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Mr. B. A. Garside
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My dear Mr. Garside,

My brother Mr Samuel Cochran has referred me to you in regard to some of the activities of the International Institute ~~Now I~~ in Tsinan fu - I wished to know about the kind of exhibits they had to educate

people in the prevention of disease. You know Mrs Buck accused the Foreign Missionary of doing almost no preventive medicine. I should like to have a little more data of what the University is doing ~~all the~~ along that line. I would like to know if the Leper colony has separated the unaffected children from their parents. Also the number who visit the museum where the posters etc and other exhibits are shown in regard to the disease. Any

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Information about that side of the Missionaries activities would be appreciated - as I am trying to write an article on the subject - ~~and~~ I would like the information as soon as possible -

Sincerely yours
(Miss) Jean C. Cochran

Can you tell me whether the missionary schools include the Chinese classics in their curriculum and if the

Chinese Government Schools teach ~~the~~ the Chinese Classics in their primary & Secondary schools. I am under the impression that for many years they did not, and would like to check up on the information.

Any information about the educational exhibits at the museum besides the medical exhibits would be appreciated

Sincerely yours
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My dear Mr. Garside,

Thank you so very much for the trouble you took in sending me the reports. I have read them with deep interest and feel I have a far more comprehensive view of Chefoo than I had. I also, have a deeper sympathy for the heroic staff carrying on under such difficulties these past few years.

Should the omission of this paragraph in the "Rethinking Foreign Missions" Che Loo carried an intolerable burden of clumsy & inefficient organization. The School has made a gratifying contribution to medical missions for fifteen years. It has a good staff and student morale but its work is being done at present under circumstances which cancel any chance of developing into a first class medical school. A

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fresh design of union organization is needed here, if one of the best efforts of the missionary program is to produce what it should.

Am I right in feeling that this is unfortunately needed? That the Laymen should have given more explanation of the background and reason for the limitations and also should have given a more clear understanding of the valuable work the School is contributing - as I understood it.

the Rockefeller Medical Com - in giving a grant to Chee Loo did so because it considered it one of the best among the mission institutions - In the Lay men's Report one gets no picture of the terrible handicaps it has been under owing to the Japanese occupation and general political situation - It seems to me that paragraph I quote may be very misleading to contributors to the institution who will think the limitations are due to the faculty - In glancing at

the men on the Board of Directors like Paul Monroe would assume those intelligent on educational matters that the University had been at pains to get expert advise on their problems.

I imagine the Report is letting it being the support come from various Mission Boards but the Report it seems to me is a counsellor of perfection and does not take enough into consideration the fact and

and later will need to get the various denominations to work together. And in the last analysis it is the people in these denominations who are the only ones who will support such enterprises - so their susceptibilities will have to be catered too.

Somehow the Report gets to seems to have gotten things from the wrong angle - From reading the Chinese Year Book and many other articles by missionaries & nationals it seems to me that the missionary leaders are a live

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to the abusers and were so long before the Sayment went out - It seems to me that the people who need the re-educating are the people at home - but - throughout the Report one feels that the Committee put the blame on the wrong shoulders - Please pardon this long letter - I do want to understand the matter -

Sincerely yours
Jean C. Cochran

I will be sure to return the pamphlet

Miss Jean C. Cochran

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October 16, 1933.

My dear Mr. Garside,

On reading over the reports you sent me I was very much impressed (as I always am) with the plucky fight the University is making against such odds. I do not know who deserve the most credit the missionaries or your Board that hold the ropes at home. Any how I want to help out a tiny bit this year before my income dwindles

to the vanishing point as it is
Unfaltering to do – I cannot promise
to give next year because I am under
obligations to our Presbyterian Board
but I wanted to do something extra
just now to show my confidence in
your fine work and the splendid
Missionary cause – I am sorry I did not
enclose it in my last letter – Sorry you
the trouble of answering – thanks
again for the trouble you took –

Sincerely yours
Jean S. Cochran

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Miss Jean C. Cochran
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My dear Miss Cochran:

I am sorry to be so slow in replying to the questions asked in your letter of September 24th. As I explained to you over the telephone, I have been trying to find a little time to make a more careful study of some of these questions than has been possible in the pressure of other work.

It is always a temptation to talk in broad generalities in discussing matters Chinese. China is so large and conditions so diverse, that almost any statement under heaven can be justified by real or fancied conditions somewhere in the flowery republic. But any effort to give concrete facts and figures is not ~~usually~~ so easy.

Under separate cover I am sending you various publications of Cheeloo University which touch on the questions you ask. Three of these publications I have marked "return". We have only these single copies of these three booklets available in our files, and request that you send them back to us within a few weeks. We have a larger supply of the other six publications, and you need not return them.

Activities of the Extension Department of Cheeloo University. This has been known under various other titles, formerly as the International Institute in Tsinan, and more recently as the Whitewright Institute. You will find the work of this institution described in the pamphlets being sent you as follows:-

Pages 20 and 21 of the brochure "For Shantung and For China".
Pages 21 and 22 of Bulletin #67.
Pages 36 to 39 of Bulletin #72.
Pages 38 to 41 of Bulletin #77.

I am sorry to say that we have no printed material here in New York which gives a really adequate picture of the very fine and very extensive program in popular education being carried on by the Extension Department. Careful statistics over the past ten years show that an

average of more than 400,000 people visit the Institute each year. Of these more than 50,000 are women. The Institute is carrying on a particularly fine program in very simple and yet effective public health education. There are numerous models and charts which can be understood by even the most illiterate. The model shown on page 21 of the brochure "For Shantung and For China" is only one of the many amazingly lifelike exhibits of this kind. The members of the staff of the Institute are always on hand to explain informally to guests the importance of the lessons which are thus strikingly depicted, and the program of the Institute makes provision for numerous more formal lectures on this same subject.

Preventive Medicine and Public Health Work in the Cheeloo School of Medicine. Any statement to the effect that our Christian forces in China are doing "almost no work in preventive medicine" is one of those broad generalities which can be classed either as true or false with equal readiness. It is entirely a comparative matter. When we consider the vastness of the amount of disease and suffering in China, all of the modern medical work being carried on by missionaries, government agencies, and private initiative, seems but a bare beginning. On the other hand, the Cheeloo School of Medicine has long been interested in public health and has been making as much progress as possible within its available income toward meeting this need. On pages 9, 10, and 11 of Bulletin #89, the importance of this work is stressed. As a matter of fact this entire report of the School of Medicine touches on this important work in many ways.

Work of the Leper Hospital. The Leper Hospital in Tsinan is not a "leper colony" in the true sense of the word. Thus far only men have been admitted. Plans have been made for the admission of women patients also, but as yet living accommodations for them have not been provided.

However, a number of women lepers have been treated in the Out-patient Department of the Hospital.

Formerly the predominant aim in the care of leprosy was simply the alleviation of suffering. Now the very definite aim is the eradication of the disease. The story of the discovery and the development of the modern treatment of leprosy is one of the records fascinating to be found anywhere in modern medical history. It is also a beautiful illustration of how oriental discoveries of the medicinal properties of various remedies, and western scientific skill in administering these remedies, have been combined to perfect a treatment for one of the most dreaded diseases of humanity. The pamphlet "Tsinan Leper Hospital, 1926-1952" gives a very inspiring story in a very unemotional and purely statistical manner. The subject is also touched on on page 10 of the brochure "Training Christian Physicians for China".

Teaching of Chinese Classics in Mission Schools. The best answer to the question of whether the Christian institution with a Chinese college teaches the Chinese Classics is to be found on page 64 of Bulletin #59. Note also the entrance regulations on pages 27 to 44. These regulations show that before a student can enter the university, he must have a reasonably adequate foundation in Chinese Classical Literature.

A great majority of our students come from Christian middle schools, and I do not know of a single Christian middle school anywhere in China which does not give ag adequate training in Chinese Classics as their resources permit.

You will note also by studying the "University Calendar" on page 1 of Bulletin #59 that Cheeloo observes the birthday of Confucius as a University holiday. This is, to the best of my knowledge, an absolutely uniform custom throughout all our Christian colleges in China, and secondary and primary schools as well.

The pamphlet "Mo Ti, a Chinese Heretic" is simply one illustration of how our Western staff members in the China colleges are keenly and sympathetically interested in studying the literary, cultural, and religious backgrounds of the Chinese people. The largest gift ever made to Christian higher education China, that came from the Estate of Dr. Charles M. Hall, the discoverer of the modern process of producing aluminum, has been set aside almost exclusively for the development of the work of our Christian colleges in China in the fields of Chinese Language, Literature, History, Art, and Philosophy. The major part of this gift, valued at something more than U.S.$5,000,000, when it was turned over in 1928, has been used for the establishment of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, which is devoted almost exclusively to the carrying on of this work both in China and in America. An additional $1,000,000 of Dr. Hall's estate is being held in trust by the Harvard-Yenching Institute for the definite purpose of encouraging the development of this work in Chinese studies in the six largest Christian universities in China.

The questions you raised all open up illimitable vistas, but I have tried in the above discussion to set forth some fundamental facts and figures as impartially as possible. If there is any further information we can supply you along any of these lines, we will be happy to do so.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

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October 19, 1933

Miss Jean C. Cochran
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New Jersey

My dear Miss Cochran:

I wish to acknowledge your letters of October 14 and October 16. These should have been acknowledged before, but I have been busy with a meeting of our Cheeloo Board of Governors, and several other particularly urgent matters.

In your letter of October 14, you comment on the Appraisal Commission'[redacted]cism of the complexity of our administrative organization at Cheeloo University. While I believe the Appraisal Commission's criticism is both unfortunately worded and apt to be misleading, still there is a great deal of truth in what they say. This, however, has long been recognized by the University, and we have been trying to find a solution.

Fundamentally, the difficulty is this:- Cheeloo is supported by thirteen missionary organizations with headquarters in the United States, Great Britain, and Canada. Each of these bodies has its own missionary representatives in China. Naturally there are some wide diversities of national and religious viewpoints within these groups. There is the further complexity of working in China, in close cooperation with our Chinese colleagues who also have their own intellectual and national characteristics.

As a result, the administrative processes by which any constructive policies of the University must be carried out, grow exceedingly complex at times. For example, the president of the University may find that in one certain year an unusually large proportion of his staff members are on furloughs, and as a result there is a serious shortage of teaching staff. The next year there may be practically no one on furlough, and the residential accomodations on the campus are over-crowded. Whenever some new and difficult question arises -- as for example when the problem of registration with the Chinese Government came up a few years ago -- it is almost certain that there will be different opinions within

our Cheeloo constituency. Some groups will take a progressive attitude, and others will be more conservative. It is not easy for the institution to move forward at a pace rapid enough to suit our liberal supporters, and yet deliberate enough to avoid alienating our more conservative supporters.

Your brother, Dr. Samuel Cochran, is more intimately acquainted with such problems as these than anyone I know. As Dean of the School of Medicine, and as Acting President of the University, he was constantly facing very difficult and delicate problems of personal and denominational relationships.

Yet it must be said to the credit of Cheeloo University, and all the participating bodies and members of staff, that the University has succeeded in doing a most excellent job. We have had, for the most part, extremely cordial and thorough-going cooperation in the finest spirit of international good will and Christian brotherhood. Cheeloo holds the first place among Christian higher educational institutions anywhere on the mission field, in point of the number and diversity of participating organizations. We have had to blaze the trail, and to find the solution of many problems which have not heretofore been dealt with ~~seriously~~ elsewhere. During the past decade, the University has had to pass through one of the most trying times in its history, and has been constantly faced with both the problem of rapid change in China and the constant presence of serious financial difficulties. It deserves the highest praise for the way [illegible] has carried on through this period, and it would not have been amiss for our friends of the Appraisal Commission to supplement their criticism with a kindly word of commendation.

It is also a rather amusing illustration of the ingenuousness of the Appraisal Commission that they criticised the complexity of our Cheeloo organization, and at the same time, appealed for a reorganization of the missionary enterprises ~~on the basis~~ that would be infinitely more complex than anything now in existence. Nowhere do ~~we~~ they seem to recognize that the two things are in anyway related.

At the present time, our Cheeloo Board of Governors is earnestly engaged in trying to find simpler methods of organization and administration both on the field and at the home base, that will retain all the interest and support of our constituent units, and will at the same time make the difficulties of our administrative officers less perplexing. This is one of the matters that engaged much of the time and thought of the annual meeting of our Cheeloo Board of Governors on Tuesday of this week. Dr. Cochran's presence at the meeting was wonderfully helpful and stimulating both at this point and at many others.

From what I have said ~~about it~~ above, you will know how very grateful we are to you for the generous contribution of $25 which you sent with your letter of October 16. There have been few times in the history of Cheeloo University when financial problems were so acute, or when our friends and supporters found it so difficult to give. Knowing that your contribution just at this time represents an added measure of sacrifice, we appreciate it all the more. Your contribution will be utilized immediately toward the relief of the financial problems confronting the University in this new academic year just beginning.

Very cordially yours,

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March 26th 1934

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My dear Mr. Saiseda,

I feel too ashamed to have let your kind letter go so long unanswered because I did appreciate your suggestion of coming to Plainfield - a thing that would give me so much pleasure - I have been waiting for spring to come for I felt the weather was by far too cold for pleasure driving and also because I found that I was

quite unreliable as to health -

However I hope in a week or two to be on a more even keel - I wonder if you could give me your new Brunswick telephone number and I could call you up some evening and make a date - I would love to have both you and Mrs Garside for either tea or dinner as it seems most convenient -

I got side tracked on my article because I did not like what I had written and felt it should be headed from another angle and felt I would do better work if I

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forgot it for the present. But all the information I got I feel was to the good. I received another pamphlet yesterday from the University - Thanks.

I suppose you know Sam is in the hospital with his foot - He had a slight operation and it has been slow in healing -

Hoping you will forgive my silence and showing it by sending your address in New Brunswick -

Very cordially yours
Jean C. Cochran