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NATHANIEL HOLMES II
235 BELLEFONTAINE STREET
PASADENA, 2, CALIFORNIA

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Feb. 8 1944

Dear Mr. Lyford,

Your letter of February first has just been forwarded to me from my office in Pittsburgh - just prior to the outbreak of the war with Japan, I made a contribution to help a school that Rev. B. Burgoyne Chapman and his wife - (both close friends of mine) - were very much interested in and at which they expected to continue their work after 20 years or more spent in educational in China.

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February 1, 1944.

Mr. Nathaniel Holmes, 2nd,
439 Oliver Building,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Holmes:

We have received word from the president of our college in China that Mr. Nathaniel Holmes, 3rd, has made a generous gift to our college and he desires to have the approval of our Board of Trustees for the placing of this sum in a fund, the interest of which shall be used for scholarships.

In a later letter we have been told that although this gift came from Australia, Mr. Holmes is now in this country. Our people in China appear to believe that the Mr. Holmes who made this gift is the same as yourself but I presume he is your son.

Being a Yale man I found that your address in the Alumni Catalog is in care of the New York Trust Company and a representative of that company has given me the address to which I am writing.

It seems that you can probably advise me as to the facts in this case and I am therefore requesting information as to how we may reach Mr. Nathaniel Holmes, 3rd. I would like to get the information before February 12th when we shall have a meeting of our Board.

Yours very sincerely,

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The Treasurer announced the receipt of reports by Dr. Wei and Mr. Coe that Mr. Nathaniel Holmes II, a Yale graduate, has become interested in Hua Chung College, through the good offices of Rev. B. B. Chapman and has donated to the College sums aggregation N.C. \$139,137. The Executive Committee Pro-tem accepted this gift and voted that this money be turned into U.S. currency for investment on the Board of Founders in U.S.A. as an endowment fund to establish the Holmes Scholarship Fund in Hua Chung College.

The Treasurer reported further that he has located Mr. Nathaniel Holmes II at 235 Belfontaine Street, Pasadena, California and that he has written a letter of appreciation to Mr. Holmes, supplementing a letter which Dr. Wei had written.

The gift is equivalent to U.S. \$4,755 and this has been transferred to the Reserve Account in the National City Bank in New York through the instrumentality of bookkeeping entries. The money, therefore, is now available in New York for investment. After discussion it was

VOTED that the action of the Executive Committee Pro-tem as above reported, is hereby approved and this amount of \$4,755 shall be transferred to the Central China College Foundation with authority to the Finance Committee of the Foundation to establish the regulations under which the money shall be invested.

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February 9, 1944

Rev. Arthur M. Sherman, President
242 E. 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Rev. Chapman English Methodist Mission

Dear Sir:

In May 1943 Hua Chung College received in China notice of a gift of N.C. \$127,000 from Mr. Nathaniel Holmes III. This came through the good offices of Rev. B. B. Chapman, in Australia, with whom there had been correspondence for about two years.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee Pro-tem held on June 8, 1943, at Heichow, this gift was received for the Directors and it was:

"Ex.-223 - VOTED that the gift of N.C. \$127,000 from Mr. Holmes be received and the money turned into U.S. currency for investment by the Board of Founders in the U.S.A. as an endowment fund to establish the Holmes Scholarship Fund in Hua Chung College."

On June 25 the money had been collected and placed at the credit of the College in the bank in China. At the exchange rate then current (slightly less than 30 to 1) this amounted to U.S. \$4,340. Mr. Coe reported thereon as follows:

"I am therefore making the transfer on my books (that the College received N.C. \$127,000 for U.S. \$4,340). Will you please charge this to the Joint or Reserve Account and handle the investment of it in accordance with the action of the Executive Committee Pro-tem, if it meets with the approval of the Board of Founders."

In a letter from Mr. Coe written on November 17, 1943, he reported that an additional amount of N.C. \$12,147.34 had been received from Mr. Holmes for the same purpose. This sum converted into U.S. currency at the current official rate was equivalent to U.S. \$415. This is being treated by Mr. Coe the same as the first amount. Therefore the total sum in this Holmes Scholarship Fund is now U.S. \$4,755.

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Rev. Arthur M. Sherman

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February 9, 1944

This sum can be withdrawn from the Reserve Account in the National City Bank and invested as the Board of Founders shall determine. It seems to me that appropriate action by the Board of Founders, acting concurrently as the Board of Directors, would be to approve of the action taken by the Executive Committee Pro-tem as embodied in Vote Ex-223, and to instruct the Executive Committee of the Foundation to set up the Helmes Scholarship Fund as an endowment; to invest the sum according to its best judgment; and to use the net earnings therefrom for scholarships in Hua Chung College as shall be directed by President Wei and the Executive Committee Pro-tem.

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Yours very truly,

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Sheet 3

February 15, 1944

Mr. Nathaniel Holmes II
235 Belfontaine Street,
Pasadena, 2, California.

My dear Sir:

I was greatly pleased to receive your letter of February 8th and to be correctly informed regarding the generous gift to Hua Chung College. The proceeds of your gift have been transferred to New York and the Board of Trustees of Hua Chung College had a meeting last week at which time the money was received and the gift accepted with full appreciation of what it will mean to those who may profit by the scholarships resulting therefrom. The money will be invested in this country in accordance with instructions from the Finance Committee of "Central China College Foundation" which has the authority to receive and manage such funds.

Please accept our hearty thanks supplementing those which you have received from President Wei.

Yours very truly,

Oliver S. Lyford

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MEMORANDUM REGARDING INVESTMENT OF \$4,800 FROM THE RESERVE
ACCOUNT FOR THE HOLMES SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

This amount was invested in U.S. "G" bonds,
transaction having been made through the Citizens
National Bank and Trust Co. of Englewood, New Jersey.

These bonds have been received by the Citizens
National Bank and are being held in safekeeping for the
Central China College Foundation. They are issued to
Central China College Foundation, Oliver S. Lyford,
Treasurer.

It is the intention that these bonds be placed
in a special safe deposit box as soon as a resolution to
this effect shall have been passed by the trustees of
Central China College Foundation which presumably will be
on October 6. It has been arranged that the Citizens
National Bank hold these bonds in safekeeping until the
safe deposit box has been obtained.

Oliver S. Lyford

July 25, 1944
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Handwritten notes:
Note: I have in the office and the details
arrangement with Green at 3000 North 7th Street, Englewood, N.J.
I have also in the office a copy of the C-7 which he will use
to get the safe deposit box.

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October 5, 1944

The Holmes Scholarship Fund

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The complete record of the founding of the Holmes Scholarship Fund is as follows:

According to letters from Dr. Wei and Mr. Coe, Hua Chung College received in China in May 1943 notice of a gift of N.C. \$127,000 from Mr. Nathaniel Holmes III. This came through the good offices of Rev. B. B. Chapman in Australia, with whom there had been correspondence for about two years.

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Mr. Holmes was found by Mr. Lyford to be a resident of the United States, with an office at 49 Oliver Building, Pittsburg, Pa. and a residence at 235 Bellefontaine Street, Pasadena 2, California. We have a letter from him reading as follows:

"Dear Mr. Lyford:

Your letter of February first has just been forwarded to me from my office in Pittsburgh.

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(continuation of letter from Mr. Holmes to Mr. Lyford)

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The appendage 3rd to my name was an error.

Hoping this will give you the information desired,

Sincerely yours,
/signed/ Nathaniel Holmes II"

Mr. Lyford's reply to this letter was as follows:

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Please accept our hearty thanks supplementing those which you have received from President Wei."

Formal Steps Taken

The formal vote of the Executive Committee Pro-tem is quoted above.

At the Meeting of the Trustees of Hua Chung in New York on February 11, 1944 the notice of this gift was received with great appreciation and after discussion it was

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that the action of the Executive Committee Pro-tem as above reported, is hereby approved and this amount of \$4,755 shall be transferred to the Central China College Foundation with authority to the Finance Committee of the Foundation to establish the regulations under which the money shall be invested.

At a special meeting of the Executive Committee of Central China College Foundation, acting as the Finance Committee under the Constitution of the Foundation, on April 4th, 1944 the question of investing the Holmes gift was discussed and the conclusion reached that, for the present at least, it was best to put this money into Government Bonds, and on motion it was:

VOTED that the Holmes Scholarship Fund be invested in United States Government Bonds, Series G.

Subsequently a donation of \$45. was made to the Fund making an even \$4,800 which was withdrawn from the Reserve Account in the National City Bank and invested as directed in the last resolution above quoted.

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120 Hancock Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

June 30, 1941

Mr. O. S. Lyford
230 Park Ave.
New York City

Dear Mr. Lyford:

Thank you for your letter of June 20th, enclosing a letter from Dr. Sherman to Miss Shipley of the Passport Division of the State Department. On June 23 Mrs. Hsiao went to the passport office in Boston and executed the application. Following your advice she added a brief statement to her letter submitted with her application which corresponded with that made in ~~my last letter~~ the last paragraph of my statement made to you on June 13th of my experience and lack of contact with nationals other than Americans and Chinese.

Since you mentioned the question of the possibility of risk which we might have to face on our way to Hsichow, I wish to take this opportunity to assure you and Dr. Sherman that it never occurred to me that either Hua Chung College or her Board of Founders could in any way be responsible for the safety of our trip. Before I gave up an appointment at Harvard and accepted one of the two offers I had from China I had given the whole question of going back to China very careful consideration. It is obvious to me that my future is in China and it is my duty to go ~~there~~ back because she has given me my opportunity for higher education and because my service is needed more in my own country. There is no sign that conditions in the Far East could be improved in the near future. One year is as good or as bad as another for going back to China. I fully realize the possibility of being torpedoed or shelled in the Pacific, sunk by running mines around Singapore, or bombed from the air on the Burma Road. This potentiality of danger is really insignificant when compared with what people have been through and are being exposed to in Europe and China. I am not taking the risk for the sake of adventure, that would be foolhardy. But I think there is a good chance of getting through and the opportunity lying ahead makes the risk worth taking. One cannot make omelets without breaking the eggs. My wife also sees the situation in the same way and we are both fully aware that we are taking the responsibility ourselves.

I am a pacifist at heart. To me it is sheer stu-

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pidity and crime to settle disputes by murdering each other, including women and children. But I also believe no people can be pacific until they have socially and morally evolved above the stage of resorting to war, and can overcome war by superior means. No people at present have reached that stage. They have no other choice but war. China's paramount problem is to win this war. Whatever constructive work I can do in Hsichow will be a contribution toward the solution of that problem. However, I do earnestly hope that I can do something more--in guiding the students in their search for knowledge I hope to point out the way to a better life that will help to lay the foundation for a better China and eventually a better world.

Very sincerely yours,

Sidney C. Hsiao

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120 Hancock Street
Cambridge, Mass.
July 8, 1941

Dear Mr. Lyford:

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I have your kind letter of July 7. Yesterday I wrote you a letter and mailed it to Dr. Sherman's office. In case you have not received it yet, I am enclosing my copy of the letter for your examination. I have just learned that Mr. Smith will be away from his office for several days. It seems to me that most probably I would not be able to get a missionary certificate for the railway tickets mentioned in my letter to him before the 15th. although I have arranged all my things on the plan of leaving Boston on that date. If it is not too much trouble and if Dr. Sherman has not done it already, may I request you to ask the person in charge of such matters in Dr. Sherman's office at 281 Fourth Ave., New York, to certify that Mrs. Hsiao and I are entitled to a missionary reduction on our railway tickets?

My wife and I want to thank you for asking us to visit you and Mrs. Lyford at Lakeville. Your suggestion about spending sometime in New Haven as well as New York is very good. In fact I have a kind of indefinite appointment with Prof. G. E. Hutchinson in the Osborn Zoological Laboratory at Yale. He could not come up to Cambridge and asked if I could find time to go down to New Haven and talk with him about some of the work I intend to do in Hsichow. I told him that if I had a chance of going to New Haven I would write him ahead of time for an appointment. It seems simplest for us to buy our tickets here from Boston to San Francisco and send our heavy things ahead to the west coast while we stop off at New Haven and New York. I do not know how far your summer residence is from New Haven Railway Station. If it is not too far and can be reached by telephone we can call you up when we get off the train. If too far, we can wire you just before we leave Boston. After visiting you and Mrs. Lyford and meeting the available Yale-in-China people and Prof. Hutchinson we would appreciate your putting us on the train for New York. In New York we can call on Dr. Sherman. We do not want to break up your vacation and would be very glad if you could give us directions to see some members of the Hua Chung Board you wish to suggest.

It appears that the exact date of our leaving Boston depends on when we can get a missionary certificate for reduced railway fare from Mr. Smith's office or the Church Missions House. Unless you have some definite date to suggest, I shall wait for a letter from Mr. Smith regarding railway tickets and let you know the date of our arrival at New Haven by mail.

My wife tells me that the officer at the Passport Office here was very charming. He was quite impressed by Dr. Sherman's letter to Mrs. Shipley and said that he hoped that the passport would be granted. However, he added that the final decision would have to depend upon the Washington authorities.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Sidney C. Hsiao
Sidney Chihti Hsiao

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120 Hancock Street
Cambridge, Mass.

July 11, 1941

Dear Mr. Lyford:

Thank you for your letter of July 10.

It turned out that we cannot start from Boston on the 15th. of July, not only because we have to wait for the reduced railway certificates, but also because we have to get transit visa from Malay Straight and Burma governments for landing on, and going through, their territories. The British Consul General is considering our application for the necessary visa and will, if they see fit, cable to Singapore and Rangoon for approval. This will take a few days.

I think we can fit our time to the tentative plan you suggest by a small change in date. We can take an afternoon train to New Haven on Sunday, July 20th. and stay at Hotel Garde for the night. On Monday morning, July 21st., I can call on Prof. Hutchinson at the Osborn Zoological Laboratory and at the Yale-in-China Office. We shall appreciate your driving down to New Haven to take us to Lakeville for a day's visit with you and Mrs. Lyford. We can meet each other about noon time either at 905 A Yale Station or Hotel Garde. Tuesday, July 22nd., afternoon we can go together by train to New York. I can call on Dr. Sherman (or Mr. Fowler, if the latter is there and Dr. Sherman is away) Wednesday, July 23rd., morning while you attend to your business in town. I have nothing special to do in New York you can make whatever arrangement you see fit for us to meet people connected with Hua Chung.

I am writing to Prof. Hutchinson at Yale for an appointment on Monday morning, July 21st. I am also sending a note to Dr. Sherman to tell him of my plans.

Looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you and Mrs. Lyford.

Very sincerely yours,

Sidney C. Hsiao

Sidney Chihti Hsiao

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120 Hancock Street
Cambridge, Mass.

July 13, 1941

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I have your letter of July 11 and the enclosed check for \$530. Thank you very much for sending it to me.

As I have not been to New York recently and have not seen Mr. Evans I think he must be referring to Dr. Y. H. Ling when he spoke of me about railway certificates. I understand Dr. Ling, who is going to Hua Chung to teach sociology and anthropology, went to the Associated Board several days ago to make enquiries about travel on the railway and the steamers across the Pacific. So far he has not secured a passage on the steamer yet.

I am sorry that Dr. Sherman will not be in New York on the 23rd. of July for I would like very much to see him again after these years and also to introduce my wife to him. I am glad to have a chance to see Dr. Hume again.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Sidney C. Hsiao
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Clifton Hotel
520 Taylor Street
San Francisco, Calif.
July 30, 1941

Mr. O. S. Lyford
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Mr. Lyford:

We reached San Francisco early Monday (28th.) morning. Immediately upon our arrival I went to the Java Pacific Line office to check the sailing date and inquire about my mail, baggage and freight. I am sorry to say that the Dutch people in that office are very "smug" and uncoöperative and my interview with them most unsatisfactory. I found the sailing date has been changed from the 9th. to the end of August with the additional warning that if substantial change in sailing date has to be made again I shall be informed. This means that I shall be late for my work at Hua Chung and additional expenses during the period of waiting.

The postponing of the sailing date by the steamship company necessitates an application for a revalidation of Erica's passport, for "In accordance with the existing regulations of the Department, a person whose passport has been validated for travel outside the Western Hemisphere must use such documents within a period of 30 days from ~~the~~ date upon which it is validated. If a passport which has been so validated is not used within this 30 day period, it will be necessary for the bearer to submit to the Department for revalidation with a statement setting forth new travel arrangements...." Erica wrote to Mrs. Shipley of the Passport Division from New York on July 24th.

"The steamship company, Java Pacific Line, has just informed me that the sailing date of the steamer on which I booked a passage has been changed from August 9th. to 30th. This makes it necessary for me to have my passport validation extended to that date. It is in order will you please authorize the passport office in San Francisco, my port of departure, to make the necessary extension?"

It has been a great pleasure to Erica and myself to have met you and Mrs. Lyford and your daughter. Your help to both of us has been most valuable. Your hospitality and friendship are gratefully appreciated. Your devotion to the cause of Christian education in the fullest sense of the word and to Hua Chung in particular is a source of strength and encouragement to us in meeting the problems that come our way. I am very happy to carry to China your friendship to my fellow countrymen.

Most sincerely yours,

Sidney C. Hsiao

Sidney Chihti Hsiao

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August 5, 1941.

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford
Lakeville
Conn.

Mr. Lyford
Aug 9

Dear Lyford:

It was a great pleasure to meet Dr. and Mrs. Hsiao in San Francisco. He is a combination of a wonderfully sunny disposition and keen mind and sacrificial missionary attitude, and I think that she shares much of this from what I could judge on short acquaintance. Their steamship sailing has been delayed a whole month. The date now given is August 30th but who can tell whether that is final or not.

In the meantime they are put to the expense of their small furnished apartment and baggage storage. I think this is a case where the Board of Founders should help. It is not easy to get the Executive Committee together in August, and I shall be leaving at the end of this week for the rest of the month. If you approve, I would be willing to venture to tell them we will take care of their baggage storage for August and their rent. I do not think the whole thing would be \$100. The Boards would do this for their missionaries under the same circumstances and I think we ought not to do less.

Their address in San Francisco is
Clifton Hotel
520 Taylor Street.

I am sorry to bother you with business matters on your vacation, but with some of us there is no ^{complete} vacation possible (unless we get out of the country) and you are one of them.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur M. Sherman

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Clifton Hotel
520 Taylor St.
San Francisco
California
August 12, 1941

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I have your letter dated August 4. Thank you for the enclosed photographs and the interesting newspaper clipping. The photographs will always remind us of the pleasant time we had in Lakeville and of your kind hospitality. Erica and I like the picture of the family group very much. The alternation of white birch trees with human figures against a deep and cool background of green foliage is very interesting as well as restful. The bright points of flowers scattered amongst green grass give a cheerful brilliance to the foreground. The picture of the flower garden is very nice--it is a joy to see multi-colored flowers rising to the glory of the morning sun in the clear air of the village between the lakes.

The package containing the pocket knife for Dr. Wei was forwarded to me by the local Post Office, for I have notified the Post Office in San Francisco of my address at this hotel shortly after my arrival here. I shall bring this thoughtful gift from you to Dr. Wei and give it to him together with your greetings and kind regards.

While waiting for this package I also received your letter of August 9 concerning Dr. Sherman's suggestion of advancing to me some more money to enable me to meet the extra expenses caused by the delay of departure of our steamship. It was very considerate of Dr. Sherman to offer, when we were departing, to take up the question of my extra expenses with you upon his arrival in New York. I also appreciate very much your kindly agreeing to Dr. Sherman's suggestion and proposing to advance to me \$100 more which sum ought to be enough to meet the rent and charge for storage of baggage and freight. I wish I had a chance to discuss this problem personally with Dr. Sherman or yourself instead of by writing. I am not sure what is the best thing to do in this case and should like to ask your advice. There seems to be two alternatives. (1) I can accept this second advance and present to Dr. Wei a detailed account, similar to what I am going to do with the original advance of \$530 and leave it to Dr. Wei to decide what portion of the cost of transportation will be financed by the college and pay the rest myself out of my salary. But I do not know what Dr. Wei thinks is a fair portion of our expenses for the college to share and I do not like to have obligations piled up to my ears before I reach Hsichow. At this point I must hasten to add that I have every confidence in Dr. Wei's judgment and am ready and glad to follow and support his decision.

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(2) I can withdraw from the little sum of Erica's savings which is now in New York, enough money to meet this extra cost of waiting for our boat. However, my personal feeling is not wanting to draw on Erica's resources although I know she is perfectly glad to help out when called upon to do so.

At this small dilemma I wish to ask for your wise and experienced advice. I also would appreciate your writing to Dr. Wei, if you have not already done so, explaining to him all the circumstances.

Very cordially yours,

Sidney C. Hsiao

Sidney Chihti Hsiao

P. S. Through the help of the Chinese Consulate in San Francisco we have been able to find this apartment hotel at \$45 a month with privilege to cook our own meals instead of paying for the regular hotel charges and eat outside. This means a great saving.

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Ans Aug 25

Hua Chung College
Hsichow, Yunnan, China
July 4, 1942

Received Aug 21

Dear Mr. Lyford:

As Dr. Wei has been writing to you regularly about the affairs of the college I should not duplicate his informations but shall try to supplement his letters with items which I think might be of interest to you, Dr. Sherman and other members of the Board. The December letter sent from New Haven right after the meeting of the Yale-in-China Board of Trustees and the New York letters sent by you and Dr. Sherman came during the months when the situation in Yunnan was at its worst. They have been great encouragement to all of us working in this college and have given us renewed strength to face the critical situation with confidence and calmness. We thank you and members of the two Boards for the timely message of support and encouragement.

You noticed that Dr. Wei often mentioned the rising price of daily necessities in China. After staying in Hsichow for more than half a year I can fully support his statement from my own observations and personal experience. This rapid rise in price is a nation wide anomaly and is working great hardship on salary earners. Its direct effect on our college is that nearly all if not all of the Chinese members of the faculty and staff are finding their salaries insufficient to cover their expenditure—our Anglo-American colleagues are better off because the exchange between gold and silver is greatly in their favor. Take my own case as an illustration. My income, salary plus subsidies, for the last few months has been \$500 N.C. on the average for each month, but the average cost of ~~for~~ our simple food alone for the last six months is \$750 per month. Erica and I simply had to go without all the other things: social intercourse, replacement of clothes, correspondence with friends and relatives and other necessities. We had to find \$250 more each month by the sale of books and clothes in order to keep ourselves alive. It may sound odd that college professors have to dispose of their belongings in order to buy bread and butter. But the strangest part of the situation is that so many people are disposing of their things for the badly needed cash that one is no longer surprised at the practice. When Dr. Wei wrote that we are here devoting our lives and fortune to the realization of our ideals in this college he was not being rhetorical but veridical. In spite of all difficulties our faculty at Hua Chung are persuing their aim with singleness of purpose. But they are not blind to the danger signs ahead. As pointed out by Dean P. Huang, "We are competing with other institutions in enlisting the service of first rate men, we are in danger of having our ranking professors attracted to other institutions which can pay much higher salaries and require lighter loads thus relieving them of their worries for their daily bread and providing them with better chance for their own studies. We are also in danger of not being able to replace those who have left us, to say nothing of introducing new blood into the college. As our subsidies are 'socialistic'—increasing directly with the size of the family—we might find, if this war drags on for years, that the college has become a charitable institution supporting mediocre men with large families who cannot find a job elsewhere." However, it is satisfying to know that the college can count on the loyalty of a few members though the number is small. If given the means and the wherewithal they are able to form a sound nucleus around which an efficient faculty can be built. Dr. Wei needs the support of all his friends to maintain the vitality of this nucleus of loyal men. The latest salaries and subsidies scales announced by Dr. Wei for the year 1942-43 will, if prices can be stablized a little, be nearly sufficient for keeping the faculty members and their families alive. And we do hope prices would be stable. But no one knows.

When I first arrived at the college I was quite hesitant to assume the responsibilities of the office of the Dean of Yale-in-China School of Science but thought that they should rest upon the shoulders of an older man. I tried to make Dr. Wei and other members of the science faculty see my point. I am proud to report that in my separate conversations with my colleagues the heads of the Physics and Chemistry Departments pledged their full support and cooperation. This is particularly remarkable when I compare this spirit with what I heard about the difficulties and strife among the faculty members not long ago. As adminis-

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tration is a service to the college I agreed to serve my turn and had an understanding with Dr. Wei that in case I cannot discharge my duties to his satisfaction I shall readily relinquish this office whenever he suggests and that I be permitted to pass the duties to another member after an appropriate number of years.

I presume you have already received from Dr. Wei the details regarding the settlement of my travelling expenses. The Committee Pro-tem of the Board of Directors has kindly granted us \$150 U.S. because of unexpected delay at various ports where our hotel and storage bills amounted to about \$326 U.S. A sum of 450 Rupees was also granted for our travel from Rangoon to Hsichow. After deducing these two grants and the cost for transporting the things I brought back for the college from what the college advanced to me I still owe Hua Chung \$415.50 U.S. The Committee proposes to count this against the allowance for my sabbatical leave when and if it becomes due and is granted by the college, and in case I should leave the college before the sabbatical leave is granted the amount should be paid back to the college in inverse proportion to the length of time I have served here. If, in view of the great expense (about \$2000 U.S.) and hardship my wife and I met on our trip halfway around the world, and if the Board of Founders is in a financial position able to write off this sum of \$415.50 from its books, I shall appreciate greatly being released from this indebtedness. If not, I shall, as I told you and Dr. Wei, abide by the proposal of the Committee Pro-tem after its approval by the Board of Founders.

Yueh-Hwa Lin. After April 22
I am sorry about the case of Dr. Y. H. Ling who was appointed for the Department of History-Sociology. Not long ago I had a letter from him mailed from his home in Kunming informing me that owing to the health of his wife and persuasion of old friends he had to accept another job instead of coming to Hua Chung. He also asked for the cost of transporting the books for the History-Sociology Department. Unfortunately these books never arrived at the college. I have turned the letter over to Dr. Wei and given Dr. Ling a reply according to the President's directions. I find Dr. Ling's position indefensible and wish that he had acted differently. Fortunately, Dr. Wei had the foresight to engage another man to teach sociology before the college year opened in the fall of 1941. I believe Dr. Wei concurs with me when I say that we cannot speak highly of this man either. However, good men are not easy to obtain. To build up a good faculty is a painstaking and exacting job.

In my annual report on the School of Science which I am submitting to Dr. Wei for transmission to the Board I shall be giving further facts about the science departments. I must not make this air mail letter too heavy at this moment. I wish to use the remaining space to ask you to help me with the following:- (1) I am a member of the American Society of Zoologists. The outbreak of war between the U. S. and Japan while I was on the way to China prevented me from sending in my annual dues of \$4 U.S. at the end of the year. Will you please make out a check for \$12, equivalent to dues for 3 years, and send it to the Treasurer of the Society, Prof. Thurlow C. Nelson at the Dept. of Zoology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.? Please enclose a note of explanation if you think it is necessary. My membership in this society entitles me to certain privileges, such as discounts on biological journals which I am passing on to the college, it is essential that I pay my dues. (2) Erica is a member of the American Artists Professional League and she has to pay her dues of \$3 U. S. annually. I am enclosing the regular form for making the remittance. Please make out another check for \$3 and mail it according to the directions on the enclosed "Annual Bill". I have left with Mr. Coe when I first came to Hsichow enough money in U.S. currency to cover these two items will you please charge me through Mr. Coe? (3) The enclosed letter to Dr. Li is self-explanatory. Please forward it to him after you have read it.

Erica joins me in giving our warm regards and best wishes to Mrs. Lyford, Margret, Mary-Constance and your good self.

Very sincerely yours,

Sidney C. Hoias

P.S. Erica has a very hard time to get adjusted to this place physically. Her difficult trip to China reduced her vitality so much that she is not up to par yet. she finds the much talk of Tali marble of unsatisfactory quality. She is doing quite a number of oils now.

August 25, 1942

Dr. Sidney C. Hsiao,
Dean Yale-in-China, School of Science

Dear Dr. Hsiao:

I received on August 21 your letter of July 4 with its very interesting news which supplements the information given in Dr. Wei's recent letter.

I doubt if anyone in this country is more keenly conscious than I am of the very severe financial conditions under which you and all of our other friends in China are living today. It must be especially difficult for you and Mrs. Hsiao who only a few months ago were living in the midst of American comforts. You had a pretty clear conception of these circumstances when you decided to go back to China and your willingness to go is evidence of a strong devotion to your country and your college.

The personal experiences which you state, together with a letter from Mrs. Coe to one of her friends sometime ago, which I was permitted to read, make the situation very clear. You may be sure that all of the members of the Board of Trustees are fully conscious of the price which you are paying. However, we have not realized until now what a very hard time Mrs. Hsiao has had in getting adjusted to her new life. Mrs. Lyford, my daughters and I all remember the sunshine in her disposition as she talked with us at Lakeville and I am very sanguine that she will eventually find a sufficient reward for the service which she is rendering.

¹/₂ The information in your letter regarding Dr. Y.H. Lin is the first information we have had from him since October, 1941. Naturally we are all greatly disappointed in him and it seems to be just as well that he never came to Hsichow but I would like to hear his side of the case before forming an opinion.

Regarding the balance of \$415.50 in your traveling expenses, would say that this is a matter which I have delayed to take up with Dr. Wei but I shall be glad to do so. It is not a matter which need be settled in a hurry and I am sure some way can be found to make this as little burdensome to you as possible. I am not clear as to whether this figure includes the \$100 which I forwarded to you from the account of the Central China College Foundation. At any rate, do not let this worry you.

It is a pleasure to learn from others of your success as Dean of the Yale-in-China School of Science and I am sure we are very fortunate in having you in that position.

I shall be glad to make the payments of membership dues which you request and will send Dr. Li the letter which you enclose.

With warmest regards to Mrs. Hsiao, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

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Draft sent to him at ...

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Dr. Sherman, Please return to C.S.I.

HUA CHUNG,,(CENTRAL CHINA,,)COLLEGE

華 中 大 學

Department of Biology
生 物 學 系

October 25, 1942

Hsiehow, Tali
Yunnan, China
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Dear Mr. Lyford:

Dr. Wei has just passed on to me your letter of August 25, 1942. Thank you for paying our membership dues and for forwarding my letter to Dr. Li. Both Erica and I are much obliged to you for your understanding letter and the encouragement it brings.

I wish to report that for the convenience of his administration Dr. Wei has released me from my duties as Dean of the Yale-in-China School of Science. As a move in the same direction I am also asking the President to permit me to resign from the Chairmanship of the Department of Biology. I have assured Dr. Wei that my loyalty to the college will in no way be influenced by my assumption of or resignation from administrative position or positions. I shall be doing my best for Hua Chung College.

Last month we sold our typewriter, two raincoats and a number of typewriter ribbons and realized enough money to meet one of our obligations. In view of the fact that I need U. S. currency for this purpose and the college would be selling American money for Chinese National Currency I have asked Mr. Coe, our Treasurer, if he would give me credit in the U. S. in exchange of the ready cash I give him now, for it would be a definite convenience to both sides. After consulting Dr. Wei Mr. Coe proposed to ask you to write a check for me in New York while I pay him for the check in Chinese currency at the rate he is going to get when he sells U. S. money next time. I presume you have already received Mr. Coe's letter asking you to make out a check for \$125.00U. S. payable to the order of Miss Daphne Dunbar at 26 Greenleaf St., Boston, Mass. I take this chance to confirm Mr. Coe's request made in my behalf. Your help in this matter will be very much appreciated.

I do not know how long it will take for this letter to reach your hand. Most likely you will receive it before Christmas. To be on time, Erica and I now give you and members of your family our most sincere Christmas greetings and our very best wishes. We do hope that true Christmas spirit will not be blacked out by this global war. But every trial and tribulation will make us so much wiser and better.

Very sincerely yours,

Sidney C. Hsiao
Sidney C. Hsiao

P.S. Please mail the enclosed letter to Prof. F. L. Hisaw after you have read it. *also a letter for Miss Ward.*

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Hua Chung College
Hsichow, Tali, Munnan, China
written on Oct. 27, 1942, mailed
from New York

Prof. Frederick L. Hisaw
Biological Laboratories, Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Hisaw:

I must apologize for not having written to you earlier. My failure is simply due to the fact that I cannot afford to send many letters to America. We have given up writing ordinary letter (though it costs only \$1) because it will not get through. Air mail letter, costing \$15 to \$20 each is too expensive. At present we are enclosing several letters in one envelop and impose upon the kindness of our friends to re-mail them in the U.S. I am asking Mr. Lyford, Treasurer of the Board of Founders of the college, living in New York, to spend a 3 cent stamp to forward this letter to you.

After leaving your laboratory I have been, with my wife, on the way to China for about 5 months. First there was waiting at San Francisco for our boat which changed its schedule several times, then the cruising about in the South Pacific and waiting at different points for means of transportation and finally, the long ride on the Burma Road. The last three weeks on this road turned out to be the most arduous and difficult for Erica and myself, even in comparison with being detained on board ships at Batavia and Rangoon. We are thankful that we arrived at our destination, for worse things could have happened to us. Three days after we entered China, by the back door, war was declared between the U.S. and Japan: we got through just in time!

While at San Francisco I called on Dr. Leak, as you suggested, and visited his laboratory. Thank you for writing to him in my behalf. I found Dr. Leak very charming and helpful. He offered me the use of the Medical School Library in case I wanted to do some reading during my stay in San Francisco. I also went to Berkeley to look up Dr. Li of Prof. Evans' laboratory. As Li was apparently very busy as well as lukewarm towards my visiting him I did not see his nor Evans' Laboratory. I say surprising, because I did not understand why he should reciprocate the hospitality I showed him at Cambridge in such a manner. However, this may be his idiosyncrasy which I do not understand.

Our college is refugeeing in a country village 7,000 ft. above sea-level tucked away among mountain ranges twice as high. As I have not left this place to visit other cities I cannot give you first hand information about educational situation in China in general. But this much is obvious. Our government is determined to educate the young and keep alive the cultural tradition of this old civilized country in spite of war and invasion. It is too great a treasure to give up. I have been here for about a year observing life around me and can give you the local picture. It is a pity that this college is so far from other places where educational institutions are gathered together. The nearest city, Kunming, is a notorious war profiteering center, living cost there is higher than anywhere else. My colleagues here tell me that they are hibernating waiting for the time to go back to Central China where the college used to be. It is a little amazing, to say the least, when I consider that they have been hibernating for the last 4 years and goodness know long it will be before the invaders are driven out of China so that the college can move back to its old site. This intellectual hibernation is more or less the consequence of physical difficulties. Inflation is hitting everybody very hard in China. As this institution is a private college, supported by funds from America, it does not get all the government help that is coming to other colleges. On the one hand, nearly all the faculty efforts are centered around the problem of how to make ends meet, on the other hand, this college has no contact with sister institutions and the outbreak of the war in the Pacific blocked the last intellectual channel of exchange which this place had with the outside world -- hence the intellectual stupor. So far I have not seen any work produced in this college, with the exception of one department (not counting my department of Biology). But unfortunately the responsible men in that department has a tendency to announce his experimental results prematurely! Before I left Cambridge I had visions of dissecting frogs under the noses of Budhas when I heard that the college was using a temple for its premise. I found, upon my arrival, that the natural science departments were housed in a temporary building which was considerably better than dilapidated temples, though open to wind and rain from every direction. As I made up my mind to do my little share in this struggle to keep the fire of learning burning in China during her dark hours of trial and tribulation I started my work with ~~in~~ enthusiasm. Last year I had a full teaching load plus administrative duties

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I tried to avoid the two mortal sins in the teaching of science: to "imply an unwarranted degree of certainty in our knowledge", and merely present a record of "questioned facts and controversial theories." My emphasis has been on the sadly needed scientific attitude and method. My sincere hope is that those who come to study with me may be benefited by my efforts. You may be curious to know why I have not produced any work since I left the laboratory. I am sorry to report that the story is a sad one. You remember that I showed you the letter from the President of this college who offered me my teaching job. In that letter he said that there was a handsome sum of money reserved for research waiting to be spent. I had plans for making a limnological study of the big fresh water lake, Er Hai, near the college. I talked over the question with you and other friends and brought with me a few apparatus for this purpose. Shortly after my arrival I drew up a research plan and applied for the said research fund. The President turned it down and advised that I do my research on a small scale and backed up his advice by granting one-tenth of the money I asked for. To answer his objection (which was one among many) that my project might not be worth doing I submitted the same plan to the China Foundation for the Promotion of Education and Culture and asked for a fellowship to support this work. This organization is founded on the custom revenue, which, by the treaty of 1901, is supposed to be paid each year to the U.S. as indemnity for the Boxers Uprising, but instead of taking the money as she did formerly America allows China to use it for educational purposes. This Foundation has a committee of specialists for each subject in which fellowships are granted. It approved my research plan and gave me a grant of \$2000 Chinese currency. This grant showed that an independent body of biologists thought my project was sensible and supported it with a financial grant. But the help came too late. In the first place, the college authorities have already turned the so-called reserve back to the Yale-in-China Association in New Haven which raised the research money for the college. In the second place, during the last half year money has depreciated in the nation wide inflation to 1/20th. its former value. To give a concrete example: a teacher on the local high school draws \$1000 Chinese currency plus his board and lodging whereas he could get only \$50 before; a pound of HCl costs \$800 which is equal to my monthly income! You can readily see that I cannot do much with this \$2000 grant. However, there is a small sum available from the British Boxer Indemnity fund and I am trying to make the best of a bad situation. I am still making observations on the lake with the little money I have at my disposal. But I dare not expect too much results. As no limnological data on Chinese lakes have been published I feel I should continue my study even against all odds. But I must say I am not happy here. With censorship strictly enforced in India and America through which this letter passes I do not know what to say about the war and political situation so that I shall not give aid and comfort to the enemy. We feel that this global war should be prosecuted vigorously on the mainland of Asia as well as in Europe so that our common enemy in the Pacific may be knocked out with hammer blows on the vital spot-his homeland. Owen Lattimore's article in "Foreign Affairs" gives a very good idea of what we think should be the direction of Allied war effort now and the way of settling postwar problems in the East with regard to China and the Asiatic colonies (it is strikingly similar to your ideas). He put the case so ably and convincingly that I need not dwell on it now. We have been watching transport planes going from India to China everyday. Once an Arizona boy was forced down here by engine trouble. We gave him every comfort and assistance we could. I wrote a short report about this and sent it with two snapshots to "Life". If it is accepted for publication you will probably see it. Please give my greetings to Professors Redfield, Bigelow and Iselin and give them whatever information about me which you think they might be interested to know. Best personal regards and greetings.

Most sincerely yours,

(signed) Sidney

Sidney C. Hsiao

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C O P Y

Letter received by J. Earl Fowler from Dr. Sydney Hsiao on
April 14, 1943

Hua Chung College, Hsichow, via Tali
Yunnan, China. February 10, 1943

Dear Earl:

Erica and I recently heard from Dr. Wei that you have become Assistant Treasurer of the Church Mission. We want to give you our sincere congratulations.

I want to apologize for not having written to you earlier. As you can imagine, we had a very difficult trip from the United States to this southwest corner of China. We spent about 5 months on the way and both of us got sick. The war in the Pacific broke out just as we entered the Chinese border. Our first half year was spent in recovering from the trip (but we cannot say that we are completely recovered yet) and during the second half year the threat of the Japanese marching into Hsichow made life very strained, to say the least. All these circumstances, plus heavy work in the college, prevented me from writing to my friends both in China and abroad. I do not like even to think what the reaction of our friends are towards our negligence!

We are thankful that we got to our destination in spite of all the difficulties on the way: such as being kept in board the boat when we were at Batavia, detained on board at Rangoon in spite of the trouble we took to get a British visa and landing permit while we were in the U.S., finding no means of transportation from Burma to China, to mention only a few items. But worse things could have happened. I am sorry that I introduced Erica into China through the back door. After going through dirty back alleys and over garbage heaps I placed her in a dark corner in the kitchen, as it were, instead of giving her a home in the beautiful house I knew as China. Even I myself found upon my arrival here, that I am completely out of place. I carried in my head a picture of Wuhan of 1935, being foolish enough not to realize the backwardness of this province and the wartime inflation. Imagine my surprise when I found I could buy only two eggs for a dollar while I was fully intending to get 50 to 100 as I used to do! The price of all other things are proportionately high. Local products are crude, ugly but hard to obtain besides being expensive. During the last year price index rose by about 500 points. Domestic servants are hopelessly bad but difficult to find. As a result of all these unfavorable conditions the whole college is undergoing hibernation. All of our struggle seems just enough to keep the heart beating and prevent the vital breath from going out altogether. The present locality of the college is another great disadvantage. Communication between Hsichow and other parts of the country has always been difficult. Since the close of the Burma Road with the consequent lack of gasoline (which becomes prohibitive if not unobtainable) traffic becomes even more limited. It takes 10 to 20 days for a letter to go from here to Kunming. This isolation of our college produces several obvious effects: (1) It causes mental stagnation due to lack of contact with other intellectual centers, (2) many assistance and benefits which other colleges at large cities like Chenter, Chungking, or Kunming receive from the Government or other sources are not extended to this place, (3) we get practically no students from our affiliated schools, like Boone, Wesley or Griffith John, (4) in order to get students at all we have to accept local students or those who failed to enter a government institution--all of them are very poor material. On the other

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hand, our limited budget and the difficulty of securing laboratory material make it impossible to do any worth-while research. So you see, our suffering is not only physical but also mental. However, this is wartime. Our suffering and deprivation is more than matched by worse suffering elsewhere over this wide world. People are dying everyday. We bear our share with patience and fortitude in this global war.

Most probably you have already met the Millers before the arrival of this letter. Mrs. Miller is going to consult ophthalmologists and we hope her eyesight could be saved. We are very happy to know that Bishop Gilman and Miss Tomlin are now out of occupied China. Please give the enclosed letter to Bishop Gilman for whom both Erica and I have the greatest respect and affection.

On February 1st Miss Gertrude Lenk, a member from the Reformed Church Mission, was married to Mr. Walter Allen. Owing to difficulties of transportation the senior Allens were unable to come from Kunming to attend the wedding. John Coe gave away the bride while Mary Coe officiated in a corresponding capacity (mastron of honor). Young Loretta second daughter of Logan Roots was flower girl. Mr. Constantine was the minister who married them. The whole ceremony went beautifully well. Owing to the shortage of domestic servants the young Allens were boarding with the Coes instead of starting their own housekeeping. Difficulties of transportation prevented a honeymoon to another part but in Hsichow. The Coes have two men servants while all the other families only one--to be exact the Anglo-American family members have one man servant in each family, while the Chinese families have one women servant each, if they are lucky, for some families have none. The Coes are healthy and getting on well. The Roots are all kind and friendly, particularly Mrs. Root. She is very sweet. The Andersons are still keen on their music and religious activities. John Lo is now Dean of the school of arts and acting chairman of the Department of Chinese. Constantine is Dean of the faculty with Dorothy Constantine as secretary. John Lo is the only person I ever knew who could be in so many different departments. Karl Liu is still the warden of the men's hostels. Last summer he stirred up so much trouble about moving the college during the threat of the Japanese advance that the College Senate and the Committee Pro-tem of the Board of Directors of the college met again and again spending many a solid and headache afternoons and mornings together. Of course, poor Karl was thinking for the best of the college. He did not want the college to be run over by the Japanese, but no one knows whether the Japanese would advance from Burma as far as Hsichow. He is having a very big family with five or six kids. There may be more coming. Dr. Wei is here alone, except his youngest daughter is a Junior in college. I do not think you know the other members and so I shall not continue. Perhaps you may be interested to know that we had 150 students last semester, perhaps 130 this spring.

When we were in San Francisco I mailed to you on August 28, 1941 three defense bonds for Erica. She likes to know whether you have received them, and if you have, what is your advice on how to keep them. I also want to report that we have not drawn any money from Mr. G. W. Laycock, the A. C. M. treasurer in Shanghai or from Mr. Whitney since we left the U. S.. But Erica and I want to thank you for the thoughts and assistance which you have given to us on our financial arrangements.

How is Jimmie getting along? Please give our love to Mrs. Fowler and Connie and tell them we regret very much not to have seen them when we passed through New York.

With warm personal greeting and best wishes from both of us,

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Sydney

P. S. Please also give the enclosed letter to Dr. J. T. Addison. Thanks.

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HUA CHUNG (CENTRAL CHINA) COLLEGE

Department of Biology

Hsichow, Tali,
Yunnan, China

Miss M. De C. Ward
19 Garden St., Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Miss Ward:

Thank you for your letter of August 4, 1942, which Mr. Allen forwarded to us. It came as a very pleasant surprise. It is very good to know that our friends understand so clearly the difficulties that confront China and what this community of Chinese and their foreign friends are facing in particular. Your good wishes and understanding sympathy will always be an encouragement to us.

Conditions here are very different from those in Central China as you know them. Even I, born in China, find it so. I presume from the letters of the Millers, Allens and Coes you already have a good picture of this place. The native people here are as different from us as the Welsh are from the Scotch highlanders. They are fortunate to have very fertile soil and are by nature very independent.

We have the misfortune of losing the fellowship of the Millers, for Mrs. Miller's eyesight requires that they go back to the U.S. to consult top notch ophthalmologists at the earliest possible time. They are now in Bombay waiting for passage to America. From Mrs. Miller, after her arrival in America, you will doubtless get further detailed information about life in Hsichow. We find the country very beautiful but the material conditions, perhaps I should say difficulties, incompatible with productive work. The government and Chinese friends of the college have given a good deal for students relief, to help them to pay their way through college. At this moment Dr. Wei and the faculty are thinking of how to get some of the most needed help for the faculty - to put in plain English, some money to keep the Chinese faculty and their families alive. We wish you would keep in mind the need of this college and get your friends interested to give this institution some help. I am sure, the Hua Chung Board and Dr. Wei will welcome such help.

For months we have not seen a foreign paper. The radio upon which we depend for our news is not working because our make-shift power house is out of commission. There was no electric light for the last four months, and the prospect is not too bright. We now depend for papers published in China for news. No one has seen an American Journal either scientific or popular, for second class mail does not get through. Even ordinary letter do not. We have to resort to the expensive method of writing by air mail.

It is rather unfortunate that I introduced Erica to China through the backdoor, as it were. We stumbled over garbage heaps, through dark alleys and dirty kitchens to get to an obscure corner while the old house is being ransacked by highway man. I am afraid that I gave Erica a very poor impression of China, to say the least. But it is, as you say, war time. Erica has painted a number of oils based upon local sceneries and subjects. The victrola records which she brought to China are proving to be a great help to the cultural life of this community. We are glad to share these works of arts with our friends. We wish to give you our Christmas greetings and best wishes. Erica gives you her love.

Very sincerely yours,
(signed) Sidney C. Hsiao

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June 30, 1943

Mr. Oliver S. Lyford,
230 Park Ave. New York City

Received Sept 10

Dear Mr. Lyford:

On October 25, 1942, I ^{you}wrote a short letter enclosing two other letters, one for Miss Ward and one for Dr. Hisaw. I took the liberty of asking you to do me the favor of forwarding them. Since I have had no word from Miss Ward or Dr. Hisaw nor an acknowledgment from you regarding this letter either directly or through Dr. Wei I am beginning to wonder whether that letter ever reached your hand.

In your letter of August 25, 1942, sent to me through Dr. Wei you stated, regarding Dr. Lin, that you "would like to hear his side of the case before forming an opinion." I respect you greatly for this fair attitude.

Incidentally, this attitude is also basic in the scientific frame of mind. This is what we, students of science, try to live up to all the time. I dare say human relationship would be much happier if we could all have this attitude as you do. Our own short-coming should make us doubly charitable in forming opinions on our fellow men. In our difficult work and all the problems we have to encounter everyone of us here in this college could benefit from this fair attitude you have shown.

Mr. Coe informed me that you have already given a check for \$125 U.S. to Miss Dunbar in my favor. It is very kind of you to extend to me this courtesy. I wish to report that I paid Mr. Coe, according to the condition agreed upon, \$3,750 N.C. for this check. At that time the official rate of exchange was \$19.50 N.C. to \$1 U.S.

This year we have the misfortune of losing 7 of our 22 Chinese teaching staff. It is hard to find men to replace them. Put the college's ship of state is not exactly between Scylla and Charybdis. She is able to weather the storm. Furthermore there is encouragement from different sources. One gentleman donated \$60,000 N.C. to the college, and another local gentry member gave \$15,000 each month for rice subsidies to the faculty and staff of this college for the duration of this war. The Chungking Alumni Association gave \$5,000 as a token of their appreciation to the work done by their former teachers and those who are now in the college. From the minutes of the meetings of the Committee Pro-temp of the Board of Directors you will get the details of these donations. The Hua Chung Alumni Association has been give \$1,500 N.C. by our graduates. I mention these to show, from the point of view of a member of the teaching staff, that such encouragement lightens the burden of our duties and brings to us a clearer realization that we have not done enough to deserve it.

Dr. Paul Kwei is now in the U. S. on a scientific mission. If you happen to see him please kindly give him my best regards. He is, among all my fellow countrymen, the best person I have known. I consider it a great privilege to have studied with him and later associated with him as a member of his staff for over four years. He is the type of top-notch men we all need. I have the highest regard for him.

With personal greetings to you and Mrs. Lyford.

Very sincerely yours,

Sidney C. Hsiao
Sidney Chinti Hsiao

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230 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y.
December 6, 1943.

My dear Dr. Hsiao:

I received on September 10 your nice letter of June 30 and it is hard to explain why I have been so slow in answering it. Certainly this was not because I am not greatly interested in you and Mrs. Hsiao. You both are in the minds of Mrs. Lyford, my daughters and myself very frequently as I receive the letters from Dr. Wei and Mr. Coe and tell the family of their reports on conditions at Hsichow. The fact simply is that I have nobody to whom I can dictate except the very nice public stenographer who will type this and I find that I can work at my desk only a few hours each week. Even my relatives, whom I have to correspond with, seldom hear from me as the time is taken up with pressing business and China College matters.

We try to visualize the circumstances under which you all are living and working at Hsichow but we did not have any certainty that we really understood until recently when I received from Mrs. Coe a splendid letter which I had asked her to write and which gave a very clear picture of your life there as it goes on from day to day. Now, at least, our sympathy can take a more definite form.

I was deeply impressed with the splendid spirit of your letter and your assurance that, in spite of the loss of many of your Chinese teaching staff, the college is able to weather the storm. I am sure your faith and your spirit must give much encouragement to Dr. Wei.

In this morning's paper we have the first reports of the historic meeting of Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill with the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang at Cairo. We are all deeply thrilled and I could write a long letter with the thoughts that go through my mind. One great concern, which we have in common with millions of others, is the possibility that something may happen to one or the other of these great leaders, either by accident or from the evil plotting of our enemies. But even if there should be such a grave misfortune, we can have faith that the spirit in the hearts of many consecrated people of our three nations and of Russia, will arise to the emergency and will carry out the great purpose of freeing the world from oppression.

You and I, with the training and experience which is involved in scientific research and constructive operations, know how many set-backs will occur as this great experiment in world reconstruction gets under way, but this experience also gives us the assurance that the men and women, whose abilities and desires are most nearly in accord with God's purpose and plans, can and will overcome these set-backs if they are sufficiently consecrated. Possibly you in that remote corner of the world and I in this center of activity may have some small part in overcoming such difficulties, even though the positions in which we find ourselves are quite different from any expectations which we may have had.

I want to tell you how God's purpose appears to be working out for the future of Hua Chung. About three years ago a professor at Princeton University, Dr. Theodore Green, (cousin of our Dr. Phillips Green of the Chanaha Hospital) was chosen by some organization to make a study of the Christian colleges of the United States. This study was so enlightening and his conclusions so wise that, two years ago, he was invited to give an address at the annual meeting of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China. This address deeply impressed all who heard it, as having a direct bearing on the problems of the colleges in which we are so much interested. Last winter a Planning Committee was appointed by the Associated

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Boards to gather together all the best thinking regarding the desirable development in the China Christian Colleges after the war, and to visualize the part which we in the United States should perform. No doubt the existence of this Planning Committee is known to you all, but I mention it as an important step in the development of which I am writing. The Committee includes some of the strongest Christian statesmen we have and its meetings have been attended by many leaders from China - American and Chinese. These include: Dr. Wu-Yi-Fang, Dr. Paul Kwei and Dr. James Yen.

Dr. Theodore Green is now a member of the Planning Committee and was asked to deliver an address on the "Educational Aims of the Christian Colleges in China." at a three-day meeting which this committee held last October. The address outlines very clearly and sympathetically the purposes and hopes of our colleges and the distinctive contributions of Christianity in general and of our colleges in particular. In many ways it was the outstanding report of all that were presented in the three days.

The report of this meeting will be sent to the College Presidents and no doubt will be available for you to read. I will simply quote a few paragraphs from Prof. Green's address, as follows:

"What is the distinctive contribution of Christianity to modern China? Our deepest conviction, as Christians, is that man cannot achieve, without God's help, that individual integrity and dignity, that brotherhood and community, which China is struggling to achieve in her great hour of need. We also believe that the God who has revealed Himself to man in Jesus Christ can do for man more than he can ask or think. We believe that man's greatest tragedy, today as always, is his failure to avail himself of His Divine Wisdom and Power for himself, for his community, and for the healing of the nations. The distinctive contribution of the Christian Colleges in China is education in the spirit of the Christian Gospel.

"What is the distinctive contribution of the Christian Colleges as educational institutions. It is, we still believe, the offering of both a liberal education that will enrich and deepen human experience, and a professional training that will enable the student to employ his vocational skills in a humane and liberal perspective.

Here again we would share with the Colleges in China the lessons of our mistakes. We have too often permitted liberal education in this country to become mere learning for learning's sake, forgetting that man is more than intellect and that education should nourish the entire personality and give its press to all of human living. We have permitted our students to specialize in one branch of study too early and too exclusively, and we have allowed them to leave our liberal arts colleges pathetically one-sided in equipment and outlook. In much of our teaching in these colleges we have tended to emphasize individual facts rather than the methods and criteria of factual inquiry; and we have tended to impress upon our students our individual patterns of belief instead of teaching them how to make responsible judgments of their own. We have in some measure introduced them to their Western cultural heritage, but we have neglected for the most part to help them to understand and appreciate the riches of other cultures such as the Chinese. Above all, we have not made them sufficiently aware of the true relation of liberal studies to the practical problems of human life, to man's vocational skills, and to the many social tasks of local, national, and international cooperation.

In short, the Christian Colleges can render Chinaman inestimable service by conceiving of liberal education in organic relation to professional pursuits and the business of human living, and by conceiving of vocational training in organic relation to the opportunities and responsibilities of citizenship in a free society. They can also help Christian Colleges in other lands, including America, by setting them an example and by providing them with guidance and inspiration.

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"This challenge must be met in China by innumerable individuals and groups with whom the Christian Colleges will wish to cooperate to the utmost. The distinctive contribution of the Colleges, however, will depend upon the extent to which they can exemplify, in all they do and say, that Christian spirit which, both they and we believe, provides the answer to China's deepest needs. May they, in these days of weariness and anxiety, keep up "the good fight" with courage and confidence. Their cause is ours, and they may rest assured that we will make every effort to share their heavy load and to assist them in every way that lies within our power."

Now, this is what I have been leading up to in this letter:- This careful and extended study of Dr. Green has led to a vision for all the China Colleges which are ⁱⁿ closely in accord with the vision which President Frances Wei has had for Hua Chung for many years. We have in our leader the man whose faith and clear Christian philosophy have stood the test of time and now is found to be right not only for us but for all Christian colleges. Is this not an inspiration for all of us who are attempting to assist him?

Dr. Wei's report of the meetings in May at Chunking and Chengtu was read by Dr. Hume at the meeting of the Planning Committee and his views are always given close consideration by all to whom they are presented. The plan on which you in Hsichow are working and which provides for a larger institution at Wuchang is being given very favorable consideration by the Board of Founders of Hua Chung and we are considering the part which we must take in implementing this plan when the time comes. We may be sure of all possible help from the Associated Boards, the United China Relief and any other available service.

Dr. Paul Kwei dined with us in Englewood last Sunday and we had a delightful time with him. I gave him your message and of course it pleased him very much.

Please give my warmest regards to Mrs. Hsiao. I understand that neither of you have been very well and I do hope and pray that your health will return quickly and that you will be strong when the time comes to go forward with Hua Chung in the life of New China.

Yours very sincerely,

P.S. Evidently the letter which I wrote to you last winter in answer to your letter of October 25th never reached you. I did receive your letter and I did forward the letters to Miss Ward and Dr. Hisaw. I would like to be sure that this letter reaches you and although primarily it is a message to you personally, I will send a copy with my letter to Mr. Coe. I hope you will not mind having him see this.

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Extra Copy

Hua Chung College, Hsichow,

May 9, 1944

Received June 15

Dear Mr. Lyford:

From Sydney Harris

Both copies of your letter dated December 6, 1943, came to hand at nearly the same time last month. It was very kind of you indeed to write such a long letter when you were pressed with business and other urgent matters. When we think of the fact that you have not a private stenographer at your disposal our appreciation of your efforts is so much the greater. What you wrote on Christian higher education is very enlightening. I am very glad that you people in the States interested in Christian higher education in China can see eye to eye with the leaders who are working in the field.

In my letter of July 4, 1942 I asked you to forward a short note to Dr. H. L. Li on the question of his joining the faculty of Hua Chung. In view of the lack of travelling facilities for his coming to China, Dr. Wei suggested that he send us a statement of his training and let the college know as soon as he touches Chinese soil so that the College can offer him a position. So far we have not heard from him. But recently a friend in Chentu informed me that Yenching University was asking Dr. Li to come back and teach there. Most probably it is possible for Dr. Li to return now. As Dr. Li once expressed his desire to join Hua Chung I had a discussion on this matter with Dr. Wei and he authorized me to write this letter to you about giving Dr. Li a definite appointment and help him to get a passage back to China. Could you contact Dr. Huei-ling Li through Prof. Merrill's Office at the Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, Mass. and offer him, in behalf of Hua Chung, a position as Assistant Professor of Botany if he has not already left for Yenching? His salary and subsidies will amount to about \$6,000 N.C. a month plus living quarters and medical care. I believe this is as much as Yenching is offering, although at the moment living cost in Chentu is very much higher than in Hsichow. I also believe that should prices keep up their present rate of rising the college authorities would make due increase to meet the need of the faculty. It seems to me that it is easier for a single Chinese like Dr. Li, who is an alien in the U. S. to find a passage across the oceans than for any other civilian. Of course you know the situation much better in New York than we here in this backward corner of south-west China. Could you help Dr. Li to find an opportunity to sail to India so that he can fly in from Calcutta? I think Dr. Wei is ready to pay for his passage if you could find a place for him on board one of the India-bound ships.

I knew Dr. Li both at Yenching and at Cambridge, Mass. He is a good chap. There are very few students specializing in his field -- systematic botany. But the Ministry of Education in Chungking requires all colleges to offer botany courses to undergraduates in biology and we have not been able to find any botanist to join this college. It is worth the trouble and expense for Hua Chung to secure the service of Dr. Li.

This letter is written at Dr. Wei's suggestion and I am asking him to read it before mailing it to you. A copy of this letter is also left with Dr. Wei so that he can write to you independently regarding this matter when he has time.

We are war weary and finding life here very hard. This semester I am carrying almost as heavy a load as the last -- being the only teacher in the Biology Department which is under obligation to give all the courses prescribed by the Ministry of Education for Biology majors. I am also keeping an eye on the Chemistry Department. It is encouraging that there is some prospects of getting some new teachers for the Chemistry Department and perhaps one for the biology department. Of course it was very nice of Dr. Wei to show his appreciation of my

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last semester's labor by giving me an honorarium equivalent to two months' pay.

Erica joins me in giving you and your family our best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

/signed/ Sidney C. Hsiao

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Please kindly mail the enclosed letter to Dr. Rock at Cambridge, Mass. Thanks.

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September 27, 1946

Dr. Sidney C. Hsiao
c/o Osborn Zoological Lab.
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Sidney:

I was mighty scrry I was out of town on Friday when you passed through New York. I had not even heard you were coming to the United Stated for more study so it was a great surprise to me to learn when I returned to the office the first of the week that you were in the United States.

There is to be a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Huachung University on October thirty-first at 10:00 a.m. at Calvary House, 61 Gramercy Park. I am sending an invitation to Mr. John Kenneth Morland and Dr. Brank Fulton. If it is possible I wish that you would plan to come down with them and meet with the Board of Trustees. We will all be delighted to see you. If at any time you wish to visit New York and stay over night please let me know as far in advance as possible and if we do not have other guests at the time I will be very glad to have you stay at my home.

I hope that Mrs. Hsiao has regained her health and strength. I have not heard from her for many months.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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Osborn Zoological Laboratory
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

October 1, 1946

Dear Earl:

Thank you for your kind letter of September 27. It was very good of you to suggest that I come to the Huachung Board of Trustees meeting on October 31. My own feeling is that if I could be of some service to the meeting and so useful to Huachung I shall be very glad to go. But if it is just meeting the members of the Board it hardly seems worth the time and effort. Since I do not know what the plans are, may I ask you to drop me a line to advise me what you have in mind?

My coming to the States this time was not decided until late in June. I have been on the move since then and was expecting to be at New Haven any day. That is why I did not write to you about my coming out, though I did not leave Shanghai until the second of September. I am visiting the Osborn Zoological Laboratory under the joint auspices of the State Department and Yale University. The state Department provides my travel expenses and Yale my maintenance, so that I can work on the material which I collected from the Tali lake. I shall be here for a year.

With best wishes to Mrs. Fowler and your good self.

Most sincerely yours,



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October 9, 1946

Dr. Sidney C. Hsiao
Osborn Zoological Laboratory
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Sidney:

I don't suppose there is any imperative reason why you should attend the Board of Trustees meeting on October thirty-first. The Trustees are always very interested and delighted to have members of the faculty present when they are in the United States. Dr. Fulton of Yale and Dr. John Lo are both planning to be at this meeting, so that it will not be necessary for you to come unless you so desire.

Should you be coming to New York at any time and can let me know in advance, we would be very glad to have you stay with us.

Dot joins me in very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
281 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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OSBORN ZOOLOGICAL LABORATORY
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

February 15, 1947

Mr. J. E. Fowler
Assist. Secretary
Church Mission House
281 Fourth Ave.
New York City

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J. EARL HOWARD

Dear Earl:

I am very glad to have seen you again and want to thank you for taking me out to lunch and for telling me how to get around in New York. I hope your meetings are through now and you can find a little breathing space.

Erica and I want to give you our sincere appreciation for arranging to have the Mission Treasury taking care of our money. It seems to us that since we are both back in the States again we better take out this money and put it into savings account so as to get some interest and not to give the Mission Treasury further bother whenever we need cash. I should appreciate a check on the balance of my account with your Treasury.

Please give our best thanks to Mr. Whitley.

With best regards to Mrs. Fowler and yourself.

Most sincerely yours,

Sidney Chihti Hsiao

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February 20, 1947

Dr. Sidney C. Hsiao
Yale University
Osborn Zoological Laboratory
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Sidney:

Enclosed you will find a check for the balance of your account being held here. I hope you will find this correct and in order. If there should be any question, please let me know.

After our interview of last week I felt it important to mention at the Board of Trustees meeting that it was not at all certain whether you would be returning to Huachung or not and I mentioned that considerable of the uncertainty was due to not having had word from Huachung after having left last summer. All of the Board were greatly concerned. It was decided that I should send a cable to Dr. Wei. The following is the cable I sent to him:

"FOUNDERS VOTED INFORM YOU SIDNEY HSIAO HAS MANY OFFERS AMERICAN AND CHINA STOP IF RETURN TO HUACHUNG FACULTY DESIRED IMMEDIATE ACTION NECESSARY."

You will be interested in the reply which I have just received:

"HSIAO REAPPOINTED PROFESSOR ACCORDING GOVERNMENT AND COLLEGE REGULATIONS LETTER FOLLOWING."

I wanted you to know this so it would be definitely in your mind either before or while making your future plans. We all hope it will be your decision to return to Huachung. Should I hear anything further from Dr. Wei by mail I will be sure to let you know. I will be interested in knowing if you should have a letter direct from him.

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Dr. Sidney C. Hsiao

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February 20, 1947

Mrs. Fowler joins me in very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

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P. S. The check I am enclosing is the balance of your funds from the Special China Funds Account.

The following is a quotation from a letter from Mr. John Coe to Mr. Lyford, dated October 13, 1945:

"In all likelihood Mrs. Hsiao is leaving here within the next week. Dr. Hsiao is probably going with her as far as Kunming. I have given Dr. Hsiao a note to you, stating that the sum of his deposit with the college amounts to U. S. \$2525.29. Upon presentation of this note will you please pay this money as either Dr. Hsiao or Mrs. Hsiao may direct? It is possible that they may wish to use some of it in Kunming or India. In that case they will make arrangements to draw the money from Mr. Allen. I have asked that Mr. Allen note on the letter which I have given to the Hsiao's for you whatever amount they may draw through him."

We have no record here of ever having received a note from Mrs. Hsiao or having paid this amount. Mr. John Coe will be arriving in the U. S. in a month or two, we hope, and this can be easily straightened out after his arrival unless you still have the note to present to us.

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March 4, 1947

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U. S. MAIL PERMIT NO. 100 NEW HAVEN, CT.

Mr. J. Earl Fowler
Church Mission House
281 Fourth Ave.
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Earl:

I have your letter of February 20 with an enclosed check for \$1,358.72. I have checked this balance with the figures you gave Erica with your letter of March 1, 1946. I have made a copy of this statement and am enclosing it herewith. From this statement you will notice that the balance is \$4,377.88: \$2,525.29 was on deposit with Mr. John Coe, \$1,852.29 on deposit with ACM-SCF account, not \$1,358.72.

Regarding the money on deposit with Mr. Coe, I understand that it was transferred to the SCF account. After receiving your letter I wrote to Erica on this point and she confirmed it. I am enclosing her reply for your examination. I should appreciate your returning this letter after you are through with it.

Will you please take up this matter with the Treasurer again and ask him to send me the balance \$3,019.16 if it is the correct figure after he has checked all the items involved? I am sorry to give you further trouble. But your help is certainly very deeply appreciated by both Erica and myself.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

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March 7, 1947

Dr. Sidney C. Hsiao
Yale University
Osborn Zoological Laboratory
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Sidney:

I am returning herewith the letter and financial statement that you sent me in your letter of March 4th. I have had the Finance Department bring the financial statement up to date. I hope this will be clear to you. You will note that there was another payment of \$500.00 to Mrs. Hsiao made on March 26th, 1946. This and another change besides the check that I sent you in my former letter, leaves a balance due you of \$2,525.29.

Just as soon as Mr. Lyford comes into the office to indorse the check, I will send you a check for the balance due.

You will be interested to know that we have just received word that Mr. and Mrs. John Coe sailed from Shanghai on the GENERAL GORDON March 5th. I am very anxious to hear your decision in regard to rejoining the faculty of Huachung. I realize that you cannot make a decision until you hear further from Dr. Wei. I hope that his letter will not be long in coming.

With very best wishes and kind regards to both you and Erica.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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March 12, 1947.

Professor Sidney C.T/ Hsiao, Ph.D.,
The Graduate Hall,
Yale University,
New Haven, Conn., U.S.A.

*Copy for Founders
C/o Mr. J. E. Foster*

Dear Dr. Hsiao,

Upon my return from abroad last fall I found your letter waiting for me in the office. I am very sorry indeed that pressure of work has prevented my answering it until today. I hope you will pardon me for this delay.

I deeply regret for what happened to you on the way back from Yunnan to Wuchang. When people were tired and irritable queer things did happen. I think I understand your case from my inquiries direct and indirect. It is difficult to deal with it in your absence and when so much time has elapsed. But I have been doing everything within my power since my return to improve the morale among the members of the faculty and staff and now I begin to see a better sense of discipline.

Some time ago I sent Mr. Earl Fowler at 281 Fourth Avenue, New York City, a cablegram in reply to his saying that we would want you to come back to your Alma Mater as professor of Biology without, however, the administrative burden as head of the Department. We have now Dr. Li Chung-chi as acting head. Besides him we have teaching in the department Dr. Tseng Shen-chi, mainly in Botany, and only part-time, Mr. Pi Lieh-cho and Mrs Yang Shi-cheng (nee Chang Pao-cheng.) There may be some change in the personnel of the department after this term.

We would like you particularly to develop the more advanced courses and to encourage research. Most of the equipment which you ordered for rehabilitation of the department has been purchased and is on the way from America, and we are expecting quite a bit of stuff from England through the China Christian Universities Association. The number of students majoring in Biology is still small, but with the increased enrolment in the whole College it will be larger and the students will be of better quality.

We feel proud of our tradition of harmony among our faculty and staff members. The war years had done some havoc to it, and we are trying our best to get all our people to co-operate more, to be more considerate in dealing with each other, and to cultivate a greater feeling of Christian fellowship. I am sure you would want to return to help us to accomplish these aims.

With the best wishes and hoping to hear from you soon,

Yours sincerely

President.

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April 9, 1947

Professor Sidney Hsiao, Ph.D.
The Graduate Hall
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Sidney:

I have received a letter from Dr. Wei with several enclosures one of which was a copy of his letter to you. I was very glad to receive this and know that he had written you.

I hope that you are not finding it too difficult to arrive at a decision to return to Huachung. We are gradually building up a very good staff at the University and I hope that you will return to take your proper place among them. I hate to think of Huachung without you as a member of its faculty. I will be looking forward to hearing from you and knowing what your decision is in this matter.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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U. EARL HENRIE

April 12, 1947

Mr. J. E. Fowler
Church Mission House
281 Fourth Ave.
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Earl:

During the Easter Holidays I went to Boston and tried to look up Miss. N. G. Johnson to see if she could take a small package to my sister who is recuperating from pulmonary T. B. in Hunan. I found that she had left for New York on her way to China. When is she sailing? If she has not sailed yet, could you mail the enclosed note to her? If she has sailed, or, if you think that there is no time to reach her by mail, please return the enclosed note to me when you send me the check for the balance from Mr. Lyford, mentioned in your letter of March 7, 1947.

~~Thanking you in advance and with very best wishes,~~
Thanking you in advance and with very best wishes,

Most sincerely yours,

Sidney C. Hsiao
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April 14, 1947

Dr. Sidney C. Hsiao
Yale University
Osborn Zoological Laboratory
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Sidney:

I am sorry to have to return your letter addressed to Miss Johnson. She sailed from New York last Wednesday, April ninth.

If you want to send to me the package of vitamin pills you would like to have sent to your sister I will be very glad to ask some other person leaving for China to take them out with them. We have a lady leaving here on April thirtieth for Shanghai. It would be well for you to address the package in both English and Chinese and I can have whoever takes it out leave it with our Mission Office in Shanghai and have it mailed to your sister.

I expect John Coe to arrive tomorrow and Mr. Lyford will be in on Wednesday. I will take up the matter of the balance due you at that time.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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April 18, 1947

Dr. Sidney C. Hsiao
Yale University
Osborn Zoological Laboratory
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Sidney:

Enclosed you will find a check for \$2,525.29. I am mighty sorry for the long delay in getting this check to you. Mr. Lyford has been having a great deal of trouble with his eyes and he has not been in very frequently.

Mr. John Coe has been in town this week. He arrived home from China about three weeks ago and will be leaving for Boston tonight. He plans to be in New Haven on Sunday, April twenty-seventh to attend a Yale-in-China meeting.

I hope all is going well with you.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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