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Extracts from Letters from
Mr. F. H. Hawkins,
Secretary of the London Missionary Society

August 8, 1928

..... "I think I had better make clear to you the position of the L.M.S. with regard to the Central China University. We are already partners in three China Universities, namely Yenching, Cheeloo and Lingnan, and our Directors think that this contribution on the part of the Society to University work in China, is all that it can be reasonably expected to provide. At the same time they are in hearty sympathy with the efforts to develop a Christian University in Central China, and any help they can give, within the limits of the Society's present financial commitments in Central China, they will be glad to give if, and when, a reasonable scheme covering higher educational work in Central China, is agreed to by the Missions concerned. I believe such a scheme is, at the present moment, under consideration between the three principal Missions concerned, at Kuling, and we are expecting a report on the subject within the next month or two. What the Directors are willing to do is to pool the Society's existing commitments in personnel and buildings in a joint scheme with those of the other Societies at work, so that they may be used to the utmost advantage in higher educational work. They feel very strongly that there is no need for three boys' and three girls' middle schools for the three Missions, and if a Union can be negotiated, which would set free some of the men, women and buildings now used in the Society's Griffith John College and Hanyang Girls' School, the contribution thus freed can be used in Union Theological education, or/and University work. I am sending you by this post a copy of my Confidential Report to the Directors, and you will find the subject dealt with on pages 115 to 119. The recommendations therein contained have been accepted by our Directors. I want to make it quite clear that the Directors are not prepared to increase their commitments for Higher Education in Central China and will not be prepared to make any contribution to a Central China University beyond these limits. This must be clearly understood in any negotiations that take place.

On the general question of the Central China University I assume that the Committee which is sitting in New York, is satisfied that the resources of the Missionary Societies are sufficient to undertake the development of the Central China University. You know, as well as I do, the great difficulties of adequately financing the other Christian Universities in China, and I can conceive it possible that some Missionary Societies, in spite of any recommendations that may be made by the New York Committee, may say definitely that until the other Universities are adequately financed they are not prepared to put fresh men and money into yet another University in China. Of course this whole question must have been considered by your Committee in Shanghai."

CENTRAL CHINA

Extracts from Letters from Mr. F.H. Hawkins,
Secretary of the London Missionary Society.

October 19, 1928.

..... "I do not see any reason why our own educational work in Central China should not be re-organized so as to make it possible for us to give two foreigners to the staff, but I am still awaiting definite proposals from Central China. Meanwhile we feel we cannot take any steps towards securing staff until a complete scheme for Union in Higher Education in Central China is formulated, and we know for what purposes any personnel we can contribute is wanted. It is no good sending out an Arts man if a Science man is needed. I hope by the time you reach this country the negotiations will have advanced further, so that some definite plans can be discussed."

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London Missionary Society,
The Missions Building,
23 Yuen Ming Yuen Road,
Shanghai.

19th September 1928.

Mr. F.H. Hawkins, LL.B.,
The London Missionary Society,
Livingstone House, Broadway,
Westminster, London, W.1.

My dear Hawkins,

EDUCATIONAL UNION IN THE WUHAN CITIES.

Less progress than I had anticipated was made during the summer in connection with the Wuhan educational scheme. Useful conversations took place at Kuling, but I found on arrival that the question of available sites had been referred to a Chinese Committee of nine, three representatives from each mission and that this committee was not to report until Sept. 5th at Hankow. While from the first Bishop Gilman showed himself entirely in favour of union it seemed to me that he was playing for time. Later on he told me frankly that so far as his own mission and church were concerned he believed little if anything could be done before the end of the year. He approved however of the Wesleyans and ourselves getting together and pushing forward as much as possible and he cherished the hope that after the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in October a different attitude might be taken by their Board to registration and the other questions which have a bearing on the Central China situation. Conversations with Dr. Rattenbury at Kuling were encouraging and helpful. On September 5th a representative committee met the nine who had been studying sites and the report as finally adopted was as follows:-

Resolutions of a Meeting of Representatives of the
American Church, S.W.M.S. and L.M.S. for the dis-
cussion of Christian Education in Wu-Han held at
Hankow September 5th 1928.

1. Having regard to the past history and future prospects (of Christian education) this meeting is strongly of the opinion that only by union can Christian education best meet the government requirements and the needs of Society.
2. Union in Christian education in Wu Han should begin with the senior middle school with a view to immediate preparation for college work and the unification of junior middle and primary schools.

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3. The senior middle school for boys should have two departments, one at the Wesley College compound, and the second at the Griffith John College compound. The girls' department should be on the St. Hilda's compound. Each department should for the present be limited to two hundred pupils.
4. Under the present difficulty of obtaining the required number of scholars, the senior middle school for boys shall be carried on only at the Wesley college site. Meanwhile junior middle schools under the control of the Union Educational Authority may be opened at all three compounds.
5. All Union work in education shall be under the control of a single authority.
6. The Co-operating churches should elect representatives to this authority, proportionally to their participation.
7. The missionary teachers, finance and property involved in the above union schools should be entrusted to the said authority which shall then become the responsible body of administration.
8. The central location of Boone as well as the comparative suitability of the buildings makes Boone the most suitable site for the University (College). The University Constitution is being separately determined.
9. Junior middle and primary schools may be set up in town or country at the discretion of each church, but their curricula and standards should be in accordance with those of the senior middle school so as to facilitate matters of promotion, transfer, etc.
10. Each (co-operating) church should, as soon as possible, elect five persons to form a properly representative Committee with a view to giving effect to the above resolutions.

The proposals thus adopted seem to form a good basis for careful discussion, but a few days later the whole situation was confused when the leading Chinese of the American Church Mission in their Council Meeting voted against the removal of Boone Middle School from the Boone Compound. This presumably means that in their judgment Wesley College should be wound up and Boone and Griffith John College carried on and that the university when re-started should be on the Compound formerly used by Wesley College and the Central China Teachers' College. This action and the result of several conversations enabled me to realize how complicated the whole situation is. We have,

1. Three or possibly more missions in the field.

2. Three Church organisations, viz., the Church of Christ in China, Wesleyan and Anglican Churches.
3. The Alumni of Boone College organised and exerting considerable influence.
4. The Home Boards behind the representative missions.

Happily the L.M.S. Mission, Church and Board are working together but this is by no means the case with all other Agencies. There is a common agreement in favour of Union but the formula on which union may be achieved is yet to be agreed upon. The phrase "pooling resources" is favoured but there is more than an hesitancy, in some cases it amounts to an unwillingness, to put all resources under a Board of Education and handle the whole work as a unit. In time all may come to this but at present this cannot be assumed. The lesson of all past union efforts teaches that patience and persistent work are needed. I certainly cherish the hope that in the not distant future things may shape up, but I should give a false impression of the present situation if I implied that the period of difficulty and even of danger was passed.

Huping
The R.C.U.S. - Reformed Church in the United States, whose head quarters are in Philadelphia have their work in China in Hunan. They have a large college plant at Yochow on the shore of Tungting Lake. From this geographical fact the college is known as Huping College, that is "Lake Side College". This mission has a number of men of good mental parts. Many of them are descendants of German settlers in Pennsylvania. They have keen appreciation for educational work. Also their evangelistic efforts are good. Their proposal is that the whole of Huping College Plant, which I understand has accommodation for between five hundred and six hundred students, with its extensive grounds should be used in the interests of rural education. The middle school would aim at turning out educated agriculturalists and generally the effort would be to give such training as would make country life interesting and profitable. The Central China Teachers' College to which we formerly gave Cyril Knott in the main aimed at preparing teachers for primary schools the overwhelming majority of whom would go to the country districts. It is suggested that this school should now be transferred to Lake Side. They will also aim at preparing teacher-preachers, who may be able to teach school in the week and conduct services on the Sunday and generally hold together the people and interests that make up a country church. This scheme has been placed before the Board of Education of the Central China Synod of the Church of Christ in China and has been approved by it. I think we shall find that it will take its place with the Wuhau scheme as part of one general educational union. It seems to be desired that the L.M.S. should give one teacher to the Huping scheme and in as much as we formerly gave one to the teachers' college there should be no difficulty in our falling in with the desire.

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It is very important that we show ourselves in full practical sympathy with the university scheme. It is barely possible that the American Church may draw out of this scheme altogether. It is most desirable that the other missions should show that they are prepared to go on if at all possible. The Chinese Educational Leaders in Central China speaking with reference to the University have been saying "What after all have the British ever done for university education in Central China. The Wesleyans and London Missions each put two men on to a Board of Trustees, the Wesleyans gave one foreign teacher, the London Mission gave nothing". This is only too true and if we are to get any influence today we must show at once that we hold ourselves ready to make our contribution in personnel as well as in Real Estate as soon as any satisfactory scheme can be evolved.

Some of our own people have raised the question as to ~~whether~~ whether the university is really a concern of ours. Personally I believe that it is and I give the following three reasons:-

1. If we are to develop Primary and Secondary Education we must have teachers of proportionately higher grade. The Principals and higher teachers in the Senior Middle Schools should certainly be men or women of university standing. In Japan when the Government organised its education it laid it down that the Head of a Middle School must be a university graduate. That the Head of a College must have a doctor's degree. In addition of course there have had to be educational qualifications. In Japan the missions had given too little attention to university training and consequently were unable to provide heads up to Government requirements. The Government then stepped in and said "We will make good what you cannot do". They put in as Principals men or women with the required university degrees, but naturally these people had no special interest in Christianity and in some cases were hostile. To this cause many missionaries in Japan attributed the great loss of influence, that Christian education formerly had. We should not allow ourselves to lose our hard won position in China in this way.
2. The Educational Commission of 1922 headed by Dr. E. Burton, strongly urged the necessity of educational work being so organised that there should be a ladder of education reaching from primary schools to university. They maintained that a small group of schools so organised would yield greater results than a much larger number of schools that were all of one or two grades.
3. The Council on Higher Education which is one of the Councils of the China Christian Educational Association

has had a special committee at work on this Wuhan scheme. They recommend that the L.M.S. should make a contribution of two members to the faculty of the university. We shall act wisely if we fall into line with the suggestion made. The American Church is expected to make a much larger contribution of personnel and the Wesleyans are asked to give two foreign teachers and one Chinese. If we plan carefully I believe that we can build up a system which will be quite satisfactory, of which a reasonable contribution on the part of the L.M.S. will be the seven workers that you have suggested, but I strongly recommend that we should regard our contribution to the Theological College as being made from the evangelistic rather than from the educational staff. Onley is at present our contribution for theological work. He will also do quite a fair amount of work for direct evangelism, and this is likely to be the case in the future. It would therefore be a mistake I think to count Onley or his successor as one to be deducted from the seven whom we give for secondary and higher education.

Main committee
As you will see the tenth resolution given asks that each co-operating church should elect five persons to form a representative committee to work out this whole scheme. The American Church and the L.M.S. had each appointed their five members before I left Central China. The W.M.M.S. were calling a meeting to make their appointments three days after I left. The L.M.S. have asked me to serve as one of their five, Rowlands acting as my alternate. I trust that there may be a steady movement forward and I have promised to do my best to visit Central China again in February or March of next year. By that time/some very much more definite action may be taken than has so far been possible.

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With all best wishes,

I am,

Ever yours,

(Signed) C. C. Sparham.

P.S. This Rural School at Yochow (pages 5 and 6) entirely follows the suggestion set forth in Chapter seven of the Jerusalem Messages, "The Christian Mission and Relation to Rural Problems". As far as we can see at present Yochow is likely to be the secondary school and Training Centre for Church work in the country districts throughout China as Tainan is our University centre for rural training.

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ENCLOSURE.

21st March 1929.

Dr. E. W. Wallace,
Committee for Christian Colleges in China,
150, Fifth Avenue. NEW YORK CITY.

My dear Dr. Wallace,

In order to keep you as fully informed as possible as to what is going on in Central China, I enclose copy of an extract from a letter from Mr. Rattenbury to Mr. Andrews, which the latter has sent me this morning, and the Minutes referred to therein.

Kenneth MacLennan was at my house last night, and I was much interested to hear of your marriage. I should like to send you my warmest congratulations and best wishes.

I get to New York on the evening of the 6th, or the morning of the 7th proximo, and shall be at the Prince George Hotel.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

F H Hawkins

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April 23rd, 1929.

Dr. Francis Wei.

Dear Dr. Wei,

We agreed that I should write you a letter placing on record the important matters which we discussed together yesterday afternoon.

1. You have accepted, we are all glad to know, the post of President of the College at Boone which will be a unit of the Central China University, as it was before the recent suspension of the work. Will you permit me to say that this appointment is one which will give great pleasure to the Committee of our Society, and that in taking it up we should wish you to be fully assured of our complete confidence and of our very willing co-operation.
2. You yourself feel strongly that it is essential to maintain the Christian character of the College. I need hardly say that we heartily agree with you in that. You mentioned that you hoped there might be no further disturbance, but that in the unhappy event of demands being made upon you by any superior authority for a course of action which in your judgment would be inconsistent with the Christian principles for which we stand, you would feel it to be your duty to advise the Board of Directors to close the College again rather than submit to such dictation. I fully share your hope that nothing so unfortunate will happen. If it should, we, as one of the co-operating Societies, would undoubtedly stand by you, and we should stand by the members of the staff whose occupation might be suddenly terminated, that is to say we should feel it our duty to take our part in maintaining them for a reasonable time, say for six months.
3. You are opening again in September 1929. It has been suggested that the contribution of our Society to your staff should be four. We should be prepared to appoint Mr. Dixon in September 1929, and if possible another man at the same time. We should hope that it might be possible for Mr. Tregear to go out again in 1930 as a further member of your staff. We cannot, as you quite understand, give an absolute promise about matters of this kind.

We should be glad to appoint from time to time Chinese members of the staff, and we should do our utmost to find qualified members of our own Church who could take such a position.

4. I agree with you that our only justification for having a college of this kind is that its standard of Christian thinking should be a high one, both academically and intellectually. As far as possible the whole of the staff ought to be Christian. Members of the staff should be assisted and encouraged to take post-graduate courses on the occasion of furlough, so as to keep themselves thoroughly up to date.

May I add that it has been an unusual pleasure to have you with us in England and we shall follow your return to China with affectionate interest and I hope I may be pardoned for saying with our earnest prayers to God for His blessing upon your work.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

Andrews

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Livingstone House, Broadway,
Westminster, S.W.1

ENCLOSURE

7th May 1929.

Dr. E. W. Wallace,
China Union Universities,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Wallace,

Referring to my letter of the 30th ultimo,
I enclose for your confidential information a copy of a
letter which Mr. Andrews has written to Dr. Francis Wei, so
that you may see the sympathetic attitude which the W.M.M.S.
have adopted towards the Central China University. I
feel sure we can count on their cooperation.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ F. H. Hawkins

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Dr. John W. Wood,
Church Missions House,
281 Fourth Avenue,
NEW YORK.

6th April 1933.

My dear Dr. Wood,

I write to thank you for your letter of the 27th ultimo and the draft Certificate of Incorporation of the Central China College Foundation. I have read this document through and have no suggestion to make upon it. I have no doubt that under the general law the Incorporated body has the power to hold and deal with property.

I have also received the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees (Founders) held on the 9th February, which I have read through with very much interest. In connection with the Minute about the Budget you may reckon that the salary of Mr. and Mrs. D.F. Anderson is at the rate of £325 per annum. This includes the salary actually paid, and a ratio for furlough travel, and a sum for a pension. Miss Bleakley's salary may be reckoned at £170 per annum including the same allowances. I am so informing Dr. Warnshuis as my alternate. These figures, however, do not include any allowance for rent. As long as the L.M.S. representatives on the staff live in L.M.S. houses, I think it would be reasonable to put in twelve

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Dr. John W. Wood.

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hundred Mexican dollars for Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, and six hundred Mexican dollars for Miss Bleakley, in order to arrive at the full amount of the L.M.S. contribution. I am very glad to see that the L.M.S. is so well represented on the Board and that Dr. Warnshuis is acting as Treasurer, and I am sure rendering valuable service in this capacity. It will be satisfactory when the question of site and buildings is finally settled. I hope this can be done without much expenditure. The College is certainly deeply indebted to your Board for the facilities with regard to accommodation which you have been able to afford it.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

J. H. Warnshuis

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Mr. F. H. Hawkins,
Livingstone House, Broadway,
Westminster, S.W.1,
London, England.

Central China College Foundation

Dear Sir:

I am advising Dr. John W. Wood of this City in the matter of the incorporation, under the laws of the State of New York, of the Central China College Foundation, of which proceeding I presume you are aware. Dr. Wood is now absent in the Orient and I am writing this letter at his request.

I find in the list of the directors of the proposed corporation, which has to be included in the certificate to be filed, your name with the name of Dr. A. L. Warnshuis, 419 Fourth Avenue, New York City, as alternate. Under the laws of this State directors of corporations are not permitted to have alternates, and as the number of directors, with their names and addresses, must be included in the certificate, it becomes necessary to eliminate either your name as a director or the name of Dr. Warnshuis.

I understand from Dr. Wood that the only reason for naming Dr. Warnshuis as your alternate is that he can conveniently attend the meetings of the board of directors, which are to be held in New York City. If this is of sufficient importance, it will be necessary to name him as a director and eliminate your name. If, on the other hand, attendance at the meetings of the board of directors is not of such great importance, his name may be eliminated and your name allowed to

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Mr. F. H. Hawkins, page 2

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remain as a director. For the purposes of corporate action only a quorum of the directors need be present at meetings. I understand from Dr. Wood that either way will be agreeable to the other parties interested and that it rests entirely with you to choose which course you wish pursued.

I shall be pleased to give you any further information on this subject that you may wish. Kindly let me have your reply at your early convenience.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Alex. J. Field

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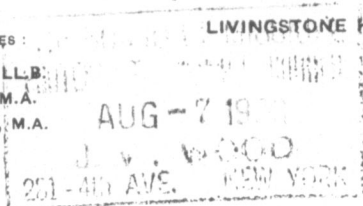
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25th July 1933.

Dr. John W. Wood,
Church Missions House,
281 Fourth Avenue,
NEW YORK.

Dear Dr. Wood,

I enclose copy of a letter I received sometime ago from your lawyer, Mr. Alexander J. Field, and a copy of my reply, and copy of a letter I have written to Dr. Warnshuis. I suggest that as a matter of courtesy you should continue to invite Dr. Warnshuis to attend Meetings of the Board. ^{He} ~~But~~, of course, would not have power to vote, but that would be quite immaterial. The important thing is for him to be kept in touch with what is going on and be in a position to make any contribution he can as representing the L.M.S. I would suggest you should see him on the subject and come to some arrangement of this sort.

I gather from Mr. Field's letter that you are away in China. I sincerely hope that you are having a satisfactory time there.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

F. H. Hawkins

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ENCLOSURES.

25th July 1933.

Dr. A. L. Warnshuis,
419 Fourth Avenue,
NEW YORK.

My dear Warnshuis,

I enclose copy of a letter I have received from Mr. A. J. Field, the lawyer for the Central China College Foundation, and a copy of my reply. I did not think it worth while to contest the position he has taken up. I also send you a copy of a letter I have written to Dr. Wood, from which you will see that I suggest that you should be invited to continue to attend the Meetings of the Board, pending any re-arrangements we may make next year. In the ordinary course I expect our Directors would ask my successor, Cocker Brown, to take my place, but in view of the unlikelihood of his being able to attend the Meetings I intend to suggest to him and to the Directors that you should be appointed the Directors representing the L.M.S. if that course is agreeable to you.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

F. H. HAWKINS.

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25th July 1933.

Alexander J. Field, Esq.,
281 Fourth Avenue,
NEW YORK.

Dear Sir,

Central China College Foundation.

I write to thank you for your letter of the 31st May, which I ought to have acknowledged long before now. I was not aware that under the laws of the United State Directors of Corporations are not permitted to appoint alternates. As a matter of fact I am a Director of two other Corporations, with headquarters in New York, and have appointed alternates to attend Meetings for me, and no question has ever been raised. I have no wish, however, to dispute your ruling. I am a Director of the Central China College Foundation, appointed by the London Missionary Society, and I think the proper course would be to remain so for the present. I shall probably retire from the position next year, when I shall cease to be the Secretary of the London Missionary Society, and our Directors will then make another appointment. I have written to Dr. Warnshuis.

Yours very truly,

F. H. Hawkins

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7th February 1934.

Dr. J. W. Wood,
Church Missions House,
281 Fourth Avenue,
NEW YORK. N. Y.

My dear Dr. Wood,

I write to thank you for your circular letters of the 4th and 25th ultimo and the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees, known as the Board of Founders, held on the 12th October last. I have also heard from my alternate, Dr. Warnshuis, with regard to the requests of the Board to the London Missionary Society, and I am writing to him on the subject in time for the Meeting of the Board on the 22nd instant. I imagine that the request for the provision of faculty houses does not apply to the L.M.S. as we are already providing house accommodation in close proximity to the College for Miss Bleakley and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, who represent us on the staff. I am putting forward a request for a grant for the Library, which will have to come to our Directors through our Central China District Committee.

You may be aware that I am retiring from my position as Foreign Secretary for China at the London Missionary Society, as from the 30th April, when I shall be nearly six years beyond the age limit. The Rev. Thomas Cocker Brown, the late Secretary of our China Council in Shanghai, has come home to succeed me, and

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Dr. J. W. Wood.

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at the proper time should be made a Trustee in my place, and I propose to get him so nominated in due course. I have no doubt that Dr. Warnshuis will continue to act as his alternate.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

J. H. Hawkes

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February 21, 1934.

Mr. F. H. Hawkins,
London Missionary Society,
Livingstone House,
Broadway, Westminster, S.W. 1,
London, England.

My dear Mr. Hawkins:

Let me thank you for your letter of February 7th indicating the efforts you are making with regard to a grant for the Hua Chung College Library by the London Missionary Society

I did not know that you were retiring from your post in the near future. May I say how deeply I regret that severance of ties that have united us in many ways in these past years. In one sense I know there will be no severance because you will be thinking, praying and working for the same cause.

There will be no difficulty, of course, in electing the Rev. Thomas Cocker Brown to succeed you as a trustee. May I raise again, the question which has been before the trustees for some time, namely, the impossibility of incorporation of the trustees under the laws of the State of New York if the names of both the members and their alternates appear in the act of incorporation. I can see the embarrassment of the London Missionary Society being represented by one who is not an officer

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~~thereof. The only alternative would seem to be~~

thereof. May I ask whether you think that the circumstances justify a further approach to the London Missionary Society on the subject.

Sincerely yours,

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5th March 1934.

J.W. Wood, Esq.,
Church Missions House,
281 Fourth Avenue,
NEW YORK. N. Y.

Dear Dr. Wood,

Many thanks for your letter of the 21st ultimo, which reached me on the 2nd instant and for the kind words you say with regard to my approaching retirement, which I much appreciate. I think the best plan will be for Mr. Cocker Brown to be elected a Trustee in my place, and with that object in view, I hereby resign my membership of the Board.

It does not matter one bit whether Dr. Warnshuis's name as alternate for Mr. Brown or myself, appears. We shall be quite content if you will acquiesce in his attendance at the meetings when Mr. Brown cannot be present. We have no desire to claim a vote on his behalf.

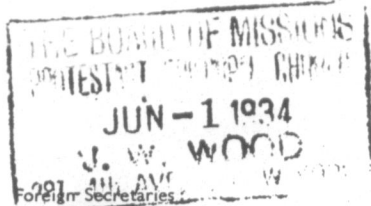
With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

F. H. Hawkins

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24th May 1934.

Dr. John W. Wood,
Church Missions House,
281 Fourth Avenue,
NEW YORK. N. Y.

Dear Dr. Wood,

I received your circular letter to members of the Board of the Hua Chung College, dated April 12th, and will in due course see that the necessary action is taken for the appointing of an alternate to myself on the Board. We shall not be able to take action in this matter until late in June.

With best wishes,

I am,

Yours truly,

T. Cocker Brown

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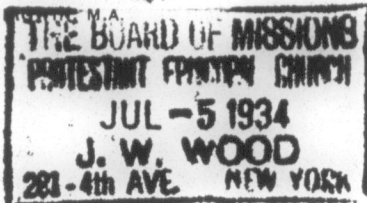
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25th June 1934.

Dr. John W. Wood,
Church Missions House,
281 Fourth Avenue,
NEW YORK.

Dear Dr. Wood,

^BThe Board of our Society, at its recent Meeting, passed the following Resolution, which I think requires no explanation. I am communicating this action to Dr. Warnshuis also and he has already undertaken to do this valuable piece of service for us. I shall be glad, of course, to receive all communications in regard to the Boards of Trustees, as heretofore.

THAT Dr. A. L. Warnshuis be appointed an alternate to Rev. T. Cocker Brown on the Boards of Trustees of Cheloo University, Hua Chung College and Yenching University, and that he be authorised to exercise all the powers of the principal representative in his absence at any and all meetings or parts of meetings of the Boards.

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Yours truly,

T. Cocker Brown

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LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Livingstone House, Broadway, Westminster S.W.1

26th February 1935

Dr. A. L. Warnshuis
International Missionary Council
Suite 1219, - 156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Warnshuis,

Many thanks for your letters of the 16th and 17th January. I must apologize for my delay in acknowledging them. I will bring the matter of the Incorporation of the Board of Founders of Hua Chung College before the next meeting of our China Committee and shall recommend that they accept the suggestion that you make, which I think is the reasonable solution of the difficulty.

In regard to a contribution from our Mission to the running expenses of the College, I am afraid that it is quite impossible for us to consider that as an addition to the Budget for the forthcoming financial year, which we have recently adopted. I will submit the matter, however, to the Committees concerned with the Budget which has to be made in the autumn, though it would be wrong for me to raise expectations that we shall be able to make the grant that you suggest. I shall, however, present the case of the Hua Chung College as strongly as I can, knowing the great value of the work that the College is doing and its equally great need of further support.

With best wishes,

I am,

Yours truly,

(Signed) T. Cocker Brown

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10th April 1935.

Dr. A. L. Warnshuis,
International Missionary Council,
Suite 1219 - 156 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK.

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Dear Warnshuis,

Many thanks for your letter of March 27th, which must have crossed my last. I note the intention of the Hua Chung Board of Founders to set up a Central China College Foundation. That certainly would simplify matters and I do not think there will be very much difficulty in getting our Committee to agree to this decision. We have a meeting toward the end of this month and I will bring the matter before them then. I shall also propose that we ask you to act as our representative on that Foundation, and I hope that the Committee will do that without any hesitation. That would seem to be by far the simplest procedure, from our point of view, if you were prepared to undertake the duty. I will write again as soon as the Committee has dealt with the matter.

With best wishes,

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Yours truly,

T. Cocker Brown

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1st May 1935.

Dr. A. L. Warnshuis,
Suite 1219,
156 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK.

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Dear Warnshuis,

Many thanks for your note of April 12th. I brought to our China Committee and Board the proposal re the formation of a Hua Chung College Foundation, and append hereto a copy of the Board's action in that connection. We should feel that you were putting us still further into debt to you if you were prepared to undertake this additional service on our behalf. Consideration of the application for a further grant has been deferred, pending action by our China Council and fuller light on our financial situation. The latter is not as bad as we have sometimes feared that it would be during the course of the year, but is still not very satisfactory.

With best wishes,

I am,

Yours truly.

T. Cocker Brown

RESOLUTION OF THE DIRECTORS. THAT the Directors approve the formation of a Central China College Foundation and appoint Dr. A. L. Warnshuis as the L.M.S. representative.

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26th August 1943.

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A. M. SHERMAN

For Mr. Lyford

Mr. A. M. Sherman,
905-A Yale Station,
New Haven,
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Dear Mr. Sherman,

I receive communications from your office with regard to Hua Chung College from time to time and I am afraid they do not always get acknowledged, as I have little time these days for anything but the most urgent correspondence. But I do want to express again our appreciation of all that you are doing, not only for Hua Chung, but for the Christian Colleges in general. We were impressed by the communications from the Harvard-Yenching Trustees, dated 10th March, and are much more fully alive to the need for comprehensive and far-sighted planning in regard to the rehabilitation of our colleges, than clear in our minds as to the best method of making those plans. Here in this country we shall be very largely dependent on the work of the Associated Board, but we are hoping to strengthen our meagre forces in West China and to be able to take a little more part in the planning that will be done there. Your various organisations in the States have put us, and the whole missionary enterprise in China, under very deep obligations by the generous financial help that you have given to the Colleges.

With best wishes and much appreciation of your share in this work,

I am,
Yours sincerely,

T. Cocker Brown

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September 22, 1943.

The Rev. T. Cocker Brown, B.A., B.D.
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House
42, Broadway
Westminster, S.W.1., London, England

Dear Mr. Brown:

It was good to have your letter of the 26th of August. We are never forgetful of our fellowship in service with the British members of the Board of Founders of Hua Chung College. Dr. Warnhuis has been most faithful in his attendance and helpful in his advice at our meetings and on committees, but we do appreciate a letter now and then such as you have sent.

I am having a copy of your letter made and sent out to all the members of the Board at the time our notice goes out for our Fall meeting on October 1st. At this meeting we are going to consider the future of the University and the post-war development. One of the most important things before us is Dr. Wei's suggested plan for a Department of Theology. I think you will be interested in this.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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By Air Mail.

6th April 1944.

Mr. A. M. Sherman,
802 Broadway,
NEW YORK 3, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Sherman,

Very many thanks for your letter of March 15th re the change in Article IV of the Constitution of the Huachung Board of Founders.

Our Society would be glad to approve of the amendment you suggest, providing for the appointment of three members-at-large as an addition to the present Board.

We do not, however, feel that it would be in the best interests of this scheme for us to make a nomination. It is important that the Board should secure members-at-large with the best qualifications for helping to guide the policy of the Board and people who are in a position to make that contribution effectively. Clearly it is the co-operating Boards in the U.S.A. who are in the best position to select such people and we would be grateful to you for undertaking this task in the interests of us all.

We are at the present time engaged in somewhat anxious discussions in regard to the financing of our work in West China, as I have no doubt your Boards in America are doing. We do not yet see our way through the problems involved, but are confident that light will be forthcoming on a very baffling topic.

With best wishes,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

T. Cocker Brown

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Libingstone House, 42 Broadway

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3rd May 1944

Dr. A. L. Warnshuis
Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction
297 Fourth Avenue
NEW YORK 10, New York

Dear Warnshuis:

In reply to your question re Huachung and the possibility of reinforcing its staff of missionary teachers, we have given this matter a good deal of anxious thought from time to time and have agreed against our judgment to two successive postponements of Miss Bleakley's furlough to meet the critical conditions. She is now four years overdue and we do not feel that it would be right to acquiesce in any further postponement. We have further considered the possibility of supplying a locum for her. Two facts make this almost impossible--the first, the incidence of furloughs already delayed in our small free China staff and secondly, the financial position we are facing in having to make repeated increases in the sterling salaries of our people. The question as to whether we could find anybody of the sort that Francis Wei has in mind is another difficulty, but one that might possibly be overcome. At the moment I have no very specific hope in that direction. If we can solve our present exchange problems I shall certainly take up the question again of finding a locum tenens to cover the period of Miss Bleakley's furlough.

I return Mr. Ervine Swift's letter herewith in case you want it for your files.

With best wishes,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

(signed) T. Cocker Brown

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NOTE: This same letter was sent also to:

Rev. F. A. Goetsch,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Harold B. Rattenbury
London.

Dr. Arthur Rinden,
New Haven, Conn.

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May 27, 1946

Rev. R. K. Orchard
Livingston House
42 Broadway
Westminster
London, S.W. 1, England

My dear Mr. Orchard:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hua Chung Trustees held on April 24, 1946. Included therewith is a copy of a report by the Treasurer relating to the problem of financing.

I wish to call your attention particularly to the immediate needs for funds to cover the cost of moving the college back from Hsichow to Wuchang and rehabilitating the college, its faculty and staff on the old Boone Campus.

The Treasurer's report also discusses briefly the plan for expanding the Wuchang Campus with new buildings and equipment at an estimated cost of U.S. \$1,720,000.00. We realize that such a development cannot be started for at least a year. Therefore, the money for this plan is not being solicited at present. However, this plan is placed before us as a reminder that the money which is needed immediately is only a beginning if the College is to meet the needs of the important Wuhan Area.

Referring to the immediate needs which are estimated to cost a total of U.S. \$275,000.00, please note that \$95,000.00 is expected from the United China Relief and the Chinese Government. Also I am glad to report that the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church has contributed \$100,000.00. This leaves \$80,000.00 to be obtained from the other supporting missions and from the Associated Boards.

May I ask that your Board take this matter under consideration as soon as possible and advise me as to what we may expect from you.

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Rev. R. K. Orchard

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May 21, 1946

A cable received yesterday from John Coe announced the following: FIRST HUACHUNG GROUP ARRIVED CHANGSHA SIXTEENTH SECOND EXPECTED NINETEENTH. The repair work is now being pushed to completion. The property must be ready for the College to start operations not later than September first, with an adequate faculty housed reasonably well in the old buildings, and with a student body of at least 300.

We hope you will be able to help in the immediate emergency need as well as by the continuation of your annual grant to the college for operations.

Yours faithfully,

Board of Trustees
President

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May 22, 1946

The Rev. R. K. Orchard
Livingston House
42 Broadway, Westminster
London, S. W. 1, England

My dear Mr. Orchard:

This is to beg your humble pardon and to acknowledge the mistake made in the minutes of the March 14th meeting of the Board of Trustees of Huachung College. On Page Fourt of the minutes under the listing of faculty members of the various cooperating societies, the London Missionary Society is listed to increase from 0 to 2 members, when it should have been, and has been corrected in our official copy of the minutes, to read an increase from two to three members, making a total of missionary staff members of twenty-three.

The only way I can account for this is having written down these figures rapidly during the meeting and simply making a typographical error. It was not noticed until a day or two after the minutes had been sent out. I am sure that you realize that this was a mechanical mistake and we hope and pray no offense has been committed.

Please accept my apologies and I will try to be more careful in the future and see that such a mistake is not committed.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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November 8, 1946

The Reverend R. K. Orchard
Livingston House
42 Broadway, Westminster
London, S. W. 1, England

My dear Sir:

I am writing to you with further reference to the proposed union of the Trustees of Huachung College and Central China College Foundation with the United Board for Christian Colleges in China. I wrote to your Society on April 4, 1946 about this matter, sending with my letter a complete set of all the documents involved in the proposed union, and I have been advised that your Society has given its approval.

For one important reason after another, the completion of this merger has been deferred until the present time. Now, when we are ready to execute the agreement we are advised by our attorneys that letters reporting consent are not sufficient, and to avoid possible legal complications later, it is important that a formal vote be taken by each of the five supporting missions which vote shall be certified in a formal manner by the proper official of each board.

I enclose herewith a form of certification which includes the desired form of a vote to be passed by your Board. I hope that procedure in this formal manner will be agreeable to your Society and that a meeting with a quorum present, will be possible at an early date. Please send to me the certificate in duplicate.

The representatives of the other colleges which have united seem to be well satisfied with the way the United Board is functioning. A united organization of this kind, to supplement the active interest by the mission boards, seems to be very necessary to meet the grave conditions in China and in the rest of the world.

I presume you are receiving reports from Dr. Wei such as the letters which we are receiving. Our last letter from him, dated October 15, is being mimeographed and a copy will be sent to you.

Yours very sincerely,

Associate Secretary

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I, _____, President (or Secretary)
of the London Missionary Society, England, hereby certify
that, at a meeting of the said London Missionary Society, a
voluntary association with its principal office at 42 Broadway,
Westminster, London, S. W. 1, duly called and held on
_____, at which a quorum was present, on motion
duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously as follows, to
wit:

That the London Missionary Society of England,
approves the execution by Central College
Foundation of an agreement known and described
as "Agreement between United Board for Christian
Colleges in China and Central China College
Foundation".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed this
certificate as President (or Secretary) of the London
Missionary Society (and affixed the seal of the said
Missionary Society) this _____ day of _____, 1946.

(Seal if there is one)

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J. EARL FOWLER

18th November, 1946.

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

Dear Dr. Fowler,

Thank you for your letter of November 8 concerning the arrangements for the union of the Trustees of Huachung College with the United Board for Christian Colleges in China.

Our China Committee has passed a resolution in the form suggested in your letter, but this will need the formal confirmation of our Board of Directors which does not meet until December 11th., I will therefore be sending you a sealed copy of the resolution you suggest after the meeting of our Board, and I hope this unavoidable delay will not inconvenience you in the necessary legal arrangement.

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Thank you for your promise to send a copy of Dr. Wei's last letter. I have had one very full report from him since his return to Wuchang.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

R. K. Howard.

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November 26, 1946

AIRMAIL

Mr. R. K. Orchard
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House, 42, Broadway
Westminster, S. W. 1
London, England

My dear Mr. Orchard:

Many thanks for your letter of November 18th. I will be looking forward to receiving two copies of the formal certification of your Board of Directors regarding the entrance of Huachung College into the United Board of Christian Colleges for China. In the context of your letter you state, "I will therefore be sending you a sealed copy---". Please be sure to send me two copies.

Thanking you for your kindnesses, I am

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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27th January, 1947.

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

Dear Mr. Fowler,

I have your cable regarding the formal resolution in connection with Hua Chung College. I greatly regret the delay in forwarding to you two sealed copies of this resolution, but unfortunately I ran into an administrative difficulty here in December, which has made it impossible for me to get the legally sanctioned copy of the resolution ready for dispatch to you until the next meeting of our Senior Committee. This, however, will be held on February 4, and I will dispatch the two copies by air-mail immediately following that Committee.

I am exceedingly sorry for this delay which I am afraid must be causing you inconvenience, but I am sure you will appreciate the fact that there can be difficulties in handling a resolution of this type in a particular form of words, and these have been added to by a cancellation of one of our standing committees; otherwise you would have had the necessary documents by now.

I crave your indulgence in this matter and trust that the dispatch of the necessary documents following the February 4th Meeting will enable you to deal with the matter without too much inconvenience.

Regretfully yours,

*W. J. Fairfield
for
W. J. Fairfield*

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J. EARL FOWLER

4th February, 1947.

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

Dear Mr. Fowler,

I have pleasure in enclosing the two copies of the Resolution you require regarding the entrance of Hua Chung College into the United Board of Christian Colleges for China.

I trust you will find these in order, and I apologise again for the delay.

Yours sincerely,

Richard

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February 18, 1947

R. K. Orchard, Esq.
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House
42 Broadway
Westminster, S. W. 1,
London, England

My dear Mr. Orchard:

Many thanks for your letter of February fourth with the two copies of the resolution regarding entrance of Huachung College into the United Board for Christian Colleges in China. This was received just before our meeting on February fourteenth and completed the replies from all the units which agreed to Huachung entering the United Board.

I was advised by Dr. A. L. Warnshuis when he sent his regrets at not being able to attend our Board meeting that he had requested the London Missionary Society to appoint a successor to represent your Society on the Board. I think perhaps you are acquainted with Dr. Wynn Fairfield, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference. He is an outstanding representative of the Congregational Church in the United States. I asked Dr. Fairfield's permission to suggest his name as a successor to Dr. Warnshuis as your representative on the Board of Trustees of Huachung College. May I suggest that you write and ask Dr. Fairfield to represent your Society on the Board? He is a mighty good man and I am sure would be quite satisfactory in every way.

I hope you will pardon me for taking this liberty but I wanted to be sure that Dr. Fairfield would be able to serve in case you decide to ask him. Dr. Warnshuis is very anxious to be relieved as he is very busy and it is not possible for him to attend meetings regularly.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

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28th February, 1947.

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J. EARL FOWLER

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

My Dear Mr. Earl Fowler,

Many thanks for yours of February 18. I had heard that Dr. Warnshuis desired to be relieved of his appointment as our representative on the Hua Chung Board, and while we have been anxious to retain his services I think we ought not to press him to continue. Thank you for your approach to Dr. Wynn Fairfield. I have not the pleasure of knowing him personally, but several of my colleagues know him.

I will let you know in due course what action we decide to take in the matter.

With thanks for your help,

Yours sincerely,

W. Wynn Fairfield

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J. EARL FOWLER
2nd May, 1947.

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

Dear Mr. Fowler,

L.M.S. REPRESENTATIVE

ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HUACHUNG COLLEGE.

I brought this matter to the attention of our Board of Directors yesterday and the Directors gratefully accepted your suggestion that Doctor Wynn Fairfield should be invited to act as our representative.

I am grateful to you for your help in this matter, and since I understand from your letter on the subject that Dr. Fairfield is willing to act on our behalf I take it that our invitation will be accepted. I am, of course, writing to him on the subject and am asking him to indicate his acceptance to you as well as to us. I will also send a letter to Dr. Warnshuis, to thank him for his services on our behalf.

In view of the important questions of policy which will, no doubt, be before the Board in the course of the next few years, we regard this representation as of considerable importance.

With every good wish and kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

R. Warnshuis

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June 6, 1947

The Rev. R. K. Orchard, B.A., B.D.
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House, 42, Broadway
Westminster, S. W., 1, London

My dear Mr. Orchard:

Many thanks for your letter of May 2nd notifying me that the Board of Directors of the London Missionary Society have accepted my suggestion of asking Dr. Wynn Fairfield to act as your representative on the Board of Trustees of Huachung University.

Now that Huachung has joined the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, the former trustees become the Huachung Committee of the United Board. I am sure your interests will be taken good care of by Dr. Fairfield. He is one of the outstanding leaders of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America

Very best wishes and kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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June 7, 1947

Rev. R. K. Orchard, B.A., B.D.
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House
42 Broadway, Westminster, S.W. 1
London, England

My dear Mr. Orchard:

I have your letter of May 2 which did not reach me until May 31, apparently having been more than usually delayed in the mails. We have been so busy the last week with our meetings of Committee of Reference and Counsel that I have been quite unable to do any writing. I did see Fowler, however, and tell him verbally that I shall be glad to represent the London Missionary Society on the Huachung Committee of the United Board, as I now tell you.

I quite fully realize how far short I shall fall of Dr. Warnshuis' stature as your representative, and how much there is to learn with regard to Huachung, although I have been in general touch with developments there. I shall need your reports and guidance, as you so kindly offer, so that I may be an instructed representative on all vital points. I may say that in my conference with the Committee for China Christian Universities in London last year, and again in conversations with Williamson and Slater when they were here, I emphasized the importance of such "briefing" from London if such representation is to be at all effective.

I am writing on a Saturday afternoon without a Secretary, so that you will make allowances for writing as the thoughts come to me. I put my acceptance in the form of membership on the Huachung Committee of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, whereas you spoke of my becoming a trustee of Hua Chung University. I am not quite sure that that is exactly what you wish. There might be two interpretations:

- a-That you want me to serve as an LMS representative on the United Board, with special reference to Huachung interests; (In that case, it might be well for me to resign my present status as a member at large elected by the United Board) or
- b-That since I am on the United Board as a member at large (on the original nomination of the Cheeloo Board of Governors), you would like to have me assigned to the Huachung Committee as representing LMS interests. In that case, of course, if Warnshuis has been a trustee of the United Board appointed by the LMS, you would have a vacancy in your quota to fill.

In either capacity, I shall be glad to serve you. Please return greetings to Mr. Northcott and Dr. Chirgwin, whom I hope to see at Whitby next month.

Very sincerely yours,

Wynn C. Fairfield

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cc: J. Earl Fowler

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11th September, 1947.

Deputy Secretary: H.C.Lefever, B.D., Ph.D.

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

Dear Mr. Fowler,

Many thanks for your letter of September 4th addressed to the Rev. R. K. Orchard, for whom I am acting during his absence on a Secretarial Visit to Africa.

I see from the records here that Mr. Orchard wrote to you on the 2nd May last, informing you that the L.M.S. Directors had gratefully accepted your suggestion that Dr. Wynn Fairfield should be invited to act as our representative on the Board of Trustees of Huachung University. Mr. Orchard's letter I see, was acknowledged by you on June 6th, and I have also a letter from Dr. Fairfield dated June 7th indicating his willingness to serve on the Board of Trustees.

I hope that you now have all the information which you were requiring.

With every good wish,

Yours very sincerely,



(H. C. Lefever.)

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September 15, 1947

H. C. Lefever, Esq.
London Missionary Society
Linvongstone House
42 Broadway
Westminster, S. W. 1, England

My dear Mr. Lefever:

Many thanks for your letter of September 11th. I am very sorry to have to advise you that my recent letter did not refer to your representative on the Board of Trustees of Huachung University. I was writing regarding the Board of Directors in China.

I still hope that your Society will take the necessary action to have members of the Huachung Board of Directors in China elected at the very earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your kindness.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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London Missionary Society,
Livingstone House,
42 Broadway,
Westminster, S.W.1.

24th September, 1947.

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

Dear Mr. Fowler,

Many thanks for your letter of September 15th. I am
sorry that I misunderstood the request contained in your previous
letter, but have now written to the Rev. A. Baxter, L.M.S. Secretary
in China, asking him to suggest the name of an L.M.S. represent-
ative to be nominated for appointment to the Board of Trustees.

I will get into touch with you again as soon as I have received
a reply.

Yours sincerely,

H. C. Lefever

Deputy Secretary for China.

Rev. H. C. Lefever, B.D., Ph.D.

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London Missionary Society,
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4th November, 1947.

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

Dear Mr. Fowler,

Further to my letter of 24th September, I am now pleased to inform you that our Central China District Committee have appointed the Rev. J. F. White and Mr. Y. C. Hu to represent this Society on the Board of Hua Chung College.

The Rev. J. F. White is one of our missionaries and Mr. Y. C. Hu is principal of the Griffith John School, Hankow.

Yours faithfully,

H. C. Lefever

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November 25, 1947

The Rev. H. C. Lefever
Livingstone House
42 Broadway
Westminster, S. W1
England

My dear Dr. Lefever:

This is to acknowledge with many thanks
your letter of November fourth. We shall make
note of the London Missionary Society's members
on the Board of Directors of Huachung University,
Wuchang, China.

With very best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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