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LUCY C. WANG, PRESIDENT OF HWA NAN COLLEGE

There are few more outstanding figures among the women of new China than that of Lucy C. Wang, President of Hwa Nan College, Foochow, China. Born in a non-Christian family, she has traveled far and fast, to become, while still a very young woman, president of one of the Christian Colleges in China. Stories of her childhood, when her father was an official under the northern government of the old regime before the Revolution, will some time be published, giving interesting facts of her childhood and early education under private tutors. She received a very fine Chinese education, and also had a knowledge of English before she began to take an interest in Christian schools. She and her sister, now Mrs. James Ding, persuaded their parents to allow them to attend the Christian Schools in Wuchang and Peking, and they from the first showed an active interest in Christianity. When the Revolution of 1911 struck a blow at the old officialdom, the Wangfamily returned to Foochow, where the sisters entered Hwa Nan Middle School. They seen became Christians and through their earnest efforts their mother and other members of their family adopted Christianity. With great zeal and delight the two sisters entered the school life of Hwa Nan attaining high grades in shhodarship and becoming leaders in extra-curricular activities. President Wang entered Hwa Nan College when it was offering only two years of college work, and so she went to Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, for her Bachelor's degree. As a Barbour Scholarship student she went on to the University of Michigan for her Master's degree. In 1923 she returned to China, accepting an assistant-professorship in Amoy University, a private institution. She remained there only one year, because she felt the call to affiliate herself with the work of the Christian schools. From 1924 - 1927 she taught in the Chemistry department of Hwa Nan College, and was elected Dean of the College in 1927. In 1928 she was elected president. Because she had just received the honor of a fellowship at the University of Mic higan - the first Chinese woman to receive this distinction, she carried out her plan, and went to America for a year of work in the department of Education, returning in 1929, to take up her duties as President. In January 1930, she was inaugurated President of Hwa Nan College.

Along with distinguished scholarship and marked administrative ability, President Wang has such a winning personality that she has won friends wherever she has gone, in China and in America. As a Chinese representative at the Council of Pacific Relations held at Kyoto, Japan, in 1929, she became an international figure.

During the Revolutionary days of 1927 and 1928, when it was not always popular to be a Christian, President Wang never lost an opportunity to declare her position as an uncompromising Christian, and won the respect of government and party leaders, as she fearlessly stated her loyalty to the program of the Christian leaders of China. Although a "first-generation" Christian, President Wang has won for herself a high position in Christian circles of the Orient. At the head of a woman's college, already a strong center of Christian spirit and united Christian activity, President Wang has every opportunity to exert a powerful influence for good in New China.

September 18, 1957.

Mr. Hedrick Mrs. Macmillan Miss Griest Mr. Wannamaker Mr. Evans Mr. Aydelott Dr. Young

Below is copied a cablegram received this morning from President Lucy Wang of Hua Nan.

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Hwa Nan College

Armistice Day, 1938

Dear Friends:

Many of you may wonder what the weeks have held for us since the close of last term. In just a few brief paragraphs, I want to try to bring you up to date. The month of September was our summer vacation, as our Spring semester closed on September 2nd. On October 4th, students and teachers went back up river to Yenping - our temporary campus - to begin our new year. All were ready to carry on with even more enthusiasm than they had formerly exhibited. Our enrollment for the semester was 70 - 35 of them being Freshmen. We are delighted with such a large entering class. These girls come to us from far and near and we are hoping to minister to them - body, mind and spirit. Their steady courage is a constant challenge to us. They not only appreciate the unusual opportunity that they now have for study - but that very opportunity seems to give them a new impetus for service to those about them. This term at Yenping they have, with Faculty guidance, taken their part in a comprehensive Social Service Program. Each student is giving at least two hours every week to this social betterment work. They have met with a very enthusiastic response and a delightful sense of sympathy and fellowship is growing between the College student body and the community.

The Yenping folks have been most generous to us. During the vacation they made plans to the end that we have the use of one more residence. It is a large one and accommodates about 60 of our boarding students. Of course they are still very crowded — ten in the largest room — but it is so much better than it was that we are greatly rejoiced.

We are so happy over the recent additions to our Faculty family. Mr. Ho, the brother of two of our graduates and the husband of another, has very kindly consented to take on the work of our Physics Department. The work of this department was rather badly demoralized last term by the departure of the man who was heading it up. It was hard place to take over, but Mr. Ho has showed a patience, a consideration and a cooperation that has cheered us all. But we are even more cheered and encouraged with the news that Dr. Arthur Chen from the University of Southern California has consented to join his wife and sister on our staff. Many of you know Dr. Carol Chen who has given such good service to Hwa Nan. We are highly gratified that her brother, Arthur, is willing to join us for the time being. His line of specialization was Sociology and Economics and we are very glad to have someone to work up more efficiently that very much needed line of study, especially since these subjects are being newly required by the Bureau of Education. Mrs. Chen has been with us for some months and has done such very fine work in music not only in Hwa Nan but in the Province as well.

This year we have been a little troubled about the health of our school family. The Yenping climate differs from that of Foochow. They have a great deal of malaria at Yenping and our Foochow folks seemed to be a fresh new field for this malady. Many of our girls and teachers succumbed. At this writing, I myself am just recovering from a fairly serious attack. However we are learning to keep up with our quinine treatments and we hope soon to be a little freer from these attacks.

That our High School Department followed the College to Yenping goes without saying. Just now the High School Students are having quite a different type of training. Only one class is having regular academic work. The other two are expected to take their regular High School subjects and over and above that they are having an intensive course of training under Government auspices. The Third Year Class has completed their course of training and are now giving four months to what we call the Provincial Program of Mass Education. They have classes for both children and adults in every shen district of the Province. The aim of the Government was to establish and maintain 10,000 such schools throughout the Province. They expected to draw on all Senior High Schools for their teachers. It is a marvelously ambitious plan and one that means much for China's underprivileged. The training and experience that the girls are getting and the service that they are giving is indeed right in line with the purpose and aim of our schools.

The Second Year High School class has completed its course of training, and is now coming back to Yenping to go on with regular school work. They will take up the work that the Third Year girls are doing next year.

Our expenses this year have been tremendous due to the travel up and down river and the heavy expense of settling into a new place. I am sure you will be glad when I tell you that the Government grant has been continued for another year with certain assurance of the first six months payment. We are so grateful for this and feel that it is in a sense a vote of confidence on the part of the Government in our ability to face and overcome the difficulties of these times. Another challenge to us to exert every effort for the sake of our girls and our suffering country!

I have had such good letters from many of you - letters that I yearn to have time to answer personally, but I seem to find no time for friendly correspondence, and now on the eve of my departure for Madras, desperation drives me to answer you this way. Please excuse a form letter. And do keep your letters coming to me. They are such a comfort and source of strength. Your newspapers keep you informed of much that is going on here, so it but remains for me to say that although we suffer deeply and cruelly, yet we are face forward and our trust and high hope is in God whose justice and righteousness will YET prevail!

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Very sincerely, Lucy C. Wang 院學理文子女南華立私 HWA NAN COLLEGE FOOCHOW, CHINA 州 福 國 中

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT 室 公 辦 長 院

December 1. 1938.

Mr. B. A. Garside, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York.

My dear Mr. Garside: -

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When this letter reaches you, it will be the Christmas Season again. I am reminded of the very encouraging cable which we received from you at noon on Christmas Day last year. I want to tell you again that that cable has meant much to us throught the months, and the gift of money from the Associated Boards was an incalculable boon to us this past year.

I suppose you have heard that Hwa Nan moved to Yenping - an inland mission station about 150 miles up the Min river. These past few weeks when invasion of this Province seemed imminent, we began thinking of making another move still further away from the river and main highways. We sincerely hope this will not come to pass, but we feel that we must be prepared as far as it is possible to prepare in such a situation.

We are so thankful that we have been able to carry on the work of our school. We closed the Spring semester in September, and then went into the work of the Fall term after an all to brief vacation, but the spirit of both students and Staff has been remarkable. They have endured inconveniences, delays and difficulties and have put forth a new strength in the face of these difficult days. The students seem to be more deeply interested than ever before and the very unusualness of their present opportunity has driven them to greater efforts in sharing what they have received with those who are less fortunate. The Social Service Program and our Mass Education Project have both received new impetus and both students and teachers are exerting every effort to make this type of work really mean something to the community. We have faced and are facing a hard situation, but we are not discouraged. Our hearts are calm and our hopes are firmly fixed in the justice and righteousness of our Eternal God.

I do want to thank you for the letters you have sent me from time to time. They have been deeply appreciated even though I have been unable to answer all of them. I hope Mrs. Peel keeps you informed regarding our work

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and finances. We owe you a deep debt of gratitude and we are deeply thankful for all the help that the Associated Board has rendered us. Your continued support and interest will be even more greatly needed in the months to come as our struggle for our very existence grows more difficult.

This brings to you and Mrs. Garside and your associates my warm Christmas greetings and the prayer that this Christmas as never before, will bind us all more closely together in a world brotherhood in which peace and love will soon prevail.

Very sincerely yours,

Lucy C Wang.

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January 20, 1939

Dear President Wang:

We are grateful for your letter of December 1st and are glad to have this direct news as to how the work in Hwa Nan is progressing.

We have all been watching with interest and appreciation the valiant way in which you and your colleagues and the Nwa Nan student body have been going forward with your work despite the distrubances taking place in Fukien province. We trust that these idisturbances will not effect you in Yenping and that before very long it will be possible for you to return to Foochow.

Here in North america all of the friends of the Colleges are once more doing all they can to secure a special emergency fund to help the Colleges solve some of the most urgent of their financial problems during 1938-39. Thus far we have made about the same progress as we did up to this date last year. Just a little more than one-third of our goal of \$330,000 has been attained, so we still have the major task ahead of us.

We are all deeply stirred by the tragic things happening in China these days. But we can see already that some good at least is arising out of the tragedy, for the Chinese people are winning the admiration of the world for their courage and endurance in the face of incalculable suffering and destruction. We earnestly hope that in the providence of God a stronger and greater nation will emerge from this crisis in its history.

With warmest personal regards from all of our New York group to yourself and to your colleagues, I am

Very sincerely yours.

President Lucy Wang Hwa Nan College Yenping, China

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT 室公辦長院

March 22, 1939.

Dr. B. A. Garside, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York.

My dear Dr. Garside:-

Your letter of January twentieth, with its message of friendly greeting, reached my desk some time agobut the pressure of duties attendant on the opening of a new term's work at Yenping has prevented me from replying until now.

It is encouraging news to our weary hearts to know that our friends in the States are making such a genuine effort to render us financial assistance at this time. We deeply appreciate and are grateful for all you are doing to meet our unpredictable needs during this time of mighty testing. The world we now see seems so full of hate, aggression and covetousness that letters like yours telling of sympathy, generosity, interest and sacrificial giving and service for our sakes -warms our hearts and gives us fresh courage for the unknown future.

I have come down from Yenping for a few days to see my sister Mrs. James L. Ding, off for the U. S. As you know she comes as a delegate to the Uniting Conference as well as on a mission in behalf of the children of my land.

Hwa Man is fortunate in being able to enter on a new semester's work. Our enrollment is not as high as we would desire under ordinary circumstances, but the students are desperately in earnest about their work and about the service they are able to render at this time. There is a fine, strong spirit in our College family, and I rejoice in all its manifestations.

With sincere greetings from myself and my staff.

Yours cordially,

Lucy 6. Wang.

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The students and teachers of both Hwa Nan College and the Middle School Department in the spring of 1936, under the direction of Dr. Carol Chen, the head of the Education Department, gave an hour a day, four days a week, for teaching some 250 women and girls in the neighborhood of the campus in Foochow. This mass education work, including social service, met the need of the community and proved to be successful. In the fall, then, a new experimental school was created, primarily for the benefit of those poor children whose parents could not afford to send them to school. Alumnae, teachers, and students took the whole responsibility for financing the school and in aying the debts incurred for the construction of the buildings. This new building has been used as the social center of the community, where women and girls in the neighboring streets receive training in home-making, dietary values, child care, hygiene and sanitation.

The fall of Amoy into Japanese hands and the immediate exposure of Foochow to constant air attacks prompted the College authorities to move the College to Yenping, a city some 135 miles north of Foochow. Thus we cannot now follow the growth of the seeds sown, but we hope and believe that there is growth. At the present time Hwa Nan is sharing 8 buildings of the Methodist Mission in Yenping. All sorts of expedients have been resorted to in adjustments of time schedules, living quarters, class-room space, and physical science laboratories. Despite all of these difficulties and inconveniences, we are attempting to live up to our College motto: "Having received, we must give."

Recently the College faculty passed the resolution and approved the recommendations of the Hwa Nan Social Service Committee to launch a program in order to meet the needs of the children, girls, and women of Yenping. Counting on the generous contributions of our Junior Friends, we are looking forward to the new project in child welfare and home-life betterment.

The lack of public facilities for meeting problems like ignorance, disease, and high death rate in rural China, of which Yenping is no exception, means that the private families are forced to deal with problems for which they are not prepared either in training or in physical surroundings. In the dwelling places of the Yenping people, cleaner, brighter, more healthful homes could be achieved without much financial outlay if these girls and women had in their minds better standards of home-making. We realize keenly a few of the more obvious and important phases of home life which need reconstruction and indirectly affect the children. The program includes training in home management, child care, dietary values, home ideals, technique for achieving such ideals, hygiene, sanitation, etc. More definitely, we hope to carry out our proposed program through the following channels: Home visitation; Kindergarten; Half-day classes for unmarried women and girls; Health Clinics, Recreation, and other activities promoting the processes of socialization.

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Hwa Nan College Yenping, Fukien, China June 16, 1939

Received July 29

Dear Mrs. Peel:

....We are now thinking seriously of plans for next semester. We have been advised by the Governor and the Commissioner of Education to move to a location of greater safety. While I was in Ing Ang, President C. J. Lin, who was also a delegate to the Council, invited Hwa Nan to move to Shaowu and share a part of their campus. I have conferred with the Commissioner twice on the possibility of moving to Shaowu, and he advises against it for two reasons. In the first place, it seems that they are more and more aiming to bomb educational institutions, regardless of whether they are foreign property or not. He thinks that a men's university is in even greater danger. Then, too, Shaowu is on the main road to Kiangsi Province, and there is the possibility of that road becoming a main military artery. In trying to help us, the Governor himself has suggested Chung An, where Trinity Boys' high school of the Anglican Church is located. He even sent the Chung An migistrate to see me regarding the matter, and last week several of our Staff members met the Commissioner in Chung An, on his recommendation, to look over the possibility there. As President of our Board of Directors, James Ding has made several trips of investigation for Hwa Nan, and he went with us this time to Chung An. From there, he went on to look over the sizuation at Shaowu.

Upon my return from Chung An this week I received a cable from New York as follows: "Hwa Nan Committee would approve College moving Shaowu if invited and considered desirable." It happened that Commissioner Dang was passing through here the day after, and I again consulted him about going to Shaowu, but he still feels that Chung An is the better place. We, however, do not think it advisable to move even to Chung An, and unless we can find a better location, our present plan is to stay in Yenping. It seems that every place in the Province is accessible to the raiding planes, and, since we have three very good dug-outs here, it seems best to stay. Of course, I shall keep you informed concerning conditions. For the time being, it seems that the thing to do is to take every possible precaution here, and leave the rest in God's hands.

Sincerely yours,

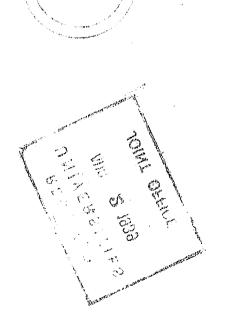
PRESIDENT LUCY C. WANG

P. S. James Ding is just back from Shaowu. I showed him the cablegram. While in Shaowu he had a talk with President Lin concerning the possibility and advisability of our moving to Shaowu. James strongly advises against moving there, and he is writing to you himself. His reasons are: First, Shaowu is on the border of Kiangsi, and therefore a junction for soldiers passing through; secondly, the Provincial Government has ordered the Shaowu

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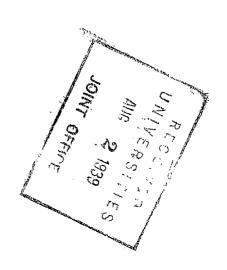




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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT 室 公辦 長院

> September 6, 1939. Ack. 11/1/39

Mr. B. A. Garside Executive Sec y ABCCC New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside,

Your letter dated May fifth came in a rather roundabout way, for there is another place of similar name, Ungping, which is sometimes confused with Yenping, and it went there first. Yenping has been officially changed to Nanping.

I am glad that your letter finally reached me. I do want to thank you for your encouraging message. We are thankful for the opportunity to carry on in spite of the many problems which are constantly arising in these times. Were it not for the co-operation, deep interest, and generous support of the ABCCC, the Christian colleges in China could not have managed to exist. We who are working for Christian higher education in China owe a great debt of gratitude to you and your colleagues for your untiring effort in our behalf.

We understand fully that with the present economic problems in America, with the tense European situation, and with the calls for help on every side, it must be very difficult for you to impress people with our need, and it is wonderful what you have been able to accomplish.

I want to express my appreciation for your suggestions and advice regarding our Hwa Nan budget. The budgets which you have revised seem to me to be most encouraging and hopeful for the College. If we had had your help many years ago, perhaps our financial status would have been more secure.

You will be interested to know that in spite of all obstacles and hardships, Hwa Nan completed the 1938 - *39 academic year here on our temporary campus. Ten girls graduated in June, all but one of whom have positions for the coming year. I have not yet had definite word about that one. There are still five positions open, requesting Hwa Nan graduates, which we will be unable to fill. We feel so thankful that Hwa Nan is able to meet a large part of the great need in women's education in Fukien Province.

Owing to the difficulty and uncertainty of travel, some of our College girls have stayed here for the summer. They have taken the opportunity to help in our local Alden Speare Memorial Hospital, which has almost more patients than can be cared for. They have also taken turns doing some sewing for the Hospital. It is good for the girls to render this service during vacation days, and we are glad that Hwa Nan is able to help the Hospital. I am enclosing two pictures of some of the girls in their hospital work, and also two taken last

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spring of some of the Social Service work with the children.

Now we are facing two great problems. The first is to find for the College a location which will be free from air raids, and that seems to be impossible. Nanping has been bombed twice, and our Government has urged us to move again. It was kind of President Lin to invite Hwa Nan to move to Shaowu, but the Government advised against it, since Shaowu is on a main military artery. They ordered the Government Middle School, which was only a short distance from the F. C. U. campus, to move to another town. Then, too, with travel becoming increasingly difficult and uncertain because of shortage of gasoline, and with Shaowu such a distance from here, we feel it is not advisable to move there. At the moment, we can find no place better than Nanping, so the College is to stay here as long as we can.

The second problem is the enrollment for the coming year. I do not think we can have any increase in enrollment. We shall count ourselves fortunate if we can equal our last year's seventy. The reason for this is that last June there were no regular senior high school graduates in the Province, for the second and third year high school students throughout the province were ordered by our Provincial Government to give service in Mass Education for one year. We are expecting about twenty to register as Freshmen. Most of these are girls who have taught for from one to four years since their high school graduation. They have all been teachers in Christian schools in the Province, and bring with them good recommendations from the institutions in which they have served. Though the class is small, we feel confident that they are good material, and if permitted to finish their college education, will go out for real service.

It is difficult for your friends so far away to understand the real situation. The roads have been so torn up and the buses are so irregular on the roads that are left, as are also the launches on the river, that travel for the students is increasingly difficult. Some time ago, two girls arrived from Sienyu, a point from which it usually would take only three days to Nanping, - but it had taken them seven days on a roundabout route through back-river towns.

Miss Violet Wu, returning to head our Physics Department, after receiving her Ph. D. from the University of Michigan last year, is held up in Shanghai on account of the blockade. We are hoping that she may somehow be able to secure passage before long, in order that she may be here shortly after classes begin anyway. Miss Mae Ding (Home Economics) and Miss Yung Huo Liu (Psychology), also returning from America to join our faculty this fall, landed at Hongkong instead of Shanghai, and are taking the hard and tedious journey by the long inland route, which will take them four or five weeks at best. We received word recently that they have accomplished part of the journey safely.

Our buildings on the Foochow campus house groups of refugees from time to time, when the situation becomes especially tense. Just at present there are very few during these more or less quiet days. Supplies of rice and beans are always in readiness for the time when people will again take refuge there, perhaps for a long period of time. The old Magaw Hospital buildings now belonging to Hwa Nan, are also being utilized. There is a neighborhood Clinic there, carried on by a doctor and two nurses from the new Union Hospital in the city. Rice is being given out from the old Hospital kitchen, to the poor in the

district around Hwa Nan.

We shall try to keep you in touch with Hwa Nan news from time to time through our news sheet. I shall always be very happy to hear from you. We do appreciate the sincere interest and co-operation of the ABCCC. I feel that you there and we here will continue to go forward in the great enterprise that is ours, in spite of problems which sometimes seem almost insurmountable, constantly looking to our Heavenly Father for strength and wisdom. He has led us in the past, and I believe He will open the way for us to give even greater service to the womanhood of China.

Very sincerely yours,

Lucy Q. Wang

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September 29, 1939 President Lucy C. Wang Lapece -9/22/39 Hwa Nan College Foochow, Fukien, China Dear Dr. Wang: In connection with the minutes of the meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees included herewith, we wish to call particular attention to action EF-1027, in which we ask Dr. Lobenstine to act as our special representative, and to study the situation with you regarding the work of Hwa Nan College. We hope that you will be able to make use of Dr. Lobenstine's time when he is available, and that he will be able to bring us a first-hand report of your situation. Sincerely yours, J. Parker JIP: VW Enc.

President Lucy C. Wang Hwa Nan College Foochow, Fukien, China

Dear Dr. Wang:

The minutes enclosed herewith are those of the joint meeting of the Executive Committee, the Committee on Finance, and the Committee on Promotion of the Associated Boards held on October 4.

The purpose of this meeting was to facilitate and complete the organization necessary to carry forward our special campaign for this year. You will note that we have departed from the use of the term, "emergency." This seemed to be absolutely necessary under the present conditions in America. It was also very advantageous to bring the promotional organization within the frame-work of the Associated Boards, rather than have a special group on the outside promote the campaign. These are the reasons for following the particular form of organization given in the minutes.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

JIP:VW

November 17, 1939

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President Lucy C. Wang . Hwa Nan College Foochow, Fukien, China

Dear Dr. Wang:

I do not believe we have called special attention to an item which was included in the allocations of the emergency fund for 1939-40, which will be of particular interest to you.

In the special fund we are raising this year, we have placed a small amount for scholarships to be used by faculty members of the China Colleges in America. This amounts to \$5,000 and contains two items. \$2,500 is to be secured in the form of scholarships to be granted by certain colleges in America. These will not be in cash, but will be in the form of tuition scholarships, etc. The other amount of \$2,500 we hope to have available as cash grants which can be made to faculty members coming to America, to assist them in their expenses while they are here.

The amounts placed in the fund this year are, of course, not large and will not be sufficient to cover nearly all the requests that will probably be made. However, we felt that a beginning in a small way needs to be made, with the hope that this service can be increased as time goes on.

In using these funds for next year, the Associated Boards will be glad to consider applications from the various Colleges in China for the placing of any members of their faculties who are trying to come to America in the school year 1940-41. We, of course, cannot guarantee that we can give all the help required, and we cannot make any assignments until applications have been received.

This letter is being written to you so that you may take advantage of the placing of applications for any of the faculty members who may be in need of assistance next year.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

JIP: VW

President Lucy C. Wang Hwa Nan College Foochow, Fukien, China

Dear Dr. Wang:

Attached hereto are the minutes of a joint meeting of the Executive Committee, the Committee on Finance, and the Committee on Promotion, of the Associated Boards, held on November 10, 1939. Attached to the minutes is a copy of the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 1939.

The considerations of the Committees at this meeting largely concern matters of current interest in America, and the actions are clear in themselves without further explanation. The report of the Committee for Consideration of Greater Unity occupied an important position in this meeting. However, you will note that it is not the final report of the Committee, and their work is being continued in accordance with the action of the Executive Committee.

We have recently had application from two members of the student body at Colgate Rochester Divinity School for graduate fellowship work in some of the China Colleges. These two men are interested in spending two or three years in China, either as graduate students or teaching fellows. They suggest that graduate scholarships may be awarded to them by the Divinity School, which would cover cost of transportation in case anything should be available in any of the Colleges, in which they could do some teaching for their maintenance while there.

If you are interested in using such persons, we will be glad to give you the details regarding them.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Via S.S. "Pres. Harrison" from San Francisco, Calif.

Hwa Nan College Nanping, Fukien December 2, 1939

Friends.

For many days I have been wishing to write a Christmas letter to you. Hearing our College choir practicing the "Hallelujah Chorus" has reminded me that I must not wait any longer no matter what other things need to be done. If these were the good old days, this letter would even yet reach you in time perhaps. Under present circumstances it will no doubt be late for the New Year also, but it carries my warmest greetings and best wishes to each one of you as this Holy Season approaches. During these days when fear, suffering, and anxiety are on every hand, there is only One to whom we can look for Peace. Although "the storm may roar without" yet within our hearts there is that Peace which Christ alone can give. May the real spirit of Christmas be born anew in us, His followers, that we may help to bring about that world brotherhood for which He came.

You will be glad to know that Hwa Nan has been able to begin another academic year on our temporary campus, and that so far, things have been more or less quiet. During the past year, on account of repeated air raid signals and occasional bombings, the Government urged us to move again. After much thought, and investigation of possible locations, it seemed more advisable to stay here. We are thankful that Bishop Gowdy returned just in time to add his judgment in the matter. Now our immediate problem is to build a few simple and inexpensive structures to relieve the congested living conditions, both for ourselves and for Nanping friends who have been so generous.

One of the greatest problems for educational institutions in China this year is to secure teachers. On account of the coastal blockade and the great difficulty of travel through the southwest route, Dr. Violet Wu, '26, returning from America after completing her work in Physics, had to wait in Shanghai almost three months before finally securing passage to Foochow. Miss Mae Ding, '29, after a year at the Merrill-Palmer School, Detroit, and Miss Liu Yung Huo '36. after three years of graduate study at Mills College and at Duke University, arrived in Hongkong in August, and have only just now reached Nanping after a perilous overland journey through the southwest mountainous region. The trip from Kunming to Nanping took them forty-one days, mostly traveling by truck, and twice the truck turned over. Besides these three, we were happily surprised by the return of Miss Phoebe Wei, '32, who has had special training in Music at Oberlin College and at the University of Michigan, having received her Master's Degree with a major in Public School Music from the University of Michigan. Just at this time when one of the greatest needs in primary and secondary schools is trained music teachers, we are glad to have three teachers in our Music Department, Mrs. Amy Chen, Miss Eugenia Savage, and Miss Wei. We are making plans to offer a special training course for school music teachers, as well as to offer a major in Music. With the increased emphasis on Music, and the opportunity and responsibility which Hwa Nan has, to meet this need in Fukien Province, even these three teachers will not be enough, and we are also looking forward to the return of Miss Betty Ling.

We consider ourselves fortunate, in view of present circumstances, and the small salary which we are able to offer, to have these highly-trained young women on our Staff. They are our

Mae, and are willing to give Hwa Nan the first chance of their ce. We are also expecting Miss Pearl Wong (Sociology), Miss Wei (History), Miss Ruth Ciu (Botany), and perhaps some others tudying in America, to return to us.

We are sorry that on account of the situation, Miss Margaret Seeck, who was appointed by the Board of Trustees to Hwa Nan of elp us begin the special Child Welfare Project of our Social Service program, felt that she could not stay longer. We are happy that Miss Mae Ding has returned to take her place in this project. We realize that our social service work is especially important at a time like this, and we are glad that practically all College girls, as well as the faculty, have expressed their definite desire to take part in this work. They are visiting homes in the villages, working among the girls in the match factory here, and helping our own school servants, trying to lead these people to a more abundant life physically, mentally, and spiritually. Through our Home Economics Department we are hoping to make a real contribution toward the betterment of home conditions. Plans are under way to build a very simple model home which the average family could afford. When we return to our Foochow campus, this model home will be left, and perhaps a little extension work can be carried on here. This two years' struggle and our increased contact with rural life have made us more conscious of the great need and of our responsibility in meeting this need by helping the people in a more practical ways.

With the movement of educational institutions these days, our alumnae are becoming more scattered throughout the entire country, and Hwa Nan alumnae associations are springing up even in the interior. It is a source of joy and encouragement to us to hear the report of their work in various places. We regret that we have not been able to fill all the requests that have come to us for teachers. In fact, this past year, there were seven requests where we were unable to supply teachers from our alnumae. Wherever our graduates go, they do not forget their Alma Mater. These past two years a group of our girls in Java have sent us a large quantity of quinine tablets. Malaria is more serious in this part of the province, and nearly all of our faculty and students have suffered from it at one time or another. Thus, we must keep quinine on hand all the time.

We can never sufficiently express our deep gratitude and appreciation to the Hwa Nan Committee, the Hwa Nan Board of Trustees, Members of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, and many other friends of the College, for their untiring efforts and their constant encouragement expressed through letters and in generous financial help. Without this, we certainly could not have carried on as we have. We know that there are still difficult days ahead, but we are confident that our Heavenly Father will still care for His own work through your continued interest.

Again, wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

Via Clipper

150 Fifth Avenue. New York City

June 10, 1940

President Lucy C. Wang Hwa Nan College Nanping, Fukien, China

Dear Dr. Wang:

Several times during the past year we have had occasion to write concerning various reports that need to be made out and sent to America. In one of my letters, I promised to remind you's these again at the time when the reports should be prepared. I am listing hereunder in separate paragraphs the items required. All of these are required fairly early in the Fall and since the China mails are so uncertain, we wish to request you to have these reports prepared immediately upon the closing of the books as of June 30, 1940. This will insure their reaching us in time for use and for delivery to the persons concerned, so that no complications will arise.

- * 1. Report to the State Department of Education at Albany, New York. Sometime ago we went the blanks for the report to the Regents of the University of the State of New York. There were two blanks furnished statistical and financial. Two copies of each one of these reports should be sent to our office, so that we may file one copy and forward one to Albany. This report is also due early in the Fall and should be prepared immediately.
- 2. Statistics for Annual Report of the Associated Boards. We have mentioned at various times the information required for the Annual Report of the Associated Boards. In the past we have had considerable difficulty because of the lateness with which this information comes in, and this has greatly handicapped us in the use of our Annual Report. We should have the material in hand so as to begin the preparation of our report not later than the first of September. In our general letter dated March 5, we attached a form asking for certain information for our statistics. We are attaching another copy of this form, so that you may have it at hand to fill in and return to us as promptly as possible. If this information can be secured from each one of the Colleges, it will enable us to make a much more complete and accurate Annual Report than has hiterto been possible.

We earnestly request your careful attention to the items listed above concerning these various reports. None of these reports should reach us later than the last week in September if we are to use them properly. As mentioned above, the uncertainty of the China mails makes it important to allow plenty of time for the reports to reach us.

Thanking you for your cooperation in the preparation of these reports, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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JIP:VW Enc. January 31, 1940

President Lucy C. Wang Ilwa Man College Manping, Fukien China

My dear Miss Wang.

The last mail from China brought me a copy of your Christmas letter. I have read it with a great deal of interest.

It is most heartening to know that the work is going forward so well, despite all the obstacles by which you are confronted. We hope that the autumn semester has now been successfully completed, and that before this letter can reach Manping the spring semester will have gotten off to an encouraging start.

The monthly letters Mr. Parker has been souding you have, we hope, been keeping you fairly well informed as to the progress of our activities here. We are all gratified that we have now received approximately the first half of the special Sustaining Fund of \$250,000 which we are seeking for the year 1939-40. The most urgent task now before us is that of securing the remianing half.

Throughout America one finds an increasing interest in and friendship for the Chinese nation and people. Every one is filled with admiration for the coura e and patience with which China is meeting the present crisis, and is forvently hopeful for her ultimate success.

Our thoughts and our prayers are constantly with you and with the other Colleges in China.

Very sincerely yours,

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February 8, 1940

My dear Mrs. Nicholson:

I wrote you just a few weeks ago, but since letters are so delayed in transit, I doubt if you have received it yet. In the meantime many things have happened and I know you will want to be informed of them. The Hwa Man Board of Directors met on January thirteenth. I am sorry I was not able to write you immediately after that meeting, but I was already five days late to the meeting of the Provincial Assembly in Ingan, so I had to let all correspondence drop until I returned to Foochow just three days ago. You remember of my attending the first meeting of this Provincial Assembly last May. This was only their second meeting, but I was much impressed by the freedom and frankness of the representatives in their approach to the officials. It was interesting too, to note how the officials seemed to court and apparently try to draw out the real opinion of the representatives in an effort to find out the real attitude and wish of the people in these times. I was thrilled to feel that here in China this crisis seems to be making us more and more democratic, while in so many other places in the world, a crisis seems to tend to drive the government and people away from democracy.

While attending this conference in Ingan, I had an interview with Governor Chen I, and he asked Hwa Nan to head up another educational project in connection with the Provincial Program of Reconstruction. This is to plan, organize and set up a course of training for high school graduates that will prepare them to take charge of the county government schools for teen-age girls, which the Bureau of Education is soon to establish in Fukien. The governor felt that it would delay the program if they had to wait for graduates from our regular Home Economics Department, so he is requesting this short specialized course along Home Economics lines to take care of the beginnings of these vocational schools for girls. The Governor has been deeply distressed by the very low standard of living that prevails in the villages, and he feels that since so many of the teen-age girls will so soon have homes of their own that they desperately need a little special help in the basic principles of home management. He wants this short course to teach the girls to read, write, do simple accounts, have some instruction in child care and training, learn how to use foods and cloth economically and to give them some idea of making their homes attractive. So you see that again the government is entrusting to us a project which is deeply challenging. It gives us the opportunity to contact all these girls in a Christian way and to give them real standards and methods that will contribute to a more abundant life not only for these village girls and their families but for their communities as well. To me it is a thrilling challenge and I feel that we can do no less than put all the energy we can back of this project.

Hwa Man is more ready now than ever before to offer and support such a scheme and I feel that we do have sufficient Staff to accept this responsibility. Mae Ding's return at this time with her specialized training from the Merrill-Palmer school is indeed most timely and we have great cause to be grateful to you and Mrs. Earhart for all your good efforts on her behalf.

The Government will give us a subsidy toward this project and we are asked to plan the buildings which they will erect in Yenping near enough to hwa Nan that our teachers will not find it difficult to carry this work along with their regular school work. They express their willingness to count this as a part of their patriotic service. We hope to have about thirty girls for this first training class, and I have requested the privilege of choosing the students, as I want to get as many of them from Christian schools as I can. What a different situation we are facing when the government leaders turn to Christian institutions for training and leadership in their program of National Reconstruction: Their plan is much in line with the Social Service work that we started in Foochew more than two years ago and tried to continue in Yenping while Miss Seeck was with us. New under the skillful management of Mae Ding we hope to make this course very practical and useful. Now if Pearl Wong comes back in the Fall, she will be a grand addition to our group and will give invaluable service in the field work of this training center.

COPY of Lucy Wang's letter

The Government is much interested in another department of Hwa Mana College and has asked us to make a special point of training women who will be prepared to teach music in both Primary and Secondary schools in the Province. The mission schools have sent in this request over and over again, but we have never been able to meet it. The Government is following its request with the promise of a subsidy amounting to a few thousand mexican. It does seem providential that just now when our Staff is sufficient for this type of work and training that just at this moment the government should come forward with its request and promise. Phoebe Wei, who has her Masters in Public School music has joined our Staff, and we are expecting Miss Betty Ling in the Fall. Then with Miss Savage and Mrs. Arthur Chen as able workers we are going to find it a real joy to do this service for the Provincial schools and for the mission ones as well.

I do hope that the members of the Board of Trustees and the members of the Associated Board will feel the same sense of satisfaction in these new challenges that have come to Hwa Nan as we do here on the field. It is so largely due to the effort of the Boards and their support of our work and plans, that I feel we are but a tool in your hands, but a tool that may be justly proud of its work. True our girls have made a name for us - but it is largely due to the strong backing of our constituents in America that they and we have been able to rise to the place we now hold. Ten and twelve years ago the governor of the Province was not looking to Hwa Nan for help and leadership, but now the whole Province looks to us to train leaders for woman's work in this locality and with your continued help and support, we need not fail them. I am sure you will understand this new trend in events and will be thrilled with the prospects that are opening before Hwa Nan, and I know you will do what you can to shoulder and solve Hwa Nan's immediate problems and needs both as regards Staff and finances.

Planning our budget has been difficult this year, and because of the high rate of exchange, I fear it may be not a little puzzling. Apparently it is to our advantage to have a high exchange, but when one realizes how high exchange drives down the value of the dollar here, it really is not so helpful after all. Prices of all commodities here have seared. Formerly a lead of rice cost twelve or thirteen dollars and today the price has reached fourty!! Other food stuffs and materials of all kinds are equally expensive. Our American teachers are finding that where formerly a bag of flour used to cost them six or eight dollars, it is now costing twenty-five or thirty depending on the luck of tradesmen in getting it into port. Prices of paper and ink are almost prohibitive. Typewriter ribbons are twelve dollars each and even pencils cost 30% apiece, and the end is not yet: But this is enough surely to make clear what seems like a great increase in our budget for mere maintenance.

You will notice from the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors that the Board voted to authorize Bishop Gowdy and Mr. Hayes, who are both going to America for General Conference, to represent Hwa Nan at both the meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Associated Boards. I know you will want to see them there. They will be able to interpret the whole situation here much better than I can do by letter and all of you, I am sure, will appreciate the direct contact between the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors in these swift-moving times.

There is much of interest and much that cheers us and much that makes us sad in these days here. Sometimes we scarcely dare look at the condition of our own land and the state of the world, and it is only as we keep our eyes fixed on Christ and His way of Life that we are able at all to face the problems and challenges of these times and to go on with quiet spirits day after day in the carrying out of the work He puts in our hands. Give the women our deep thanks for their interest and support. We bank on them for the future as regards our material welfare and we beg them to keep available for us their vast resources of prayer. Warmest greetings to them all! And to you grateful thanks for all your good letters of encouragement and your constant understanding and support.

Very sincerely,

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Dr. B. A Garside, 150 Fifth Avenue,

New York City, New York.

My dear Dr. Garside:-

Your letter dated November second reached me a few days ago. All letters from the States are taking such a long time to reach us these days, and I suppose the return trip is equally slow. We are grateful however, that communications even though retarded is still possible and we welcome the more all the letters that reach us.

We have finished another term. Shortly after its close I attended the Provincial Assembly in Ingan. This was only their second meeting, and I was much impressed by the freedom and frankness of the representatives in their approach to the officials. It was interesting, too, to note how the officials seemed to court and apparently try to draw out the real opinion of the representatives in an effort to find out the real attitude and wish of the people in these times. I was thrilled to feel that here in China this crisis seems to be making us more and more democratic while in so many places in the world a crisis seems to tend to drive the government and people away from democracy.

Bishop Gowdy and Mr. Hayes - the latter being the Secretary of our Board of Directors - are both going to America for the General Conference of the Methodist Church. The Board of Directors authorized them to represent Hwa Nan and the Board at any meetings when Hwa Nan problems are under discussion and first hand information is needed. I am sure they can give you any information you need regarding our problems. I am especially anxious that Mr. Hayed meet with you. He has been our Board Secretary for many years and I would appreciate it if you would introduce him to the members of the Associated Board and acquaint him with your plans and ideas regarding colleges in the orient and Hwa Nan in particular.

I am continually grateful to you for your help in re-vamping our last year's budget. We have tried to follow your plan again this year. It was interesting and amusing at the Board Meeting when the Estimated Budget was presented. One of the members ejaculated gratefully, "Ah, this looks more like a College budget!"

It may seem to you that we have increased the budget greatly for the coming year. In truth there is not much difference, it is just that the rate of exchange makes it look large. Of course it is all to our good to have high exchange, but now the value of the dollar is so low here that it does not really help us much after all. Prices of commodities have soared. Formerly a load of rice cost but twelve or thirteen dollars and today it cost fourty. Other food stuffs and materials of all kinds are equally expensive. A bag of flour used to cost eighteen dollars. It now costs twenty-five or thirty depending on the luck of the tradesmen in getting it into

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port. Even pencils have gone up to thirty cents each and the end is not yet! This explains the increase in the budget for maintenance, and so you see our need for full U. S. currency is imperative. You know as the value of the dollar goes down the prices of materials and food always gom up out of all proportion to the actual cost.

We understand how difficult it is for you to get funds for us and we are more than grateful for all the Associated Boards have done. It would have been almost impossible to carry on without this help. I am sure you understand too, how impossible it is at the moment, widely separated as we are from the University for much to be done in the matter of coordination of work. Each of our institutions is serving a large field which we could not do were we located in the same place. The Government seems to be recognizing our separate spheres of interest and as you will see from my report has approached us with projects that are particularly allied with the work of a woman's college. Do let me beg you to continue to do what you can for us financially. We recognize the value of union and thoroughly approve of the way in which the groups of colleges are working together in Shanghai and other places, but we regret this centralization from the standpoint of the communities those same colleges might be serving and uplifting had they been able to remain on their own campuses. I feel more and more that we must try to reach out to the people in the hinterland of China and serve them where they are.

I am sending to you soon several copies of my Annual Report. It takes up interesting phases of our activities which I do not need to repeat here. Our Spring term opens next week and we are expecting busy days of planning and working out the ordinary College curriculum along with the new projects that have been laid upon us. Times are still unsettled and strained, but here in Fukien we are able to carry on quietly at the moment. We hope and pray that peace may soon come to all our land and to the whole wide world.

My best regards to both you and Mrs. Garside,

Yours sincerely,

Lucy C. Wang

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT 室公辦長院

February 9, 1940.

Dr. Joseph I. Parker, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York.

My dear Dr. Parker:-



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Your letter of November seventeen at hand and I do thank you for calling my attention to the fund for cash grants to faculty members of oriental colleges who are studying in America. This is a much needed service and I was delighted the other day when I found through Dr. Harry Worley that you, with your China contacts, are administering it.

May I take this opportunity of recommending for application for a grant from this fund the names of two of our Hwa Nan Staff who are now in America. Miss Pearl Wong and Miss Irene Wei. Both are at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles doing graduate study. Miss Wong has been on our Staff for 18 years both as teacher and Dean and is now working on her doctorate in Sociology. Miss Wei is a graduate of Hwa Nan College and has taught for us for about ten years. She was the first Chinese woman to receive her M. A. degree from the Chinese Department of Yenching University. She has done good work with us and in now making an equally good record at the University of Southern California. Her major is History and she should be able to finish her doctorate in a year or two more.

I would be most grateful if you would consider both these women as applicants for a grant of three hundred or more dollars each yearly, but in case it is not wise to give to two women from the same College, at least one of them might be considered. I am sure any communication addressed to them or to the University would meet with a prompt response.

There are two of our young women whom I hope to send to the States in September 1940 for further study and I want to submit their names to you as soon as we are sure of their securing the scholarships for which they have applied. One Miss Sylvia Tsai hopes to go to Radcliffe this Fall and the other Miss Tang Mei Ung hopes to go to Mills College - Oakland, California. I would be glad to have you put these two names on your waiting list. I am realizing more and more the value of this type of investment - the training of outstanding women for work in our Christian Colleges and I rejoice that the Associated Board is taking up this problem for our Oriental students.

I want to thank you for your letters and for all the material you have sent me. I hope to send to you soon a copy of my Annual Report which I hope you may find useful.

Very sincerely,

Lucy q. Wang.

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China 150 Fifth Avenue New York, N. Y. February 10, 1940

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President Lucy C. Wang Hwa Nan College Yenping, Fukien, CHINA

Dear President Wang:

While we have nothing to do with the setting up of the budget or administrative expenses of Hwa Nan College, yet you are affiliated with us in our promotional work, and the time is at hand when you should make known your requirements or estimates for askings covering the 1940-41 budget.

The Associated Boards meets on May 13th and 14th, and these estimates must be in our hands by the middle of April to faciliate actions by the various committees which meet in advance of the Annual Meeting.

It would be of immense value if we could have your anticipated budget also, and if this can be secured it will be greatly appreciated.

With sincerest personal regards to you, I remain

Very cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT 宝公辦長院

March 16, 1940.

Mr. Joseph Parker, A.B. C.C.C. 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York.



My dear Mr. Parker:-

I presume the letter I wrote you some time ago in response to your notification of monies held for aid to faculty members of Christian Colleges, has reached you. I hope you have considered Hwa Nan's need favorably.

Since writing you, I have been told that Miss Irene Wei of the University of Southern California is planning to return to China this summer for family reasons. I am sure she and all of us would be most grateful for any aid you can render her.

I am still uncertain about Miss Pearl Wong as her health is such that she may not be able to finish this term or even next - but if there is an opportunity for Hwa Nan to have a second grant and Miss Pearl Wong is not returning at the moment. I would like to suggest two other names for your consideration. I do not feel like choosing between these two women, as I want both of them to have help, but I feel sure that Hwa Nan could not have so many names on your list, so I am leaving it to your Committee to make the choice. One - Dr. Carol Chen who has given six years service since obtaining her PhD. degree from Columbia. She has been on our staff for 18 years and has done us valiant service not only here but during her furlough times in America, she has also served us well. These past two years, she has several times acted as administrator during my absence. She is a physically strong person, but I feel that this change would do her worlds of good, and she would also be able to represent us to your Board and to the Society at large better tan any other member of the Staff. A year of further study would give the college more prestige as well as giving Dr. Carol fresh zeal and outlook.

In case you are not favoring holders of Ph.D. degrees, I would like to recommend Miss Stella Wong who has been on our Staff for at least seven years. She has her M. A. in Primary Education from the University of Michigan and is a fine person of unusual spirit and of pleasing personality. I think an opportunity for her to have further study would be well justified and would guarantee more years of splendid service from her to our Christian work in China.

In either of the above cases, I would be most grateful if the amount you furnish would cover tuition, board and room. I realize that this is "asking largely", but when one

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considers the service they have rendered and the comparatively tiny salary they have received from Hwa Nan (our salaries are the lowest of all the Christian Colleges in China) - I feel that they deserve this extra consideration. Anything you can do to help any one of these women will be greatly appreciated by all Hwa Nan and also by,

Yours gratefully,

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April 13, 1940

President Lucy C. Wang Hwa Nan College Nanping, Fukion, China

Dear President Wang:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of February 9th, in which you nominate members of your staff for help from our limited scholarship fund. Because of the great limitation of the emount available this year, it is not likely that we can consider helping more than one person from each college.

I am writing Miss Pearl Wong and Miss Irene Wei to find out what their needs may be, so that we will have a bit more detailed information to place before our committee. I, of course, cannot promise what the action of the committee will be, but will present the cases when we have the facts at hand.

The amounts allocated now will, of course, apply to the coming fiscal year, 1940-41. The other two people, Miss Tsai and Miss Tang, will have to be considered for the following year, and nothing could be made available for help this coming fall.

As soon as our annual meeting has had time to consider the reports from its various committees, we will be taking up with you a plan which will be worked out in much greater detail than we have heretofore attempted for the handling of these scholarships for faculty members. Unless we do get some definite rules laid down, we will have great difficulty in administering the funds. This information will come on to you a little bit later.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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April 24, 1940.

Mr. C. A. Evans, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York.

My dear Mr. Evans:-

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Your letter of February tenth has just now come to my desk from Dr. Sutton at Fukien Christian University. I note your request for our budget, and I am glad to say that such was sent to Mrs. Leon Roy Peel early in February. I am sure she would forward it to you in time for your meeting in May.

Hwa Nan very deeply appreciates all the efforts of the Associated Boards in her behalf and I want to take this opportunity to again say thank you not only for us, but for all the other Christian Colleges in China. We deeply feel that your effort is in a real sense preserving China's culture and making a vital contribution to her program of reconstruction. We are glad to report that even so small a college as Hwa Nan has a place in this huge scheme of things. We are finding very definite types of work outlined for us and a very definite part in the Provincial Reconstruction Program has been assigned to us. We are hoping to more than carry our share in this program and we are looking to the Associated Boards for the financial backing that will make this possible.

Do you remember how you urged me to go to Boston in 1935 when I thought I should be on my way to Baltimore and a speaking engagement there? I much disliked going at the time - but a hundred times since, I have been thankful for the contacts made that trip and for the things I learned. Do let me now at this late date tell you how very grateful I am to you for sending me to Boston even against my wishes. You were wiser than you knew that day and I am continually grateful.

Yours cordially,

Lucy (A) Wang



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President Lucy Wang Hwa Nan College Foochow, China

My dear Miss Wang,

Your letter of February 9 is slow in being acknowledged, because I have been away from the office for the most of the last five or six weeks. All of us here have been driving away as vigorously as we can, trying to complete our activities for the current year.

We are glad to know that the Hwa Nan work is continuing to go forward in an encouraging way, despite all the difficulties and perplexities by which you are surrounded. These are terribly trying days for the world in general - particularly so for both Asia and Europe. We realize that here in America we are especially privileged, because our favorable geographical position has enabled us to stay aloof from the conflicts going on across both of our bordering oceans. But with these privileges, we have my heavy responsibilities - some of which we are meeting very poorly, I fear.

Thus far we have made very encouraging progress on our financial objectives for 1939-40. To date we have secured about \$216,000 toward our objective of \$250,000. We hope that by June 30, we may get at least fairly near to our goal. With the continuing decline in the value of the Chinese dollar, the funds which we are able to send out to China at this time will be even more productive than before. But we know that with falling currency values, your prices are rising rapidly.

Just what we will be able to undertake in the way of special objectives next year, it is still too early to say. With every month that passes it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure funds here, and before the end of the summer we may find ourselves facing even greater difficulties. At the Annual Meeting this week, our plans for the coming year will be somewhat clarified, and shortly after these meetings we will be writing to all of you again.

With every good wish for the continued success of the Hwa Nan work, and with warmest personal greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,



May 27, 1940

President Lucy Wang Hwa Nan College Namping, Fukien, China

Dear President Wang:

I have waited to answer your letter of March 16th until our Scholarship Committee could have an opportunity to consider the many applications from the various colleges. As I wrote you some time ago, it would probably be impossible for us to give consideration to more than one candidate from each school, and this has proved to be true. I wrote to Miss Pearl Wong and Miss Irene Wei to discover what their needs might be. As a result of this correspondence, we have made a grant to Miss Pearl Wong of \$300, and she has been notified of this amount being available after the first of September.

I will be writing you shortly about plans for the scholarships for 1941-42. We have found that this year insufficient information has been sent in connection with the applications, and most of them were received too late to really give adequate consideration. We will therefore have to require that applications for the use of funds in 1941-42 reach us not later than the first of November, 1940. Full information will be sent to you shortly about the regulations covering our scholarship plans as worked out by the Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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President Lucy C. Wang Hwa Nan College Nanping, Fukien, China

Dear Dr. Wang:

Attached hereto are the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards. No attempt will be made at this time to go into great detail regarding these minutes, particularly as some of the references to the Executive Committee call for action by that group in order to complete the instructions of the Annual Meeting. However, I would like to call your attention to the following:-

On page 4, you will note reference to a report on the Colleges by Dr. Cressy. The Executive Committee is making further study of this report. The document itself is quite bulky, and we are uncertain just how it will fare in second-class mail to China. We have, therefore, suggested to Dr. Cressy that he take a sufficient supply of these copies with him when he returns to Shanghai and see that they get into your hands as soon as possible thereafter.

On page 5, you will note the report of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum. As this has been referred to the Executive Committee, such items in it as concern the field will be forwarded to you upon completion of their action.

On page 9 is the report of the Committee on Correlation under action AB-1093. We recommend this to your attention, particularly in reference to the items mentioned in the report.

Actions AB-1094 and AB-1095 are being considered by the Executive Committee shortly, and if anything can be done in connection with these actions, you will be advised as soon as consideration has been given.

Under the report of the Committee on Finance, you will note action AB-1090 to recommend certain procedure regarding the Sustaining Fund for the coming year. The working out of the details in connection with this action is now in the hands of a special committee. The effect of this on your program will be discussed as soon as the Executive Committee has taken action.

We trust that these minutes will reach you in good order. Also enclosed are the minutes of the Executive Committee of May 3 which preceded the Annual Meeting. There is nothing particular in these minutes which need discussion in this letter.

Sincerely yours,

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Via S.S. "Pres. Taft" from San Francisco, Calif.



June 17, 1940

President Lucy C. Wang Hwa Nan College Nanping, Fukien, China

Dear Dr. Wang:

In a recent letter to you we suggested that a letter would be forthcoming, giving information about the handling of faculty scholarships for the year 1941-42. There has been opportunity to see some indication of what might be available for next year, and it now appears that the amount of money which can be included in the Sustaining Fund for this coming year will still be the very limited amount which was included this last year. This means that we will not be able to give help on many of the applications which will be sent in. However, we do want to continue to work at this problem, with the hope of getting it so organized that as means develop which will enable us to take care of more applicants, we will have the plan operating in an efficient way. Perhaps during this next year, we can get at least our plans worked out.

One of the greatest difficulties this past year has been the time element, particularly in reference to the presentation of cases to different schools in time for proper consideration. We are, therefore, asking that all applications be sent to us in time to reach the New York office not later than November 1, 1940. There are, no doubt, applications which were made for the fall of 1940 on which we have not been able to help. Will you please repeat the applications for any such persons whom you wish considered for beginning work in the fall of 1941?

There are a number of details yet to be worked out by our committee, and this will be done early in the fall. In the meantime, the most important factor is the one of getting the applications, together with <u>full</u> information, into our hands so that we may begin our investigation of possibilities in November. Another important item is this matter of complete information. Every application should be accompanied by a transcript of grades, showing the courses taken and the grades received for college work taken to date. Any college in America considering an applicant requires this information, and it is useless for us to present a case without this record. Our committee, of course, will want to know the prospective plan for each person. This should include the length of time which the candidate expects to spend in America studying, as well as some indication of what your institution expects to do for him or her in the way of assistance on the expenses.

Attached hereto is a part of the report of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum, which deals with the sub-committee handling scholarships. This gives the background of the discussions to date. You will note a number of things which indicate the way in which this committee is approaching the problem. Each section of the report deals with some particular problem connected with scholarships, and the problem of making them effective. It is hoped that you will give this report careful attention, and in making applications for help in the year 1941-42, that you will give careful consideration to the tentative plans suggested therein.

I must again express to you our regret at not being able to enlarge this fund for the coming year. The funds available will only help a few. It is hoped that by keeping this small beginning alive and working, it will develop into something much larger in the coming years.

Sincerely yours,

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue . . . New York, N. Y.

June 21, 1940

To the Presidents of the China Colleges

Dear Friends:

Owing to the volume of work concerning the holding of the annual meetings in May, we did not get a general letter written to the field at the regular time. Since the last general letter, there have been a great many things happening. The Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards has been held, as well as a number of the annual meetings of the individual boards. I will make no attempt to distant particular items dealt with at the meetings, since you will have received the minutes and covering letters concerning them.

The week beginning May 13 was a very busy one for every one connected with the China Colleges. Monday, the 13th, and Tuesday morning, the 14th, were set aside for the Associated Boards meeting. We were very fortunate in having with us Dr. Joseph Beech. Chancellor of West China Union University, who had recently returned to America. Every one was greatly interested in the honors which he had received from the Chinese Government. It was our further good fortune to have Bishop Ralph Ward present, who had just completed a trip to China which had taken him into a large number of the locations where our Colleges are working. Two of our own board members from America had been in China during the year. These members, Dr. E. C. Lobenstine and Dr. L. S. Ruland, were able to give us first-hand and fresh information concerning the situation on the field. On Monday evening we had the friends of the Colleges together for dinner, and Dr. Beech and Bishop Ward spoke of their recent experiences in China,

At the present time, we are all busy trying to get the Sustaining Fund for the current year completed. The process of getting the remaining amounts necessary to reach the goal is proving to be quite difficult. The chart has been crawling up gradually towards the final mark, but we are not yet sure that June 30 will see the \$250,000 reached. Recent happenings in Europe are, of course making it more difficult to raise money in America, since so many new appeals of an emergency nature are being presented every day. The Executive Committee has been wrestling with the problem of plans

To the Presidents of the China Colleges

June 21, 1940

for next year, and will meet again this week to set a final figure for our 1940-41 Fund. We are having to approach the coming year with a greater amount of faith than has been required in previous years. No one knows what the effect of the war in Europe will be upon life in America, and whatever the results, our work for the China Colleges will undoubtedly be involved in those things which affect the life of the nation. We are going ahead, planning definitely on a Sustaining Fund campaign, with the belief that we cannot fail in supporting the great need of the Colleges.

Attached hereto are the two most recent bulletins of the progress of the 1939-40 campaign. These give more detailed information as to what has been happening.

The staff in New York will be working through the summer, each one taking a bit of vacation as the schedule allows. Mr. Garside is going to be active in the Pacific Seminar, which will be held at Silver Bay in July, and will be in the office a good part of the remaining summer. The rest of us are dividing up the time during the summer in such a way that some the of us will always be available for the handling of the regular business which should be looked after.

As this school year comes to a close, we want to again thank you for your fine cooperation during the year, and to assure you that we are looking forward to another school year of even greater accomplishment in the Colleges in China.

Joseph J. Rohn.
Secretary

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President Lucy C. Wang Hwa Nan College Nanping, Fukien, China

Dear Dr. Wang:

Enclosed herewith you will find the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards held on June 21, 1940. May I call to your attention the following items:-

1. Report of the Committee on Special Askings. This Committee had the very difficult task of considering the askings from the various Colleges, both as to the items to cover budget deficits, as well as special emergency askings. The Committee spent considerable time in going over the figures very carefully and adjusting them to come within the total amount set by the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards for the Sustaining Fund this coming year. The processes concerned in doing this particular job are always difficult, and the members of the Committee made their recommendations with a great feeling of regret at not being able to give each of the schools the full amount of its askings. At the same time, the Committee was under the pressure of the effects of recent war news from Europe, and plans for the raising of the Sustaining Fund for next year had to be approached with a great deal of faith.

You will note in action E-1104 the amounts allocated divided into two columns. It is hoped that these amounts can be raised and sent to you, but they will only be available if and when secured. You will note under vote E-1105 the arrangements for the distribution and accounting of these amounts. The Executive Committee has made no attempt to limit the authorities on the field in the administration of these amounts from the Sustaining Fund, and no indication is given as to whether they apply to budget deficits or special items. As the amounts allocated become available, it will be left to you to decide what items on the field are the most urgent to which these should be applied.

- 2. The Associated Boards Budget for 1940-41. This item is handled in America, and we have written to the officials of each college board concerning the items included under vote E-1107. Explanations preceding the vote indicate how the shares were determined.
- 3. Visit of Board Members to the Field. Under vote E-1108 you will note the action taken regarding the visits of Dr. Ralph Diffendorfer and Dr. L. J. Shafer. Dr. Diffendorfer is a member of the University of Nanking Board, and Dr. Shafer is a member of the Fukien Christian University Board. We do not know yet what their itanerary will be, but they have been asked to visit any of the Colleges which are convenient to their trip as planned. If they succeed in getting to your campus, we hope that you will make use of their visit for strengthening the contacts between our work in America and the work on the field.

Other items in the minutes are self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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1/10/40 院學理文子女南華立私 HWA NAN COLLEGE FOOCHOW, CHINA OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT 州福國中 室公辦長院 July 5, 1940. Mr. Joseph Parker 150 Fifth Avenue New York City. Dear Mr. Parker, Thank you for your kind letters and enclosures. We read with great interest the addresses given at the China Colleges Dinner. Dr. Hu Shih certainly voiced the sentiments of the Chinese people when he spoke of our gratitude and appreciation for the help of the Associated Boards and friends. Your continued effort will be greatly needed in the period of our national reconstruction. I presume you had our budget sheet in time for your Annual Meeting. As to the other reports which you requested, I shall see that they are sent to you by the date specified, but nowadays the mails are so slow that we cannot tell when it may arrive. I appreciate the difficulties under which you work, - in getting the reports from the various institutions. You will be glad to hear that we have completed another academic year on our temporary campus. We regret that we have not enough graduates to fill all the requests which come to us for teachers. We are thankful for this opportunity which is ours to meet a definite need for college-trained women of strong Christian character in our secondary schools. The Government schools also, as well as our own Mission schools, are coming to us for teachers. We hope that from year to year we shall be able to supply more of these requests. Thank you again for your interest in Hwa Nan and for the information which you supply us from time to time. Very sincerely yours, LCW/s

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Mr. Joseph G. Palm

Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China 150 Fifth Ave., New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Palm:

Since President Wang is still at the Yenping plant and this should get off to you today, I am writing for her the covering letter and mailing it directly from Foochow. The figures have been sent to her and have been attested to by her. Since we have acted upon the suggestions of the Boards made by Mr. Garside in a letter written early last year that we have the Union Architectural Service work over with us our property values in accordance with the Regents Report, we have had to work in Foochow. We were not able to do this last year, because Mr. Wiant of that Service was on furlough during the time at which the report had to made out.

You will note several things about this report. Our books are not yet closed; therefore, the figures are not final.

The property figures have been entirely re-vamped. Ir. Wiant made the estimates for the figures we have always used up to this time, but based them upon values of our buildings according to values of such structures in America. He has now evaluated them according to their cost to us here.

We have a small reserve of Associated Boards money in Shanghai with our treasurer there, which we may use to defray costs of temporary structures to take care of over crowded living in enping-buildings that are going up this summer. We had hoped to have them ready for last term, but could get no builders because of the unsettled prices of all materials due to war inflation.

We trust these figures reach you on time and answer the needs you have for figures about the college here.

Sincerely yours,

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My dear Friend,

Hwa Nan College Foochow, China. September 8, 1940.

I am sure I have owed you a letter for many weeks, and I have wanted to write you one for even longer. I did have hopes of getting off many personal letters this vacation, but now the vacation is past and none of them are written!! It really is no fault of my own, but since I am loth to go back to Yenping without some word off to you, I am forced to write this general letter and leave it in the hands of my secretary, before I take up the work of the new term. I do hope you will accept this as my personal letter and know that I am holding you frequently in my thoughts. I do treasure your letters. They are such a comfort and inspiration to me, so do keep them coming even if I do not answer them properly.

Many of you have very generously given gifts to Hwa Nan during this past year either through the society or through friends or to me directly. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all you do for Hwa Nan. Every gift of every size is most welcome, as our needs seem to grow with the days - and as the national situation and indeed the world situation grows more difficult, our problems become more insurmountable too. Rice is now eighty dollars a load in Foochow as over against 12 or 15 of pre-war days. Labor has matched the stride of rice and all commodities seem to be in a mad race to the peak of the price list. I cannot tell you of the unprecedented hardship that this situation is making for our girls and teachers to say nothing of the difficulty it puts in the way of running a college. Fortunately, with funds coming FROM the U. S. A., exchange is in our favor - so that your gifts, however small, are a greater help than you dream, and we are so very grateful to you.

My vacation this year has been largely spent in working on the overwhelming problem of trying to save our Christian Middle Schools of Junior rank from utter absorbtion and destruction. The general situation has so increased their problems, both financial and administrative that several of them were on the eve of forced closing. Before Bishop Gowdy went to America to the General Conference he set in motion from our Annual Conference here, a committee whose task was to SAVE the Junior High Schools of our Conference! A simply stupendous task! This Committee last winter sent out a sub-committee to investigate and bring in recommendations. Then this summer we have spent days on this problem trying to adjust, to consolidate, to advise as the local need demanded. In one place three Junior High Schools for girls have consolidated under one principal and are working out a co-operative scheme as regards teachers, administration and equipment. This is rather a test case and we have put it in the hands of Miss Joanna Lau, whom some of you know. She is a graduate of Hwa Nan with two years additional training at Drew University. She had had five years of experience before she went to America and and I feel sure that both her experience and training will serve her well in the furtherance of this work to which she has been called. We have great confidence in her and are expecting great things through her. We have given her five of our College graduates for her new Staff and we are pleased with the way these girls are accepting the challenge of their new job. Some of you who have had direct connection with this situation will doubly appreciate what this change involves. This consolidated school is now located at Mintsing and it is faced immediately with a very difficult housing scheme. A few of you have visited Mintsing and will know what this consolidation involves in the

way of housing. However, every school that moved to the country has this same problem and we are trying to solve it in the best and cheapest way we can.

Besides the time I spent on the Junior High School problem - there were the long hours of administrative duties connected with Hwa Nan. As usual my most difficult task is to maintain staff. There was but one withdrawal this term, but our enrollment has so exceeded our expectations that we must have more teachers. Beside this the government has requested certain courses for major subjects in each department, some of which, at the moment, we are not staffed to teach. We have always been somewhat understaffed, but with this new demand, I have been forced to exert every effort to find more teachers for this emergency requirement. I have written letters. I have telegraphed. I have cabled. I have had long hours of conference with prospective teachers and at last find myself much where I began, as our blockade has tightened and the teachers who would come, cannot come, It is so discouraging, but we are facing the new term with hope and we want above all else to give to our girls what we may of the really abundant life.

Considering the times in which we life, we were pleased to have had a regular commencement with two graduating classes and a fair number of graduates in each class, but my pleasure was changed to consternation when the requests for teachers began rolling in. I had more than twice as many requests for teachers as I had teachers to recommend. Baldwin - our Methodist Girls School in Kiangsi Province asked for three teachers this year. We deeply regret that none were available, as our own province took them all. Baldwin is sending us some of their graduates for College work - one of the number is their Dean. We are delighted with this bit of co-operation with this school and feel that we are more and more a part of the whole great scheme of Christian Educational work.

Another problem that grows out of our promised Freshman enrollment - about 120 girls for both College and High school - is the housing question on our temporary campus. During the summer we have had three temporary structures erected. We had hoped this extra space could make us all more comfortable, but with this unexpected influx of new students, we are going to be as crowded as ever, but if we can just do our work and meet the needs of our present crisis, we will be thankful and will face each days problems as they come and trust our Father's hand to lead us and care for all His work.

I have so rejoiced to have these few weeks on Hwa Nan's lovely old campus. How my heart aches to bring all the girls and the school back to this beloved spot! How I do pray for the cessation of these awful wars! How I long for the hearts of men to become more Christlike - so that selfishness, greed and hate shall no longer have a place in our God-given world! How slowly the Kingdom of God grows! But how marvellous that He gives us a share in His vision - you in your sphere and I in mine.

I am going back to Yenping tomorrow. College opens on the twelfth. On the seventeenth, I must proceed to Ingan, the provincial capital, to attend the provincial Assembly. This Assembly lasts for two weeks and deals with all kinds of matters concerning this province. We do hope to do something economically and socially for the advantage of the people. I will try to write you again at the close of this meeting but I warn you it may have to be another "general"!

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President Lucy C. Wang Hwa Nan College Nanping, Fukien, China

Dear Dr. Wang:

There is one matter on which we are having considerable difficulty in New York on which you can help us. Our supply of up-to-date catalogues of the Colleges is completely used up, and we are needing the most recent bulletins and catalogues which you have available. The only catalogues we have for a number of Colleges are very much out of date and we have frequent requests for information which is contained in such catalogues. May we request that you send us a supply (five to ten) of the most recent catalogues available, and also that, as such are published from time to time, that such a supply be sent us upon publication?

From time to time Chinese students who are completing their work in colleges in America ask us for information about appointments to teaching positions. Our answer is always that such appointments are made by the authorities of the Universities on the field, and that the only thing we can do is to send information concerning them to the Presidents of the Colleges. There will probably be occasion for us to tell you of the availability of certain people of this kind, and such information is forwarded to you not with the idea of requesting you to find places for them, but rather that you may know of the availability of these persons and can consider whether or not you wish to have us follow up their qualifications. This we will be glad to do if you so desire.

At the present time, we know of the availability of Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Chu. Dr. Chu has his B.A. from the University of Wisconsin, his M.A. from the University of Missouri, and his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Illinois. Mrs. Chu has her M.A. in History from the University of Illinois, and has been a fellow and assistant in the Northwestern University for the last two years. These people are planning to go this fall to West China, and we have suggested to them that they get in touch with the Presidents of the Colleges in the West China area upon their arrival in that part of the country. This will serve to notify you of their availability if they should apply to you later on.

Another request we have had is from Dr. Paul Ching-szu Chen. He has been in this country about five years studying, and is now ready to return to China, hoping to find a teaching position. Certain information which has come to us indicates that it is important that his qualifications be thoroughly checked before any commitment or appointment is considered or made. In this case, we will conduct such an investigation if you are at all interested in his abilities or availability. He says that he has his M.A. from the Northwestern University, has done graduate work at Garrett Biblical Institute and the University of Chicago, and has his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in the field of Religious Education.

Sincerely yours.

Secretary

P.S.

I wish to add to this letter an acknowledgment of your letter of July 5. I appreciate very much your writing me in this very friendly way.

Via S.S. "Pres. Garfield" from San Francisco, Calif.

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September 16, 1940.

Mr. Joseph I. Parker 150 Fifth Avenue New York City.

Dear Mr. Parker,

Thank you very much for your letter dated May 27th, giving information concerning the grant of \$300.00 to Miss Pearl Wong. It is very kind of you and the Committee to consider her need and to make this grant. We hope that she will return next year.

Thank you also for your June letter regarding the scholarship for 1941 - 142. I am very anxious to recommend for your consideration for a scholarship during 1941 - 142, the head of our Department of Education, Dr. Carol Chen, who deserves a sabbatical year after seven years of strenuous and very worthwhile service here. She received her Ph D. in Education at Columbia University in 1933, and has been offered a tuition scholarship at Columbia any time she wishes to return. The problem is how her other expenses are to be met if she takes this year at Columbia. Being in New York yourself, you know how heavy living expenses are there. Teaching in Christian schools in China is not a very remunerative profession, especially in Hwa Nan, and Dr. Chen has been able to save nothing for further study. She has been connected with this institution for seventeen years. She took her B. A. degree in Cornell College, Iowa, and her M. A. and Ph D. at Columbia. Even with her years of service in between, she continues to be a keen student in her field, trying to keep abreast of the times. She made a very high record in both Cornell and Columbia. Mrs. Thomas Nicholson and Mrs. Dorr Diefendorf can tell you more about her. As to her credentials, they are all in America, and it is now too late for us to get them to you by the November meeting. By writing to Cornell and Columbia you can no doubt secure the necessary information more quickly than if we were to write now from here.

With Dr. Chen's years of close connection with educational work here in China, and with her knowledge of present trends in China's educational policy, I feel she will be a valuable asset to the Associated Boards and others there in New York. Certainly, when she returns she will be able to make an even greater contribution to the educational work in China. If it is possible for the Ass. Boards to provide her living expenses while in America, I will make every effort to secure her travel money, for we most certainly need to keep her for this institution.

We are now getting nicely started with the new year's work here on our temporary campus. I am leaving tomorrow for Yung An for a meeting of the Provincial Council. Just after my return, I shall try to write you more detailed information. Thank you for your kind consideration. Very sincerely,

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December 11, 1940. Ack. 2/15/41

Dr. B. A. Garside, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York.

My dear Dr. Garside:-

Your letter of September nineteenth reached me some time ago. I was much interested in the project you suggest, but have been unable to find time to answer your letter.

As to the type of man you need for this work, I fear I have little to offer by way of suggestion. As I read your three types of qualifications, I felt that scarce indeed are the persons that would measure up to your standards. However, I have questioned several of my friends and the following names have been suggested. How they will fit into your categories I leave you to decide.

Dr. John R. Mott

Dr. Georgia Harkness

Dr. H.E. Fosdick

Dr. L.O. Hartman

Dr. Weatherhead

I do want to say that I am sure whomsoever you choose will be very acceptable. As for the time spent at Hwa Nan, I feel that two weeks would be the minimum, and I do hope that your plans will work out and that we will have the pleasure and benefit of such a visit soon. This period in China is very challenging and we much need a deeper element of Christianity in our new set up and in all phases of ar Reconstruction work. So not only will the person of your choice be welcomed by our Christian institutions, but he will find a keenly listening ear in all groups of Chinese educators, Government officials and workers.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Hwa Nan and for all you have done in her behalf, and I close with warm greetings to both you and Mrs. Garside.

Yours very cordially,

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President Lucy C. Wang Hwa Nan College Nanping, Fukien China

Dear Dr. Wang:

Enclosed herewith are the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards held on Ottober 4. You will find in these minutes a number of items which will be of interest to you.

I particularly wish to call your attention to items included under the report of the special committee to make recommendations on the report of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum. This section of the minutes begins on Page 3. Included under each action is the quotation from the report of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum to which it refers. A number of these call for study and action on the field. These in particular appear under action E-1125. You will note that the action calls for referring the recommendations to the Colleges on the field through their Boards of Trustees. This will be done as the Boards of Trustees hold meetings here in America. However, as some of these Boards will probably not meet for some time, we feel that you should be notified of this action and be prepared to go ahead with such considerations as are necessary even though the matter has not yet reached you from your own trustee board.

In this action E-1125 there are several different matters covered. You will note that the first paragraph refers to a study of budgets in relation to departments of religion. Section (b) refers to items on which there will be need of cooperation between the field and the Boards in America. We will be glad to have your suggestions as to practical methods of carrying out these suggestions. Section (c) has to do with the character of the student bodies and this section is sent on to you for your careful consideration.

Vote E-1126 refers to a study which should be made through the Council of Higher Education in China. This request has been sent on to Dr. Cressy, with indication that it would also be sent to the Presidents of the Colleges, and that study should be initiated by the Council of Higher Education.

In vote E-1127 the Secretaries have been asked to correspond with you, particularly in reference to Section (b) regarding the supplementing of departmental budgets. We wish to get full information from you as to what will be involved in supplementing your regular budget in order to carry out a more effective piecs of work in the department of religion.

In connection with the items mentioned above, we would like to again call to your attention the fact that our committees in America, both of the

A ssociated Boards and of the trustee boards, have been very much concerned regarding this question of the departments of religion and the carrying out of the Christian purpose of the Universities. We, as Secretaries, are constantly being urged by the members of the Boards to emphasize their very vital interest in this matter and to make sure that very real consideration is given to this problem on the field. We, therefore, will very much appreciate not only your careful consideration, but also all information that you can send us as to what is being done on this question.

Other items in the minutes do not require special explanation, although I am sure you will find several of them of real interest.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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