows President Lin.

I am sending you with this usual contribution for Fukien, a check for two hundred and fifty dollars. regretting that I am a little late and that I cannot increase the amount. Mrs. Warner also sends her check for twentyfive dollars. Cordially yours

Edwin & Warner

Edwin G. Warner

February 21, 1945

Mr. Edwin G. Warner Hotel Lake Alfred Lake Alfred, Florida

Dear Mr. Warner:

Evidently both of us are smarter than you feared we might be! The notarised ballot was sent you following the meeting on December 14, and in due course we received your reply, all properly signed and sealed, dated December 23. I wish that everything that suddenly comes over me as having been forgotten turned out to be as faithfully attended to as this.

I trust that you are now fully recovered from your recent illness and that the weather there may be as balmy as it is otherwise with us.

Very sincerely yours,

E. H. Ballow

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EDWIN G. WARNER HOTEL LAKE ALFRED LAKE ALFRED FLORIDA

Feb. 23, 1945

Mr. Earle H. Ballou Chinese College Boards 150 Fifth Ave., NewYork 11, N. .

Dear Mr. Ballou:

Lsat night Rev.Robt.J.McMullen,D.D, President of Centre College, Kentucky, formerly the president of Hangchow College, spoke here under the auspices of the "Florida Chain of Missions" to an audience of over a hundred.

In response to his request for questionss from the audience I asked about the present condition and service of the Christian Colleges. I was surprised to get his answer that they were doing practically nothing in education and more surprised that he seemed to resent my expression of doubt about the accuracy of his statement. He did admit that they were doing something for the rural populations in the re-

gions to which they had fled.

I am writing now to ask if he speaks with the authority or the approval of the Associated Boards and if his statement gives a correct picture of the condition and service of the colleges at present. The picture is very different from that which I get from the reports of President Lin and from such a publication as that of Prof. Hand of Yengching University "Science in the Christian Universities ar Chengtu". In his public utterance he insisted that he was right. If he is we ought to have the unvarnished truth. If not, he should not speak for the colleges.

In private conversation with me later he agreed that heroic work had been done by students and faculties and that the colleges were perhaps functioning to the extent of twentyfive percent of normal and deseved support. But the audience got nothing of this and must have left feeling that the future of the colleges was nearly hopeless and that giving to them was a

waste of money.

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Sincerely yours Edwing & Warner well

February 27, 1945

Dr. Edwin G. Warner Hotel Lake Alfred Lake Alfred, Florida

Dear Dr. Warner:

I confess we were somewhat distressed by the information contained in your letter of February 23rd. On second thought, however, it is perhaps not surprising if Dr. McMullen referred to the present situation as affecting Christian Colleges in China in the way he did.

Dr. McMullen comes himself from Hangchow College. He was in Shanghai at the time of Pearl Harbor and was interned by the Japanese, coming home on the Gripsholm a year ago December. Since reaching this country he has had comparatively little contact, I think, with the China college situation in general, and, unfortunately, his own college, Hangchow, has been more thoroughly disrupted by the developments of the last two or three years than any of the others. It has sought to reestablish itself two or three times, in different places, even with departments separated one from another. In fact I recall sharply that the very day I came to this office early last May I was told that the Hangehow trustees had voted earlier in the day not to continue the struggle any longer but to urge the disbanding of the University forces on the field awaiting more favorable times for reopening. Sometime during the summer, conditions out there looked favorable enough so that the Board of Managers on the field, with the approval of the Ministry of Education and the support of our field representative, Dr. Wm. Fenn, decided to attempt the reopening of the Engineering College at still another place. The trustees in this country gave the effort their blessing, but I fear that it has not been possible to accomplish very much to date. Thus the institution in which Dr. McMullen's own interest has been so deeply involved has indeed had a rocky time, and this fact might easily color whatever he would say about the total situation.

we also know that Soochow University has been leading a very precarious existence, that Shanghai University has done little more than continue a token program and maintain an office in Chungking, and that Lingman's refugee situation was squarely in the way of the latest drive by the Japanese to take over that small section of the Hangkow-Canton Railroad which they did not previously control. We understand that most of the faculty and the student body had to take to the hills in flight as the Japanese drew near, just before the heavy fighting took place at Pingshek. The latest word, however, is that Dr. Kunkle, the family of one of the professors now in this country as a guest of the State Department, and about forty students are still at the place where the University had been endeavoring to carry

on and are unmolested. We also know, as you do, that Fukien Christian University has had to get along with no Westerners on its staff since they were so hastily evacuated last June. So if one should generalize on this amount of data the resulting conclusion might be decidedly pessimistic.

But this is not the whole story, as you rightly think, and it is indeed unfortunate if Dr. McMullen has given the impression generally there in Florida that practically nothing is being done in education. Of course the main center of effective effort is Chengtu and the five universities on the West China campus. One of these, the University of Nanking, was rated as among the very best in the country by Professor George Cressey of Syracuse University, who was there a year ago under appointment by the State Department as a visiting professor. In this first class, Professor Cressey puts only three other institutions, and it must be remembered that these others are Government institutions and have first call upon the support of the Ministry of Education. Dr. Cressey's judgments were severe and little if any tempered by the fact that he is a member of the Presbyterian Board and a former member of the University of Shanghai faculty himself. He rated Yenching and Fukien as Class B institutions, despite the great handicaps under which is working.

It is true that standards everywhere have declined, seriously, but this is a situation affecting all education as it has necessarily been conducted these recent years in Free China. Dr. Band says that he was expecting to find the Chengtu universities much less effective and with standards much lower than proved to be the case.

We were somewhat anxious as to the kind of report which a trained educationalist like Dr. McConaughy, President of UCR and for many years President of Wesleyan University, might bring back from his visit late last summer. He had been definitely critical at some points of our program, but his first word of greeting when he returned was: "My questions are all answered; the Colleges are doing a grand job and deserve every bit of support they get; I wish we could do more for them."

Certainly as one reads the frequent letters which come with some degree of regularity from Chengtu, especially those from Nanking, Yenching and Ginling, one is not discouraged. The picture is just the opposite from that suggested by your report of what Dr. McMullen said.

It was not quite clear from your letter whether Dr. McMullen made his statement in his main address or merely in reply to the question you put to him. I trust it was the latter. I had the pleasure of being on the "Florida Chain" myself five years ago, and I know both how the people down there turn out to hear the speakers and how widely they are dispersed over the country during other parts of the year. Hence what one says from the platform of the Florida Chain is likely to have distant echoes.

I suppose this year's schedule for the Chain is about completed. As I remember, they usually disband by the first of March.

It so happens that I have just had occasion to write Dr. McMullen welcoming him to the Associated Boards as a newly elected trustee of Hangehow College. We also expect that he will be here in the city before the end of March for an important meeting to discuss the proposal for a Federated University in the Shanghai area. I will keep your letter in mind and make sure that the opportunity is not lost of

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bringing him up to date on the encouraging aspects of our work in China. No one getting back from there and none of those who are so eagerly awaiting a chance to return thinks for a minute that "the future of the Colleges is nearly hopeless and that giving to them is a waste of money." Quite the contrary!

Very sincerely yours,

E. H. Ballon

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EDWIN G. WARNER
HOTEL LAKE ALFRED
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FLORIDA

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Mch. 1, 1945

Dear Mr. Ballou:

I thank you for your frank and illuminating letter just received. It shows clearly that part of what Wr. McMullen said was true.

He began his address by saying that he would like to have questions asked about whatever interested us in China. A quetion was asked about the Communists which he answered at length and then mine which was dismissed in the brief way of which I wrote you. Then without further questions he talked at length about his his personal experiences in the internment camp and on the voyage home.

Before the meeting was dismissed I made a request for a little more consideration of the Colleges. Then he showed his resentment.

I believe there is little cause for apprehension that he spoke about the colleges elsewhere on the Chain. Probably there was no one elsewwhere as deeply interested as I am.

I wish to say also that he was most affable in his conversation with me after the meeting and agreed that the colleges should have good financial support.

Here I shall do my best to keep interest in the colleges awake.

Sincerely yours

Edwin G. Warner

April 10, 1945

Dr. Edwin G. Marner Hotel Lake Alfred Lake Alfred, Florida

Dear Dr. Warners

The are grateful for your letter enclosing check for \$15.00 which is in addition to the contribution made in February. You are indeed gracious and we wish to extend our very heartfelt thanks.

You will be back in time for our Associated Boards meetings which begin on May 7th and continue throughout the week. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University is on the afternoon of Friday, the 11th.

Hoping that you have as good accommodations as are possible for your trip north, I am

Most sincerely yours,

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C. A. EVARS

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HOTEL LAKE ALFRED

"In the Lake Region"

LAKE ALFRED, FLORIDA

JOS. H. CHAMBERLAIN, MGR.

Associated Boards Christian Colleges in China 150 - 5th ave, N. Y. Cety 11. ack, 0/43

Please find my cheek for fifteen dollars for the regular work of the colleges in answer to your appeal in Marak. I made my regular contribution for Fakcien on Feb 4.

After apr. 15 4 please have my address in your books Changed

EDWIN G. WARNER 56 MONTGOMERYPLACE BROOKLYN 15.

> Sweenly yours Elwin Harner



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