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Extract from letter from Rev. H.B. Rattenbury, dated Feb. 20th. 1929, to Rev. C.W. Andrews.

UNION IN EDUCATION. We were hoping to get an experimental union at Wesley College this spring in higher Middle School, but the telegram from New York is not sufficiently encouraging to make the local bishops take the risk, and so we are waiting for letters and anticipating we shall not get very far before the autumn. This is proving a little embarrassing for Wesley, but we think we see our way past the difficulties and with these twists in the road are proceeding to engage the Principal, Mr. Ching, for the autumn. With regard to the college our actions out here have been taken in full knowledge of the enclosures which you sent me from Dr. Wallace. I enclose a copy of the Minutes which will bring you up to date on this question. I was incapacitated at the time and could not attend, but I think there is no reason to pass any adverse criticism on any point in the Minutes. I am not sure but that the attitude of mind of Dr. Wood in New York may not ultimately work out for a better scheme than the mere amorphous union to which we were proceeding. I am bound to say that I think a weakness of the union is the danger of throwing our Christian boys into a general Christian school that is not very closely attached to a Church home. My judgment is that interdenominational Christianity has a tendency to be more interdenominational than Christian, and if what Dr. Wood means is that he does not want his boys and girls to slip away into a general interdenominational fog, I am bound to say I think he will ultimately do the scheme good.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

24 Bishopsgate

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March 14th, 1929.

Dr. E.W. Wallace,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York C ity.

Dear Dr. Wallace:

I have two letters from you, one dated Feby. 19th and the other Feby. 27th, and I am much indebted to you for your kindness in writing.

In both of these letters you express the hope that our Committee would see its way to appoint a member on the Board of Trustees or Founders. In your former letter you speak of the Board of Trustees as having "responsibility for considering the constitution drafted in the first place by the board of Directors in China", and in your second letter you say that it is an advantage to have the draft of the constitution which is to be prepared in China considered by a Board of Trustees at the home end.

I am glad you have ^{been} so explicit about this matter because it leaves no doubt as to what is in your mind and it makes it easier for me to say with some confidence that what is in your mind on this point is something quite different from what has been in our mind all along. If you will refer to the minutes of the informal conference held in New York on November 21st 1928 you will see that it was voted that a "Board of Founders should hold all deeds of trust, endowments and other property of the university not otherwise provided for." No mention was made there of the suggestion that the Board of Founders should have anything at all to do with the constitution or working of the College in China. It is quite plain that it is the Board of Directors and not the Board of Trustees which is to draft regulations governing courses of study and in general to conduct the institution.

In accordance with this understanding I circulated a memorandum dated January 21st, 1929, and I think I sent you a copy. I stated on page 3 of that memorandum that there would be a Board of Trustees in the West to hold property in trust, and that there would be a Board of Directors in China to determine the policy and direct the operations of the College in accordance with a constitution to be agreed to by the co-operating units.

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Following this memorandum the Committee of this Society adopted a resolution in which it asked the Board of Directors in China to submit for the consideration of this Committee a draft of the proposed constitution. We were therefore taken by surprise when we found that you in your letters of February spoke of the Board of Trustees as having any responsibility for the constitution. We do not consider they have, or ought to have, inasmuch as they are chosen, not for their competence to deal with the constitution of the College, but for their general experience in the handling of properties. When we found therefore that the proposals for the formation of the Central China College were held up through the action of the American Church Mission, and that the method which was in operation before the recent disturbances was to be continued, we saw no necessity for appointing, at the present state, a representative on the Board of Trustees or Founders. Your kindly urging of us to do so is based on grounds which are entirely new to us, and which we do not, with our present knowledge, admit to be relevant. I think it is important that we should keep to what we have agreed upon. The Board of Trustees are the legal custodians of property. The Board of Directors in China are the people who are responsible for the constitution of the College. They will submit their draft constitution to what are called in Europe "General Committees", or in America "Mission Boards," but not, I apprehend, to the Board of Trustees.

I have discussed this matter with my colleagues and they share this view and have asked me to write to you to explain why it is that we do not at present see any necessity for appointing anybody on the Board of Trustees. As soon as the American Church Mission has decided, if it does decide, to come into the new programme, it will be necessary to consider the tenure of the property and at that point it will be necessary for the Board of Trustees to be put into operation.

I hope I have made our position clear and I shall be glad to hear from you further on the subject.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

(SIGNED) C.W. ANDREWS.

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MEDICAL SECRETARY: DR. A. W. HOOKER.

April
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J. W. WOOD
231-4th AVE. NEW YORK

Dr. John W. Wood,
Church Missions House,
281, Fourth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Wood,

Thank you for your letter of March 27th,
enclosing a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation
of the Central China College Foundation, and other
papers.

The question of approval or otherwise of
the proposed form of Incorporation must be decided
by our Committee. I have mentioned the matter to
Mr. Grist, and he will be corresponding with you
later, after our Committee have considered the
matter. There is therefore no necessity for me to
do more than acknowledge the receipt of your letter.

Yours sincerely,

Alfred W. Hooker.

Medical Secretary.

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SECRETARY FOR CHINA:
REV. W. A. GRIST.

May 3rd, 1933

Dr. John W. Wood,
Church Missions House,
281, Fourth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Wood,

Thanks for the copy of the Minutes of the last meeting of the Central China College Board, and also for the copy of the Certificate of the Incorporation of the Central China College Foundation.

Yesterday I had an opportunity of presenting the matter to our Officers' Meeting and they very cordially approve of the proposed form of incorporation.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Grist.

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May
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Rev. W. A. Grist,
24 Bishopsgate,
London, E.C. 2,
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. F. T. Cartwright, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, as alternate, and the name of Dr. A. W. Hooker, 24 Bishopsgate, London, E. C. 2, England, with the name of Dr. J. G. Vaughan, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, as alternate. Under the law of this State directors of corporations are not permitted to have alternates, and as the number of the directors, with their names and addresses, must be included in the certificate, it becomes necessary to eliminate either the names of the directors mentioned or the names of their respective alternates.

I understand from Dr. Wood that the only reason for naming these alternates is that they 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 them as directors and eliminate your name and Dr. Hooker's name. If, on the other hand,

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Rev. W. A. Grist, page 2

May 31, 1933

attendance at the meetings of the board of directors is not of such great importance, the names of these two alternates may be eliminated and your name and Dr. Hooker's name allowed to remain as directors. 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 and Dr. Hooker to choose which course you wish pursued.

Dr. Wood stated to me that a letter to you explaining this situation would render unnecessary a similar letter to Dr. Hooker.

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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SECRETARY FOR CHINA;
REV. W. A. GRIST.

June 14th 1933

Alexander J. Field Esq.
281, Fourth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Sir,

Central China College Foundation.

In answer to your letter of May 31st, the Officers of the M. M. S. request that my name (W. A. Grist) and that of Dr. F. T. Cartwright be inserted in the Deed of Incorporation which you are drawing up. We do not think that there will be any objection to Dr. Cartwright's name being inserted, as you require two representatives of our Society. I will write to him concerning the matter. I have no doubt whatsoever that he will willingly accept the responsibility we are placing upon him.

Yours sincerely,

W. A. Grist.

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REV. W. A. GRIST.

May 4th, 1934

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS
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J. W. WOOD
281-4th AVE. NEW YORK

Dr. John W. Wood,
Church Missions House
281, Fourth Avenue,
New York,
N.Y.

Dear Dr, Wood,
Hua Chung College Board of Founders.

Thanks for your note of April 12th.

^B Our Officers Meeting approve Dr. Warnshuis' recommendation to adopt the amendment to the Constitution -
"Each affiliated body may appoint alternates to exercise all the powers of the principal representatives in their absence at any and all meetings or parts of meetings of the Board of Founders."

We would nominate as alternates - for Dr. Hooker Dr. J. G. Vaughan, and for myself Dr. F. T. Cartwright. I shall be writing to them to inform them of our action. ξ

Yours sincerely,

Wm. A. Grist

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METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

24 Bishopsgate
London E.C.2

1st February, 1935

Dr. A. L. Warnshuis
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Warnshuis,

Mr. Noble handed me a copy of your letter to Mr. Brown, concerning the proposed incorporation of the Board of Founders of Hua Chung College.

Our Committee considered the matter very carefully, but cannot see their way to adopt either of the alternatives which you suggest, and prefer rather that the status quo should be continued. Even if the alternates Dr. Cartwright and Dr. Vaughan are not able to vote, they might be allowed to attend the Meetings of the Board of Founders and perhaps have the right to speak.

In reply to your letter of January 17, we are delighted that Dr. Francis Wei is meeting with so much success during his visit to America, and that he has already secured the promise of 30,000 dollars (U.S.) and hopes to raise another 30,000. We hope that this also indicates a general economic recovery in your country. All the Missionary Societies will rejoice if this is so.

I am very sorry that we here are faced by a probable deficit in this year's accounts, and we have been obliged to give notice of a 10% reduction in our grants to all fields, so that on this ground we are bound to refrain from fresh commitments, and with great regret must decline to make the increased grant of 500 dollars for our contribution to the Hua Chung College.

Even had we been able, financially, to do this, we should have had to refer the matter to the Synod in Hupeh, as one of our rules is that all requests for grants in any Districts must first of all be voted on by the Synod.

Like you, we believe that the Hua Chung College is doing a great work and meeting an important need in Central China. We hope that it may soon be granted full University status. For these reasons our regret is all the deeper that we are unable to consent to any increase of our own grant.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Wm. A. Grist

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SECRETARY FOR CHINA:
REV. W. A. GRIST.

April 12th, 1935

Dr. A. L. Warnshuis,
Suite 1219,
156, Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

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Dear Dr, Warnshuis,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of March 26th and also receipt of copy of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Hua Chung College.

I note that you say that nothing more needs to be done with reference to the representation of our Methodist Missionary Society in the Board of Founders. As we are not appointing any member to this Foundation our proxies will not be members of the incorporated Board.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Wm. A. Grist.

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Hua Chung - 1941 Return from Sherman 2/18

Notes from the Rev. H. B. Rattenbury, English Methodist Missionary Society

My opportunity came to visit Hsichow, the location of the Central China College and Canton Union Theological College through the arrival of Dr. Taylor, Dean of the College, with a truck to transport personnel and baggage from Kunming to Hsichow.

We started at 6:00 a. m. on August 30th along the China end of the Burma road. We found it good going. The road is not very well metalled but it is mostly over hill and mountain and the natural base is stone. It is fair to call it an all weather road though in and immediately after heavy rains certain patches here and there would be bad and even dangerous going. The night before we set off had been a night of heavy rain and accordingly we were held up in one or two places by landslides. Accompanying us a large part of the way was the old Marco Polo track and the new railway embankment. A good deal of work has been done on this Burma railway and the work is being pushed ahead. By 3:30 we reached Tsoyung, our first day's stage, some 124 miles. This means about 14 miles an hour, not bad going for such country. We were all pretty well shaken up; for a heavy lorry is not a gentle creature to the human frame.

On the morning of the 31st we were up and off early and in an hour's time had reached Tsien Lan (a station of the Chinese Home Missionary Society). Here the refugee scholars from Boone, St. Hilda's, St. Lois and St. Paul's - all Anglican schools of Wuhan - have established themselves as one school in a large Chinese quadrangle of an inn. They had desks and mud bricks and planks. They were crowded into every nook and cranny of a not very elegant building - a superior country inn. Here we left Miss Sherman with Miss Goslin; and, at that time, the only accommodation available for them was one boarded off section upstairs amongst all the crowds of youths and maidens. Their one room has to be bedroom, study and bath-room combined. It is heroic and they keep smiling but one wonders if such things can go on long. Perhaps, with the passage of time and settling in, crowding will give place to something a little more spacious.

We drove on over an enormous mountain, 25 miles across, which took us 2 hours to compass and finally came to Yen Nan I where, as in Tsoyung, was a primary aviation school under American examiners. The three Americans gave us ham and eggs and showed us much kindness. In consequence we lingered longer than was meet and after crossing one more huge mountain found ourselves, well after dark, going up the cobbled street of Hsia Kuan (Lower Pass) where we found Dr. Francis Wei and Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Allen in a splendid Chinese inn waiting to take the next bus to Kunming.

This gave me the chance of an hour or two with Dr. Wei talking over Hua Chung College and particularly the sending of Miss Tarry to help in the English Department.

I got a reservation on the Sept. 3rd bus back and next morning Dr. Wei and the Allens left for Kunming and after a trip down the Burma road beyond the pass where there was some amazing ruin scenery we returned and did the 15 miles to Tali at the head of a great lake. Here we were unable to engage the horses and chairs we needed to do the last fifteen miles. We were a large party, Chinese and Westerners, including Mr. and Mrs. Constantine (history) and Miss Czenk (music). Most of us walked and arrived at Hsichow about 6:00 p. m. After supper I sat outside Dr. Taylor's temple and watched the moon rise over the mountains with the evening star and saw the silver gleaming on the lake - a glorious and comforting experience after a tiring journey.

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Next morning, September 2nd, we set off at 8:30 to go round the College buildings. The teaching and administration blocks are in the Confucian temple, the College having added a couple of two-story rough blocks to the existing adapted buildings. From there I went on through the town to the doctor's house, the infirmary, the girls' hostel with Miss Bleakley's rooms, the men's hostel, residences of missionary and other folks, the staff quarters, with the tiny little make-shift room that Dr. Wei thinks sufficient for the President of a College.

Hsichow is a largish and very select country village. Streams run through it from the mountains to the lake and become a natural and very desirable drainage system. The big man of the place is a certain Mr. Yen who is a prosperous business man. He has built a splendid library and primary school of which any place may be proud, and it is his generous attitude that has made possible the housing of the Central China College there.

We did not get back to the College till 11:30, having seen everything there was to see and most people it was necessary to meet. I must have walked 4 to 5 miles in and around.

At 11:30 the old students of Wesley Middle School had gathered with Mr. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Constantine. We drank milk and honey together and made speeches. It was all very friendly and kindly. I gave them the love of the Church and after half an hour with Mr. Anderson got back to Dr. Taylor's temple. The accommodation, though vastly better than what I saw at Tsien Len, still left me a little uneasy.

The people are living round courtyards and perhaps the students are not excessively overcrowded. But when I think of the staff and their families, Chinese and foreign, I wonder how they are to maintain that poise and health of mind that is essential for good work. They will often have to go on the mountain if they are to possess their souls. These things are harder for Westerners than for Chinese living in their own country. The place is 7,000 feet above the sea, and height seems to have a straining effect on foreign nerves. Dr. Wei plans to do something special about a staff room. I wish something in the way of a house of rest could be found for missionaries. It is rather pathetic the way in which people go off to Tali "for a holiday" from the beauties of their own place. I am sure it is the crowded conditions they are trying to escape. I was promised "reasonable quarters" for Miss Tarry and they will be glad to have her help.

After lunch, with still no sign of house or chair, I set off to walk back to Tali at 10 minutes to two, reaching there about 6:20. Dr. Taylor caught me up on a bicycle and went ahead and sent a bottle of water back for my need, which soon restored my jaded strength. The Wagners (Pentecostal Mission) soon had me bathed and fed and rested. What does one care for names as long as people are kind like this? Then about 8:00 p. m. we went through the moonlight, on the truck once more, to Tali - Taylor, Mr. Wagner, Mrs. Haberson and another C.I.M. missionary and Miss Jay. There they left me at 10:00 p. m. to prepare for the morrow. Miss Jay (a Congregationalist from Essex) has a school for missionaries' children, a dozen or so from Kindergartens to 12 years of age. She uses both American and British text books. She is a trained teacher, who has given herself to this work. The children have two months holiday, once a year, at Christmas, "Because some of their parents live ten days away and a shorter time wouldn't be much use". If this can happen in Yunnan why not similar things in other countries?

In Tali and Hsichow honey, milk and butter are staple foods of the people. The first two are all right but the butter is rancid with assets. A Hua Chung student

is working at the problem of better butter hoping to get his reward from the foreign staff. The Hua Chung physics department is picking up radio messages from all over the world on a very much improvised set. So they are probably better off for news than we here in Kunming. The fare from Haikuan to Kunming by the Burma bus was \$28/85 National currency, at present rates about 10/ - for a 263 miles run.

I meant to make you see this educational refugee situation and judge I have only very partially succeeded.

At any rate there it is and there it remains and they need \$6,000 Chinese National currency for a chapel. At present they have set up cross and Communion Table in a temple, with the idols hidden behind blue cloth. They need this chapel at once and for religion's sake they need to maintain the missionary staff. At least a third missionaries is the present estimate. Here endeth the journey and this part of the story.

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23rd November 1939.

Dr. O.S. Lyford,
230, Park Avenue
New York City
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Lyford,

My colleague, the Rev. H. B. Rattenbury, is in China at the present time visiting our fields in that country and finding the visit extremely necessary and profitable to the Church. I am dealing with the correspondence connected with that field in his absence and have received your letter of October 27th. In reply thereto may I say:-

(1). Our contributions to the Central China College have always hitherto been drawn by bills upon us sent by the Chairman of our Hupeh District who lives in Hankow. The amounts during the last two years are as follows:-

1937. Rev. L. Constantine, 12 months, \$4,692.
College grant. \$2,820.

1938. Rev. L. Constantine, 6 months, \$2,320.
Rev. R. Pillow, 6 months, \$1,720.-
College grant. \$3,102.

In the budget for the current year, 1939, we included payment for Mr. Constantine for 4 months, a sum of \$1,835, plus \$2,820 grant to the College.

We did not have a missionary at the College during the early part of 1939 between the time of its removal from Wuchang until the time of Mr. Constantine's return.

In our budget for 1940 we have entered a sum for Mr.

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Constantine of \$5,310 together with the grant to the College of \$2,820. Thus you will see we have made adequate provision both for this year and for next.

So far as I can see we have not yet been drawn upon by our General Superintendent of the Hupeh District for the amounts for 1939, but it might very well happen: indeed probably has happened; that the General Superintendent has drawn these sums against us as part of his ordinary grant, and if that assumption be correct, as I think it is, then I do not know why the money has not reached the Central China College. That will be a matter for enquiry between the parties concerned in China, and Dr. Wei should, I think, correspond direct with the Rev. J. J. Heady at Hankow. The only way in which I could find out whether Mr. Heady has paid over the money to the College by this time is by writing to him, and I will do that at once, but it would be well if Dr. Wei also would write. You will notice also that we have made provision for 1940, and that provision can be handled in China in the same way as previously unless financial transactions within China cannot be maintained.

(2). If the money cannot be paid by Mr. Heady to the College within China we should be very willing to make temporary arrangements for payment to be made direct to you for the Central China College at the National City Bank of New York. I notice, however, in your letter that you say that Mr. J. L. Coe, the Treasurer of the College, is remaining at Wuchang, and I should have thought he would have been put in possession of funds by Mr. Heady if there was no way of getting these funds to Hsichow.

(3). With regard to the increased cost of living our arrangements are as follows - the Committee have agreed that in all Districts, except South China and South-West China, the General Superintendent is authorised to pay to missionaries a bonus up to, but not exceeding, 40% of their allowances after consultation with his colleagues. Also that missionaries

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may remit any part of their allowances to England at the rate of \$ 15 to the £ for payments that they have to make in this country. This bonus has been largely increased for North China in the special circumstances associated with the situation at Tientsin. You will notice that the arrangements for the payment of the bonus do not apply to South-West China because in that area, as in the South China District, the Hong Kong dollar seems fairly stable. If, however, Mr. Constantine is involved in serious extra cost of living I have no doubt that the Committee will be glad to take that into consideration.

As soon as I hear from Mr. Heady, to whom I am writing by air-mail, I will communicate with you again.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

W. J. Noble

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December 6, 1939

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Oliver S. Lyford
230 Park Ave.,
New York City, U.S.A.

Methuen Anniversary Society

Dear Dr. Rattenbury:

I am delighted to be able to report the receipt of two letters from Dr. Wei -- one dated November 8 and the other November 16. These letters indicate that everything is going fairly well at Hsichow and the delay in correspondence has been due mainly to the fact that Dr. Wei was away from the College much of the time between September 2 to November 8. Copies of these letters will be mailed to you from New Haven within a few days.

I have made a detailed study of the budget figures submitted to us for the year 1939-'40, together with corresponding figures for two previous years. This analysis seems to be necessary in order that we may fully understand the financial operations and be able to act intelligently as directors of Hua Chung College during the present emergency when the regular directors are out of touch with the institution.

I am enclosing herewith pp. 20-24 inclusive of our report, which contain the main conclusions to our study.

The comments on p. 21 are not made as criticisms for we feel that this test shows a remarkably consistent record for these years of extreme disturbance. Furthermore, you in Great Britain as well as we in the United States and Canada have reason to rejoice that we have been able to take over most of the expenses which the Chinese had been gradually assuming during the years preceding the Japanese invasion.

I am awaiting with interest your answer to my letter of October 27. The letters received from Dr. Wei have not thrown any light on the questions which I asked of you.

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Dec. 6, 1939

My appointment as Treasurer of the Board of Founders has involved quite a lot of work, but I find it highly gratifying to be active in this important contribution which Western nations are making in the preparation for a new future for the great Chinese nation.

Our latest information from China indicates that the Japanese are getting pretty sick of their venture and are looking for a good way out of it.

Very cordially yours,

Oliver S. Lyford

Encl.
OSL-f

P.S. Since dictating the above I have received your letter of Nov. 23 by Mr. W. J. Noble, which is much appreciated. There are a number of discrepancies between your figures and those in the sheets attached hereto, but these undoubtedly will be cleared up when we receive eventually Dr. Wei's comments on the report which we forwarded to him last week. Your letter covers the main point, which is, that we may safely assume that the College will receive from you at least the amount specified in the budget. We shall await with much interest the report which you have requested from your Mr. Heady. We assume that the amounts specified in your letter are all in U.S. dollars.

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C O P Y

5th April 1944

Dr. F. T. Cartwright
Board of Missions,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, 11

Dear Dr. Cartwright:

Thank you very much for your letter and "Minutes" of the Hua Chung Board.

We are all as worried as you are about the financial position in China. We realize that the American army, navy and diplomatic folk are getting away with things that are denied for the time-being to missionaries, but we hear news that makes us optimistic that something may be happening through the Mission Boards too. We were discussing things here yesterday afternoon, and hope that such developments may take place as may lighten our burdens in this respect.

With regard to our support of the College Institutions in China so far as we support them I do not think that we have taken on the support of Chinese members of the staff as such. Any missionary members who are there are being supported, of course, with bonuses and subsidies in accordance with the neighborhood in which they are living just like any other missionaries and with regard to our support of College Institutions we are also giving them the hundreds of percent bonus which in any are us felt necessary to that area. More than that I do not think we can go or it would be expected of us. I am afraid in every case it is insufficient but, on the whole, our Board have been very generous hitherto in its attitude to the needs of China. I expect all Societies, both British and American, are acting in this way.

It is very good of you to write this illuminating letter: it certainly helps us to a full understanding and I am glad to think that this is to be a new practice.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Harold Rattenbury.

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1 Carbon for Mr. Vaughan, Dr. F. F. Conroy.
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New York, April 3, 1946

Rev. Harold B. Rottenberg, Miss Hilda Porter
Methodist Missionary Society
London, England

My dear Sir:

(P1)

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

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I believe you are familiar with this procedure, as your Society already is party to similar steps taken for Shanghai Christian University. I believe it is necessary for us to receive from you a notice of approval of your Society for Hua Cheng College.

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The wording of the agreement is somewhat different in our case and in order that you record may be complete I am enclosing herewith a full set of copies of the official documents, as follows:-

- 1- Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of Hua Chung College held February 15, 1946 (7 pages) [27]
- 2- Draft, dated January 31, 1946, of an Agreement between United Board for Christian Colleges in China and Central China College Foundation (3 pages)
- 3- Constitution of the United Board, adopted September 25, 1945. (5 pages)
- 4. By-laws of the United Board, approved September 25, 1945 (4 pages)
- 5. Declaration of Purpose of the United Board, ~~approved~~ ~~September 25, 1945~~. (1 page)
- 6- Outline of Proposed Operating Structure, Consolidated Board, dated October 10, 1945 (1 page.)

Documents 3, 4, 5 + 6 are parts of the Agreement (Document 2) and are referred to in Article 4 of said Agreement.

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

Regarding representative membership in the United Board, I understand that Mr. A. W. Hooker has been elected by your Society ^(because of your connection with Shanghai Christian College) as a member. If your society shall vote approval for Hua Chung College, you will be entitled to another member and he should be elected ^{at once}

sists simply in the addition of the words "free to.")

d. Referring to Vote 377, please note that the Board of Trustees of Hua Ching College and the members of Central China College Foundation have approved of the form of agreement and are prepared to ~~have the~~ ^{instruct the} officers of the Foundation ^{to} execute the agreement as soon as the five supporting Missionary Societies shall have signified their approval and consent.

e. You will note in the Minutes, page 2, that the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church has approved of the proposed ^{agreement} ~~as~~ submitted. May I ask that your Board take action at your next meeting, and that you kindly let me know when that meeting

Referring to Paragraph 1, I call your attention particularly to Vote 377 on the third page of the Minutes of the Hua Ching meeting, and to the paragraph ~~which follows it~~. If your Board shall approve the agreement you will be entitled to elect a representative member of the United Board in addition to Mr. Hooker.

The Agreement has been approved by the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America, on January 11, 1900, and is published in the Minutes of the Council, page 10.

① (PR7) May I ask for an early reply to this letter stating when your Society will be able to take this matter up for decision?

Yours very sincerely

Associate Secretary

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NOTE: This same letter was sent also to:

Rev. T. Cocker Brown, London, England.
Dr. H. R. Williamson, London, England

April 29, 1946

The Methodist Missionary Society of London
25 Marylebone Road
London, N. W., England

Attention of the Rev. Harold B. Rattenbury

Gentlemen:

Our beloved colleague, Dr. Francis C. M. Wei, President of Huachung (Central China) College has been with us in the United States since last September. Officially he came as the first incumbent for the academic year of the Henry W. Luce Visiting Professorship of World Christianity at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. In addition to this he has delivered the course of six lectures of the Hewitt Foundation on "The Truths of Christianity" at Union and Andover-Newton Seminaries and the Episcopal Theological School. In both these positions he has made a valuable contribution to our understanding of the relation of Christianity to Chinese culture.

Dr. Wei has also interpreted China to large audiences and has done much to deepen a realization in people here of the importance of Christian Higher Education in China. In conference with the three American Boards which are united in the work of Huachung College and in meetings of the Associated Boards of Christian Colleges he has helped greatly in our planning for the future.

We have been very fortunate in thus having Dr. Wei's advice and guidance during these first postwar months. As he plans to sail to England at the end of May to meet the members of the two British Boards associated with us in the work of Huachung College and other friends of Christian Higher Education in China the American members of the Board of Trustees take this opportunity to extend our fraternal greetings as well as to congratulate you on his visit and to commend him and his message to you.

Sincerely yours,

President of the
Board of Trustees

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November 8, 1946

The Rev. H. B. Rattenbury
Methodist Missionary Society
25 Marylebone Road
London, N.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 you on April 4, 1946, sending with my letter a complete set of all the documents involved in the proposed union, and I received your kind letter of April 18, 1946 reporting the consent of the Methodist Missionary Society to this merger.

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 vote to be taken 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.

With best regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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Dr. J. E. Fowler,
Huachung University
281, Fourth Avenue
New York 10. N.Y.
U.S.A.

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J. EARL HOBBS

Dear Dr. Fowler,

I have received your letter of November 8th, addressed to my colleague the Rev. H. B. Rattenbury, who is at present paying a visit to our work in China.

The document in reference to the Union of the Trustees of the Huachung College and the Central China College which accompanied your letter I have presented to our Committee and I now return it duly completed, and sealed.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

W. J. Hobbs

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November 27, 1946

Mr. W. J. Noble
Methodist Missionary
Society
25 Marylebone Road
London, N. W. 1, England

My dear Mr. Noble:

Thank you for sending the two copies of the
certificate of the Society's approval of Huachung
joining the United Board for Christian Colleges
in China.

With kindest regards.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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12th Septeber 1947.

Dr. J. Earl Fowler,
Huachung University
281, Fourth Avenue
New York 10.
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J. EARL FOWLER

Dear Dr. Fowler,

I am so sorry to find from your letter of September 4th. that something has gone wrong with our correspondence with you about nominations for the permanent Board of Directors in China.

I have been looking up correspondence and find that on April 18th. I sent you my name to go on to your Board in the States. I also have found the "Minutes" of January 31st. which state on page 5 "The Secretary reported that the Co-operating Boards in Hua Chung had been notified by letter to elect their representatives on the Board of Directors of the College in China" but your January 30th letter to which you refer I just cannot find. It must, of course, be my fault and I am very sorry.

Normally we would have these nominees suggested from China itself, but if you will be so good as to give me a note of just what you want - numbers, whether Chinese or British or whether that is indefinite - I will have the matter attended to by return.

Yours most regretfully.

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September 16, 1947

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The Rev. ~~R. K.~~ Rattenbury
Methodist Missionary Society
25 Marylebone Road
London, N.W.1, England

My dear Mr. Rattenbury:

Enclosed you will find a copy of Article Thirteen from the Constitution of Huachung regarding the Board of Directors.

You will note that Paragraph C under Article Thirteenth has to do with proportionate representation. Your Society is entitled to elect two members of the Board of Directors in China; the same number of representatives as you have on the Board of Founders.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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25th September 1947.

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

Dear Dr. Fowler,

Thank you for your letter of
September 16th.

We have no time to correspond with
the field, but I think we shall be safe temporarily
in nominating Dr. H. T. Chiang and the Rev. J. J. Heady
as our representatives on the Board of Directors.
I will then communicate with them as to whether they
wish to have any change in that nomination. Till then,
they had better stand.

With all good wishes,
Yours sincerely,

H. B. Hall

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12th December 1947.

Mr. J. Earl Fowler,
Board of Directors of Huachung University
Ca;vary House,
61, Gramercy Park, North
New York $\frac{1}{2}$
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Fowler,

I have been looking into the "Minutes"
of our Central China Synod and find that the names of
our representatives on the Board of Directors are -
our Missionary Committee Representative, at
present Rev. F. C. Cram, B.A.
and Dr. Chiang Hu Ch'eng.
so I am sending them on to you at once.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

St. P. H. H. H.

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19th December 1947.

Dr. J. Earl Fowler,
Huachung University
281, Fourth Avenue
New York 10. N.U.
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J. EARL FOWLER

Dear Dr. Fowler,

Thank you for your note of December 9th, telling that the Rev. Luther Tucker is succeeding Dr. Jon W. Wood on the Huachung Committee of the United Board of Christian Colleges in China. Dr. Wood has done great service in his day. I have many memories of him.

With kind regards and Christmas wishes.
Yours sincerely,

A. B. Hall

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General

July 12, 1948

The Rev. Harold S. Rattenbury
Methodist Missionary Society
25 Marylebone Road
London, N. W. 1, England

My dear Mr. Rattenbury:

I wrote to Dr. Frank T. Cartwright, Associate Secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, asking him to recommend names of secretaries of the Methodist Board to succeed Dr. J. G. Vaughan as a representative on the Huachung Committee of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China. The following is Dr. Cartwright's suggestion:

"I would suggest Miss Louise Robinson, if a woman is desired, who is the China secretary for our Woman's Division. If a man is preferred, I would suggest Dr. A. Morris Paty, who is Dr. Vaughan's successor in our Medical Department."

Will you please advise me which of these persons you would like to have represent the Methodist Missionary Society of London on the Huachung Committee as successor to Dr. Vaughan?

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler
Associate Secretary

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17th July 1948

Dr. J. Earl Fowler,
The National Council
Church Missions House
281, Fourth Avenue
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Dear Dr. Fowler,

Thank you for your letter of July 12th suggesting Miss Louise Robinson or Dr. A. Morris Paty as our representative on the Hua Chung Committee. I should think, on the whole, it is better to have Dr. Paty, and we shall be very glad if you will take the necessary action.

With all good wishes,
Yours sincerely,

A. M. Patterson

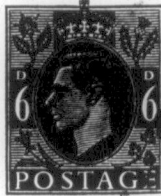
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AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED
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Dr. J. Earl Fowler

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281. Fourth Avenue

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Rev. H. B. Rattenbury

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July 28, 1948

The Rev. Harold S. Rattenbury
Methodist Missionary Society
25 Marylebone Road
London, N. W. 1, England

My dear Mr. Rattenbury:

I have just received word from Dr. R. Morris Paty, of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., that he will be happy to accept the invitation to represent the Methodist Missionary Society of London, England on the Board of Trustees of Huachung University.

Very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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China Teachers College, four women in middle school, (one senior and one junior and normal school). Wesley College site and buildings (Wuchang). Girls Middle School and Normal School (Nanyang). One half of plant of Central China Teachers College.

Annual Appropriations. \$2,500 to Wesley College, \$3,000 to the girls schools, \$3,000 to Central China Teachers College.

When asked if the total forces of "men and women will still be available for education, the answer was, "Probably". It was also stated as probably that ^{some} Chinese administrators' salaries might take the place of missionaries' salaries."

Some Definite Suggestions.

Site. It is bad to share the site with a middle school. The present site is ^{under all circumstances - ~~practical~~} satisfactory if the middle school will move. If not, the combined sites of Wesley College and Central China Teachers College were preferred.

Central China Teachers College. It was proposed that it be incorporated in the university. If this is done the college would train middle school teachers. If there is still need for a special school for the training of primary teachers it ^{might} should be in a semi-rural centre. Normal courses in middle school can be made satisfactory if properly administered.

Co-education is favoured if proper provision is made ^{for} of the women students.

Medium of instruction. Some desire more use of Chinese.

Form of organization. Perfect harmony in the present close union with the Sheng Kung Hwei was reported, and no reason was seen of ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~introducing the present trust system, and~~ ~~introducing the college system as mission or church lines.~~

Union in Middle Schools. The future of Wesley College was discussed, and the advantages of one union middle school of boys in Wuhan.

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Two schools, also were suggested, one on each side of the river, one more definitely college preparatory (Wuchang), the other vocational (Hankow) with the three missions co-operating in each.

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