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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
DEAN OF FACULTIES
1938-1939

To the Members of the Board of Directors
of the University of Shanghai:

I have the honor of submitting a report for the year 1938-1939. The responsibilities entrusted to the administration under your close guidance have been cautiously discharged throughout the year. While it is no time to think of accomplishments, the year will be recalled as being most trying. The University has had the experience of a ship which was grounded without a captain. The waves were high and the horizon dim. The sailors were on deck, but had lost their bearings. With a sense of genuine gratification, I cannot help feeling that the University has passed its darkest days and is launching out toward another era in spite of insurmountable limitations in the way.

Sources of Support

Our supporting Boards, realizing the situation confronting the University, have generously granted practically all of our requests during the year. The Southern Board is now maintaining its quota of missionaries, while the two Northern Boards have assured us of their continuously increasing interest. In the words of Dr. Decker, the University is second to none in the interest of the Boards. In addition to the usual support that we expect from the Boards, the emergency funds that they have secured from the Associated Boards for the Christian Colleges in China have brought financial relief to the University, and have met some of the obligations created by the emergency situation. Words cannot adequately express our heartfelt gratitude, for such an attitude on the part of the supporting Boards cannot be other than a real inspiration and challenge to us. In return, we venture to assure the Boards that it is our solemn duty to conduct the institution in accordance with the wishes and ideals of the Founders.

Your attention is called to the fact that the government of the nation which the University is serving is still maintaining its grant-in-aid in a reduced amount, but without interruption. The government has made no discrimination against this school, although it is a private Christian institution. The amount which it gives us is precious and symbolic.

Enrollment

The school year was ushered in with bright prospects. An unusually large number applied for admission in September. There were 800 participating in the two entrance examinations, 766 for freshman rating, and the rest for advanced standing. To maintain the usual academic standard, some 259 new students were selected to form the freshman class, representing 77 middle schools; 47.7% of

the students admitted were from Christian schools. The fall term was started with a capacity enrollment of 625 full-time students in the college, 444 in the University Middle School, 281 in the Downtown School of Commerce, and 1,055 in the Social Center schools.

Classroom Facilities

During the summer, plans were successfully carried out to provide more space for classrooms, reading room, and middle school laboratory. While the Social Center has made its own arrangement and is housed in other quarters, the college and the other two units are making use of the whole second floor of the True Light Building and the Christian Literature Society Building. The existing physical accommodations are an improvement over those of the previous year when we had only eight classrooms and two small offices for all, but the overcrowded condition still remains a problem, and it is necessary for us to make further expansion.

As to the academic phase, the University has been able to offer practically the usual number of courses in its 11 major departments. Beginning with the fall term, the science departments have had laboratories in the Continental Building, sharing the joint laboratory facilities of the four Christian institutions in Shanghai.

The available space of 12 classrooms to house about 1300 students from 8:30 A. M. to 9:00 P. M., in three shifts, does not seem at all adequate from the standpoint of educational efficiency, but nevertheless the congestion constantly reminds one of the times we are in, and offers an unprecedented opportunity to test the perseverance and worthiness of the students, and to challenge all who are working under hardships.

Faculty

We welcome the return from furlough of Mr. and Mrs. E. Kelhofer, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Carver, Miss Juanita Byrd, and Miss Ruth Bugbee in the fall, and Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Beath and Mrs. R. E. Chambers in the spring. The college faculty now consists of 28 Chinese, 11 missionaries, 4 guest teachers, and 3 associates. We are privileged for the second year to have the services of Miss Sophie S. Lanneau, Miss Ola Lea, and Mrs. L. B. Olive of the Southern Board, and Miss Linnea Nelson of the Northern Board. The University is indebted to them for their kind and timely service. We hope that through their close contact with our work, the University will mean more to them than ever before.

When a comparison is made among the Christian colleges as to the number on the faculty, it appears that our college has been astonishingly economical insofar as the ratio between the number of students and teachers is concerned. We can proudly say that our staff is doing a little more than that of other schools in general. However, the University is conscious that efficiency is being sacrificed for economy, and the inability to remedy the situation cannot but bring some serious consequences. Therefore, the University expects to add seven new teachers to its staff for the

coming year. There will be a 50% increase in each of the three science departments, one teacher will be added for English, one for Music, and one person as director of student activities. Of that group, we are happy to welcome the appointment of Mr. H. H. Snuggs from the Southern Board to the Biology Department, and Mr. J. H. Covell of the Northern Board to the Department of English, although final word concerning the transfer of the latter to the University has not yet come. We are happy that this increase in the faculty restores the University to its pre-war status, or even to a slightly better standing.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Naturally, not much can be expected in the way of extra-curricular activities. Of those that are being put across, it seems worth while to mention a few. The Christian Student Fellowship Group is rendering effective service in upholding the spiritual life of the students. There are 14 groups in the college alone, taking in 285 students. Each group embodies in its program religious, intellectual, and social activities. In general affairs such as the campaign for relief work, Christmas, and other celebrations, the groups came together and acted as one body. A monthly publication started some years ago on the campus has been kept up without a break, and is serving as the mouth-piece of the fellowship groups. One group is in charge of a night school. Another one named "Peace" gave a Chinese play one evening and raised some \$900.00 for relief work. I might enumerate other instances, but it will suffice just to illustrate how the extra-curricular life of the students is being directed to wholesome expression through the guidance of the faculty. There are other organizations, such as the Chinese and English Literary Societies, whose chief function is to provide opportunity for practice in speaking and writing. A Chinese bi-weekly reaches the whole student body, and an English paper, purely a project of the students under the direction of the English department, serves to transmit news and articles of interest. To provide expression in aesthetics, the Art Club was one of the few which revived its activities.

Perhaps a word may be said with regard to the Thrift Movement. Students have been persuaded to contribute a sum monthly toward relief work. The faculty share is deducted from their salary every month, while the students hand theirs in to the college cashier before the 25th of each month. The total amount raised and distributed up to February, 1939, was \$4,836.30. A special tablet was awarded to the school by the City Committee as a token of appreciation for the large sum contributed, especially in the month of February when a special campaign for the education of refugee children was launched. These few details are intended to reveal the splendid spirit manifested by the student body.

Religious Work

Above all, the religious program of the University has been greatly curtailed under the present situation, where faculty and

students are scattered, but it still remains the center of all our activities. Revival meetings for the college and middle school have been conducted successfully. At Easter, 16 college students were baptized, and a number of middle school students will be baptized as a result of a meeting held in April. The University Church is now sharing with the North Shanghai Baptist Church in services in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. At the same time, all Christians are encouraged to attend their own respective churches in the city. It is our conviction that more effort and emphasis should be placed on directing the student activities in general and their religious life in particular. If it is true that during normal times this phase of our work calls for very careful planning and execution, how much more does it need them under the present conditions! It is our earnest desire to have a responsible person to give most of his time to student activities, extension work among the alumni, and assisting the pastor. We have provided for such a person in the budget. We hope that there will be no difficulty in securing a person and in providing the necessary funds to meet the long-felt need.

The Middle School

The middle school is closely connected to the University. Principal Howson Lee has been doing a fine piece of work. Since the two units, college and middle school, are in the same building, we have the privilege of sharing mutual sufferings and congratulating each other on our accomplishments. Much against our wish, the school is on a half-day program. The teaching force of the middle school is composed of 16 full-time and 4 part-time teachers. The enrollment has kept up very well; if it were not for the physical limitations, we could have a still larger number of students. We are grateful to the whole faculty for their faithful work, and for their loyal spirit in maintaining the standard in their classes, and in exerting their influence for the spiritual growth of the students.

The Downtown School of Commerce

In a way, the Downtown School of Commerce has not suffered as great a material loss as the other units. It was established through the far-sightedness of the late President Liu, and dedicated as a place for the education of those who are in business, and who have been deprived of college training. Who knew that it would turn out to be the home of the University activities? The enrollment in the school is around 350, which shows a little decrease over the previous years, chiefly because of the location. However, the standard of the school has been maintained and the teachers have been selected carefully. We should not be concerned over the fact that so many new night schools have been started within the last year and have become a source of competition. What seems to be an established policy of the school in linking up with leading banks and commercial firms is still being kept up. We wish to encourage the Executive Secretary, Mr. W. T. Zen, and the faculty, and assure them that there is always a place in this cosmopolitan city for a Christian enterprise to furnish education of a strictly vocational

nature. The problem before us is to know in what way the University may contribute most in sharing the task of making this worthy unit flourish.

The Yangtszepoo Social Center

Under the able leadership of the director, Dr. Woodrow Gin, the social center is gradually adapting its program to serve a different type of community from that in the industrial district in which the center was founded. The program of the center consists of four-fold activities: Religious, educational, vocational, and social. The center is also in charge of a refugee camp, and conducts four schools for apprentices. Speaking of the latter, Dr. Gin says, "This work seeks to serve the apprentices in small shops and factories in the downtown section, and will form the unique activity of the center." It is remarkable that the social center has been able to overcome all obstacles in securing a proper place to house the whole unit. At present it has rather spacious rooms, occupying the whole fourth floor of the "China Times" newspaper building, at 432 Foochow Road. Without going into detail, I venture to point out that with the grant-in-aid from the Shanghai Municipal Council of \$3,200.00 to the schools and \$1,000.00 for social service, the center is carrying a rent item of \$900.00 a month, and yet it has a balanced budget. What more can we expect from a self-supporting institution? It is my conviction that all units under the name of the University deserve our intimate attention and support. We rejoice over the fact that the University, in serving the Kingdom of God and the nation, finds its footing in varied fields.

The Campus

The campus is still lying idle. The pressure brought to bear through the Board Secretaries and the Administrative Commission caused the evacuation of the University property on June 7, 1938. The claim that the University property had been returned was repudiated by the Commission, who will consider it lawfully returned only when free access and the right to reside on the campus are not withheld. On November 7, 1938, the representatives of the owners, including Dr. J. W. Decker, visited the campus. Accounts were published as to the extent of damage to the property and loss sustained. Vigorous protests brought on another stage, namely, removing the things that were left. It must be a life-long memory to those comrades who participated in bringing things into the Settlement during the week of November 21-26, 1938. There were 80 truck-loads of books, instruments, specimens, furniture, and what not. We have saved a rather large number of books, and a portion of the science equipment, pianos, etc. We are unable to estimate the things actually lost.

In order to retain the right over the property, and to protect the buildings from further deterioration, immediate repairs were started on April 24, 1939. Workmen are allowed to stay on the campus, and the missionaries take turns, one going out each day to

supervise the work. They do it without missing any classes. Those of us who are not in a position to serve the University in this capacity are indebted to our co-workers for their sacrifice and the hardships that they had to face during the week of moving, and while the repairs are in progress.

The course which the Board of Directors took a year ago in recommending to the supporting Boards the appointment of Dr. L. C. Hylbert, Dr. M. T. Rankin, and Mr. W. Robt. Taylor to form an Administrative Commission has proved to be most satisfactory and indispensable. Without that, we would be in a more chaotic situation. Their vigorous, efficient, and tactful service commands our sincere appreciation and admiration.

Members Absent

Miss Lillian Thomason, the former University Librarian, is indirectly but actively serving the University in her home-land. Her love for the institution and for the library, in particular, has inspired her to make application for books to restore the University library. We are indeed grateful to her for this timely assistance. Two shipments of books selected by the faculty of the University from long lists have already arrived. We wish to express our thanks to the donors in separate letters. Miss Thomason has also been very active in bringing her fellow-citizens to understand China better, and in soliciting funds for relief work in China. It will suffice to state that whatever is done by missionaries while on furlough will add so much force to the general cause.

Dr. P. C. Hsu, Professor of Philosophy and Ethics, was appointed as one of the China delegates-at-large to attend the Madras Conference in India. He was invited to speak in post-Madras meetings in America and again in England on his way back. We are glad for the honor and privilege that the University has in being able to release Professor Hsu for one term.

Acknowledgments

During the year we are grateful to receive emergency funds from the Associated Boards through our supporting Boards in America. Gifts have also been received from the following: Maryland Baptist Union Association, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Franklin, Friends of Dr. J. B. Hipps, Mrs. G. W. Hart, Mr. L. Frank Withers, Dr. Frank W. Padelford, Prof. M. K. Snyder, Miss Mary P. Willet, Mr. Charles S. Aldrich, Mrs. Mary E. Peabody, Mr. Warren P. Behan, and Mrs. Nelson Poland.

Acknowledgment has been made for valuable gifts of books from Mrs. Frank W. Rawlinson, Dr. D. J. Evans, Mrs. T. C. Britton, and Mr. S. C. Liu. Dr. John Y. Lee generously gave the institution a microscope, a set of weights, and a bottle of mercury. The latest good news is that our supporting Boards are going to finance the immediate repairs on the campus.

In Memory of Dr. John Y. Lee

The death of our beloved Chairman, Dr. John Y. Lee, is a great loss to the University. The sad news reached me while I was in Hongkong. For the last year, especially, I had very close contact with him. I always had a high respect for his strong faith, clear thinking, and love for the University. He served on the Board of Directors since 1927, and held the Chairmanship from 1931. He was an indispensable guide to the administration, for without personal prejudice, like a great scientist, he furnished the administration with the right solution to problems. The record shows that Dr. Lee was once elected to be the President of the University, but he declined the office. His ever-growing interest in the work of education was equal in value to active service on the campus. May we record the passing of this Christian leader as a loss not only to the University, but to the whole Baptist denomination and the Christian work at large.

Cooperation

In other connections, at the enlarged meeting of the Executive Committee, I attempted to outline a general policy with regard to the future cooperation with other Christian colleges in Shanghai. No new developments at present demand immediate solution or the adoption of a permanent plan. Representing the University faculty, I am in a position to state that while the future outlook is so uncertain, the University, with all sincerity, cannot commit itself to any definite plan, such as the purchase of a new site. We wish to leave the question open so long as we are uncertain as to whether we can return to our own property. In the meantime, and for the near future, we pledge ourselves to hearty cooperation with other sister institutions in every possible and practicable way. The Board of Directors is earnestly urged to consider the question at issue from different angles, and your decision will be faithfully adhered to by the faculty.

The University is like a gigantic tree struggling for its existence in the midst of a severe storm. The tree, with its grandeur and beauty, pointing to the sky, stands steadfastly and weathers all treacherous winds. For the past thirty years and more the University has anchored its roots deeply in the rich soil. The entire Baptist constituency in America and in China have founded the institution on one faith in Christ and have cared for it during its phenomenal growth. Its miraculous growth foretells a future that cannot be other than one of steady prosperity. Whatever forces, external or internal, might endanger the well-being of the University, we pray that its potential strength will be sufficient to offset and overcome falsehood and jealousy. Will not the Board of Directors and the Founders seek to nourish its foundation, not allowing any chance for drifting or negligence to creep in? May the faculty of all divisions be resolved with one faith and one mind to serve the institution and the Christian cause.

T. K. VAN
Dean of Faculties

SHANGHAI UNIVERSITY

Location in 1937:
Location in 1943:

Shanghai, Kiangsu President:
School of Business in Chungking; Part of Arts College
at Shaowu

Mission Boards:

Northern Baptist
Southern Baptist

History:

This University was founded in 1906 by joint action of the Northern and Southern Baptist Boards. It became a leader in business training, and before Pearl Harbor was enrolling about 3,800 students in various subsidiary schools. The Social Center was the model enterprise of its kind in a large area. This University and its affiliates suffered extremely heavy physical losses in 1937, and again in 1941.

Incorporation:

Virginia

Registration:

Registered with the Chinese Ministry of Education.

Value of Plant:

Land and Buildings in Shanghai prior to Japanese occupation valued at US\$824,904. (Losses in 1937 US\$213,414.56).

Endowment in USA:

None

Faculty in 1941:

About 54

Constituent Parts:

College of Arts	6	Dept's	B.A.	M.A.
" of Science	4	"	B. S.	
" of Business	2	"		

Affiliated Institutions:

Normally, the following schools were affiliated with Shanghai:

Middle School

Downtown School of Business

Social Center Schools, for children of all ages
apprentices

laborers

women (especially house-
wives)

Summer Schools, both College rank and under

Special Features:

The College of Commerce had over 2000 applicants for 200 openings when it reopened in Chungking, and is probably still the leading institution of its kind in China.

Student Enrollment:

1941 --- Men, women -- Total 870

Budget:

1941-42 - US\$47,710

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STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Spring, 1939

T A B L E I

Distribution of Students by Classes

<u>Class</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>
Senior	65	36	101
Junior	50	32	82
Sophomore	84	56	140
Freshman	159	78	237
Guest Students (Full-time)	10	19	29
Guest Students (Part-time)	3	10	13
Total.....	371	231	602*

*Not including 47 exchange students.

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Distribution of Students by Department Major

<u>Department</u>	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Sopho- more</u>	<u>Fresh- man</u>	<u>Guest- Student</u>	<u>Total</u>
ARTS:	48	29	70	96	20	263
Chinese	1	--	1	2	3	7
English	6	8	14	26	6	60
Education	12	3	21	29	--	65*
Music	1	--	3	--	2	6
Political Science	16	11	14	20	3	64
Sociology	12	7	17	19	6	61**
SCIENCE:	32	32	42	90	6	202
Biology	7	7	3	9	2	28
Chemistry	21	19	31	60	2	123
Physics	4	3	4	18	2	31
Pre-medical	--	3	4	13	--	20
BUSINESS:	21	21	28	51	3	124
Business	13	17	19	40	2	91
Accounting	8	4	9	11	1	33
Total (Full-time)	101	82	140	237	29	589

*Including 3 students in Religion

**Including 4 students in Religion

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Number of Christians

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number of Christians</u>			<u>Total</u>	<u>Per cent</u>
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>number of students</u>	
Senior	20	13	33	101	32.6%
Junior	8	10	18	82	21.9%
Sophomore	17	25	42	140	30.0%
Freshman.	32	28	60	237	25.3%
Guest-students (Full-time). ..	2	5	7	29	24.1%
Guest-students (Part-time). ..	1	7	8	13	61.5%
Total.....	80	88	168	602	

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New Students and Former Students Readmitted

<u>Class</u>	<u>New Students</u>			<u>Former Students</u>			<u>Total</u>
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Senior	--	--	--	2	1	3	3
Junior	--	--	--	1	0	1	1
Sophomore	1	2	3	--	1	1	4
Freshman.	3	3	6	2	0	2	8
Total.. .. .	4	5	9	5	2	7	16

TABLE 5

Enrollment by Courses

<u>Courses</u>	<u>No. of Courses</u>	<u>No. of Credits</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>
Biology	8	26	213
Business.. .. .	13	39	334
Chemistry.	7	25	256
Chinese	26	54	1036
Education.	8	24	180
English	27	57	852
Geography.	1	3	50
German	2	6	34
History	2	5	90
Mathematics.. .. .	3	9	99
Music	18	35	167
Philosophy & Religion.	9	23	279
Physics	4	12	88
Political Science.. .. .	6	18	144
Sociology.	5	15	117
<u>Total</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>351</u>	<u>3939</u>

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Teaching Load

<u>Course No.</u>	<u>Cr.</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Course No.</u>	<u>Cr.</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>		
Chinese	102a	2	42	English	102a	2	28
	102b	2	53		104a	2	28
	102c	2	41		102e	2	30
	102d	2	36		104e	2	30
	102e	2	52		108a	2	25
	102f	2	22		206	3 (13)	28
	207	2 (14)	12		102b	2	35
	104a	2	30		104b	2 (4)	35
	104b	2	53		102c	2	33
	104c	2	42		104c	2	33
	104d	2	47		102d	2	36
	104e	2	34		106a	2	30
	104f	2	35		106b	2	36
	210	2 (14)	9		106c	2 (12)	33
	106a	2	50		102f	2	34
	106b	2	43		104f	2	35
	106c	2	62		102g	2	39
	202	2	27		104g	2	40
	204	3	50		104d	2 (10)	36
	212	2 (13)	16		106d	2	25
	108a	2	44		106e	2 (4)	35
	108b	2	47		108b	2 (2)	35
	108c	2	68		108c	2 (2)	38
	206	2	24		210	3 (3)	29
	213	3	39		108d	2	23
	224	2 (13)	58		212	3 (5)	9
	26	54	1036		108e	2 (2)	34
Education	102	3	36		27	57	852
	104	3	62	Pol. Sc.	202	3	39
	202	3	32		204b	3	33
	216	3 (12)	13		213	3	28
	106	3	4		220	3 (12)	22
	213a	3	8		206	3	5
	223	3 (9)	14		210	3	17
	214	3 (3)	11	History	102	2	63
	8	24	180		202	3 (11)	27
Geography	102	3 (3)	50		8	23	234
German	102	3	32	Sociology	102	3	52
	104	3 (6)	2		208	3	18
	2	6	34		213	3 (9)	13
					210	3	11
					234	3 (6)	23
					5	15	117

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Teaching Load (cont.)

Note: Number in parenthesis is indicating the teaching load of individual teacher.

SHANGHAI UNIVERSITY

1941-42

This University was founded in 1906 by joint action of the Northern and Southern Baptist Boards. It suffered severely during the fighting in 1937, and is now one of the cooperating Associated Christian Colleges in Shanghai.

Present Enrollment - about 900

Pre-war Enrollment - 629

Present Staff - about 54

Affiliated Institutions

Middle School - 1940-41 509

Downtown School of Business 459

Social Center 2440

1. Schools for children of all ages

2. Schools for apprentices

3. Schools for laborers

4. Schools for women

Summer School 392

1. College - 1939-40 - 262

2. Middle School - 130

GRAND TOTAL 3800

Degrees offered: B. A. B. S. M. A.

Organization ✓

~~Consisting of the following~~ Colleges and Departments:

College of Arts

Chinese

English

Education

Music

Political Science

Sociology

College of Science

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Pre-medical

College of Business

Business

Accounting

War Losses from Battle and Occupation

Biology Department	U. S.	\$35,176.45
Chemistry Department		13,868.00
Physics Department		21,855.54
Middle School Laboratory Equipment		4,851.20
Music Department		1,879.30
Psychology Laboratory Equipment		3,351.15
Library Books.		10,623.40
Furniture and Equipment.		28,887.00
Wiring and Plumbing.		13,619.61
Repairs to Property.		<u>79,302.50</u>
	U. S.	\$213,414.15

Comments

1. This University, through its educational and extension program is making a contribution of unique importance to the metropolitan area of Shanghai.
2. There is a strong emphasis on Christianity.
3. The staff is probably too small.