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PHILADELPHIA

October 25, 1941

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford  
 230 Park Ave.  
 New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lyford:

Your letter of yesterday came to hand today with regard to the \$325 which the treasurer of our China Mission reported to Mr. Coe has having been paid to Hua Chung College in the United States.

The treasurer of our Mission is in error in claiming that this amount should be taken from the regular foreign budget of Hua Chung College. The foreign Hua Chung budget is a separate matter from this home budget item of \$325 for Hua Chung. I shall write to our treasurer and call his attention to this.

It may be that he has done this because of the difficulty of getting money in western Hunan at the present time. At any rate, you are quite right in notifying Mr. Coe not to include this item in his record.

Cordially yours,

*A. Casselman*

Executive Secretary

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PHILADELPHIA

May 25, 1943

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

My dear Mr. Lyford:

Thank you so much for calling me up yesterday by telephone and explaining the necessity for an immediate reply concerning our contribution to the 1943-44 budget of Central China College. I had noted your statement that you would like to make a final answer to Dr. Wei before June 1st, but your question with regard to the matter read thus: "Can you contribute for 1943-44 any more than the equivalent of NC\$64,760.00 which was provided for 1942-43?" Since I had not the authority to set this amount for the budget of 1943-44, I expected to present the matter to the semi-annual meeting of our Board in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 8th.

for Central China College. I have just gone over the budget of our China Mission and the budget for this fiscal year of our Board, from February 1st, 1943, to January 31st, 1944, is NC\$64,084.00 at the exchange rate of Chinese \$20.00 to \$1.00 U.S. This will have to stand for this current year, 1943. Since the college year is August 1st to July 31st, six months of that will be in our fiscal year.

You will note that this amount of Chinese \$64,084.00 is \$676.00 less than your figure of \$64,760.00, which amount is \$33.80 in U.S. currency, which I think will not break us up either way. I made a mistake when I reported to you the amount in our China budget for our fiscal year. This came about because our China budget was totaled up without the NC\$ in front of a few amounts. This thing of figuring American dollars and Chinese dollars is a headache, which nobody knows better than you.

With regard to your second question about what provision we are making for the sustenance of our Western personnel in the face of inflation, we have just told our people to tell us what they want and we will do the best we can to find it for them. There is no use trying to make a budget these days because it is practically impossible.

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I hope this will give you the information you want.  
What a boon to us is this recent action of the Chinese government  
in increasing the rate of exchange from twenty to one to thirty  
to one!

With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*A. D. Baulman*

Executive Secretary.

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June 2, 1943

Rev. A. V. Casselman, D. D.,  
1505 Race Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Casselman:

Thank you for your letter of May 25th which I fully understand.

The notice from Dr. Kung, that the Bank of China will be instructed to provide 50 cents for each dollar contributed from western sources for the support of the Christian Colleges in China, is a life saver for the colleges and practically guarantees that the budget of Hua Chung for the year beginning August 1, 1943 will be covered. But in the present run-away nature of inflation in China we cannot feel at all sure that the support of Hua Chung can be kept within the budget.

I am enclosing my office copy of my letter of May 27 to Dr. Wei, in which I have discussed this matter at length. Dr. Sherman went over this letter with me and suggested certain modifications which were made. It is somewhat involved, but I hope you can get a clear picture from it. Kindly return this copy as soon as convenient.

This all simply means that we may be forced to take some emergency measures before the college year 1943-44 is ended. In such an event I may have to ask again the question as I worded it in my letter of May 25.

I suppose you realize that Dr. Kung's provision includes 50% added to salaries, etc. paid to western personnel of the colleges. I have not seen the final instructions which are to be given by the Chinese bank to implement this notice.

Yours very sincerely,

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**B**oard of International Missions  
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Rev. A. V. Casselman, D. D., Executive Secretary  
1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

September 22, 1943

Dr. Arthur M. Sherman,  
281 Fourth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

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A. M. SHERMAN

Dear Dr. Sherman:

I have asked our Board of Christian Education to send you a complimentary copy of my little text book, "Into All the World," the revised edition of which has just come from the press. I hope it may be of some service interdenominationally and, perhaps, to you in particular.

Very truly yours,



Executive Secretary.

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September 28, 1943.

The Rev. A. V. Casselman, D.D.  
1505 Race Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Casselman:

I received your letter of September 22nd. I appreciate greatly the complimentary copy which you notified me I am to receive of INTO ALL THE WORLD. It has not reached me yet but as I am going off to our General Convention to be gone until October 12th, I wanted you to know at least that I received your letter and to express my appreciation.

I am sending out a notice today of the meeting of the Board of Founders of Hua Chung College, to be held on October 21st at 2:30 P.M.

Sincerely yours,

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June 9, 1944

Rev. A. V. Casselman, D.D.,  
1505 Race Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Casselman:

I am sending you herewith, under separate cover, second class mail, four copies of a memorandum which I have prepared for the use of the Trustees of Hua Chung College and of Yals-in-China in connection with the plans which are in process of development for the China Christian Colleges after the war, and especially prepared in the hope that it will be of use to each Trustee in deciding the important question as to whether Hua Chung and its supporting missions shall enter the United Board for Christian Colleges in China.

The three extra copies are sent to you with the thought that possibly you might wish other members of your Board to become familiar with this important problem.

Yours very truly,

Oliver S. Lyford

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December 18, 1944

The Rev. A. V. Casselman, D.D.  
1505 Race Street  
Philadelphia, 2, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Casselman:

We have received a cable from Mr. John  
Coe, college treasurer, saying that Francis Wei  
is recovering from the severe case of typhus.  
Professor Hwong Pu, acting President sends  
Christmas greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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Philadelphia 2, Pa.

October 15, 1945

Dr. Francis Wei,  
 C/o Union Theological Seminary,  
 Broadway at 120th Street,  
 New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Wei:

Let me thank you for your helpful letter which came in time for me to submit same to the Executive Committee which met here on Tuesday, October 9. You stated the case very clearly and all of us appreciated the information which your letter brought us.

First of all, may I say that the Executive Committee heartily approve the assignment of Dr. Paul V. Taylor for service on the staff of Hua Chung College after he is released from his present service with the Church Committee for China Relief, very likely in November of this year. We are informing our China Mission of this decision and in view of the fact that our China Mission has also recommended this step, it will undoubtedly heartily approve of the action of our Executive Committee at home.

The other items mentioned in your letter were not definitely acted upon. Such action was deferred until the entire Board meeting in November shall have a chance to express itself on all of the implications which compliance with your request would have for our China Mission. A study of priorities for the various types of missionary service being carried on in our various fields is being conducted and each field is endeavoring to come to some conclusion as to what part of the available funds ought to be assigned to such categories of service as direct evangelistic effort, primary and secondary education, medical work, support of national church programs, the extension of national churches, higher education, etc. The outcome of such studies must be awaited before a commitment of policy can be made and the Executive Committee, therefore, took no definite action on your requests. Naturally the Executive Committee is making no change in the amount which we contributed last year and will again add it to the budget of the new year in addition to making available the services of Dr. Taylor. Any additional commitments must, however, receive the sanction of the Board before they can be revealed.

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Let me thank you again for your courteous invitation to be your guest on November 1 in order that we might have a preliminary consideration of problems relating to Hua Chung. I just cannot be present, however, in New York on November 1, but if at all possible I shall come for the meeting to be held on November 2, to which Dr. Lyford, too, has most kindly invited me. It will be a real pleasure to see you at that time and to learn further details about the Hua Chung College program.

With kind personal regards and greetings, I am,

Cordially yours,

*S. A. Goetsch*

Executive Secretary.

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October 31, 1945

Dr. Oliver S. Lyford,  
 Treasurer, Board of Trustees,  
 Hua Chung College,  
 281 Fourth Avenue,  
 New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Lyford:

I fear we have neglected to send you the information you requested in your letter of October 12 relative to actions of the former Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the U.S. when this Board joined with other Boards in the Hua Chung College project. I trust that it is not too late to send you a copy of these actions even now.

In the Board meeting held on March 12 and 13, 1929, the following actions were taken:

"The Secretary reported that at a meeting of representatives of Colleges interested in Central China University, held in New York City, January 25, 1929, the following actions were taken:

(1) Expressing the hope that Central China University may be reopened next fall with representatives from Huping College on the Board of Directors; the ultimate form of organization, whether federated or union, to be studied further during the next two years.

(2) Recommendation, to the constituent Boards in this country, of the election of members of a provisional Board of Founders or Trustees, with headquarters in New York City.

(3) Recommendation, to the Board of Directors, of the election of an Acting President whose name may be submitted to the Board of Founders or Trustees for confirmation.

Resolved: That the Board appreciates the desire of our China Mission to share in the work of Central China University, Wuhan, and is willing to cooperate in either a federated or union institution.

Resolved: That the President and the Secretary be appointed to represent our Board of Foreign Missions on the Provisional Board of Founders or Trustees in America.

Resolved: That the China Mission be instructed to elect its representatives to serve on the Board of Directors in China.

# The Board of International Missions

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Philadelphia 2, Pa.

January 8, 1946

*Ans  
Feb 28*

Dr. Oliver S. Lyford,  
Treasurer, Board of Trustees,  
Hua Chung College,  
281 Fourth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Lyford:

Now that a new calendar year has begun I should write you of the action of my Board in providing for its participation in the work of Hua Chung College for the year 1946. May I say that the Board did not at this time consider the long range program of the College and its part in it for the reason that this program may be more clearly defined after the College returns to Wuchang.

In its annual meeting, held in November 1945, the Board voted to offer to Hua Chung College the services of Dr. Paul V. Taylor for its Department of Education and Dr. R. Pierce Beaver for its Department of Theological Education. In addition, the Board will continue to contribute the \$1250.00 for a practice school, \$250.00 for books, and a new item of \$1500.00 of general support. This last item of general support may be applied as the Board of Managers or the faculty may determine.

The Board of International Missions is prepared also to participate in meeting the expenses of rehabilitation and reconstruction of the college buildings in Wuchang. The Board desires, however, to learn of the probable cost of such a rehabilitation and will then on the basis of its ability determine the amount of its contribution for this purpose.

The Board did not at this time find it possible to accept the challenge to make itself responsible for the Department of Music. This does not imply, however, that it has lost interest in this project, nor that it has definitely withdrawn from it. It will, however, await a further disclosure of overall plans for Hua Chung College and be guided also in part by the counsel which it expects to receive from its China Mission from time to time.

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I trust, Dr. Lyford, that the above information is satisfactory. Personally, I would greatly appreciate receiving a copy of the proposed ten-year plan which came before the meeting some time ago but a copy of which I do not seem to find among my papers. Will you kindly send me a copy and any other information which you think I may not have received.

With kind personal greetings and good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

*S. A. Goetsch.*

Executive Secretary.

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January 30, 1946

The Rev. F. A. Coetsch  
Board of International Missions  
of the Reformed Church  
1505 Race Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Goetsch:

At the last meeting of the Board of Founders of Huachung College the Associate Secretary was instructed to request the affiliating bodies of Huachung to carry out the provisions in the Constitution for electing the Board of Directors of Huachung College in China.

Enclosed is a copy of Article XIII from the Constitution of the Board of Trustees, known as the Board of Founders, of Huachung College which covers the election of "The Board of Directors".

You are requested, after consultation with your representatives in China, to nominate to the Board of Founders two names to be appointed as Directors of Huachung in China.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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Department of  
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## Bureau of Visual Aids

H. H. CASSELMAN, D. D.  
*Manager*  
City National Bank Building, Tiffin, Ohio

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J. EARL FOWLER February 27, 1946

Dr. J. Earl Fowler  
281 Fourth Avenue  
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Fowler:

A letter has just come from Mrs. Gertrude Allen, asking me to send a copy of Dr. Paul Taylor's pictures to Mr. David Anderson in Scotland. I had told her that we have no extra copies on hand, but could have one made if desired, at a cost of \$40.00. She replied that there was urgency in the matter and that we should send one of our used copies and secure a new one to replace it. Now, I do not wish to proceed in that manner, for I do not think it is a good plan to run up a bill on someone else without their expressed consent. We have a two-reel picture made up from Dr. Taylor's films, which we call "Life In Southwest China". We keep the master copy on file and have duplicates made when we need them. It would be possible to send you one of our used copies, but in that case, it would not be in perfect condition. There are a number of scratches on the master copy and the duplicates have acquired some more blemishes as they are being used. I will let you have one of them if you wish to handle the matter in that way.

Then I have, also, two reels that Dr. Taylor used when he, himself, was going about among the churches. He turned this material over to me just before he went back to China. I looked them over and though there are some scratches, they might still be of service to the people in Scotland. I would be glad to send these reels to you without charge if you care to have them. There are only a few titles but that would not be a drawback to anyone who is familiar with the pictures.

Please advise me as to what your wishes are. I would very much prefer to send the pictures to you and have you take charge of forwarding them to the people in Scotland.

Cordially yours,

*H. H. Casselman*

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March 4, 1946

Mr. H. H. Casselman, D.D.  
City National Bank Building  
Tiffin, Ohio

My dear Dr. Casselman:

Many thanks for your letter. Before giving you a definite reply I think I should consult with Dr. Wei and Mr. Lyford. Dr. Wei is out of town now so I will not be able to see him for a few days. As soon as he returns and I have a chance, I will talk the matter over with him and write you regarding the pictures wanted by Dr. David Anderson.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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March 6, 1946

Dr. H. H. Casselman  
Bureau of Visual Aids  
City National Bank Building  
Tiffin, Ohio

My dear Dr. Casselman:

I have consulted with Mr. Lyford by telephone regarding the pictures to be sent to Mr. David Anderson in Scotland. We have come to the decision that due to the urgency it would be best to send whatever pictures you have available at once so if you would send me the used copies you refer to in your letter I will be very glad to send them on to Mr. Anderson. Whatever expense is involved please let me know and I will have a check sent to you to refund this.

We feel it is very important to do everything possible to assist Mr. Anderson in his promotion and publicity. It looks now as if Dr. Wei would go to England not later than the first of June. This trip is purely for promotion of the College over there. Everything possible has to be done to get the Christian forces interested in the College up on their toes and there is no time like the present.

Many thanks for your kindness and interest in writing me regarding this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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H. H. CASSELMAN, D. D.  
*Manager*

City National Bank Building, Tiffin, Ohio

March 9, 1946

MAR 11 1946  
J. EARL FOWLER

Dr. J. Earl Fowler  
Church Missions House  
281 Fourth Avenue  
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Fowler:

The pictures which Dr. Taylor used in his work before he returned to China will be sent to you right away, by express. As I explained before, they are not in perfect condition, but will doubtless be of some service to you.

As we are not using this particular set of pictures, there will be no charge for them, and I hope that they will serve a little bit to assist in the great work of Christian education in China.

Cordially yours,

*H. H. Casselman*

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April 12, 1946

Rev. T.A. Goetsch, D.D., Executive Secretary  
Board of International Missions  
Evangelical and Reformed Church  
1505 Race Street  
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

My dear Sir:

I am writing to you with reference to the final steps to be taken in order that Hua Chung College may become a unit in the United Board for Christian Colleges in China. After long and careful consideration, the Hua Chung Board of Trustees has voted to enter into the necessary agreement provided that our five supporting missions shall consent thereto.

Some time ago your Board signified its general approval of the plan for the United Board, now we need your action regarding the formal agreement.

The wording of the agreement differs somewhat from the papers first sent to you, and in order that your record may be complete, I am enclosing herewith a full set of copies of the official documents, as follows:

- 1 Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of Hua Chung College held February 15, 1946 (7 pages)
- 2 Draft, dated January 31, 1946, of an Agreement between United Board for Christian Colleges in China and Central China College Foundation (3 pages)
- 3 Constitution of the United Board, adopted September 25, 1945 (5 pages)
- 4 By-laws of the United Board, approved September 25, 1945 (4 pages)
- 5 Declaration of Purpose of the United Board (1 page)
- 6 Outline of Proposed Operating Structure, Consolidated Board, dated October 10, 1945 (1 page)

Documents 3,4,5, and 6 are parts of the Agreement

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(Document 2) and are referred to in Article 4 of said Agreement.

Referring to Document No. 1, I call your attention particularly to page 3 of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Hua Chung Trustees. The Agreement in the form shown in Document No. 2 has been approved by the Board of Trustees of Hua Chung College and by the Central China College Foundation. The National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, acting as the Board of Directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, approved the Agreement at its February meeting. Letters similar to this present one are going to the other three supporting missions and we are hoping for unanimous approval at an early date.

Please note that if Hua Chung shall execute this agreement, your Board of International Missions will be expected to nominate two persons who will become members of the United Board, representing your Board directly and not through the Board of Trustees of Hua Chung College. These nominations should be made at the meeting at which you give your approval. I hope your Board will nominate persons who will have time to attend the few meetings of the United Board and otherwise be interested in its activities. Should you be represented on the United Board because of relationship with some other China Christian College, I believe you would be entitled to only two members altogether.

May I ask for an early reply to this letter stating when your association will be able to take this matter up for decision?

Yours very sincerely,

ASSOCIATE SECRETARY

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99 Claremont Avenue  
New York 27, N. Y.  
April 29, 1946

The Rev. F. A. Goetsch, D.D., Executive Secretary  
The Board of International Missions,  
Evangelical and Reformed Church  
1505 Race Street  
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Dear Dr. Goetsch:

I ought to have written you at least a month earlier to confirm our very pleasant conversation in your office in Philadelphia on March 22, 1946. But pressing duties interrupted repeatedly my letter writing, especially when I could find no clerical help, and I hope you will pardon the delay. Your letter of April 26 was received this morning. Thank you for it. Please use my address above. It may save time. I am booked to sail for London on May 31 and fly back to China around August 10, hoping to reach Wuchang before September 1.

My address in London is c/o The Rev. Noel B. Slater, 58/9 New Bond Street, London, W. 1, England, and in Wuchang you can reach me of course at Huachung University, Wuchang, via Hankow, China.

I assured you on March 22 that Dr. Paul V. Taylor would be on our Faculty of Education as professor of education, but that during the period of reconstruction and building we would expect him to devote a part of his time to reconstruction work which he has been doing in Wuchang since early December. He is preeminently qualified to do that work.

I have noted in your letter of April 26 that Dr. R. P. Beaver will stay for another year in Lancaster to lecture in the Seminary. In that case his support from the mission would not be counted, I presume, as a part of your appropriation for Huachung, until he is ready to sail for China to join our faculty.

I have also noted with satisfaction and gratitude that you are remitting to Mr. Oliver S. Lyford, Treasurer of the Huachung Board of Founders, the amount of U.S. \$2,000. to be used for the support of worthy students from Yunnan who may desire to continue their education in Huachung after our return to Wuchang. In case there are not sufficient students from Yunnan to use up this amount during the next year, may we have the right to use the balance for other worthy students whose families have been affected by the War? I shall report to you from time to time on the use of this money so that you may pass on the report with our gratitude to the Youth Fellowship of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Emergency World Service Commission of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. I do hope that if you and the contributing organizations should consider the use of the money worthwhile, the gift may be repeated in future years.

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Such a gift will be much needed now that the Government in China has stopped since February 1946, according to a recent report from Huachung in Hsichow, the war-time student subsidies, and this will affect seriously some thirty of our students already in the College. The government subsidy used to cover adequately the students' board even with the serious inflation, because the amount was increased with the rising prices of food from month to month. These subsidies will no longer be available.

I understood from you in our conversation on March 22 that we should continue to deal directly with you with regard to Huachung matters. Of course, we shall keep your mission in the field properly informed.

I wish to reiterate some of the requests I made to you on behalf of Huachung while I was in your office on March 22, 1946.

Your mission had been undertaking to give us in Wuchang two full-time salaried missionaries, salaries for two Chinese professors, U.S. \$1,250. for the Practice School of our School of Education from the Women's Guild, U.S. \$250. for Education books and some minor items for research, etc., which I am unable to give exactly because the figures are not at hand.

Your support has been much appreciated and has gone a long way to help to build up the morale of the institution as well as its academic and religious efficiency. We request you to continue this and increase it.

Increased support from the cooperating missions is necessary in the post-war period to Huachung. Our Board of Founders and the cooperating missions are taking steps to join the proposed United Board for the Christian Universities in China. Personally I support this movement and know my colleagues in China are with me in this matter. But we have to bear in mind that unless our main support comes from the Christian missions it will not be easy to maintain our Christian character, which has been and will be our chief concern. We expect much from the new resources of the United Board, but we would not wish to see our support from the cooperating missions decreased in any way. On the contrary we wish to see it increased considerably. In this respect Huachung may be different from some of the other Christian universities in China. As someone has put it, Huachung is distinctly a church institution and we desire to keep it as such.

Our Ten-Year Plan requires inside of a few years when it gets into full swing three times our pre-war budget, and beginning with the academic year 1947-1948 it has to be doubled, i.e. from U.S. \$60,000. a year to U. S. \$115,000. annually. The first figure does not include missionary salaries, while the second does include them, but counting for the purpose of budgeting only U.S. \$1,200. per missionary, regardless of the actual amount paid for the support and travel, etc. of the missionary.

Towards this the National Council of the Episcopal Church is appointing twelve missionaries on our faculty and, I hope, will increase from its present money appropriation from U. S. \$12,000. annually. It is our desire that the other cooperating missions will increase their support for Huachung also. May I ask whether the Board of International Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church will give a larger support beginning from 1946-1947? Our academic year begins on August 1 of every year.

For some years during the war when you had only one missionary on our staff and for some years none at all, we received no funds to fill their vacancies. When one of the Chinese professors, Dr. David Hsiung left our institution three years ago, I don't believe his salary has been paid to us for another man. Nor have we received any extra funds from your mission for the rapidly increased subsidies for Professor P'u Hwang on your support during the last five years of war particularly. But we pooled all our funds and did our best to make ends meet. I have mentioned these facts just to show how we expect our cooperating missions to do their best and have never held them strictly to their obligations because we are aware that during the war and now in the first year of the aftermath of the war Huachung is not the only institution facing financial difficulties.

Recent reports from Wuchang indicate that even with the increased rate of exchange for the American dollar to 2,000 to 1, the purchasing power of the U.S. dollar is at most one-third of its pre-war value. Hence, aside from the missionary salaries, the cooperating missions must try to give the institution three times their pre-war money appropriation, including the salaries for the Chinese staff members. Your pre-war Chinese salaries and money appropriation amounted to roughly U. S. \$4,000. Would it be too much for us to ask that this be increased three times and that instead of two missionaries you send us three. To my own mind the number of missionaries on our faculty must be increased in order to help maintain our Christian character and spirit.

This would not include support for the Theological Project which we earnestly hope your mission will support. This ought to be possible since from what I have heard you are not continuing your participation in the Central China Union Theological Seminary.

Neither would this include the support for our Music Department, the plan for which was sent to your office more than three years ago and to which we had received encouraging replies, though not definite commitments from your predecessor, Dr. Casselman.

With regard to Huachung's needs for post-war reconstruction and rehabilitation and for its proper permanent housing on the campus in Wuchang, the Rev. Arthur M. Sherman, president of the Huachung Board of Founders, will write to you in detail in the near future.



On March 22n, you asked me in your office to give you the estimated cost of a hostel and that of a residence. Mr. Bergamini, the architect, believes that U.S. \$30,000. would be necessary for a hostel and U.S. \$8,000. for a residence.

May I remind you that up to 1935 Huachung had been using only old buildings built by the Episcopal Church Mission on the Boone campus more than forty, some more than seventy, years ago with no idea of any college work in most of the cases. In 1924 only three temporary residences were built, and in 1937 an extension of the women's hostel (Yen Hostel) and four residences were built with money contributed by Mrs. Procter and Miss Johnston of the Episcopal Church in Ohio. A project was under consideration to erect some new buildings for the university and some money had been found for them, but the war interrupted and the project was temporarily suspended. Now, prices are higher even in terms of the American dollar. The cooperating missions are expected anyway to build their own hostels and residences. We hope that the Board of International Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church will contribute to the building fund for the university buildings as well as build the hostel or hostels and residences required by its own faculty members and students.

I trust that I have laid before you a comprehensive picture of the needs of Huachung for its reconstruction as well as for its proper permanent housing. No weak institution can hope to survive in the new China and the Central China area calls for a strong institution of Christian higher education. Your mission will surely do its share.

Yours sincerely,

Francis C. M. Wei  
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Philadelphia 2, Pa., 1505 Race Street  
Rev. F. A. Goetsch, D.D.,  
Executive Secretary  
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Philadelphia 2, Pa.

May 13, 1946

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

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I take pleasure in forwarding a bank check in the amount of \$2000.00 which is earmarked for the support of students from the Province of Yunnan in Hua Chung University after it has returned to Wuchang.

May I explain that I spoke to Dr. Francis Wei, the President of Hua Chung, about this special project and learned that it would be a most acceptable help in furthering some of the hopes and plans of the university. I explained to Dr. Wei that a part of this money came from young people's groups of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. These young people are interested in helping young people in China. After hearing of the removal of Hua Chung University from Yunnan back to Wuchang, they believed that many Chinese students from Yunnan might like to continue their studies in Wuchang but might lack the means for doing so. It was then their thought that if a sum of money were made available these young people might continue their studies even after Hua Chung returned to its former home.

I explained to Dr. Wei that if the benefits of this particular special gift could be written up interestingly and challengingly there might be a possibility that it will be repeated in another year. Unless these young groups in America realize that their project is worthwhile and accomplishing results such as they hope for, they will probably lose interest in it, but if they can be assured that a continuance of the project is really desirable, we may secure their cooperation in the future. Such reports should come to my office and they will be passed on to our youth groups by our periodicals. Dr. Wei has kindly consented to send such reports from time to time.

Thanking you for your kind attention to this matter,  
I am,

Cordially yours,  
(Signed) F. A. Goetsch  
Executive Secretary.

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May 16, 1946

Rev. F. A. Goetsch, D.D.  
The Board of International Missions  
Evangelical and Reformed Church  
1505 Race Street  
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Goetsch:

I have received your letter of May thirteenth with the check for \$2,000.00 enclosed.

I wish to thank your Board in the name of Hua Chung College and its Board of Trustees. I note that this amount is earmarked for the support of students from the Province of Yunnan in Hua Chung University after it has returned to Wuchang. I note your explanation of the reason for this special project and I am sure that it is a wise one.

Dr. Wei will receive a copy of this letter and other copies will be on file in our respective offices so that we shall be very sure that the money will be used as you specified. Also Dr. Wei will understand the necessity for interesting information which will hold the interest of your young people.

Yours very sincerely,

Oliver S. Lyford

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Philadelphia 2, Pa.

May 17, 1946.

Dr. Oliver Smith Lyford,  
54 Dana Place,  
Englewood, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Lyford:

I want to thank you for your letter of May 14 and for the copy of the letter sent to Dr. Goetsch, which I return.

Yesterday I was at New York attending the luncheon of the Associated Boards as well as the afternoon meeting of the United Board.

In our conversation of May 13 you spoke about the needed action of our Board in connection with the union of Hua Chung College Trustees with the United Board for Christian Colleges. Our Board has already given its approval to such a union at the May meeting last year, when it was voted "That the Board give general approval to the formation of a united Board for Christian Colleges in China if such terms can be agreed upon as are satisfactory to the Board of Trustees of Hua Chung College, this Board reserving the right to ratify and suggest changes in the final agreement."

If this action does not meet with the requirements of the United Board please let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

*Dobbs F. Ehlman*

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May 27, 1946

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford, Treasurer,  
Board of Trustees, Hua Chung University,  
54 Dana Place,  
Englewood, N. J.

*Ans June 5*

Dear Mr. Lyford:

The meeting of the Board of Trustees, held on January 30, dealt with a program of rehabilitation and reconstruction of the buildings and equipment of the University at Wuchang. Request was made at that time for loans from the cooperating Boards which might later on be applied against possible quotas assigned to them in behalf of this program. I take pleasure in sending you a check in the amount of \$5000.00 drawn by the Treasurer of the Commission on World Service of the Evangelical and Reformed Church at the request of the Board of International Missions, F. A. Goetsch, Executive Secretary. May I ask you to kindly send a receipt covering this payment to my office at the above address.

My Board has not formally accepted the quota assigned in a preliminary way and may possibly not officially do so, but will make every effort to support the program of rehabilitation and reconstruction which Hua Chung University has in view. I am sure that we shall be kept informed about this program in some detail so that we may deal with the problem progressively as a Board and a denomination.

With kind greetings and good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

*F. A. Goetsch*

Executive Secretary.

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June 5, 1946

Rev. F. A. Goetsch, D.D.,  
Executive Secretary,  
Board of International Missions,  
1505 Race Street,  
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Goetsch:

Your letter of May 27th with check for five thousand dollars was duly received and this is the first opportunity I have had to acknowledge it.

I understand that this is a contribution to the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the buildings and equipment of the University at Wuchang, and assure you that it will be used for that purpose. Furthermore, it is my understanding that should your Board decide to accept a quota totaling more than five thousand dollars, that this will apply thereon.

The National Council of the Episcopal Church has contributed One hundred thousand dollars, and the necessary funds are coming in slowly so that I may have occasion to write you further about the quota proposition.

You may be sure our Board will greatly appreciate this assistance.

Yours very sincerely,

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November 7, 1946

The Rev. F. A. Goetsch, D.D.  
1505 Race Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Goetsch:

In accordance with the action of the Board of Trustees of Huachung College, Mr. Lyford conferred with Mr. Samuel Thorne and they agreed on the form of agreement to be executed by the Board of Trustees. I attach hereto a copy of the form of certification which includes the form of the vote to be passed by the Board of Trustees.

The same form of vote is to be passed by each of the supporting missions and it is important that the meeting be called with due notice and have a quorum present.

When Dr. Ehlman advised us of the general approval of your Board he reported the wording of the approval as follows:

"That the Board give general approval to the formation of a united Board for Christian Colleges in China if such terms can be agreed upon as are satisfactory to the Board of Trustees of Hua Chung College, this Board reserving the right to ratify and suggest changes in the final agreement."

I hope your report of the meeting on October thirty-first will convince your Board that the terms of the agreement are now satisfactory.

Please send me the certificate in duplicate. The agreement cannot be executed until these certifications are in our hands. I hope you will surely get the action of your Board at its next meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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November 8, 1946

Dr. F. A. Goetsch  
1505 Race Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Goetsch:

Herewith I am enclosing forms of certification which includes the desired form of vote to be taken by your Board. Please disregard the form enclosed in my letter of November seventh as this is the form to be used by the Board of Trustees and not the individual Mission Boards. The enclosed form is the proper one to be returned to me in duplicate.

With kindest regards.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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1605 Race Street, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

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December 5, 1946

Dr. J. Earl Fowler,  
Secretary, Hua Chung University,  
Board of Trustees,  
281 Fourth Avenue,  
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Fowler:

I take pleasure in returning to you the two forms of certification duly signed by the President of our Board in anticipation of the favorable action by our Board. You may consider this as official because it is in line with the action taken at a previous meeting of our Board, though the form of the vote passed on that occasion differed somewhat from that included in this form.

Cordially yours,

*F. A. Goetsch*

Executive Secretary.

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December 9, 1946

Dr. F. A. Goetsch  
1505 Race Street  
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Goetsch:

Many thanks for your letter of December fifth with the certificate in duplicate giving consent of your Board to Huachung University joining the United Board for Christian Colleges in China.

Wishing you the Season's Greetings, I am

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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January 28, 1947

Mr. J. Earl Fowler  
Acting Associate Secretary  
281 Fourth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

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J. EARL FOWLER

Dear Mr. Fowler:

Thank you for the invitation to attend the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hua Chung University, Friday, February 14, at 10:00 A.M., Calvary House, 61 Gramercy Park. Dr. Goetsch has asked me to serve as his substitute at this meeting and I shall plan to be present.

Very sincerely yours,

*Dobbs F. Ehlman*

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Associate Executive Secretary

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September 6, 1947

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J. EARL FOWLER

Mr. J. Earl Fowler,  
Acting Associate Secretary, Hua Chung University,  
281 Fourth Avenue,  
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Fowler:

This is to acknowledge your letter under date of September 4 relative to the nomination of two persons for the Board of Founders of Hua Chung College. I have referred to your letter to Dr. Goetsch of January 30, 1946, and find that apparently no action was taken in response to your request as stated at that time. I am now writing to Dr. Taylor, Chairman of our Education Committee of the China Mission, to have these nominations made at his earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

*Dobbs F. Ehlman*

Dobbs F. Ehlman,  
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September 26, 1947

Mr. J. Earl Fowler  
Acting Associate Secretary  
Hua Chung University  
281 Fourth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Fowler:

In your letter of September 4 you called attention to the need of two nominations on the part of our Board as directors of Hua Chung in China. This matter was referred to our China Mission, as indicated in my reply to you September 6.

This morning I received a letter from Dr. Paul V. Taylor calling attention to the fact that our Hua Chung representatives as appointed by our China Mission early last June, are Rev. Ward Hartman, President of our China Mission, and also Miss W. S. Deng, Principal of Zierner Memorial Girls' School at Yoyang. For your records, then, you may take these two names as the official representatives of our group on the Hua Chung Board in China.

With cordial good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Dobbs F. Ehlman*

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December 12, 1947

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J. EARL FOWLER

Mr. J. Earl Fowler,  
281 Fourth Avenue,  
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Fowler:

At the autumn meeting of our Board of International Missions, November 11 and 12, our representatives as members of affiliated Boards were appointed as well as members of the various Area Committees of the Foreign Missions Conference.

It is our understanding that we have permission to have two official representatives on the Hua Chung University Board. Accordingly, the Rev. G. H. Gebhardt, our newly elected Secretary for our work in China, was appointed in addition to myself as Executive Secretary of the Board. I am sure that Dr. Beaver, now teaching Missions at our Seminary at Lancaster and who is deeply interested in our work at Hua Chung, would be invited to attend our meetings whenever convenient.

Sincerely yours,

*Dobbs F. Ehlman*

Executive Secretary.

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J. EARL FOWLER

Philadelphia 2, Pa.

April 5, 1948

Dr. J. Earl Fowler,  
281 Fourth Avenue,  
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Fowler:

Thank you for your letter of April 2 reporting that the Rev. N. B. Slater of the Christian Universities Association of Great Britain has announced a grant of \$45,000 (a little over \$180,000) from the Joseph Rank Benevolent Trust for a library building at Hua Chung University. This is indeed encouraging news, which, I note, is confidential for the present. It surely indicates the high esteem with which the university is held in Britain.

Thanking you for your letter,

Cordially yours,

*Dobbs F. Ehlman*

Executive Secretary.

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