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September 19, 1928.

Bishop L. H. Roots,
McCook Point,
Niantic, Conn.

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Bishop L. H. Roots - 2.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Roots and yourself,

Yours very sincerely,

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McCook Point,
Niantic, Conn.,
Sept. 27th, 1928.

Dr. E. W. Wallace, Executive Secretary,
Committee for Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Wallace:

Your letter of September 19th reaches me here, and I am indeed glad to hear from you. The present crucial question seems to be that of our Department of Missions and National Council in their attitude on the subject of registration, and one or two allied themes. I am doing my best to have this attitude modified, and expect to succeed some time during this next month. I hope to see you about these matters in New York on October 1st or 2nd, which days I expect to spend mainly in New York at 281 Fourth Avenue. Will you please let me have a message there, telling me at what time and place on one of those days I can see you.

In the meantime, I send to you herewith a copy of programmes for the operation of Central China University or its constituent institutions, which came to me some time ago from Bishop Gilman. I suppose you have already seen these, but, in any case, I should like to talk with you about them.

With most sincere regards,

Ever faithfully yours,

*P. P. Logan H. Roots.
T.W.*

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P.S. from the Bishop's Secretary.

As the Bishop was leaving town before I had typed this letter, I am taking the liberty of signing it for him, as I know he would want you to receive it by the 1st of October.

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Resolutions adopted by the National Council at Washington
October 9, 1928.

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1. Whereas, It is not the function of the Church, as it endeavors to make our Lord known in non-Christian lands, to build up a system of purely secular education: And
2. Whereas, under the various regulations for the registration of schools in China both the academic and religious liberty of the schools is seriously curtailed:
3. Therefore, the National Council considers that the following are essential conditions for the registration of schools supported in whole or in part by the aid of the Church in the United States, namely:
 - (a) Forbid an open declaration of the Christian character and purpose of the school.
 - (b) Involve the surrender of the title to or of the control of property.
 - (c) Impair the authority of the National Council, as trustees, through its representatives in China to appoint and remove directors of the school, to determine its conduct, and to select its principal and faculty.
 - (d) Impair the right of the school to teach the Christian religion and to provide Christian services as a regular part of the school life.
5. Whenever the Bishop, as the representative in China of the trustees, finds that all the foregoing conditions can be fulfilled, the National Council considers that the Bishop, with the consent of the Council of Advice, would be justified in registering the school.
6. It is understood that the foregoing shall supersede any action previously taken by the National Council on this matter.

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GENERAL CONVENTION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 15, 1928

Dr. ~~D. W.~~ Wallace
Room 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Wallace:

Unanimously

I enclose herewith a copy of the new Resolutions concerning registration which were passed by our National Council on October 9. I need not comment on them further than to say that while they are not what Bishop Graves or I desired had we not had to meet one another's differing views, they were adopted by our National Council and I hope will help us survive in the life and death struggle which our schools in Central China are now facing.

I send them on to you partly to keep you informed but mainly to ask your advice as to the course which you think it will be practicable under existing regulations of the Government to pursue while still respecting as, of course, we must do scrupulously these Resolutions of our National Council. I shall be very grateful for your advice.

With warmest regards,

Faithfully yours,

Logan H. Root

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October 18, 1928.

Rt. Rev. L. H. Roots, D.D.,
c/o General Conference of the
Protestant Episcopal Church,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Bishop Roots:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the action taken by the National Council on October 9. May I reply in a day or two to your question as to the effect of this action upon the Central China University and the schools of your mission?

I am writing this morning to express the earnest hope that you may be able to be present at the dinner meeting in the interests of the China colleges at the Hotel Commodore on October 29th, to which an invitation has already gone to you. I hope that Dr. John W. Wood and Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes may be present. Possibly we might arrange a brief conference for a later day of that week to consider the problems of Central China University.

So many of our difficulties seem to be disappearing that I am confirmed in my faith that we are being providentially guided toward action which will make possible the creation of a worthy training place for Christian leaders in Central China.

Yours very sincerely,

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HOUSE OF BISHOPS

Washington
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Dear Dr. Wallace:-

Thank you for your letter of the 18th. I have a letter from Dr. Speer also about the visit on the 29th, & I wish I might be there; but I booked to be in Charleston, S.C. that day, & so cannot come. I shall, however, try to see Dr. Wood on the subject while we are together here in Washington.

May I trouble you to let me have a copy of the regulations about registration now in force in China - if indeed you have a copy.

I saw Canon Stokes & he thinks Yale must continue a Junior College at Chungking; but would favor cooperation in C.C. by supporting two or more members of the faculty there in work. There is much to be

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to be said for this, especially as a plan
to retain the support of the Yale Alumni.

The only question is whether C.C.U. can really
get on without all the strength Yale can
give to higher education; and while
C.C.U. wants ^{or needs} all the support it can get, I
suppose we must admit that its supporters
are those who ^{alone} can decide what are the best
conditions for maintaining their own capacity
to render support. If you have any
suggestion or to considerations bearing on
this subject which it might be well for me
to consult Canon Stokes about next
week, please let me hear from you before
next Wednesday.

Yr ever faithfully

Logan H. Root

Enclosures - Summary
Registration Regulations
Copy of Bishop Gilman's letter to Mr. Bevis

October 22, 1928.

Rt. Rev. L. H. Roots, D.D.,
c/o General Conference of the
Protestant Episcopal Church,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Bishop Roots:

Dr. Wallace is in Toronto for a few days so I am taking the liberty of replying to one or two points in your letter of October 20th on which you stated you would like to have information as early this week as possible.

We are enclosing herewith copy of the Chinese Government regulations dealing with registration of private schools. I believe this is the latest draft of the regulations available - so many editions have been promulgated during recent years that it is a little difficult to keep up to date.

I will leave to Dr. Wallace the detailed discussion of the problems involved in the future of the work of Yale-in-China. I am, however, sending for your information a copy of a letter from Bishop Gilman addressed to Mr. Bevis and forwarded by him to Dr. Wallace.

Respectfully yours,

BAG/A
Encl.

Secretary.

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November 1, 1928.

Rt. Rev. Logan H. Roots, D.D.
c/o Rev. E. J. Randall,
6 North Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Bishop Roots:

I enclose a copy of action taken by the boards of trustees of Yale last night. I know you will rejoice with me in the decision, taken after the most careful study of the whole situation, to join in the Central China University, at least for senior college work. Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes and I went over these resolutions very carefully before he presented them to his board and I feel that the essential interests of Yale have been conserved and at the same time her immediate participation in Central China University secured.

This action, together with the action of your National Council with reference to registration, seem to clear the way for the realization without delay of the ideal for the Central China University of the China Educational Commission of 1921. I hope that nothing now will hinder steady progress in plans for the reopening of the college on the enlarged basis in September, 1929.

You will notice that Yale has appointed three members on an organizing committee to meet with similar representatives of Central China University and Haping College. I think it most advisable, if it is at all possible, to have at least an informal meeting of this group before I sail for England on November 21st. The full participation of the two British boards will depend upon the report that I can bring of the action of the American interests in the university.

Can you and Dr. Sherman arrange for the appointment of representatives of Central China University? I assume that you and he will be two, and that I think is quite essential. Possibly you as Bishop could take the initiative in making such a selection. It is not so important that it be a formally appointed group as that we get the right persons. Later I think it will be necessary to secure formal

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action so that a properly constituted committee or board may be established here in America, possibly a board of trustees similar to that which acts as "Founders" for our other union universities. One possible method of appointment would be to have it directly representative of the mission boards concerned, in which case Boone College would be represented from your mission board here.

I think the method of appointment at present is quite immaterial so long as we have a group of the right people to work out the next steps to be taken.

Dr. Stokes will be in New York the third week in November and he has suggested the afternoon of November 20th as a possible date for the meeting of this committee. Could you make that possible? If not, can you suggest another date before I leave for England on the 21st? I am sorry that my time is now becoming rather filled.

I have been talking with both Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes and Dr. Eric North with reference to the possible securing of a share for Central China of the estate of the late Charles M. Hall. I understand that you have already had contacts with the trustees or with the Harvard-Yenching Institute, and Dr. Stokes has already unsuccessfully approached the trustees for a contribution to Yale. We feel that Central China University, on its new basis, could make a very strong appeal to the trustees.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

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November 2, 1928

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

My dear Mr. Hawkins

Thank you for your letters of October 12th. I am happy to enclose for your information, herewith, a copy of the resolutions passed by our National Council on October 9th in Washington just before the meeting of our General Convention. This puts an entirely new aspect on the situation in Central China, so far as the registration of our schools is concerned. I think now we are sufficiently free to go ahead and plan for such co-operation with other missions and churches in educational work so that we need not be embarrassed by any objections on the part of our Home Base to any reasonable proposal regarding registration. I am sure you will rejoice with me in this change of policy on the part of our National Council. I think it is an entirely reasonable change which has been greatly facilitated by the change of conditions in China since last April. Any-how, the shackles have now been taken from us and we now have at least a fair chance in the fight to maintain our Educational Work in Central China.

I greatly appreciate your suggesting that I attend at least some part of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Conference of British Missionary Societies on Friday, the 14th of December. I am keeping that whole day, morning and afternoon, for this Conference and for a meeting with you and Mr. Andrews of the Wesleyan Society, should this much time be required.

In response to your suggestion that I name an hour on the 17th or 18th when I might meet with your China Group, I would suggest 2:30 on the afternoon of December 17th and I will keep that time free for such a meeting with the China Group, at any rate until I hear from you again.

With warmest regards and looking forward very eagerly to meeting you in London,

Most sincerely yours

LOGAN H. ROOTS

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St. James' Church
Huron and Cass Streets
(NEAR NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE)

THE PARISH HOUSE
666 RUSH STREET
Telephone, Superior 7360

REV. DUNCAN H. BROWNE, S. T. D., RECTOR

Chicago, November 2, 1928

Dr. E. W. Wallace
Room 901
150th Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Wallace

I have received a letter from Mr. Hawkins about the Central China University in which he suggests that I consult with you, before you go to England, about this subject. I shall be very glad to hear from you on the whole subject, especially in view of the Conference which you had in New York on October 29th when Canon Stokes was present. It will help me very much if you can give me your suggestions as to the plans which we should follow in view of the developing situation. I am immensely relieved that we shall need now fear no objection from our Home Base to any reasonable proposal from the Field regarding the registration of our schools.

To save time, I am sending you, herewith, a copy of the letter which I have just written Mr. Hawkins. I do hope we may meet in England, if not before.

Faithfully and affectionately yours,

Logan H. Roots

LOGAN H. ROOTS

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I feel that it is most important to have this meeting immediately while interest is as keen as it is. I sincerely hope that your plans are such that you can be here.

MacLennan has asked me to be present on December 14th at the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Conference of British Missionary Societies. The ship on which I plan to sail for America leaves that day and as it is the only one which guarantees my return home for Christmas I hesitate to delay. I have written asking MacLennan if it would be possible to antedate the meeting by one day. Failing that, I shall not engage my passage until I reach England and see if I can secure another ship. I certainly would like to be at that meeting with you.

I think that the way is opening now for the realization of Central China University as proposed years ago by the missions and endorsed by the Educational Commission.

Yours very sincerely,

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November 9, 1928.

Rt. Rev. Logan H. Roots, D.D.,
c/o Rev. Duncan H. Browne, S.T.D.,
666 Rush Street,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Bishop Roots:

Since writing to you I find that Dr. Bartholomew, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church is not able to meet with representatives of the other missions interested in Central China University on November 20th. Would the 19th or 21st be convenient to you? I am writing to Dr. Stokes and to Dr. Bartholomew to find out if they could meet in New York on either of those dates. If that is impossible I think we should hold to the 20th, even though no representative of the Reformed Church mission is able to be present. There are certain important matters affecting the organization of the university, - such as the formation of a board of trustees here in America - on which I should like to have judgment to express to the missions in England.

As time is now so short I wonder if you would mind wiring at our expense the dates which would be convenient for you, - 19th, 20th, 21st.

Yours in haste,

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My address till the 23rd will be
% Bishop Wood
437 W 64th St
Erie, Pa.

Warren Pa.
Nov. 10, 1928.

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Dear Dr. Wallace:-

Thank you for your good letter
of Nov. 5th, which reached me here today,
& cheers me much with its good news.

I don't see how I can be in N.Y.
the 20th or 21st of Nov. - because I'm
booked for the Dec. 7th Erie till Nov. 23rd,
& expect to reach New York not earlier than

9 Am. the 24th. But I hope both
Dr. Sherman & Dr. Wood can
attend, & am writing Dr. Sherman
to that effect.

Then I hope to see you in England
before you return to America, even if
you can't wait for the next Dec. 14th
- but I hope you can find a boat which
will suit so you can be at the Dec. 14th mtg.
I think it might be important for future develop-
ments in China if you & I could meet with
the Stand. C^{mt} of the Conf. of Brit. Miss. Soc. on
the 14th in London.

Yr ever faithfully
Logan H. Root

My address in England, Dec. 11-19, is % Church House, Westminster, London.
I suppose you will be Edinboro place, 1-Edinboro St.

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November 14, 1928.

Rt. Rev. Logan H. Roots, D.D.,
c/o Bishop Ward,
437 West 6th St.,
Erie, Pa.

My dear Bishop Roots:

I have your letter of November 10th. I am very sorry that you will not be able to be with us at the meeting in the interest of Central China University which we are now calling for Wednesday, November 21st, at 10 A.M. at my office. I am urging Dr. Sherman to be present, since there seems no reason for the meeting unless there is a representative of Central China University.

I shall hope to see you in England. I am still uncertain whether I can remain for the meeting on December 14th. Mr. Maclellan in a letter received this morning thinks it unnecessary for me to run the risk of being away from home for Christmas that might be involved in delaying my sailing after the 14th. I shall see what I can do when I reach London.

We had an interesting meeting in Boston last night in the interest of the Correlated Program for China. Professor Porter took me to call on Dr. Drown. He was unable to attend the dinner but Mrs. Drown was there and I had a very good talk with her. We also had Mr. and Mrs. Miller, who I believe were in China some years ago.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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BISHOP'S HOUSE
437 WEST SIXTH STREET
ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

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Nov. 13. 1928.

Dr. E. W. Wallace,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Dr. Wallace,

I have been reading again the exceedingly interesting letter which you wrote me on Nov. 1st but which reached me only yesterday.

I shall be grateful if you will yourself get in touch with Dr. Wood, who is our key man, and help him to understand just what is involved. I think he will help us but if he does not we shall have to keep hammering at the subject until he does.

I am very sorry not to see you in New York but there seems to be no help for it.

Most sincerely yours,

Logan H. Root

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November 16, 1928.

Rt. Rev. Logan H. Roots, D.D.,
c/o Bishop Ward,
437 West 6th Street,
Erie, Pa.

My dear Bishop Roots:

Since writing you on Wednesday I have seen Dr. Wood. We had been unable to have any conference before this time, owing to his engagements out of the city.

I was somewhat disturbed to find that his attitude toward the proposal for Central China University is very conservative. He quite definitely stated that the agreement into which Boone had entered three years ago had now lapsed and that it should not be renewed except on terms which were satisfactory to the mission board. When I asked him what these would be he referred to the recent action of your National Council with reference to conditions under which schools may register.

We had quite a frank discussion about it. I am hopeful that he will not press an extreme interpretation to the point where it would make it impossible for Yale and Heping to cooperate. Having got Yale now to the point where it is willing to put its strength into helping to build up Central China University, it would be a calamity if overcaution on the part of the Protestant Episcopal authorities should lead Yale to reverse that action. I very greatly regret that you will not be able to be present. I seriously considered calling off the meeting. But on second thoughts I have felt that since there is this view which must be met, it is better to face it squarely now and endeavor to find a way through.

I wonder if you could help us at our meeting on Wednesday morning by sending me a written statement expressing your own view of the importance of the development of the enlarged Central China University, and making such suggestions as you think would help to get over the difficulties which I mentioned.

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Rt. Rev. Logan H. Roots, D.D.

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Is there anyone else whom you could ask to represent you at the meeting on Wednesday, who would help to present the more liberal viewpoint? If so could you get in touch with him and also let me know. Our meeting will be held at this office, Room 903, at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, November 21st.

I have the utmost sympathy with the underlying desire of Dr. Wood to guard the Christian character of Central China University. Where I differ from him is in his fear that the men on the field cannot be trusted to guard that character.

With kindest personal regards, and hoping to see you in England,

Yours very sincerely,

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November 28, 1928.

Rt. Rev. L. H. Roots, D.D.,
12 Phillips Place,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Bishop Roots:

We are just in receipt of a letter from Dr. Sherman advising us that the minutes of the conference at this office on November 21st had not been received.

A tentative draft of these minutes, dictated by Dr. Wallace, was forwarded to Mr. Bevis on November 22nd for the necessary corrections. We have had no word from Mr. Bevis and therefore do not know whether he has forwarded a corrected copy to each of the members present at the meeting, or whether he will send this copy to us for distribution.

We are accordingly enclosing a copy of the minutes sent to Mr. Bevis, but trust the corrected copy will have reached you ere this. A similar copy is being sent to Dr. Sherman at once.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary.

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Cambridge, Mass.
December 3rd, 1928.

As from: 281 Fourth Avenue,
New York City

My dear Mr. Garside:-

Thank you very much for sending me the tentative draft of the minutes of the conference held at your office on November 21. I have not even yet received a copy from Mr. Bevis but that may have gone astray in the mail. I expect to be in New York tomorrow and to sail on the "Leviathan" day after tomorrow for England. I hope that I may receive the corrected draft of the minutes before that time. I don't think there are very many corrections to be made in the draft which you sent me -- nothing, I think, involving principles -- but before sailing I should like to have a copy of the minutes which has been duly corrected. In the meantime my ~~only~~ hope is that we can now go steadily forward in the re-organization of Central China University. It is a very welcome thing to find Yale-in-China so ready to cooperate in this important enterprise.

I am looking forward very much to seeing Dr. Wallace as well as representatives of the London Mission and the Wesleyan Mission in London.

In New York my address will be 281 Fourth Avenue which is the Church Missions House.

Faithfully yours,

Logan H. Root

Posted on the S.S. "Leviathan" in mid-ocean.

Address
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The corrected copy did not reach either me or Dr. Wood before I left New York.

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Cambridge, Mass.
December 3rd, 1928.

As from: 281 Fourth Avenue,
New York City

My dear Mr. Garfield:-

Thank you very much for sending me the tentative draft of the minutes of the conference held at your office on November 21. I have not even yet received a copy from Mr. Davis but that may have gone astray in the mail. I expect to be in New York tomorrow and to call on the "Liaison" day after tomorrow for England. I hope that I may receive the corrected draft of the minutes before that time. I don't think there are very many corrections to be made in the draft which you sent me -- nothing, I think, involving principles -- but before sailing I should like to have a copy of the minutes which has been duly corrected. In the meantime my only hope is that we can now go steadily forward in the re-organization of Central China University. It is a very welcome thing to find Yale-in-China so ready to cooperate in this important enterprise.

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Faithfully yours,

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The corrected copy of the minutes will be sent to you in a separate letter.

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January 18, 1929.

Rt. Rev. Logan H. Roots, D.D.,
43 Tung Ping Road,
Hankow, China.

My dear Bishop Roots:

I am sending you copies of minutes of three meetings held in the interest of Central China University.

You will note by the minutes from London that the British boards agree with the recommendation that the Board of Founders, when brought into being, and the organizing body or other body which precedes it should meet in New York. The British representatives will attend meetings in New York when possible. I have been asked to represent them on that committee during the time that I am in New York.

A further meeting of the New York committee will be held on January 25th and minutes of this will be sent to you by the Secretary, Mr. Palmer Bevis.

I know that you will rejoice in the prospect of the reopening of the institution with the cooperation of Yale-in-China, and probably of Haping College, in September 1929.

Yours very sincerely,

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January 29, 1929.

Rt. Rev. Logan H. Roots, D.D.,
American Church Mission,
Hankow, China.

Dear Bishop Roots:

Last week on the afternoon of the 25th we had a meeting of representatives of Boone University, Yale-in-China, and Huping College at the Yale Club. Dr. John Wood and Dr. Sherman were the representatives of the Department of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

We had before us the action of your Department of Missions of December 11th, expressing the willingness to continue the present federated Central China University for a further period of two years, during which time a draft constitution for a permanent organization can be prepared and considered. The other two groups accepted this action. The recommendations which they then passed are now being forwarded to the three mission bodies concerned for their immediate action, with the hope that they will approve and will appoint members at once on a provisional board of trustees (founders) here in New York. The following is the main outline of what is recommended.

1. That the present board of directors in China be enlarged by the addition of representatives of Yale-in-China and Huping College. That can be done on the field.

2. That the board of directors on the field proceed to nominate an acting president, in preparation for the reopening of the institution in September 1929, formal appointment to rest with the board of trustees here. We understood that this is the procedure with the other union institutions.

3. That a provisional board of trustees (founders) be formed by action of the constituent units in America and Britain, through the appointment of their representatives, to meet in New York. It is hoped that these

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representatives will be appointed in time to have the first meeting of the provisional board before I leave New York at the end of February. This action was cabled the following day to London in time for the meetings of the London and Wesleyan Missionary Societies today and tomorrow, when it is hoped that they will approve and appoint their representatives on the board of trustees.

4. The board of trustees here will cooperate with the board of directors in China in preparation of a draft constitution for the permanent organization of Central China University, which will then be submitted to the constituent units:

While this is not the exact form of action which was suggested in London, I think that it meets all the essential requirements of the situation, since it makes it possible for the institution to reopen in September with all five units participating, and it makes provision for the preparation of a permanent constitution.

It was understood that the formal recommendations should be sent only to the participating boards at this time and not be given any further publicity until the boards have taken action. Dr. Stokes for Yale and Dr. Bartholomew for Haping stated that agreement with the recommendations was certain. Dr. John Wood expressed his expectation that your Department of Missions also would accept them, though he did not go so far as to actually commit himself for the Department. I think that this meeting, which was marked with a very fine spirit of unanimity, marks a definite step in the direction of the realization of our hopes for Central China University.

I am hoping to finish my work here on February 28, and I have tentative reservation on a ship leaving San Francisco March 29.

With kind personal regards to you and Mrs. Roots,

Yours very sincerely,

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February 27, 1929.

Rt. Rev. Logan H. Roots, D.D.,
American Church Mission,
Hankow, China.

Dear Bishop Roots:

Since writing you on January 29 I have been obliged to cancel my sailing on March 29 in view of certain delays here. I am not sure at present at what time it will be possible to leave but I hope to be in China by the end of May at the latest.

We are still waiting for the action of the mission bodies interested in Central China University, in response to the recommendation of the committee that they appoint representatives on a provisional board of trustees (founders). As soon as this action comes I shall see that a copy is sent to you.

Yours very sincerely,

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April 25, 1929.

Rt. Rev. Logan H. Roots, D.D.,
Hankow, Hupeh,
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My dear Bishop Roots:

We held a rather important meeting of the Committee for Central China University here in New York on the 23rd. I shall enclose a copy of the minutes with this letter.

The meeting was notable in the first place because of the presence for the first time of representatives of your Department of Missions in addition to Dr. Wood. At Dr. Wood's suggestion the meeting was held at a time and place which would be convenient for members of your department and we were fortunate enough to have present with us three of the four members. I was very much pleased to see the interest shown in the work of the committee by Bishop Francis and Mr. Peterkin in particular.

At the former meeting we had passed a recommendation to the cooperating bodies in America and England asking that they appoint representatives to a provisional board of founders (or trustees). Yale, the Reformed Board, and the London Mission took such action. Mr. Andrews of the Wesleyan Mission raised objections to the formation of a board of trustees at this time. Dr. Wood felt that such action was premature until a constitution is submitted from China, and did not bring the matter before the Department of Missions. He also questioned the need for such a board of trustees, on the ground that the Department of Missions has heretofore acted as such a board in the west. Bishop Francis pointed out that on the federated basis the Department of Missions would still continue to act as trustees for Boone College, while the university would have to have its own board of trustees to represent all the participating mission bodies. This board would administer funds and property belonging to the university itself as opposed to any of the constituent colleges.

Dr. Wood also expressed his conviction that the word trustees should be used instead of founders, in order to make clear that the ultimate control of property remains in the hands of trustees overseas.

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With reference to the status of the present committee, Dr. Bartholomew asked if it is not true that the hands of the committee and of the other participating bodies are tied by the action of your Department of Missions in December, agreeing to participation in the university for a two year period only. I was glad that Bishop Francis stated quite emphatically that the action taken was intended to free the hands of the mission on the field in entering into negotiation with other bodies. It was made quite clear, I think, that unwillingness of the Department of Missions to commit itself to a form of organization before a draft constitution has been prepared in no way implies intention of withdrawing from this scheme at the end of the two year period. It was made clear that the difficulty centered on the suggestion made in China that the form of organization be organic union rather than federation. The members present all expressed their conviction that the federated plan is preferable to a union plan.

It was agreed that further action here now awaits the preparation in China of a draft constitution. The committee agreed unanimously to ask Dr. Wood to cable you, requesting that a constitution be prepared and submitted to the participating bodies in the west at the earliest possible date. When it comes copies will be sent out to members of this committee and the committee will be called together to consider the constitution prior to its submission to the participating bodies. In this way we secure the chief objective sought in getting a provisional board of trustees, namely that there be an opportunity to consider jointly the proposed constitution before it goes to the mission bodies.

I imagine that you have already made substantial progress in the preparation of a constitution and it may be that it will reach America well before the summer. In that case there would be a meeting here possibly in July when representatives of the two British boards will be in America attending the meeting of the International Missionary Council.

Progress here has been slow but I think that a solid foundation of mutual understanding and confidence has been developed in the recent meetings. I sincerely hope there will be no serious delay in working out an acceptable constitution and securing its adoption by the participating organizations. I read to the meeting extracts from a copy of minutes of the Hsia Chung College Board, January 30th. It transpired that no copy of this had reached Dr. Wood, though Mr. Bevis had received a copy. I think it would be well if the secretary of the board took care that a copy of all such minutes is forwarded directly and promptly to each of the participating organizations. My copy came to me from the Wesleyan Mission. I am sure that at the present stage there is much to be gained by giving the fullest information of the plans that are being made in China.

One needs unlimited patience in working out such a far reaching proposal as this for Central China University between China and five independent bodies in the west. I am sure, however, that the ultimate result will more than justify all the time and effort spent in this way.

My plans for returning to China have been delayed partly by business, partly by the illness of my wife. It is possible that I may not

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be back until the autumn. When I come I shall hope at an early date to get up to Central China.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Roots and to your colleagues on the college board,

Yours very sincerely,

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be back until the autumn. When I come I shall hope at an early date to get up to Central China.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Reets and to your colleagues on the college board,

Yours very sincerely,

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