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January 13, 1948

Mr. John L. Coe
c/o American President Lines
311 California Street
San Francisco, California

My dear John:

I certainly have lost face with my family because I let you and Mary start west without seeing us again. I got another blast from them just this morning when I told them you have started for San Francisco. I hope you see how it is!

This letter will be typed and forwarded from "281", thanks to Earl Fowler and Mrs. Holloway.

I enclose a copy of the letter of December thirty-first from Dr. Wei to Dr. Sherman which is in answer to the latter's letter of December nineteenth to Dr. Wei, a copy of which you have. The thing which impresses me most about the correspondence so far is the harmony with which divergent points of view on different sides of the world have been discussed. There seems to be every possibility that the decision finally reached will be generally acceptable.

Dr. Sherman, Mr. Fowler and I have discussed briefly the contents of this letter of December thirty-first. You will note that it is advance information regarding the probably contents of the report which we shall receive soon, giving the consensus of opinion prevailing in the Senate. Copies of Dr. Wei's letter are being given to Dr. Lobenstine, Dr. Hume, Mr. Fowler, and myself, but Dr. Sherman suggests that others who do not know what has gone before may be confused if this letter and the final report should not agree.

Mr. Fowler will send at once, to our whole Huachung Board of Directors, notices of an important meeting to be held on Thursday, February sixth. This will allow more than the minimum period necessary for legal steps of the Board. This will be followed by a letter to each member as soon as this shall be received. We shall thus insure that all points of view are given careful consideration at the meeting. We certainly want to meet the views of the Senate as far as possible.

Recent information has come to us indicating that the political conditions throughout the Yangtze Area have worsened considerably since Dr. Wei's letter was sent. Therefore, the views of the Senate may

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change due to these conditions.

The minimum requirements listed by Dr. Wei are four to six new permanent faculty houses, the completion of the second half of the New Yen Hostel, and a new permanent hostel for men. These are all required because the number of students and faculty members has increased so much, a perfectly good reason if we are justified in making such an increase and if we may reasonably expect that the destructive effect of another war or rebellion will be no worse than in 1927 or the last war. This seems to be the first question to be considered by all interested parties.

The second question relates to the selection of an architect to develop an over-all plan for the new campus and the location on such a plan for these new buildings and the small new building for the Language School. Mr. Bergamini is so busy in the Philippines that there is very little chance that he can give the necessary time to Huachung. We may decide to recommend that negotiations proceed at once with one of the local architects mentioned in the letter. Do you know either of them and what is your opinion regarding them? It is possible to get Bergamini's opinion by having a copy of the plan sent to Bergamini at the same time as a copy is sent to us. I am sorry that Mr. Wu has left China.

So much for architecture. Now a few words about operating conditions:

I am balled up about scholarships and fellowships. This comes to a head because of the arrangements made with Richard Bieh. The general basis for such rewards was formulated by Dr. Wei and myself while he was in New York, but this did not include a method of insuring that the money would be available. A number of times a reference has been made in letters to a budget provision of \$600.00 each year, but so far as I know, no such item is included in the budgets offered by the Senate. For instance, the budget for 1947-48 does not include any such item. I have not reviewed the previous budgets, but I think none of them include this item. I would like to know your understanding about this. If there is no such item on the expense side of the budget and the income side is not large enough to cover it, the only place to find the funds is in the reserves of from special gifts. This was protected as long as your reserves increased every year, but under the present conditions this is just one more cause of the shrinkage of the reserves.

All such matters will be easier to clear up after you get back to Wuchang and get control of the figures.

I hope you both will remain well on the way to Wuchang and will arrive there in good season and without mishap.

Affectionately,

Oliver S. Lyford

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P. S. Mrs. Holloway has just informed me she has already sent off the copy of the Dec. 31st letter.

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Holt Steward, [17]
San Francisco.
Jan. 22, 1948.

Dear Mr. Lyford,

Read by Bremer & Sherman

Thank you for your letter of Jan. 13 and the copy of Dr. Wei's letter of Dec. 31st. to Dr. Sherman. It is good to see that Dr. Wei realizes the necessity of getting an overall plan before proceeding with a great deal of building.

In studying Dr. Wei's letter of the 31st. the following points seem to need some comment. I do not know the architect mentioned in the letter. The boat I am sailing on is going to Shanghai by way of Manila and I may have two days there. If possible I will try to see Bergamini but if he is still up at Baguio I may not be able to see him.

The argument, that because we lost no building (that is the college) in the 1926-27 uprisings and in the 1937-45 uprisings therefore the chances are small that such would occur in the future, should not hold too much weight because one large and two smaller buildings on Boone compound were destroyed in 1938-45. In 1927 a well built school building ten minutes walk from the college was completely gutted when ~~some~~ arms stored in it exploded.

The question of residences is a difficult one but I feel that I do not have sufficient information to judge competently on it. I am wondering if these semi-permanent houses built last year are not housing as many people as expected.

The matter of hostels again raises the matter of enrollment. The figure of 500 maximum for a few years was adopted by the Founders two years ago. Wuhsing is pushing hard for 600. As I read the letters carefully I do not think that quite as many came to Hua Chung in September 1947 as had been expected. Also I have seen no figures as to how many may have dropped out during the first term. Also there is the question of how many may not return in February because of disturbed conditions. If there should be a marked falling off in February then the need for hostels would be less acute.

The extension of the new Yen Hostel to the north, either ^[2] part way or all the way to the north edge of the old Yen Hostel would fit in with all projected building programs. It would relieve the present congestion in the women's hostel.

But the question there is the matter of prices. The present new Yen Hostel was built by Bergamini in 1937 for slightly more than US\$5,000. It is probably the best built building there and came thru the war in good shape. It was of red brick construction, re-inforced concrete floors and stairway, tile roof. If materials are available and it should be possible to complete the building at a cost of not more than four times per war using the same type of construction, I would ~~say~~ suggest that it be done. If the building is carried to the north edge of old Yen Hostel it would require construction of a building slightly larger than Bergamini built in 1937. My feeling is that if possible we should have the same type of floor construction or else we will be in for a lot of trouble with termites (white ants).

My feeling is that the men's hostel will have to wait on the adoption of the overall plan and then the question of construction will have to depend on the same factors as I quoted above. I do not feel it wise to go ahead with construction without knowing what it may cost and setting some sort of an upper limit on it.

With best wishes to you and your family,

Sincerely,

John L. Cole.

April 21, 1948

Mr. John L. Coe
Huachung University
Wuchang, Hupeh, China

My dear John:

Many thanks for your letter of April ninth. You are fortunate to be getting an acknowledgment! My desk is piled knee deep. The National Council meeting comes up next week and I am just about a fit subject for an insane asylum. I don't seem to be able to concentrate. I have spring fever and a few other things. You will have to be satisfied if this is short and sweet!

I do not think I should take up the matter of Richard Bien's travel money with the Huachung Committee. This was a commitment made to him some months ago and I have just learned through Mr. Lyford that Yale-in-China has the money available as soon as somebody asks for it. I agree with you that I do not think he ought to have the total amount of \$1250.00 inasmuch as he has not kept all the conditions under which the grant was made. It surely will cost him a thousand dollars, (\$1,000), round trip for travel so I would approve of that amount as long as the commitment was made. I hope you will write to Yale and either ask them to pay the appropriation for his travel expenses to me or to Richard direct as soon as it is convenient. I am charging the advance for his reservations against his special account here in New York. When he receives his travel money his special account will have to be refunded. I have reservations for him to return to China on the PRESIDENT WILSON on or about June twenty-fifth.

The minutes of the Executive Committee of the Provisional Board of Directors of March eighteenth have just arrived. Dr. Sherman, Mr. Lyford, Dr. Franklin, Bishop Bentley, and myself are meeting on Friday afternoon of this week to discuss some of the points and also have a final understanding regarding the future set-up. Both Mr. Lyford and Dr. Sherman ought to be dropping out of the picture very soon due to their age and infirmities. Mr. Lyford is the dearest old man that I ever knew and when he is thoroughly rested for about one or two hours he can function as of old. After one or two hours he becomes absolutely useless and cannot function. It is about time that the permanent Board of Directors in China should start to function and all the powers returned to them that have been

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carried on by the Board of Trustees and Founders, or now the Huachung Committee of the United Board. The official representatives of the various cooperating units of Huachung have been elected. The Board of Directors are supposed to submit nominations for three more members to be approved by the Board of Founders, now the Huachung Committee of the United Board. There are also three members to be elected by the Alumni Association. In all probability these members have been elected but we have not been notified. I wish you would mention this business to Francis.

With very best wishes and kind regards to all.

As ever yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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Huachung University,
Wuchang, 4, Hupeh.
May 2, 1948.

Received May 10
Copied by Fowler

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford,
54 Dana Place,
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Mr. Lyford,

I have been writing more frequently to Earl Fowler and kept him informed of how things were going here so that I have not written so ~~frequently~~ frequently to you.

I have been more or less busy since getting back here. Paul Ward had kept the office in good shape. Tan had done a good job in helping out. However this business of keeping accounts is getting more and more complicated all the time as inflation gets worse. At the present moment the American dollar is selling for about twenty times what it was in terms of Chinese paper last August and the end is far from being in sight. If anything, the pace has become more accelerated during the last few months. In fact at the present time the rate is about three times what it was when I landed in Shanghai less than three months ago. The printing presses are busier than ever turning out bale after bale of bright new notes. It is ~~quite~~ quite customary now to carry around several millions in your pocket. I have made a start towards getting the financial report for the spring ~~1947~~ term 1947 into shape and have some part of it nearly complete. I hope to have it done before too long, but that depends to some extent upon how many other things come up. This last week I started upon the job of turning all of the Chinese currency transactions on the college books since the first of August last year into US\$ equivalents as the totals in C\$ mean nothing at all at the present moment. When I have that finished, I hope to get back at the report and reach tentative conclusions fairly quickly.

I have not drawn very heavily on John Greiner since my return because of the fact that first it was a matter of using the fees which came in at the beginning of the term. Then there were two fairly large remittances from the ~~China~~ China Christian Universities Association in Great Britain. Those two remittances amounted to a total of £1,330. However their effective figure for conversion to US\$ equivalent would be only about US\$4,000, as the English pound is at a very considerable discount on the Shanghai market over the official New York London rate. The official rates given by the government banks here figure the pound as equivalent to US\$3. Then there has also been the grant from the Ministry of Education for this year amounting to C\$100,000,000, equivalent to less than US\$200 at the time it was received. (It is interesting to note that when the government ~~gave us~~ gave us C\$100,000,000 two years ago, that it was worth more than US\$30,000 at that time.)

The thing is that down underneath China is gradually going on a hard money basis. The old silver dollars which were supposedly all called in twelve and a half years ago are coming more and more into circulation. They are supposedly illegal, and the government banks will not handle them. There ~~is~~ are a goodly number in circulation having come out from private hoards. They seem to be acceptable in all quarters, and prices in terms of them have been fairly steady. They are the poor man's method of keeping his surplus money while the rich man is dealing in gold bullion. Then there is the paper money which more or less forms the link between the silver, gold, and foreign currency. The relations between the three are moving within certain ill defined limits. Silver dollars have been fluctuating at from ninety to one hundred and five to an ounce of gold. US\$ dollars usually swing from sixty to seventy to an ounce of gold. Dr. Wei is keeping watch of the whole business.

Dr. Wei did well in the joint campaign around here. Pledges came in easily but collecting was harder. There is still more to come in, but not a great deal. He has written to Shanghai

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to find out how it is to be used but so far no reply has come from the United Boards office there. His earlier understanding ^{was} that each University was to have the use of half of what it raised and ~~that~~ the other half was to be put into a common pool to be divided out, but he has had no recent information in regard to it.

The business of purchasing the Chekiang guild property still drags on. Dr. Wei hopes that it will go through all right. The thing is that so many of the influential members of the guild have to be consulted and agree before the deal can go through. Also they want to get themselves another piece of land to erect a guild building on it. ~~Everything~~ so often the middleman on our side comes in to report progress to Dr. Wei. Things have gotten so far along that Dr. Tragear and myself spent a good part of an afternoon ten days ago checking on the survey of the land there.

It has been good to be back here and at work. In terms of foreign currencies prices are less than they were a year and two years ago. I think that also Dr. Wei is able to raise the subsidies to the staff and faculty enough so that they are better off comparatively than they were earlier. They are far from being back to anything like a prewar standard but things are easier for most of them except for those with very large families.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John L. Cox.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lyford. We are having our usual spring rains - yesterday 3" fell - after two days that went over 90° F.

It is amazing how quietly life goes on here. It is difficult to get much China news - and so we are spared the worrisome details that the N.Y. Times & the Christian Science Monitor are able to ferret out and spread over America.

We are slowly getting settled in our own flat. The housing situation all over the world is so critical that it seems unbelievable that we can have four rooms, a big kitchen, and a screened-in porch for ourselves. We get a lot of pleasure from our Zenith Trans-Oceanic Radio. I now have a resistor in it and can run it on the electric current - when the current is on and when it is strong enough. From dark till 10 P.M. our electric lights are so poor that we have to use kerosene lamps or candles. Our section of the compound has the worst lights.

Many westerners are going to the mountains this summer - a number of families have bought bungalows in Kuling, but we plan this year to "sit it out" in Wuchang. We have an elec. fan - & may have an elec. refrigerator by summer.

Please remember me to your daughter & grand daughter.

John L. Cox

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Excerpt from letter of May 6, 1948 from John L. Coe to
Dr. Richard P. Bien, Providence, R.I.

"As for your personal finances, I believe that the situation is somewhat as follows: Your salary allowance for the year was US\$1100; your travel allowance originally from Yale was to be US\$1250, on the basis that you were making your return trip via England. After talking the matter over with Dr. Wei, we are writing to Yale-in-China, asking them for US\$1,000 for your travel. As I understand it, the figure of US\$1,000 for your travel is not to be accounted for and is to be handled as in the case of other men on sabbatical leave, viz., a lump sum for the travel.

I have the following record here in regard to advances which have been made to you: The Chinese \$3,000,000 which Dr. Ward wrote to you about, he has transferred as US\$85.71; drawn for your family in Shanghai US\$150; paid by Mr. Gilson in Shanghai for your ticket US\$333. Also, I note that US\$30.35 was paid by Mr. Greiner on your travel account."

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May 12, 1948

Mr. John L. Coe
Huachung University
Wuchang, Hupeh, China

My dear John:

Many thanks for your letter of April twenty-eighth with the copy of the two orders that you have sent direct to the biological supply houses in Chicago. I only hope and pray these are not duplicate orders I have recently placed at the instruction and request of Dr. Bien. When we have time we will try to check and see whether these are duplicates and decide what should be done. When we receive the invoices we will have them charged to the current account.

I will be looking forward to receiving a check for \$1,000.00 from Yale-in-China. I know they have this money available and was only waiting for somebody to ask for it. I did not feel it my duty.

I hope we will be able to get out the minutes of the recent Huachung meeting very promptly and will send copies to Dr. Wei and all concerned. You, no doubt, have heard that the National Council took favorable action on making the \$100,000.00 available for various building projects. I have written Dr. Wei extensively about this and hope you will use your influence to see only the most urgent construction done at the present time. At the recent Huachung meeting we decided to turn over all of the funds held by us that belong to Huachung to the United Board as of June thirtieth. It will be necessary for you folks to get the properly appointed Board of Directors organized by that date as we are turning back the responsibility that the Board of Founders has been carrying of acting as the Board of Directors. I am glad that the three alumni directors have been selected at the meeting of the properly organized Board that will nominate three members at large to be confirmed by the Huachung Committee. It would be good if this meeting could be called not later than the middle of June so that we would know definitely before June thirtieth that the proper Board of Directors had been organized.

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Mr. John L. Coe

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May 12, 1948

I hope it wont be too long before you can clear up the purchase of the Chekiang Guild. It was my understanding that this purchase was to be made from funds that were approved by the Huachung Committee. That would be either the Proctor Johnston Building Fund or the University Reserves. However, Mr. Lyford will have to straighten you out on this point. However, it was not from the \$200,000 Reconstruction and Advance Fund.

I am still terribly swamped and I am trying to clear up as much as possible before spending this afternoon and evening, and tomorrow at the United Board for Christian Colleges meeting.

All join in very best wishes and kind regards to all.

As ever yours,

J. Earl Fowler
Associate Secretary

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May 12, 1948.

Mr. J. E. Fowler,
 281 Fourth Ave.,
 New York City.

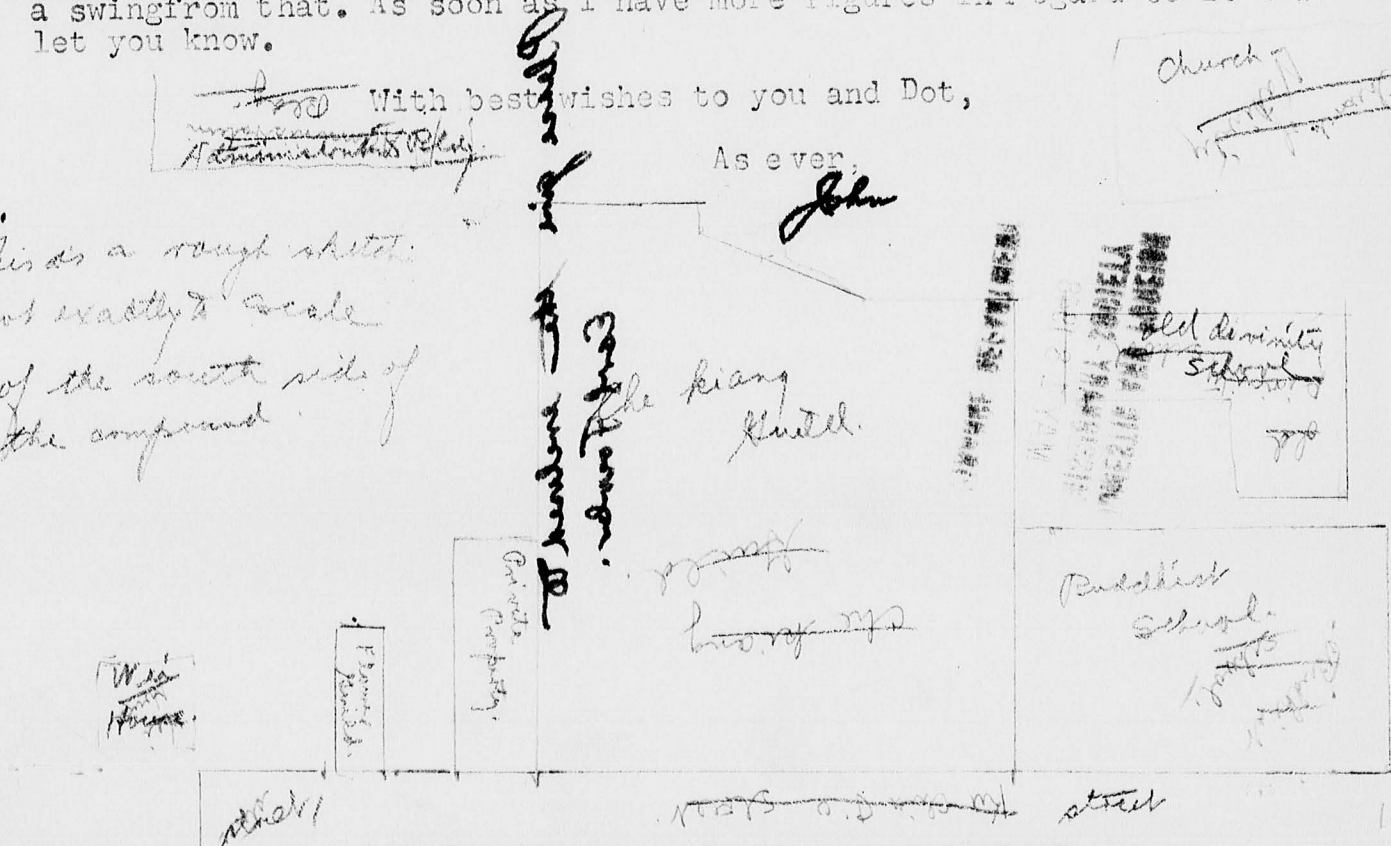
Dear Earl,

This morning I handed a check for C\$160,500,000 to the representatives of the Chekiang Guild as an option payment on their property. The agreement which they have signed is that within a month from now they will hand over the deeds to the property to us and we will have to pay for it. Francis is very much pleased and says there should be no difficulty now that this first agreement has been signed. I should have remembered when I wrote the first sentence that you do not like us to quote prices in Chinese dollars and so I will change the above to say that it represents three hundred dollars silver or slightly less than two hundred dollars of the kind that you are used to handling. We have agreed to pay a total of ~~\$21,168~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ silver for the land. My guess is that fees etc. will run to about twenty-five hundred silver. As I wrote earlier there is the middlemen's fee of 6% and deed writer of 2% and then the matter of the walls which should not be too much more. The question of course is going to be how fortunate we are going to be over the exchange situation when we pay off. We will be paying in installments. I was in Hankow on Monday and started tentative negotiations for some of the money. Our hope is that the exchange will work ~~xx~~ out at an average of .66 silver to ~~one US\$~~ US\$1. though there may be a bit of a swing from that. As soon as I have more figures in regard to it I will let you know.

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With best wishes to you and Dot,
 As ever,
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Please give the enclosed to Earl Fowler.

As ever,
John

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June 25, 1948.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

CHINA MISSION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Mr. John Greiner,
281 Fourth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear John,

Will you please at your early convenience send a check for US\$2,000 (USdollars two thousand only) to Otto and Harkson Realty and Co. 424 Builders Exchange Building, Portland, 4, Oregon. This should be charged in the usual manner.

I received your letter of June 16th ~~xxxx~~ on Tuesday evening and the next day sent a message over to Hankow in regard to the name of the account in the National City Bank. By yesterday afternoon I had a reply saying that they had made a mistake when they first gave me the name of the account and that it was as you expected that the name of the account should be "C.Y. Marr and/or Mr. San Wei Chin and/or Mr. D. S. Marr ~~and/or~~ and/or Mr. Charles T. ~~xxxxx~~ Yao, Hongkong, Hongkong." Will you please make the deposit of three thousand dollars to this account. They requested me to send a cable which I did using the wording which they gave me. They are paying for the ~~xxxx~~ cable and acknowledge that it was their fault in the first place as they gave me wrong information as to the name of the account.

I have finished all the figuring on the report for the spring of 1947 but have not found time these last few weeks to get it typed out in proper shape but hope to be able to do so early next month.

We finally passed money and deeds on this ~~property~~ ~~deal~~ which has been ~~hanging~~ ~~fire~~ hanging fire for so long. Earl Fowler can tell you how important this Chekiang Guild ~~property~~ is for rounding out the place. I think that the mission first tried to buy it over thirty years ago and there have been negotiations off and on in ~~regard~~ regard to it ever since but it had never before been possible to get enough of the Guild to agree to the business. Negotiations were on all during the spring and on the 12th of May we signed an agreement about the purchase and then put down Silver\$300 as bargain money. They were to finish the business in a month or rather give us a deed by then provided we paid down half the purchase price. The month expired on June 12th and they were still arguing among themselves as to how the proceeds were to be used. Then they finally came in on Wednesday of this week the 23rd and it was more or less a day long haggle over the business. By six that evening we had the deed together with their old deed and registration certificate and they had half of the purchase price. The purchase price can be broken down as follows:(all of the amounts below are in silver dollars)

\$20,666.40	purchase price.
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So far I have paid over eleven thousand of this which works out at [2] US\$7,300 approximately. I have ~~not~~ had time to work it out exactly as this exchange business here is getting more and more unpredictable all the time. I have a month in which to pay one half of the balance and the remainder will be payable when the ~~gxxxx~~ tenants get out. Then there may be a few extra expenses. If we do not have to pay the government transfer tax which is additional to those listed above, (Dr. Wei is hoping to get exemption from this) and I am able to do about as well on exchange for the remainder of the money we should be able to complete the business for around US\$16,000. If the government transfer tax comes in it may cost us a thousand dollars more. Also there is the question of how I will come out on the exchange of the rest of the money. I spent sometime in Hankow yesterday feeling out the ground. Incidentally the amount of the purchase price as written in the deed is ~~2,222,200,000,000,000,000~~ C\$28,200,000,000. The price per fang in silver dollars is slightly less than the mission first offered many years ago. A great deal of credit is due to Dr. Wei for carrying this through.

We went through a near financial panic this past week with everything soaring and then it leveled off around Monday. We are just wondering when the next jump will be coming. ~~The xxxking xxx that xxx there xxx~~ There are four factors in the exchange ~~s~~ttuation, US dollars, silver dollars, gold bars, and Chinese paper. There ~~isx~~ seems to be a more or less distinct relationship between the first three with fluctuations within certain limits and we try to keep up with matters as well as we can.

I would very much appreciate it if you could send me a statement of the transactions in the reserve account since the one you sent me early in February. It would probably be best, if it is convenient for you, to wait and have it made up at the end of July. I will be starting on the statement for this year sometime in July and hope to get it finished by sometime in August.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John L. Love

P.S. Will you also please send a check for US\$20. (US dollars twenty only to Miss Jeanette Ng,
610 East 15th St.,
Oakland, 6, California.

This should be marked as from Mrs. Jane W. Bien. I have received funds here to cover and you should charge in the usual manner.

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July 27, 1948.

Mr. J. E. Fowler,
281 Fourth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Earl,

Thank you for your letter of the 14th and the two of the 19th. In reference to the book order of the 10th which you refer to in yours of the 19th, it should be charged against Arts Books account in the current budget. I am sorry that I omitted mentioning that when I sent the order. The enclosed order should be charged against Education Books in the current budget.

I agree with you most thoroughly about the wisdom of going ahead with too much building and that is the main reason that I haven't been pushing things too hard during the last month or so. We are going ahead with the houses and as for Ten Hostel which was authorized earlier that is still in the planning stage. I have heard from Bergamini in regard to his ideas for the ~~design~~ design of it and they agree with his cable. I will not bother you with details in regard to it.

Last week I paid down the third quarter of the money for the Chekiang Guild. The Guild is anxious to finish the business off and it may be that it will wind up sometime early next month. I have funds on hand now to finish it off in a form which should not depreciate. The main point now is about the tenants who have some plants there and I think a solution will be worked out in regard to that. We are also discussing with them the matter of taking over a large number of granite stones useful for steps etc. That will of course be charged as building material if we get it. I expect that if we get the bricks they are offering in the walls and the stones etc. the total cost will not run over five hundred dollars. If all goes well, I hope that the total cost of the land will run to nearer fifteen thousand than sixteen thousand dollars. I haven't had time in which to finish figuring the exchange on this last ~~trans~~ transaction which was a three-way one but it came out a bit better than I had hoped for.

I am hoping that we will not be as overrun with students this next term as had once looked like. The old students are to put down a deposit of six million dollars on or before the tenth of August to indicate their intention of coming back here. So far a few more than twenty have paid in but I expect a rush shortly. As for the new students, those from the affiliated schools who were recommended by the school, had to put down a deposit by the fifteenth of July and about 120 of them have put down the deposit. Probably only about a hundred of them will turn up. These deposits are not refundable if the students do not come. Then entrance examinations will be held here, in Changsha and in Canton tomorrow. 1229 are registered here, 696 in Changsha and 25 in Canton. Dr. Wei says that the fewness of the candidates in Canton shows how great the

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rumors are down there in regard to insecurity up here. It is expected that we will qualify 120 out of this lot which will entitle them to enter without question. From 60% to 70% of them will probably come. It is the great game here to go around taking entrance examinations for a number of different places and then decide later where you will go. Then in addition to the 120 qualified in the first place there will be a reserve list of say 60 which will be called upon in case there is ~~is~~ a larger drop in the recommended students and those in the first list. In any case I doubt if the freshman ~~girls~~ class will go over ~~200~~ two hundred. If there is more of a drop in the old students to, say, around three hundred fifty or so, the total enrollment will not be ~~more~~ much more than last fall.

We have been going through the summer's talk of whether there will be a flood or not. In May the water was higher than usual. In early June things slacked off and the water dropped a good bit in the river. Since early this month it has been rising again and is at the danger point right now. It touched forty nine feet eight a couple of days ago and this morning was forty-nine feet four and there was a falling river at Chang and Kiukiang also. So far I have not heard of a ~~major dike~~ major dike in this sector breaking, but they are working on a lot of them. The water at the moment is just about washing over the sidewalk on the outside of the Bund wall in Hankow. On this side of the river it is several feet below the top of the bank. For some time it has been backing up in the drains in Hankow and they pump them out every so often. Ten days ago during a heavy rain there was a couple of inches of water over some of the Hankow streets, but that has been pumped out. This morning when I was over, there was a bit of water on the sidewalk in front of the National City Bank. If the present spell of hot wear weather should last for another week, the danger of flood should be pretty well eliminated. In 1931 the high water was fifty-three feet and 65/100 so it has still quite a ways to go to reach that point.

I don't think that we are finding it excessive in cost to run our G-E refrigerator. I just got our light and water bill today for the period from June 20th to July 20th and it works out that our total bill for that period is a bit less than US\$2. We also had a fan going a good bit of the time. If we hadn't had the G.-E and the fan, our bill would have been nearer one dollar. On the other hand if we had gotten ice we would probably have paid about three times as much for it. The current has been fairly regular which has helped out and we have found it satisfactory. The hospital had acquired from some organization a Servel Refrigerator which Logan was afraid would be too expensive to operate with kerosene. He persuaded the Bishop to change it over to electricity and so far I don't think they have been able to operate it much. My own feeling is that for a place like this center or Shanghai, ~~that~~ an electric refrigerator is the best. If going further up country a Servel would be the best. The thing is, I have not heard anyone who knows about how much kerosene is needed a month to operate one. At the present time kerosene is costing somewhere between fifty cents and a dollar a gallon.

Dr. Wei told me this morning that he was expecting to write you shortly about the minutes of the Board of Directors. The Minutes have been held up for one reason and another. Mary ran off the stencils for them last weekend and they were being mimeographed today.

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With best wishes to you and Lili,
As ever,
John

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July 29, 1948.

CHINA MISSION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Mr. John Greiner,
281 Fourth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear John,

Herewith the long delayed reports for 1946-47. I hope that everything is clear in them. I have not bothered to repeat the report for the first term 1946-47 which I left in New York with you. The detailed report is only for the spring term. I have however made a consolidated summary for both terms. For the US\$ balance sheet I have taken your figure of July 31, 1947 for the surplus account as the first item on the DR\$ side. Below it are the following items which need explanation. The amount ~~receivable~~ receivable from the Reformed Church came in shortly thereafter. ACM specials Hankow, represents specials which Ward had put into his statement but had not collected from Pickens. The next three items are shown on your statement, and where you had assumed that they were not operating funds, they are so considered and are being used. ACM "B" account Hankow is an old prewar account held in Hankow.

The last two items on the CR\$ side represent payments which were made by my order by Shanghai in the fall of 1946 and early 1947. I think that these were straightened out when I went over matters with Henry Budd in Shanghai.

I have included in the balance sheet the rehabilitation money remaining here out of the government grant.

The sheet is also divided into three categories: A. general funds,
B. departmental funds C. restricted funds.

I have made a certain amount of progress with the report for this year and hope to get the books for the year closed next week and then really get busy on the report.

I will send along a duplicate of this at a later date.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John L. Coe

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Huachung University summary of income and expenditure for the year 1946-47. [a]

	Income.		Foreign Sal.
	US\$		
Western Sources.			
American Church Mission	12,000.00 ✓		6
" " " Miss Johnston	5,000.00 ✓		
Evangelical United Brethern	1,413.84 ✓		
London Missionary Society	404.70 ✓		2
Methodist Mission	790.84 ✓		2 1/2
Evangelical and Reformed Church Mission	3,457.71 ✓		1
Yale-in-China	5,000.00 ✓		
Harvard-Yenching Foundation	5,634.77 ✓		
Special for scholarships	2,209.11 ✓	35,910.97	
United Service to China	10,201.01		
British Aid to China	425.86 ✓	10,626.87	
Local Sources			
Tuition and fees	8,943.23 ✓		
Bank Interest	490.79 ✓		
National government	294.12 ✓		
Gift-N. Tsui	138.89 ✓	9,867.08	
Grand Total income		56,404.92	11 1/2
	Expenditure.		
Administration-personnel	9,221.97		2
" offices etc.	1,894.68		
Operation and Maintainance	4,491.01		
Physical Education	1,522.60		
Scholarships	2,209.11		
Extra-Pao family final	50.39		
School of Arts-personnel	16,299.39		5
-Books etc.	857.32		
School of Education-personnel	4,064.86		2 1/2
Books, equip. practice school	1,506.32		
School of Science- personnel equipment	3,231.27		
personnel	11,731.67		2
Sabbatical salary and travel	2,200.00		
Reserve for Junior fellowship	600.00		
total expenditure	59,882.09		11 1/2
Deficit for the year	3,477.17		

In this summary the income and expenditures have all been reduced to US\$ from the reports for the first and second terms. To make this reduction the average rate of the first term 3,600 was used for that term, and for the second term the average rate used was 17,000.

John L. Lee.
Treasurer.

July 27, 1948.

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Huachung University, Summary of income and Expenditure for spring term 1946-47. [2]

	Income.	
	C\$	Foreign Salary.
Western Sources.		
American Church Mission	102,000,000.	6
" " "(Miss Johnston)	42,500,000.	
Yale-in-China	42,500,000.	
London Missionary Society	3,000,000.	2
Methodist Mission	4,000,000.	2
Evangelical Reformed Church Mission	24,781,070.	1
Evangelical United Brethern	8,500,000.	
Harvard-enching Institute	52,311,900.	
Special for scholarships	10,874,483.	290,467,453.
United Service to China	51,001,447.	
British Aid to China	811,920.	51,813,367,
Local Sources		
Tuition and fees	55,848,972.	
National Government	5,000,000.	
Bank Interest	1,287,465.	62,136,437.
Grand total income		404,417,257. 11

Expenditure.		
Administration -personnel	55,480,950.	2
" running exp.	13,315,170.	
Operation and Maint.	23,963,213.	
Physical Education	8,350,600.	
Scholarships	10,874,483.	
School of Arts-personnel	83,320,750.	4 1/2
Books and equipment	11,338,950.	
School of Education-personnel	19,948,750.	2 1/2
Books, equip. prac. school	20,303,430.	
School of Science -personnel	63,693,250.	4 2
equipment	17,697,260.	
Sabbatical salary and travel	37,400,000.	
Reserve for Jr. Fellowship.	10,200,000.	
grand total expenditure	375,886,806.	11
surplus for the term is	28,530,451.	

This surplus C\$28,530,451 at 17,000 is equivalent to US\$1,678.26.
 The deficit for the first term adjusted was 5,155.43.

The deficit for the year is thus US\$3,477.17

This deficit was caused mainly by the low exchange rate prevalent over the larger part of the first term.

July 27, 1948.

John L. Coe
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Huachung University, Rehabilitation account in the field for 1946-47.

Ministry of Education grant of April 1946.		C\$100,000,000.00
Balance of old science grant from the Ministry		1,097,255.72
Faculty rehabilitation Sept. 1946	10,970,976.74	
Student travel extra	4,100,000.00	
New Dormitory	38,404,900.00	
Music rooms	8,203,130.00	
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	61,679,006.74	101,097,255.72
balance	39,418,248.98	
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	101,097,255.72	

This balance was on Feb. 1, 1947 transferred to US\$ to the equivalent item in the rehabilitation budget as US\$11,764.18

Repairs.	C\$	US\$
Debits to Aug. 1, 1946	32,723,901.	9,913.67
Expenditures Aug. 1, 1946-Feb. 4, 1947	71,259,615.	
C\$103,983,516. converted to US\$		34,744.25
Expenditure Feb. 4, 1947 to July 31, 1947		2,594.73*
total		<hr/>
		47,252.65

Furnishings.		
Debit Aug. 1, 1946.		8,615.80
Expenditure Aug. 1, 1946 to Feb. 4, 1947.		10,306.39
" Feb. 4, 1947 to July 31, 1947.		1,253.15*
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		20,175.34

Books and Science equipment		US\$
Carriage Hankow to Wuchang to Feb. 4, 1947.		221.85
Chinese Dept. books		1,000.00
Shanghai freight and handling etc. to Dec. 31, 1946.		414.10*
Books and handling Hankow to Wuchang Feb. 4, 1947-Aug. 1, 1947.		379.90*
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		2,005.85

Items marked * have not been previously reported to New York. Other items of expenditure above have been reported to New York and charged against the rehabilitation account. The items marked * I am tentatively charging against the government money balance mentioned above.

Balance of 1946 grant		US\$11,764.18
April 1947 grant for furniture C\$16,000,000.		941.18
Repairs	2,594.73	
Furnishings	1,253.15	
Books and handling Hankow to Wuchang	379.90	
Freight etc. from Shanghai	414.10	
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	4,641.88	12,705.36
balance	8,063.48	
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	12,705.36	

This balance is shown on the US\$ balance sheet as a credit for rehabilitation. The new Houses authorized in April 1947, cost up to Aug. 1, 1947 US\$15,222.85 This has been debited against the old transportation item of US\$9,245.92 in the US\$ balance sheet and the remainder against items "A".

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Huachung University School of Arts, Expenditure for spring term 1946-47. [4]

Personnel	C\$	Foreign Sal.
Dept. of Chinese Lit. and Comp.		
Professor	5,426,250.	
"	6,357,500.	
"	6,357,500.	
"	5,240,000.	
Asst. Professor	5,380,000.	
" "	4,481,250.	
Lecturer	<u>3,536,250.</u>	36,778,750.
Western Languages		
Professor 1/2		1/2
Asst. Professor		1
" "		1
Lecturer	3,536,250.	
"	3,536,250.	
Professor 1/4	<u>1,682,500.</u>	8,735,000.
History		
Professor 1/2		1/2
" 1/2		1/2
Asst. Professor	4,667,500.	
Lecturer	3,871,500.	
"	<u>3,112,250.</u>	11,651,250.
Economics-Commerce		
Professor	6,457,500.	
Professor		1
Asst. Professor 1/2	2,443,750.	
" "	4,853,750.	
" "	4,481,250.	
Lecturer	<u>3,224,500.</u>	21,460,750.
Philosophy-Psychology-Religion		
Professor 1/4	1,682,500.	
Professor 1/2	<u>2,992,500.</u>	4,675,000.
On leave Psychology Professor		
Salary US\$1,000.		
travel 1,200.		
total personnel		83,320,750. 4 1/2
Chinese Dept. Books	9,811,900.	
History and Philosophy books	1,248,700.	
Economics books	<u>278,350.</u>	<u>11,338,900.</u>
Total expenditure		C\$94,659,700 and US\$2,200. 4 1/2

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Huachung University, Administration etc. expenditure, spring term 1946-47.

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Expenditure.		C\$	Foreign Sal.
Administration			
Personnel			
President	3/4	5,047,500.	
Treasurer	1/2		1/2
Dean	1/2		1/2
Registrar	1/2		1/2
Super.Bldgs.Grdunds	1/2		1/2
Chinese secretary		4,555,000.	
Asst. Treas.	1/2	2,443,750.	
Asst. Registrar		3,879,250.	
Business Manager		3,224,500.	
Librarian		4,730,000.	
Asst. Librarian	3/4	4,193,000.	
Asst. "	1/4	2,870,500.	
Asst. in Library		3,061,000.	
2 clerks in Library		1,953,750.	
Asst. Eng. Sec.	1/2	2,889,250.	
office clerks		5,622,750.	
Dean of Women	1/2	3,212,500.	
Physician		4,853,700.	
"			
Nurse		2,944,500.	55,480,950.
Administration-operation			
College Functions		455,800.	
Entertainment		1,036,900.	
Offices- Pres.		2,091,700.	
" Dean and Reg.		4,259,700.	
" Treas.		1,301,800.	
" Business		1,154,800.	
Postage and Telegrams		820,210.	
Medical		639,500.	
Alumni Bulletin		1,554,760.	13,315,170.
Operation and Maintenance			
Library		6,713,450.	
Grounds		1,311,200.	
Sanitation		1,660,715.	
Light and water		4,513,848.	
Rentals		186,800.	
Wages		9,363,000.	
Sundries		214,200.	23,963,213.
Physical Education			
Director		3,871,500.	
Equipment		4,479,100.	8,350,600.
Scholarships		10,874,483.	10,874,483.
total expenditure			111,984,416.

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Huachung University, Yale-in-China School of Science Financial report for spring term 1946-47. [6]

Personnel:	Expenditure.	C\$	Foreign Sal.
Biology			
Professor	6,105,000.		
Professor 1/2	3,178,750.		
Lecturer	3,224,500.		
Lecturer	<u>3,224,500.</u>	15,732,750.	
Chemistry			
Professor	5,985,000.		
Professor	6,357,500.		1
Professor			
Lecturer	3,759,750.		
J. Lecturer	<u>3,001,000.</u>	19,103,250.	
Physics			
Professor	6,830,000.		
Lecturer	3,536,000.		
Lecturer	3,424,500.		
Lecturer	3,536,000.		
Mechanic	<u>2,901,000.</u>	20,227,500.	
Mathematics			
Professor (on leave)			1
Asst. Professor	5,093,750.		
Lecturer	<u>3,536,000.</u>	<u>8,629,750.</u>	
Total Personnel		68,693,250.	2
Maintenance and Equipment			
Biology	9,644,060.		
Chemistry	5,488,990.		
Physics	<u>2,564,210.</u>	<u>17,697,260.</u>	
Total expenditure		81,390,510.	

Huachung University expenditure report for School of Education for spring term 1946-47.

Personnel,	Expenditure.	C\$	For. Sal.
Professor	7,310,000.		
Professor 1/2			1/2
Professor (on leave)			1
Professor	5,646,250.		
Lecturer	3,991,500.		
Lecturer			1
J. Lecturer	<u>3,001,000.</u>	19,948,750.	
Education Office Inv. etc.	728,150.		
Music Dept. Piano, tuning etc.	2,291,600.		
Practice Sch. Rehab.	13,949,300.		
Books and magazines	<u>3,334,380.</u>	<u>20,303,430.</u>	
total expenditure		40,252,180.	2 1/2

July 27, 1948. *John D. Lee*
Treasurer.

Huachung University, US\$ balance sheet as of Aug. 1, 1947.

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	DR. US\$	CR. US\$
A { Johnston Fund		19,132.98
Yale-in-China		16,154.38
B { Harvard-Yenching		10,531.85
Practice School		4,218.17
Arts Books		1,477.02
Arts Equipment		800.00
Education Books		1,197.77
Music		463.57
Biology		2,232.57
Chemistry		1,090.72
Physics		152.53
Science Books		781.69
Thorne Fund		461.42
Science Museum		200.00
C { President's Discretionary Fund		391.54
Scholarships		2,684.72
Yale Endowment		1,423.75
Reserve for Fellowship for Jr. Staffmembers		2,300.00
Page Fund		400.00
Alumni Fund		530.00
Board of Founders Special		278.57
Deposits		11,222.27
Rehabilitation-bal. of Government grant		8,063.48
Payable to ACM-fall 1946		982.50
" " ACM spring 1947		636.27
Surplus a/c Greiner's statement 7/31/47.	79,147.50 ✓	
Receivable E. Van. and Ref. Ch. Mission	722.92 ✓	
ACM special s -Hankow	224.26 ✓	
shown on Greiner Statement as specials	2,253.34 ✓	
" " " " " Dr. Wei's schol.	2,125.00 ✓	
" " " " " as credits to Yunnan		
and Holmes Sch. funds	714.00 ✓	
ACM "B" account Hankow	238.20 ✓	
Check on hand in safe	500.00	
Equivalent of Hongkong deposit	1,272.41	
" " last line of C\$ balance sheet	1,110.14	
	<u>88,307.77</u>	<u>88,307.77</u>

C\$ balance sheet as of Aug. 1, 1947.

	DR. C\$	CR. C\$
Board of Founders		13,872,403.91
Admissions	1,945,400.	
Advance Salary payment	196,000.	
Government loan a/c		1,034,447.78
Deposit a/c		1,362,437.32
Student deposit against fees		23,267,950.00
Receivable United Service to China	11,210,313.	
" London Mission	3,000,000.	
Balance Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank W.	7,791,277.45	
" Bank of China, Hankow	108,146.87	
" " " " , Wuchang	18,547,212.35	
" Central Bank of China, Wuchang	616,711.34	
Cash on hand	1,122,178.00	
	<u>44,537,239.01</u>	<u>44,537,239.01</u>

July 23, 1948
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CHINA MISSION EVANGELICAL CHURCH
Mr. J. Earl Fowler
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Dear Earl:

I would have written you earlier, but I knew you were away on vacation, and I have not been working too hard. We did not get away this summer, but in many ways it was the easiest of the four summers which I have passed here. The GE Ice Chest was certainly a great help. The electric current failed us once in awhile, and it is always too late for the first three hours of dark in the evening to turn over the Ice Chest's motor, but that did not make a great deal of difference.

The building program has not come forward as rapidly as some people hoped in the spring. The five double houses, about which I wrote you in July, are all in process of construction. The walls of the first one are nearly complete, and they are putting up the roof frame today. The second one has the walls about the second floor, and the beams for the second floor are in. They have started the walls of two others, and the foundations are complete for the last one. I will not go into all the details of the delays, but when we came to grips with the problem of getting the license from the city, we discovered that the proposed middle road, which would have cut through the property at that point and upon which the houses would have faced, had been cancelled by the city. Instead a road was to start at the around-the-city road, come in a short distance, and then turn down the line of the old road. The city people were not exactly sure where the road was to be, and it might have interfered with the site of the fifth house as we had originally planned it. As the city was no longer planning the middle road, Dr. Wei and I decided to alter the position of the houses slightly, i.e., to have a row of three facing south, and the other two opposite to them facing north, thus having a group instead of a row. Thus none of them will be located close to a main city road, which eliminates the criticism that was voiced earlier of having houses near a road where they might in the future be considerable traffic. We will build our own small road as a means of access to the houses. It was necessary to build the houses in a slightly irregular pattern, in order to miss the ponds which were in that section of the land. All of the Chinese who have gone out and seen them approve of the new arrangement over that of the old. I hope that all of them will be complete within a couple of months or so. *I hope they will be completed for the equivalent of \$28,000 for each double house or less.*

The question of the Yen Hostel business is still hanging in the air, as it has not been possible so far to get a good design or a firm bid from the contractor in Hankow for reinforced concrete construction of the floors. There may be developments in that line later on. The small room for the Music Department is under construction and should be completed sometime this month. The Practice School is also adding four rooms, but the funds for this are being taken from the Practice School Reserve, which should be just about sufficient to cover it.

During the summer there had been rumors of an impending currency change, and then they would be officially denied. The inflation had been going at a constantly accelerating rate, and it was hard to know what was what. In Hankow the rate

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Mr. J. Earl Fowler -- 2.

September 7, 1948

reached only about CN\$9,000,000 to US\$1, while in Shanghai it was well over CN\$10,000,000. The change-over was very welcome, and we all hope that the government will be able to hold on to the situation. There has been no question as to the acceptance of the new currency, which is now circulating side-by-side with the old. A considerable amount of the gold, silver dollars, and US currency has been turned in to the banks in accordance with the government order. The feeling is that there is a considerable amount not yet turned in, and one wonders if a very considerable amount of silver dollars may still be held by the people. The Chinese government would have been in a far stronger position in regard to the new currency if they had provided some means for the continued circulation of the silver dollars. So far they are making strenuous efforts to control prices, which have not gone up alarmingly since August 19. A great many people are skeptical over the success of the new currency, and the real time of testing will come when the government has to raise more money to carry on its Civil War. If it resorts to the Printing Press, then we are in for another spiral of inflation.

Dr. Wei had talked with me frequently before the change as to its effect on our budget and afterwards. Our present guess is that we stand a fairly good chance of carrying through the budget in about the same form as it was presented in June. The problem of adjusting the faculty salaries we discussed at some length ten days before he went off on a trip to Kuling (he should be back any day now.) As a result of our discussion, we submitted by letter to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors a method of handling the salaries, which should give the faculty and staff considerably more than under the new government scheme, and yet stay within the limits of the budget. I will not bother you with details of this, except to say that if approved by the Executive Committee of the Board, it will be put into effect immediately. We made for August a payment to the faculty equivalent to the July bonus on the understanding that when the Executive Committee had approved a plan, anything further due to the faculty would be paid to them.

We are expecting Bishop Gilman back from Kuling any day this week. He is planning to stay here with us until he starts for Shanghai. People returning from Kuling have not had too good luck at getting passage at Kiukiang, as the few boats have been very crowded. We are expecting the Starratts and Grays in shortly. The Van Sants and the Roots came in last Sunday. The ladies who went to Hongkong have returned earlier.

With best wishes, both to you and Dot,

Yours sincerely,

John

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Oct. 11, 1948.

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CHINA MISSION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Mr. J. Earl Fowler,
281 Fourth Ave.,
New York City.

~~xxxx~~ Dear Earl,

Thank you for your letter of Oct. 5 which came in last evening. I will pass on the word to Dr. Wei about his godson getting a good foundation in the Chinese language. Congratulations on the arrival of your granddaughter.

I should have written you earlier about several matters and am taking advantage of the fact that we are having a holiday today, as yesterday was the double tenth. Late in ~~September~~ we made the final payment on the Chekiang Guild. We had gotten the deed registered ~~shortly before that~~. The old boundary stones of the Guild have been torn out and masons have been busy getting the street wall of the guild repaired. We have opened a hole through the wall at the side of the Divinity School into the new land. One family is staying on in the small house on the land for a couple of months for we are up against the custom that no one will rent a house to a woman who is expecting a child. The child is due within a month, and they will move out shortly thereafter. The gardeners have a few plants left there which are to be cut by cold weather. We felt that it was wisest to get the deal finished off during a period of currency stability. Our own marking stones have been put in at the two corners of the property on the street. The rest of the wall between our place and the new land will be torn down as we need the brick for other purposes. That portion was in good shape while that along the street was in poor shape and has needed some fixing up. I expect that when I have made the final calculations on exchange in this deal, that the total cost will be slightly under US\$15,000. There is still the question of the city transfer tax to be settled. Even if we should have to pay that, which should not be more than US\$1,000 the total cost would not be more than US\$16,000.

The new houses outside the city are progressing somewhat slowly. Bob Kemp did a good job for us on the design of them, and I have done what I could in keeping an eye on the contractor. ~~The~~ ~~has~~ promised two of them for the first of November, two more by the middle of the month, and the final before the first of December. I think there is a good chance that they will all be occupied by our people by soon after the dates mentioned above. We have let the contract for wiring at the houses, and the water contract is now being studied. There will also be the problem of a bridge over the moat and some sort of protection around the houses. I hope that the total cost of everything, including the waterconnection which may be more expensive as it looks as though we would have to carry an inch and a half pipe from near the old Miller house ~~xxxxxxx~~ most of the way out, will run between US\$40,000 and US\$45,000 for ten housing units. ~~They~~

Early in September Dr. Wei received G.Y. 2,000 from Mr. Li Jui as a gift towards our building funds. This is equivalent to US\$500. We have had an announcement from the government that the grant for this term is G.Y. 2,300 (US\$575.) This I believe is for current expenses or science equipment. ~~xxxxxxx~~

The enrollment has crept up past 570 though I don't think that at any one time there were more than ~~2~~ 570 students actually here as a few dropped out before the stragglers came in. I think ~~that~~ it is just as well that we did not have the six hundred that

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some people expected. I don't know where we would have put them. The freshman class is a bit smaller than expected and I think that it is just as well. [2]

Bishop Gilman is still here with us. He had planned to be leaving a week or so after the consecration of Bishop Tsang, but as the strike had called off his boat, he has stayed on here. He got quite weary with the round of feasts and farewell ~~xxxx~~ parties. However he picked up last week end when he had two days without any engagements at all. He is expecting to go down river within the next couple of weeks and see what he can get in the way of passage to the States. For one thing he sent all his winter clothes to Shanghai in the summer when he started for Kuling, and so wants to catch up with them before the cold weather comes on.

Things seem to have started well at Huachung this fall and we hope that they will continue in the same way.

Prices continued steady here up till last week with a few minor rises. But just now there are rumors around of a wholesale increase of prices. What makes it more worrying is that the farmers are trying to hold their goods in the country instead of sending them in for sale as they do not have enough confidence in the present currency. I have heard reports that in the country silver is already at a considerable premium over its official price, and that does not help in the least. I have seen no estimates as to what proportion of the silver in the country has been turned in. Probably there is no real estimate of how much silver there is actually in the country anyhow.

The news from the north has been pretty poor, and it does not look at all good. There is considerable building going on in the city and they are gradually catching up on the housing shortage. One area between here and the river which I usually cross on the way to the ferry was badly ruined as a result of the Japanese activities during the war. There has been considerable building in this area, and a couple of new places were being started there last week.

With best wishes to you and Dot,

John Cole

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October 28, 1948

Mr. John L. Coe
Huachung University
Wuchang, Hupeh, China

My dear John:

Many thanks for your letter of October eleventh. It is mighty good news that you have made the final payment on the Chekiang Guild and everything is turning out so favorably regarding the total cost. I hope you will be able to negotiate with the government authorizites satisfactorily so that the city transfer tax will be cancelled or a satisfactory compromise reached.

You also seem to be doing a very fine and conomical job in building the new residences. You get two units for \$45,000. This is remarkable.

I am glad that you are still receiving some ontributions to the institutions from local forces. I was terribly afraid when the currency was revised and put on a tentative gold basis your local support might dry up. I hope that this will not be the case.

I am glad the enrollment is no larger than it is. Starting out with 570 will mean by the beginning of next term you will probably have a normal enrollment of about 500. As far as I am concerned this looks a good deal better than 600. I have been hoping I would have another letter from you giving me the opinion on the present situation. I hate to have to admit it but reports in the papers and magazines here are even more disturbing than they ever have been before. If you will take a few minutes and talk with Richard Bien you will get some idea of the reason why we were anxious all last year. The current issue of Time has a long article about China and the Communists organs. The least one can say is that it is not at all conforting. According to reports it would not be too surprising if either or both Nanking and Wuhan fell to the Communists at any time. Even though I am not a very good correspondent and cannot seem to answer your letters promptly I hope you

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Mr. John L. Coe

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will continue to favor me with your opinion and judgment along these lines.

I suppose you have heard that the Right Reverend Lindel Tsen had a stroke in Philadelphia following his preaching in one of the large Churches there about a month ago. At first it was very bad and it seemed almost hopeless but I am thankful to say he is making a fairly good recovery. I think it was his right side that was completely paralyzed and at first he was not able to talk. This is a terrible blow to his Diocese and to the Chinese Church. I am afraid he will never be able to do much work and carry a great deal of responsibility.

I suppose the political situation is having a very bad effect on the new exchange and if the Communists are making as much progress as indicated by the reports north of Wuhan, your economic situation is probably quite stagnant which again, will tend to favor inflation.

There is somebody waiting for an interview with me so I will have to ring off. With very best wishes and kind regards to both you and Mary.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler
Associate Secretary

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United Board for Christian Colleges in China

One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue . . . New York 11, N. Y.

March 30, 1949

Mr. John L. Coe
Hua Chung College
Wuchang, CHINA

Dear Mr. Coe:

I greatly appreciate your letter of March 16th which arrived yesterday.

We have completed the arrangements with the National City Bank covering the authorization to sign checks. We have sent the specimen signatures down to the main office of the Bank.

I am very glad to have the statement regarding Huachung's financial condition as it has given me an opportunity to study the items and raise some questions with you which seem to need further clarification. John Greiner and Earl Fowler are coming into the office tomorrow to talk with me about some questions involving Huachung, but it will not make any difference insofar as what I have in mind.

Going back a bit the Huachung books were turned over to us in December and we immediately prepared a balance sheet according to the general practice followed in our office on all of the college accounts. This was submitted to our auditors and to Mr. Lyford and after very careful study and with some minor changes the form was approved and is enclosed herewith as "A." The main things to notice is that we have charged all payments requested by you or made by the National Council (for which we have made repayment) to Account #31. In doing so we anticipated that we were taking the balance from the Surplus Account.

The schedule at the bottom of the page is simply a reconciliation of the totals involved in the transfer as coming from The National Council. You will note from the January Trial Balance sheet (marked B) that the principal change came from additional charges against Account #31 as listed from the Cash Statement attached. At the same time during the month a joint bank account was opened at the National City Bank. This showed a reduction in cash under December with an increase in Account #31.

The Trial Balance sheet for February is also attached herewith (c). This will show that \$24,573.31 has been charged to Account #31 has brought an overdraft of \$4,878.09. As we have funds in Account Special we have been able to take care of this overdraft temporarily.

All of this brings up the question about further payments at the request of the field as listed in your letter of March 16th. Where is the money to come from? We can take care of these payments on the same basis as last month, but before long we must get organized as to what funds can be utilized against these charges from the field. I also have a letter from The National Council asking me to pay \$1,000 against certain drafts for Huachung received from China. We will make these payments, but it might be in order to raise the question about the funds

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which are held by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. For instance, the Johnston Operating Fund in Account #174 was explained to us upon receipt of the books as follows:

"Originally Miss Johnston contributed \$5,000 each year for activities in the School of Art of Hua Chung College, which were to be additional to those financed by the Dom. & Foreign Mission Society. When the activities of the College were restricted by the Japanese invasion, she continued to make the same annual contribution and agreed that the money might be used for operating purposes other than the School of Arts. However, such use has been limited as much as possible and the fund has accumulated."

Apparently, this fund could be used in any special emergency. If this is the case it will be necessary for us to ask the National Council to pay this amount to our office.

In this connection the question arises as to the setting up of a budget under which we may operate here in New York, and of which you may have copies monthly.

Mr. Lyford was in the office this morning and we have studied all of the accounts with care. The enclosed copy of the Balance Sheet of Fukien Christian University gives you an idea of what we have in mind. The third page shows the Budget Analysis which is the general form used by all of our colleges. It gives us a general idea of the condition of the accounts from month to month and establishes the source of income against which payments are made.

In the case of Huachung we have made up a tentative budget analysis as shown in "CC".

If you approve of this general form it will be necessary for us to know the amounts appropriated by the English Societies, in fact all who are paying funds directly to you, but only those listed in the budget and not to include any fees or income from Chinese sources. Thus, whenever payments are made you could notify us and we could enter same on our books by journal entry. This need not disturb your direct arrangement with Mission Boards, but it does give a point of contact in our office.

You will see from what I have been trying to say that it is quite necessary for you to deal directly with our office rather than with The National Council as far as accounting goes. Mr. Greiner is no longer there and, I believe, I have written you elsewhere something about that situation.

Mr. Lyford brings up the point that the 1947-48 report has not been received, which embarrasses him somewhat when he talks with me as he feels that he should turn over a full account of all of the transactions up to 1948.

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In your letter reviewing various accounts you state that it is necessary for you to know the transactions entered by Mr. Greiner from February to August 1948. Schedule D shows the journal entries from December 31st to October 31st. On the same schedule is a list of the checks drawn from February 1st through December 2nd. Undoubtedly, you can reconcile these with the authorization you have issued from China.

One further item which would seem to require immediate attention is the transfer of US\$14,873.00 from The National Council to our books paid for the purchase of the Chekiang Guild Land. I will check with Mr. Fowler and Mr. Greiner tomorrow on this question.

In reference to the funds available for emergency purposes I have been able to justify the use of only three funds. They are as follows:

Interest on Scholarship Funds.....	\$1,174.00
The Balance of Restoration Fund.....	7,000.00
" " " Reserve (l. #7).....	21,000.00

I note you estimate that there will be a deficit of approximately \$9,000 at the end of the fiscal year. An appropriation of last week of \$10,000 should take care of this entire amount.

I find that I have not acknowledged your letter of February 19th which deals with a number of items which at the present time are out-dated simply by the lapse of time.

Another letter dated February 11th enclosed copy of a communication written to Dr. McMullen and which was greatly appreciated.

The payment of US\$148.00 for the account of Miss Venetia Cox was made on March 21st and on the same day we paid \$130.00 for the credit of Cyril Lebas.

I hope I have covered the ground adequately in this letter, but if not, please let me know and at the same time please give me your advice about questions which have been raised.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via China Clipper

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HUA CHUNG UNIVERSITY

SCHEDULE D

JOURNAL ENTRIES

<u>1948</u>				
April	28	Moving and Rehabilitations Fund	3,361.95	
		Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society		3,361.95
		R. & A Payments by the National Council		
Jul	31	Moving and Rehabilitation Fund	2,578.67	
		Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society		2,578.67
		R & A Payments by National Council up to 7/31/48		
	31	Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society	200,000.00	
		R & A Building Fund		200,000.00
		Appropriated by the National Council, D & F M Society to the Hua Chung University, from the Reconstruction and Advance Fund. \$100,000 was released by the National Council on April 28th, 1948 for immediate use.		
	31	College Payments	16,298.64	
		Accounts Payable		16,298.64
		Due National Council for college payments paid by them as per Statement in the files		
	31	Specials	2,150.00	
		Dr. Wei's Scholarships	2,150.00	
		Surplus Account	2,428.34	
		Above items put in operating account as per John L. Coe's letter		4,578.34
	31	Operating Income	21,522.92	
		Surplus account	43,359.72	
		Surplus account		21,522.92
		College payments		43,359.72
		To close out receipts & expenditures a/ college to surplus account		
Oct	31	Moving and Rehabilitation Fund	2,188.15	
		Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society		2,188.15
		R & A Payments by National Council to 10/31/48		
	31	Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society	814.07	
		Proctor-Johnston Fund Bldg.		814.07
		Income earned on Balance in Bldg. fund to 6/30/48		
	31	R & A Building Fund	20,000.00	
		Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society		20,000.00
		R & A Bldg. fund payments made by National Council		

HUA CHUNG UNIVERSITY

SCHEDULE D

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CHECKS DRAWN

<u>1948</u>	<u>Paid to</u>	
Feb. 3.3	Lewis B. Franklin, Treasurer Book Store Bill in file	147.95
Feb. 3 3	The M. Simons & Son Co.	92.75
Feb. 3	Reader's Digest 1 yr 110 copies for English Dept.	15.00
Feb. 10	F. H. Paul & Stein Bros. B .W. Letter - 1/23/48	900.00
Feb. 16	National City Bank a/c Order of St. Anne Ursula	3,000.00
Feb. 26	Donald Wang Balance due on Scholarship	400.00
Mar. 10	Chang Shen-chin P. Ward's 2/9/48	56.00
Mar. 29	Werner G. Smith Co. Coe's letter 3/18/48	1,000.00
Apr. 6	Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. a/c Alice H. Gregg J.L. Coe Letter - 3/20/48	3.00
Apr. 7	L. B. Franklin, Treasurer Book Store Invoice	194.93
Apr. 7	L. B. Franklin, Treasurer Paid by National Council, their statement	709.30
Apr. 29	L. B. Franklin, Treasurer National Carbons 500.00 Col. Earnshaw 50.00	550.00
May 25	Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China a/c L. J. Parnoff and/or Mrs. Margarita Parnoff	530.00
" 25	L. B. Franklin, Treasurer J. Coe Letter-5/5/48 130.00 J.C. L-5/6 350.00	480.00
June 2	F. H. Paul & Stein Bros. per J. L. Coe L--5/24	5,000.00
" 2	National Carbon Co. J.L. Coe L-5/30/48	200.00
" 7	National City Bank -- Charles T. Yao and/or C.Y. Marr Coe's letter 5/27/48	3,000.00
" 7	Lewis B. Franklin, Treasurer For Richard Bien Account	500.00

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June 7	Canadian Bank of Commerce a/c Cyril G. Lebas, Coe L--6/1/48	130.00
" 7	Refers C. Ling Coe's Letter 4/30/48	55.87
July 14	Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China a/c Leonard J. Parnoff and/or Margarita Parnoff Coe's Letter 6/29/48	550.00
" 14	Canadian Bank of Commerce a/c Cyril G. Lebas, Coe's L-7/3/48	130.00
" 14	Otto & Harkson Realty Co. Coe's letter 7/14/48	200.00
Sept. 30	Paul T.T. Chang Detroit, Book No. G. M. 3390 Coe's L--9/18	500.00
" 30	National Carbon Co. Coe's L-9/13/48 = \$300.00 " L-9/18/48 = 1,000.00	1,300.00
" 30	Lewis B. Franklin, Treasurer Account Payable- 16,298.64 College Payment- <u>5,960.29</u>	22,258.93
Oct. 25	Canadian Bank of Commerce a/c Cyril Lebas Coe's letter 10/2/48	1,000.00
" 30	China Trade & Industries Service a/c Maurice Nee J. Coe's letter 10/22/48	1,500.00
" 30	Russell E. Dill, Treasurer National Council Book Store	20.25
Dec. 2	United Board for Christian Colleges in China Balance of Account 10/31/48 transferred to United Board	19,446.44

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HUA CHUNG UNIVERSITY

BUDGET ANALYSIS 1948/49

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DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

31 General Field Budget
34 Administration (U.S.A.)

Appropriation Disbursed

1,440.00

Budget Estimate

Rec'd to Feb. ??

London Missionary Society
Methodist Missionary Society
American Church Mission
Evangelical and Reformed
Yale in China
Scholarship from abroad
Harvard Teaching Special Grant
Special Gifts

11,000.00

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Home Administration
National Council
Evangelical & Reform
Yale in China
Special Gifts

650.00
325.00
325.00
140.00
\$1,440.00

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July 3, 1958

Mr. John L. Coe
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Coe:

Dr. Frank Price, the Chairman of our Committee on Publications, has read your Huachung monograph and is enthusiastic over it. He has passed it on to Dr. Searle Bates for his opinion. Then it will go to Dr. Carrington Goodrich of Columbia University. When they have all read it, I shall find out what they advise about time of publication and let you know. In any case we shall not publish it unless you feel it will not jeopardize your friends in China.

In regard to photographs, Dr. Fenn says that he has a couple of good Hsichow pictures and in our office files we have a lot of snapshots of scenes at Hsichow including pictures of Dr. Wei, Prof. Hsiung, you and your wife et cetera. But some of these are not very clear. So it would be safer if you furnished us with photos of Dr. Wei, Dr. Gilman and others. Of course it will be a good while before we get to the point of making cuts, but when we do, we would like to have an assortment of pictures representing different phases of college life to choose from.

I quite agree with you that there should be a map of the trek to Hsichow and return. It will be an interesting project.

Your expense account is very moderate indeed, and I enclose a check for \$29.68 to cover it. We are very grateful to Mrs. Coe for the fine typescript. I trust you will get a feeling of satisfaction for a job well done, and one that will perpetuate the memory of an important episode in the history of missions.

With very kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett

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Mr. Fowler
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To Mr. J. E. Whitney, Asst. Treasurer, 281 Fourth Ave., New York City, U.S.A.
Mother: Read first, and send on - at least, read it, if you wish, Mary

Dear Mr. Whitney:

This is a late acknowledgment to your good letter of November 3. To be honest, I thought I had written it, but I can find no record of such a letter going off -- so I guess I took the will for the deed. I enclose it with my weekly to my mother, to save envelope and postage. Once again I seem to be getting no home mail from Boston, while my spouse gets home mails whenever American mail comes in, and so once again I feel like an orphan.

Added to this that we spent all the last week till Friday expecting Father Wood and Bishop Gilman, only to learn Friday night that Bp. Gilman's visit is postponed until after the arrival of Bp. Y.Y. Tsu in Kunming -- and you can see why I should feel so forlorn and forgotten. We know there is a big world of fighting and business and movies and shops, but here in our Back-of-Beyond there is nothing but what there always was -- the local people, our college personnel, the students, the native courtyards with their animals, dirt, and noise, and the local market with its ever-rising prices. However, there are also the snow-capped mountains with the fields of yellow rape below -- and now the somewhat springlike weather -- and that is, as always, lovely.. Picnics continue to be our chief daytime amusement, and with the winter vacation just ending, we have indulged in two within the last week.

We have fewer and fewer visits from our American men now, and the road between here and the big Burma Road is falling into such neglect that the men are less-and-less anxious to make the rough trip over the perilous bridges to come see us. Last year the road was being used constantly by all kinds of army personnel, and it became almost a "boulevard", but the repairs were very temporary. However, we did see a six-by-six towing a plane that had come down somewhere "up yonder". We were glad to learn that the crew had been able to walk away from the scene of the landing back into civilization. However, we still get G.I. biscuits & "goodies" in adequate quantity.

We here are so anxious to know the names of the internees who have been freed or will be freed on the Philippines. I do hope some means is found to give us information about the Bergaminis, the Gray Sisters, and many others.

We are also anxious to know why so many Americans have been ~~forced~~ forced out from Szechwan and other provinces. We are so far away that we hear practically no rumors, and considerably less true information. We had hoped to get more news from Bishop Gilman, which is one more reason why his postponed visit is such a disappointment. P.V. Taylor has visited us several times. No direct word has ever been heard from the Logan Rootses, although the Tali Hospital once did get a cable that indicated he would be leaving America soon. The hospital's Dr. McDonald has now left for America, but at the moment the hospital is still comparatively empty because during the China New Year season the patients just rise up and get out -- or else never appear.

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I believe Bishop Gilman asked Jim Pott to assure the people in New York that we were all getting enough to eat. I want to add my word of reassurance too. In fact, I think we are eating too well for wartime, but some of my household are delicate. Our new college physician, Dr. Jane Wu, the wife of Dr. George Bien the newly-arrived chemist, prescribes codliver oil and vitamin pills. Of course, there are no such things to be had -- and so I have tried to make up for their lack, by seeing that everybody gets an egg most every day -- and we use butter when ever we can get it, not letting the price deter us. Fortunately we have had some gifts of G.I. butter lately to eke out our supply -- and although some people ~~thing~~ think the local Erh-yuan variety is better, still we are pleased with all kinds. I always enjoy good health, but John has at times looked very gray and seedy -- however, people now tell me how well he is looking. If we can just keep him separated from malaria I think he will be all right. With typhus always just around the corner (the C.I.M. people in Tali have had quite a siege of it) I feel that I should try to keep my household's resistance up to par if possible -- even if it does involve eggs and butter. We have been inoculated against typhus.

Incidentally, my household is now up to four "regulars" again with the arrival of Miss Kate Langford, formerly in charge of the C.M.S. orphanage in Hongkong, and latterly with Quentin Hwang in Kweiyang. She was allowed to come here instead of India -- because the British Consul is not so fussy as the American one was. She had hoped to live with the Addison Hsus when they came here, but he is in bed again with another ~~x~~ attack of T.B. -- and so she is with us indefinitely. Miss Burr, who arrived last July, is still plugging away for the English department -- she has found winter in our drafty barnlike houses difficult, especially as she has not had enough warm clothes. Warm clothes are so very difficult to come by these days -- people just cannot spare their old ones to give to another, because everyone is in the same boat--no spares. Kate is also teaching english.

Through his older son, whom we had the pleasure of meeting some weeks ago, we learned that Father Souder is in Honolulu. We hope to see more of the son, but I believe he is not in these parts just now. Just now we have a Geoff Jones, English F.A.U., staying with us. He murmurs there may be more to come, but one of them definitely goes to the Andersons when and if he comes. After getting ready for Bp. Gilman and Fr. Wood, I was glad to have someone to put in the guest room!

The wounded in our town are all Celestials - pathetic creatures who are not altogether orderly at times.

John joins me in sending his best.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Mary Coe

*Miss Kate Langford
C.M.S. Teaching Eng.*

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38 Poyang Road
Hankow, Hupeh, China
May 6, 1946

Dr. Francis C. M. Wei
c/o Rev. Noel B. Slater
China Christian Universities Assoc.
58/9 New Bond Street
London W1, England

Dear Dr. Wei:

Since writing the two letters yesterday, I have returned to Hankow and am taking up things here.

First, let me say that a wire came in from John from Kweiyang to the following:

ANCHUMISS HANKOW LEAVING KWEIYANG SIXTH TRUCK BREAKDOWN
CAUSED DELAYS NO ACCIDENTS COE

So that is that.

Then yours and Mr. Lyford's cable of the 3rd (I judge) for Dr. Richard Bien in refaculty rehabilitation came in, and I will hold that here, although a copy of this letter I shall send off to Changsha, for it may meet them there -- and cheer them on their way. (Will copy the cable!)

B I now give you a copy of a letter from Mr. V. L. Farnham, supt. of the Evangelical Church Mission, Changsha, to Dr. Taylor, written on April 29th.

"At our recent mission meeting ~~we discussed~~ the matter of our Mission cooperating with Hwa Chung College ~~was discussed~~ at length, and the following action was taken:

'Whereas the Missionary Society in its program for Evangelical Missions, has recorded its interest in active participation in the support and conduct of union Christian institutions--with Evangelical missionaries to serve on the staffs of these institutions--and

Whereas the Mission has been informally approached by Hwa Chung College with regard to our cooperation,
Voted that we recommend to the Board of Missions cooperation with Hwa Chung College, on a temporary experimental basis, as follows:

(a) A grant of US\$1000 yearly.

(b) Supplying of one missionary teacher on the staff.'

I do not know if either of the members of the Commission, or Dr. Talbott spoke to you about this during their recent stay in Hankow or not. If they did not you can consider this an initial approach, and I would be glad if you would refer it to President Wei, or others there charged with the responsibility of dealing with such matters.

Our Board of Missions must act on this matter, and, no doubt, would contact your Trustees in America, should they favor it.

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What we recommend may not meet your requirements for an affiliation, or cooperation, even on a trial basis. If not, it opens the way for an approach and our Board can make whatever revision is necessary. I might add that the members of the Commission just here are very much in favor of this step which we have taken, and there is every reason to believe that our Board will act favorably if Hwa Chung desires it and do not make requirements too difficult for our Missionary Society to meet."

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Sincerely yours,

(signed) Mary Richards Coe

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MRS. JOHN L. COE
HUACHUNG UNIVERSITY
WUCHANG, HUPEH

July 28, 1948

Dear Carl - Thank you so much for your letter
of June 29. I think John has answered all
the business matters.

This is my third summer in Wuban -
and the coolest so far - but pretty warm
now. I think the Chinese appreciate
our staying around - although I think
we do not relax as much as they do -
(Dahwei keeps going pretty much as always -
only few speeches & official engagements).
More-and-more the Chinese notice - and
I think understandably resent - the
difference in our scale of living.
It is very hard for Chinese to keep any
kind of a servant now - they either
earnest or will not pay enough -
and of course expect them to
work like dogs!

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Ruth Carusken Lo's people
have arrived - & Ruth, children
and Auntie are practically laid
out with the weather. The newly-
arrived travellers from America
are I think appalled by much
of China. Mr. Harbo got out to
John Lo - his home now is on
a "social tone" far beyond
any other Chinese - and
yet I imagine at times, Father
and Auntie act as if "appoint-
ments" etc are below decent
standards. Ruth & children are
very delicate. This is all
off - the - record - "my observations
could be wrong!"
Our best to Lot.

Sincerely

Mary.

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