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EVERARD P. MILLER  
WINDHAM HOUSE  
326 WEST 108TH STREET  
NEW YORK

March 9, 1943.

My dear Mrs. Mills,

Here at last are the two manuscripts which you asked for about the College. We weren't sure about the title, so please feel free to change the one we have chosen to suit your needs. The material was ready last week, but I type so slowly that it has been delayed all this time.

I wish to apologize for the condition of my manuscript. I feared further delay, or else I would have retyped it.

I do hope we have prepared what will be helpful for the cause of the Associated Christian Colleges. We want to do whatever we can to help on that cause. Please do not hesitate to blue-pencil whatever is unuseable even if it comes to throwing the whole into the wastepaper basket and asking us to try again. Since I cannot go back to China for the duration at least, I want to do what I can for China by writing and speaking. I would appreciate any criticisms for the next time.

Alice brought home with her last Sunday afternoon a most interesting person, a Miss Mead. She is so enthusiastic and so well-informed about China that it was the greatest pleasure to meet and talk with her. I suppose you know her. She is a very intimate <sup>friend</sup> of Mrs. Kunkle of the Canton Union Theological Seminary whom we have come to know so well and to fall in love with, as a matter of fact, during our years at Hsichow. I thought you'd be interested to know that we had met her.

Sincerely yours,

*Everard P. Miller*

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NOTES ON HUA CHUNG COLLEGE, CHINA.

Hua Chung College has been a refugee college since 1938. Her first refugee home was at Kweiling, which was then the headquarters for the southern defence of China. It was consequently a frequent target for Jap planes. We were there only from the middle of September to the middle of January, but in that brief time we saw the whole city destroyed mostly by the devastating work of incendiary bombs. November 30th, the boys hostel was burnt out and the boys had to come up to the Baptist mission compound where the College had its classrooms and put up with what protection from the increasing cold weather a matshed erected for a music room could afford. December 24th, a nice day for an air-raid, just a little reminder that our enemies scorned our Western religion, the second boys hostel was burned to the ground and the boys had to share the matshed music-room with the other boys or find rooms somewhere in the town. In January a third and more terrible raid of more than 48 planes set fire to the part of the town where the girls hostel was and where most of the faculty were living. By that time we had had about 20 urgent alarms that had sent us scurrying out of the city for shelter and about 50 warning signals of raids that fortunately never materialized. Altogether we were losing about 20% of our classroom time so that the work was being seriously curtailed. For instance, an English class in Shaw which met only once a week for a two-hour session lost six out of a fourteen double-session course. Under such circumstances there was no choice but to move again.

The second home for the College was Hsi-Chow, where the College now is. If you look it up on the map, you will find that Hsi-Chow is near Tali, 250 miles west of Kunming. We were invited there by a cotton-yarn king, one of the four or five millionaires who reside there. A group of three village temples, located a short distance outside the village was generously offered ~~the College~~ by the local gentry. They proved an ideal home. One of them, dedicated to Confucius, fittingly became the home of the library and of the School of Science, for in its courtyard the College put up two buildings which housed the laboratories and offices of chemistry, physics, and biology. The middle and largest temple, where sat in gorgeous state idols to local deities, was converted to the worship of the only true God. Permission could not be gained to remove any of these idols, so they were removed from sight by sheets of dark-blue coolie cloth. Thus we had our daily worship in the presence of the idols but shut off from them by an impenetrable veil. The buildings on either side of the courtyard of this temple were fixed up for classrooms and to house the offices of the School of Education. The third temple with its adjoining buildings was used to accommodate the offices of the departments of the School of Arts and the music room. In the courtyard behind them was located the special classroom and the library of the Canton Union Theology Seminary. Here also was put up a shed to give at least some protection to the second or practice piano of the music department. The College bus which had been used to transport the students from Kweiling to the railroad head of the French Indo-China Railroad near Hanoi was now converted into a light and power plant. Two generators, one for AC, the other for DC, took the place of the seats and were belted to a shaft, which in turn was belted to one of the rear wheels. With this simple device, the College had power for the physics lab and light for study at night. Gasoline soon became too scarce, so one of the physics staff, built a charcoal convertor out of pretty

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much nothing but scrap. Charcoal was so cheap that it cost the College only about 30 cents a day for fuel. Visitors who had seen many refugee colleges were always much impressed by the way the College <sup>had</sup> made use of these facilities for its new home, creating such a fine academic plant at such minimum cost. "The College is better able to do its work" they said, "than those which have gone to big centers like Chung Ching or even Chengtu."

Besides being well-housed, the College has also a fine location for its work. Hsi-Chow is an ideal spot for academic work. Erh Hai on the shores of which it is located is a veritable Lake Louise of China. It is about 30 miles long and is shut off on the West for its whole length by a high mountain range some of whose peaks rise to heights of ten or eleven thousand feet and are snow-capped most of the year around. It was not uncommon for us, before milk <sup>became too scarce to make ice-cream</sup> to send a coolie off to the mountains for a basketful of snow. He could get it and be back in about four hours. The altitude of the lake valley of some six thousand seven hundred feet was hard on some and effected us each and all. Newcomers were always told that they must expect to become either fat or thin but must not expect to remain the same. But despite the altitude the healthy mountain air and the undisturbed quiet of that country retreat withdrawn from the distractions of the city made it a perfect place for good hard work. Every student who came to us from other colleges was sure to be impressed by the amount of work the Hua Chung students accomplished and the high standards expected by their professors.

But all that was in the good old days before the loss of Burma and the consequent closing of the Burma Road. These events were well-nigh a death-blow to China, the cutting of her 'life-line', the completing of her blockade. From being favorable the conditions at the College are now most difficult. All supplies ~~now~~ have to come from Kunming. Such things as chemicals and glassware for the chemistry laboratories, or even such simple daily necessities as paper and ink have to be brought in over 250 miles of the Burma Road. To hold examinations the College is using the backs of old examinations held <sup>on file</sup> at the requirement of the government from two years ago. For notebooks the students are using native made paper such as is used for writing with a Chinese ink-brush. It is so thin that it is very difficult to use with a foreign pen or pencil. When so used, the writing is so blurred or faint as to be almost illegible. For ink they are using something that the chem lab has taught them to make. And even if things could be bought in Kunming, it is next to impossible to get them from there, for absolutely no gasoline is now obtainable. The only way we could get the students and supplies from Kunming last summer was to get the help of a general who was so keen about ~~what~~ he saw at the College when he visited it that he was eager to help us to carry on. Besides these difficulties, the loss of Burma has been very hard on the morale of the staff. Instead of being as we had expected as far as possible from the battle-front, the College is now right next door to it. Every time the newspaper reports an advance of the Japanese up the Salween, I am sick at heart, for I know how hard it is for everyone at the College, especially for the administration, to keep from getting jittery. Last May when the Japanese got as far as Lungling and it looked as if nothing would stop them, there was a frightful panic along the Road clear to Kunming. All Americans received letters from the Consul at Kunming advising us to come East at once before it

was too late. It was only with the greatest difficulty that the College was kept from stampeding to Kunming. When that sort of atmosphere fills the air, it is awfully easy to think that any place is better than the one you are in. But I'm proud to say that we stuck and finished not only that term, but ~~near~~ another whole academic year. But these things are a terrific wear and tear on the nerves. Lastly, the complete blockade of China has started prices soaring. Hsi-Chow and Kunming are not alone in suffering from this ill. The College is better off than those who live in Kunming. But even in Hsi-Chow the conditions are terrible. When I was planning the construction of a dining-room screen back last Spring, it was twice as cheap to make it all of wood as to make a frame merely and cover it with cloth. No one thinks of getting any new clothes. ~~Practically everyone is going about in rags.~~ ~~One rarely sees a professor wearing a shirt with a whole collar.~~ Except when it is too cold to do otherwise no one wears socks. And shoes are among the greatest of our problems. I expect that soon the President will have to set the fashion of coming to class shod in straw sandals. When we got to Hsi-Chow <sup>June 1940</sup> charcoal for the kitchen stove and for warming the room where we were sitting cost fifty cents a hundredweight. When we left in July 1942 it was getting very scarce and was selling at two dollars and a half a hundredweight, an increase of five-hundred percent. Kerosene for our nightwork couldn't be bought at all when we left and a few months before had sold at ten dollars a gallon. In order to conserve it, those who had any in their homes met in groups for their night work, just as men going to their suburban trains in this country save rubber and gas by sharing each others cars. Those who haven't any oil, and the students, go to the College and do their work in their offices or in the common studyroom in the library. But the chief problem is food. As prices have risen, faculty and students have cut down on their food. At first they cut in quantity. Then they began to cut out meat. But there are no meat substitutes as there are in this country. Then they began to cut out the cooking oils which are one of the chief sources of nourishment in Chinese food. They do have rice. One can live in a prison camp on rice and salt fish but one cannot do a healthy job on such rations. The truth is that the whole College is underfed and undernourished. I don't know how many times I have heard students remark as they left my eleven o'clock classroom, "I'm so hungry! How can I ever keep going till twelve o'clock?" It's a long wait from a seven o'clock breakfast of a couple of bowls of rice gruel and a few pickled vegetables to twelve o'clock dinner. And the worst of it all is that when they do get back to their hostels to get it, it will be anything but a hearty meal.

It is ~~among~~ <sup>with</sup> such inconveniences and difficulties as these that the College is carrying on. Had it not been for the closing of the Burma Road there would have been none of them. I mention them because I think it is the best way to impress upon the American people the worthwhileness of the work that the College and all colleges in China are doing. The faculty and students stick to their job in spite of these conditions because they know that it is the best way for them to serve their country. And in a Christian college such as Hua Chung there is ~~the added reason~~ <sup>the added reason</sup> for the faculty that it is only through such an institution that China can get the men to help her in her struggle against her aggressor who are strong not only because they are mentally developed and trained but because their characters and thoughts,

their ideals and judgments, are based on the enduring principles of Christ and His righteousness. I want the American people to know how great a disaster for China the closing of the Burma Road is. I want them to know it because I want them to urge upon their Congress and their President the need to give to China the military aid, the heavy guns and the planes, which the American people promised her but which they have never given adequately, though promised so long ago. And to do it there is but one way and that is to RE-OPEN the Burma Road. Then the long suffering people of China will realize that the friendship which the people of America avow for ~~China~~  
them is not mere lip-service but real and trustworthy.

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their ideas and objectives, are based on the underlying principles of Christ and His righteousness. I want the American people to know how great a danger to China the closing of the Chinese front is. I want them to know it because I want them to use their common sense and their judgment. We need to give the military aid the way we did in the past, with the American people protesting and the government not giving it. I want the American people to realize that the Chinese are not just a few million people of China but a billion people of China. I want the American people to realize that the Chinese are not just a few million people of China but a billion people of China. I want the American people to realize that the Chinese are not just a few million people of China but a billion people of China.

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CEDAR CREST COLLEGE  
Allentown, Pennsylvania

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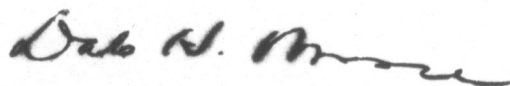
MR. J. EARL FOWLER  
281 FOURTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK 10, NEW YORK

DEAR MR. FOWLER:

I WAS VERY SORRY THAT CIRCUMSTANCES PREVENTED ME FROM GETTING AWAY FROM ALLENTOWN TODAY TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HUA CHUNG COLLEGE. AS I INDICATED IN MY TELEGRAM, HOWEVER, I AM PLANNING TO APPROACH A FEW PEOPLE IN THIS AREA WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THE WORK THAT THE CHURCH IS DOING IN HUA CHUNG. IF I AM ABLE TO COLLECT ANYTHING IN THIS WAY, IT WILL BE UNDERSTOOD THAT IT IS EAR-MARKED FOR HUA CHUNG COLLEGE, ALTHOUGH I BELIEVE THAT THE AMOUNT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL COLLECTED FOR THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA. I HOPE THAT I MAY HAVE A FAVORABLE REPORT AT A LATER TIME.

WITH MY KIND REGARDS,

SINCERELY YOURS,



DALE H. MOORE  
PRESIDENT

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October 28, 1947

Dr. Dale H. Moore  
Cedar Crest College  
Allentown, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Moore:

Many thanks for your very fine letter of October twenty-fourth. I sincerely hope that you will be successful in interesting as many friends as possible in the work of Huachung. The Christian colleges of China are passing through a real crisis during the last few months and unless we are successful in interesting old friends to give generously and new friends to help out I am afraid some of the institutions will be forced to close or greatly curtail their work.

I am thankful to say that Huachung is in not as bad condition as many of the other institutions. It is mighty fine of you to have the people who are interested designate their contributions for Huachung. I will be looking forward to a later report with great anticipation.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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Allentown, Pennsylvania

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NOVEMBER 13, 1947

MR. J. EARL FOWLER  
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL  
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
NEW YORK 10, NEW YORK

DEAR MR. FOWLER:

I AM HOPING TO REPORT A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE ALLENTOWN AREA TO THE CAUSE OF HUA CHUNG COLLEGE BEFORE TOO LONG. UNFORTUNATELY THE OFFICERS OF OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES FEEL THAT I SHOULD NOT MAKE TOO NOTICEABLE AN EFFORT TO CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS AT THE PRESENT TIME. WE HAD A MAJOR CAMPAIGN RECENTLY IN WHICH I WAS PERSONALLY VERY ACTIVE. IT IS ALSO GOING TO BE NECESSARY FOR ME IN THE NEW YEAR TO APPROACH A NUMBER OF PEOPLE AGAIN. SOME OF THESE PEOPLE ARE THE ONES I HAD IN MIND AS DONORS TO OUR COLLEGE IN CHINA. I AM STILL HOPING TO GET SOME MONEY FROM THEM, BUT I DOUBT IF I SHALL BE ABLE TO GET LARGE SUMS. I AM SURE, HOWEVER, THAT WITH THE INFLATION WHAT IT IS, EVERY AMERICAN DOLLAR WILL COUNT.

WITH MY KIND REGARDS,

VERY SINCERELY YOURS,

*Dale H. Moore*

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November 17, 1947

Dale H. Moore, President  
Cedar Crest College  
Allentown, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Moore:

Many, many thanks for your very fine letter of November 13th. We all greatly appreciate your efforts for Huachung University. Whatever success you have will be more than appreciated. Don't feel at all badly if you are not successful in getting substantial gifts. Small ones will help a great deal during this time of crisis. It is mighty kind of you to help us so much.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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MAY 6, 1948

MR. J. EARL FOWLER  
ASSOCIATE SECRETARY  
HUACHUNG UNIVERSITY BOARD  
NEW YORK 10, NEW YORK

DEAR MR. FOWLER:

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY SORROW AT NOT BEING ABLE TO BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING OF THE HUACHUNG COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 5TH. I WAS COMPLETELY TIED UP THAT DAY WITH A SYNOD MEETING OF OUR CHURCH. AS OUR COLLEGE IS RELATED TO THE CHURCH THROUGH THIS PARTICULAR SYNOD, IT WAS NECESSARY THAT I BE PRESENT. UNFORTUNATELY THIS SAME REASON IS GOING TO KEEP ME AWAY FROM THE DINNER OF THE UNITED BOARD NEXT TUESDAY. I TRUST THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT I WOULD HAVE BEEN GLAD TO BE PRESENT AT THESE EVENTS HAD IT BEEN PHYSICALLY POSSIBLE.

WITH MY BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS,

VERY SINCERELY YOURS,

*Dale H. Moore*

DALE H. MOORE  
PRESIDENT

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JANUARY 21, 1949

DR. ROBERT J. McMULLEN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA  
NEW YORK 11, NEW YORK

DEAR DR. McMULLEN:

I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES WILL MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR ME TO RESIGN FROM THE UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA. I HAVE ENJOYED MY ASSOCIATION WITH YOU VERY MUCH AND I HAVE PROFITED FROM THE KNOWLEDGE WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME THROUGH THIS CONTACT. HOWEVER, MY OFFICIAL CONNECTION WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH I HAVE BEEN LONG CONNECTED HAS RESULTED IN SUCH A COMPLICATION OF MY SCHEDULE THAT IT IS NECESSARY FOR ME TO RESTRICT SOME OF MY ACTIVITIES IF I AM TO DO JUSTICE TO MY OWN WORK AT THE COLLEGE. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH I COULD MAKE IN TIME AND EFFORT WOULD BE SO SMALL AS NOT TO JUSTIFY MY REMAINING ON YOUR BOARD. YOU SHOULD HAVE THE SERVICES OF SOME ONE ELSE WHO CAN GIVE A GREAT DEAL MORE TO YOUR WORK. I ASSURE YOU THAT I SHALL FOLLOW THE WORK OF THE UNITED BOARD WITH INTEREST, AND I SHALL PRAY FOR BETTER TIMES TO COME FOR THE WORK OF OUR COLLEGES IN CHINA.

WITH MY KIND REGARDS,

CORDIALLY YOURS,

DALE H. MOORE  
PRESIDENT

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January 28, 1949

Dr. Dale H. Moore  
Cedar Crest College  
Allentown, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Moore:

I cannot tell you how sorry I am that it has become necessary, due to your other very important duties, for you to resign from the Huachung Committee of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China. I have greatly enjoyed knowing you and appreciated your interest and help on the Huachung Committee. We especially have valued your time and interest because you are a real educator. It is very difficult for us to get men of your calibre to act on boards and committees of this nature. Most of our educators live so far away and are so occupied with their other duties that they do not have time to give for this very important work.

I know how busy you are and that you surely feel it necessary to resign or you would not consider doing it. I am terribly sorry but appreciate the time you have given us in the past. I am sure you will continue to have great interest in, not only Huachung, but the other Christian universities. They are passing through a very trying period. It is our hope and prayer they will be able to carry on and will not have to close down.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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