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Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

I am not sure that this letter will reach you at the above address and so therefore, I am sending a carbon copy in care of the West China Union University, 156 5th Ave., New York City, New York.

This is just to let you know that there may be some possibility of shipping to China in the near future from Calcutta, India. I understand that these shipments will be authorized or handled through the Universal Trading Co. at 635 5th Ave. New York. We do not have any definite information as to whether or not all classes of merchandise will be shipped, but I am sure that for your work, if there is any possibility of shipping, you will have no difficulty in obtaining a priority.

If you are interested in placing an order at this time, let me know in general what you propse to ship and the respective quantity. I will then take the matter up with the Universal Trading Co. and verify the fact that shipment of your particular requirements can be arranged and also I will ascertain what details will be necessary. I presume, that as before, you will work through the Rockefeller Foundation in New York and that any material required will be fore use in the school or hospital and in the training of Chinese Army doctors.

With today's news, I hope that the war will be brough to a very victorious conclusion and that we will again be in a position to ship merchandise to the interior of China.

Very truly yours,

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Export Department

c.c. West China Union University
New York City, N. Y.

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June 9, 1944

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

You probably have been waiting for some reply about the insurance on the Auth electrical goods. I am thinking that it will be necessary for all of us to wait much longer. I was in touch with the Rockefeller Foundation upon receipt of your letter of April 19th and have checked with them today. It is indeed a complicated picture which will require much more evidence than that given in Dr. Agnew's letter. The Foundation is in the same position as everyone else battling with the shortage of labor. They have made a claim for this insurance but are not in a position to dig back into the files for relevant material until there is more conclusive evidence produced from China regarding the actual loss of this equipment. I have been promised that we will receive some satisfaction in the not too distant future.

I am apologizing for keeping so long a letter of February 17th from Harold Robertson. I wish to say, however, that we have received information about the insurance and it has been covered. The first list we received was charred beyond any possible use apparently through mail conflagration in transit. The rest of ~~the~~ this letter is of value to us and we have made copies of it and return the original herewith.

I am enclosing some correspondence regarding the Goucher Middle School. I recall that on one occasion we just discussed this matter privately but I have never had occasion to write the Chapmans before regarding this particular propostion. I recall some discussion subsequent to Mrs. Chapman's retirement as librarian, and smoothed that situation over as best I could. I am not asking you to acknowledge this letter from Mr. Chapman, but words of wisdom would be appreciated along with the return of the correspondence.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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Chengtu June 17, '44

Dear Mr Evans:

Re the insurance on the Auth Goods:

The following should be said: A recent letter from Dr Agnew; he states as follows:

"You will recall in my report on relief supplies which I brought from America, that the Auth Electric Co box had been either lost or appropriated by the U.S. S.O.S. I now have received the welcome news that several cases ---- which the US Army had failed to produce when I went to India, the second time have now been apparently found & have sent them to Assam. In the statement which they have sent me, one case, not very clearly described, seems to be undoubtedly the Auth Electric Co box. I started in motion steps to have these cases brought to West China & I hope they will arrive before long." End of quote & end of story except to say Sorry I have troubled you re this insurance.

Thank you for your letter. Absence from the city, at Kansas City & St Paul for about 5 weeks has gotten me behind in many ways. Mrs Beech had an operation at St Paul that compelled delay. She has fully recovered. Cordially Joseph Beech

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

2110 Fargo Ave Chicago 45 Ill. June 17/44

Dear Mr. Evans:

① First re the enclosed "Wisdom" is of no avail in some situations - so I will not burden you with it - that is not from my border. Much of the statement in the unsigned letter. I am not acquainted with at first hand, but I should add the following. When I was detained at Kunming on my way to Chengtu, my host informed me that his Board had appointed ~~the~~ Mr. Chapman to Yunnan for school work - On arrival they located a few blocks from us. I knew of their trouble at Chengtu, which was very painful to me as it was to the Chapmans, Mr. Chapman in particular. They had left Chengtu before my return to the field. So Kunming was the first place I met them. I had known "Elizabeth" a long time & she had known "Joe Beech". So it was natural that I should ask her to rebuild the Goucher School. As to the size of the school and the type of building & the character of the teachers & staff I think I led off in these things, when I sketched the plans & later had them more carefully drawn. I got Mr. Small's estimate of costs before asking her to provide the money. My next move was to invite them to Chengtu to be associated with the Methodist mission. Since Mrs Carscallen's leaving had left a vacancy in the library & asked Mrs Chapman to prepare for that work & get from the faculty approval to invite her to the position. for which I believed, & still believe, she was admirably qualified. Re the conditions of the school

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I felt that would be taken care of, since Mr Chapman had a supervisory relation to it. But trouble got to brewing and except to quiet matters, I took no sides, as that was not the part of wisdom 10,000 miles away.

So, I accepted two dinners at the Chapman home in Kiaming and paid two friendly calls on Mrs. Chapman. They never mentioned the Chengtu affairs, and neither did I, thinking the matter was past, & perhaps, past healing. From her remark in the letter about showing no regret, (or shame) (The latter a bad word which has little if any application) perhaps they expected me to go into the whole business of which I knew so little at first hand. But, despite that, I thought that both of us were wise not to mention even a point of the sad experience that they had shared in at Chengtu, and that I felt though far off in America.

When I reached Chengtu I paid several visits to the School & talked with the principal - a fine & capable man. He had I believe about 120 students & was being urged to take others. I advised against it where possible. I have a photograph of the student-body in my possession but cannot turn it up now. It was certainly a fine school with fine spirit. I am sorry that it had become necessary to write Mrs. Chapman, but it was well that Mrs. Dye did it, if it was called for or required. — (May 13/40)

I will go into the matter more fully when I see you — if that will serve any good ends. If the Government had not enforced all grade schools to leave Chengtu there might have been more Mission schools in or near the city, now.

Cordially Joseph Beech

Rec'd 6-19-44 AR

June 19, 1944

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Thanks for your several letters which came to hand this morning. I am especially grateful for your "wisdom" on the Chapman situation.

As the Chapmans sent a copy of their letter directly to Robertson, it is not necessary for me to write him at any length. Neither is it of any great importance for me to write to the Chapmans in view of their communicating directly with the field. I am, therefore, replying saying that I am glad that they have taken the matter up with the Board of Managers in China and that there is nothing I can add to be of any benefit.

I shall be very glad indeed to get any further information from you which you may feel wise to impart. Presumably there has been some clashing of personalities which has not worked out satisfactorily.

Hoping to see you at a not too distant date, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

2110 Fargo Ave, Chicago 45 Ill. June 19 — 1944

Ack 6/29/44 Ovek

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for yours of May 24 re" the $800 gift for Dr Beech's work at WCUU from undergraduates of Wesleyan University. I have written to Reynolds & Darr in appreciation. Please reclaim it as I advised when I was last in the Office 903. Have had reply from "R"

Bishop Chen is to make the Convocation address & receive an honorary degree from Wesleyan at this Commencement. I wrote him - in accord with his expressed wish, here recently, a full statement of Wesleyan & WCUU. I expect he will also add his word of encouragement to keep on with the good work. Sorry I could not be there to hear him & see friends.

I feel certain that I know where the Bgs started on their long flight to Japan. And I am quite sure I know just where the wounded that returned are being cared for. If I am correct, - I'll wager I am not correct, West China is still closer to USA than we ever dreamed it would be.

My latest from Dr D.R. has about 3 inches cut out. Evidently that related to the latest partner in our medical plant, who have built on the Chapel foundation - at a fine rental value. Do you realize that when the next furloughs are due, Dr Kilborn will not be due to return to Chengtu, there will be only one missionary doctor in our entire Chengtu Medical plants & that will be Dr Beech of the M.C.C. — And only one missionary Dr. in dentistry - Dr Agnew; WCC.

The rest of the picture you can supply - Dr. Li of PUMC, Supt. of the Central Hospital ~~and~~ the AAF Drs. moving about through the buildings keeping their hands in tune! And this is a Mission Board Institution. Funds used for operational purposes, (~~$2000~~) aside from fees, or PUMC, are not from Mission Bd sources either. I heard some reference to the question, - that you & I have aired on another occasion, - was made at the last Associated Bd meeting, viz - How many medical colleges can the Mission Boards adequately support in China? It was an interesting academic problem I believe.

Here is hoping that, with additions to the staff recently made, the ever faithful on the job, Evans, gets a fine vacation. Thanks for your letter

Cordially yours

Joseph Beech

6-19-44

June 29, 1944

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter of June 19th came to hand on June 26th and it was most welcome indeed. First of all may I say that I have given some thought to a title page for "Testimonials". It is now in process of copying and will reach you at a not too distant date.

It was too bad that you could not be at Middletown and hear Bishop Chen's convocation address. China was well represented at that service as Dr. Stanley D. Wilson of Yenching University was given a degree of Doctor of Science.

Somehow you have a very keen sense of perception as to what is going on in China. Only, my latest word is that the "latest" partner in the medical plant is not building on the Chapel foundation but took over half of the OPD and all of the attic, which was finished off, for hospital space. For this I have received a check for $47,000 plus from this "partner", who has a long gray beard and wears a white top hat. The China Medical Board, likewise, has come through magnificently and has repeated appropriations for last year with due regard to the change in the money situation.

Both Dr. Struthers and Dr. Kilborn have pictured very graphically the need for reinforcement of the Medical Department at West China; something must be done about it. We are all greatly concerned over the problem.

May I express personal thanks to you for your good wishes which are reciprocated in added measure. Please take care of yourself, I love you deeply and think of you often.

Most sincerely,

C. A. EVANS

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CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Res. 2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago, 45, Ill.

June 30. 1944

Dear Dr Ballou:

It was my good fortune to be designated, by the Council of Bishops, to represent West China at the General Conference at Kansas City. But that was my misfortune in that it cut out attendence at the Associated Boards Meeting and opportunity of meeting you & extending my congratulations to you in the honor & responsibilities that have come to you as General Secretary of Board.

A visit to St. Louis after the Conference and Mrs. Beech's operation while there delayed my return home. Your June 16th letter to the Presidents of Christian Colleges, reminded me of my failure to write my good wishes to you and assure you of my co-operation in every possible way in the position you have entered upon.

6-30-44

You have come to the position at a time of great import & yet, as a time when we move day by day, hardly knowing what the next day will be. My thought & prayers will be with and for you as you plan for the future and meet the exigencies of the days work

You have some very fine folks on your staff of whom I have the highest regard — they will make the "days work" delightful in human relations, and I trust God's presence & guidance will reveal to you all, the way He goeth

Blessings on you and your staff as you plan & labor for the Colleges — among which I ever remember West China Union University

Cordially yours

Joseph C Beck

I enjoyed your intimate story of the Assembly at Hood College — thank you for the self revelation perceived there. JB

July 1, 1944

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Enclosed find two title pages for the book of "TESTIMONIALS". Before proceeding to have them set up in final form, I thought it might be to your own liking if we consulted you. The facts are pretty much set forth, but it may be possible that you would like some added word which would be acceptable if it seemed proper and expedient to be included.

I shall be pleased to have your reactions with the return of these copies.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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July 5, 1944

(Dictated: 7/3/44)

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 25, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Beech:

I have been deeply touched by the friendly interest of so many people in this work at which I still feel very new and inexperienced. I thank you for the very friendly letter which reached me this morning. The importance of the work of the Associated Boards grows upon me with every added insight I gain of the many varieties of the service it renders to the colleges in China and the wide constituency of those colleges in this country. Many of you who have written me since I came here the first week in May have of course known much more about the significance and the possibilities of the job than I have known myself. This has made only the more helpful your good wishes and expressions of confidence.

I only regret that despite my twenty-seven years in China -- perhaps I should say twenty-five, since the two years immured at Manila should hardly be counted -- did not get me around the country more. When I went out from Peiping to Shanghai to help prepare for the meeting of the I.M.C., then scheduled for Hangchow, I anticipated travelling quite extensively, and even dreamed that duty might take me as far west as Chengtu; but the Japanese changed all those plans and shattered the dreams which accompanied them.

In my earliest memories of Missions was a visit from a Miss Collier, who came from West China and was a sister of a woman very active in my father's church up in Vermont. I never saw her again and do not remember of hearing anything more about her but whatever she said at Church and Sunday School must have played its part in eventually leading me to a missionary decision. I wonder if you knew Miss Collier.

What you said about "very fine folks on the staff" is delightfully true. They are proving as patient during these weeks of my slow apprenticeship as they were cordial in welcoming me two months ago.

I hope it will not be too long before you come to New York again and I may have the chance of a visit with you.

Very sincerely yours,

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago 45 Ill
July 14/44

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Dear Mr Evans:

Thank you for yours of July 1st with copies of page for testimonial book.

I note one omission. The note at the bottom of the page would be more appreciated with the "Signature"

"C. A. Evans
Secretary of the Board"

So with that suggestion - I hope you will agree - and when done mail the signed copy to me - Then, or Before then, take a Good Vacation, by order of the Chancellor, West China Union University

Cordially
Joseph Beech

Wesleyans sent in an additional sum #119 collection at Commencement - to the Methodist Bd. See Note enclosed.

Chicago – July 14 | 24

ack 7/19/24 Coleman

Dear Mr. Evans:

The Shan si Kai Hospital, E.E.N.T. now under Dr Eugene Chan, - one of the associated W.C.U.M. units, is doing a fine work*. I will write Wesleyan that their Commencement Collection, $119 has been sent to Changsha for Dr Chan's work.

In order to get it to Dr Chan's work at the Shansi Kai Hospital, I suggest that it be paid to Dr Carlwright to be forwarded to Mr Olin Stockwell for this work.

The U.S. A.A.F. is giving the Central Campus hospital such magnanimous financial & other aid, that the need is not so immediate there at this time.

Cordially Joseph Beech

* Enclosed, see Dr Chan's letter. Please return to me.

July 19, 1944

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I have scribbled to you elsewhere regarding the title page for the Testimonial Book.

I am now acknowledging your letter regarding the $119.00 which will be coming to us from the Methodist Board as representing the Wesleyan contribution at commencement.

In some respects I would think it better that this money be retained by the Methodist Board and sent directly to China. On the other hand it is best to have a record somewhere regarding these offerings. I will, therefore, discuss with Dr. Cartwright next week the proper method of sending this money to Dr. Chan for work at the Shanshi Kai Hospital. I have made a copy of the letter and am returning the original herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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E. E. N. T. Hospital
Chengtu, Szechuan
January 8, 1944

Dear Dr. Beech:

I do not know whether you still remember me or not. I am the person who is heading the Eye Department in West China Union University. I had the pleasure of going to the Chengtu Rotary Club a couple of times with you.

I hear about you once in a while through the different members of the university and know that you are traveling and lecturing in various parts of North America in the interest of our university and China. We are greatly pleased to learn of your persistent effort in helping us over here.

You may like to know that the Eye Department of W. C. U. U. is cooperating with the Committee for the Welfare of the Blind (which is headed by Madame Chiang Kai Shek) in a nation-wide campaign to reduce blindness. Last November I was requested to visit the newly established Institution for the Blinded Soldiers which is located in Wutungchiao near Kiating. The trip was most worthwhile. We are sending for some of the soldiers to come to Chengtu for operations. You as well as the eye specialists in America may be interested to see some of the leaflets we are distributing to fight blindness. Unfortunately our colored posters are too large for mail abroad.

With fond remembrance and warm regards,

Very sincerely yours,

EUGENE CHAN, M. D.

(Dr. Beech has original of this telegram)

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DR JOSEPH BEECH CHANCELLORS OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK NY

WILL AWARD DR CHEO SCHOLARSHIP OF $125.00 A MONTH UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN FOR ACADEMIC YEAR. I WILL NOT BE IN BATTLECREEK FRIDAY OR SATURDAY.

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Res. 2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago 45, Ill.

July 20/44

Ack 7/25/44

Dear Mr Evans:

Replying to yours re Dr Chao Shao-wu, I regret to report that he is held up at Chungking awaiting permission to leave the country. He has been there some time & is evidently at the Methodist Hospital.

I received a cable gram, re his delay as you mentioned in your letter. I received another cable, recently, signed by Agnew-Cheo Shao-wu, reporting inability to get official permission to leave, requesting that his scholarship at the University of Michigan be changed to a "working fellowship".

Since I had a letter from Dr Lindsay at Los Angeles at about the same time, I turned Dr Cheo's case over to him, together with the University's request re his course of study, he is to follow at "Michigan".

I wrote, at Dr Lindsay's request, a letter to Cheo that might aid his case at American Embassy, Ministry of Education or Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Exits from China are about closed, evidently

I send in the envelope the sheet for the "Testimonials Book" with some slight suggestions re possible changes - but at your option, with understanding that the option does not apply - omission of your official signature, in bold hand, for a gentle-man.

By the way - that was my last "West China Univ" envelope

With best of wishes - including vacation -

Cordially

Joseph Beech

Greeting to Mr McBrier, when next you see him. Tell him to keep well, for the stay on this side the Divide is short, for even the best of guests

JB

7-20-44

July 25, 1944

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Thank you for your letter of the 20th enclosing the title page to "Testimonials". We will follow your suggestions, which I think are very good indeed.

I want to report to you further on the case of Eric Cheo. First of all may I quote the cable which is as follows:

READY TO COME NECESSARY UNIVERSITY MICHIGAN TELEGRAPH AMERICAN EMBASSY CHUNGKING CONFIRMING MY ADMITTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

I have previously received two cables regarding this, both of which referred me to you. Yesterday morning I had a conversation with Dr. Jeserich's secretary who took down all of the data and said she was sure that Dr. Jeserich would cable to Chungking today as he was out of the office yesterday. She also stated that she would keep me informed of what was done and send me a bill for the cable. I will let you know the outcome of this exchange of information.

Thanks for your good wishes and I hope that the summer is treating you graciously. It's pretty hot here in New York and in this area.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, SZE., CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

2110 Fargo Ave Chicago Sept 4, 1944

ack 9/13/44

Dear Mr. Evans:

On returning home at the end of last week the following telegram from Chungking was on my desk

"Chungking 14 25 1845
" NLT J Beech Res. 2110 Fargo Ave. Chgo.
" Leaving Chungking soon Erie
" Cheo Shaowei"

I presume that you may have this message, as I turned Dr Cheo in your direction, + to Dr Lindsay. I will forward the message to Dr Lindsay also.

Hope the summer has been kind to you and yours — Two other thoughts:

① That final copy for front page to Testimonals has not been received

② If you have more of this stationery Envelopes please replenish my supply + oblige

Cordially yours Joseph Beech

September 13, 1944

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

Thank you for your letter of the fourth giving us copy of the cable from Eric Cheo. We had not received this information either through Dr. Lindsay or otherwise.

As requested, we are sending you some additional stationery which I trust you will use more frequently in writing to us.

We are also forwarding the final copy of the front page to your "Testimonials." This has been in process for a long time and it finally took some urging for the artist to complete the task. I believe, however, it is about what you desire. At least, I hope so.

Barring three days I stayed away from the office for a matter of three weeks and found a cool spot in the cellar of my home where I could type letters. The telephone was also handy and so things worked out very well. The weather, however, was anything but kind to us with the terrific heat which we had about New York coupled with an extremely dry summer.

With best wishes, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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P. S. We are sending the stationery under separate cover.

C. A. E.

August 1, 1944

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

You will be glad to know that Dr. Jeserich's Secretary has sent a cable to Chungking regarding Eric Cheo's support in the United States. It would appear that this clears the way for him to secure his passport.

Hope you are not experiencing such terrific hot weather as has been our lot during July.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, SZE., CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

ack 10/10/44

Res. 2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago 45 Ill.

Sept 20/44

Dear Mr. Evans.

Some body lost part of their holiday as indicated in the enclosed. To Whom. Our thanks and appreciation are real and in record volume, nevertheless.

Thank you for the stationery - also received.

I sent you letter for Mr. Meng, and his HDR letter to me. Which please return in due time. The reference to Miss Hensman follows my letter to Pres. Dzang, that the C.M.S. Secy. Mr. Barclay be written to asking for her return to the English Dept. She has been working for her PhD in that dept at Chicago for past two years - recently returned to England - Other matters will, I judge, be clear to you - If not, comment will follow as may be desired - If you are agreed, it will be OK with me, if you wish to share this letter from HDR with Mr. Ballou

With best wishes

Cordially yours
Joseph Beech

Enclosures
① HDR letter to Mr Meng - to be forwarded,
2 " " to JB. To be returned,

MAR 20
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CHENGTU, SZE., CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

To whom soever it may concern!

Dear Mr Evans.

The Dedication page to the Testimonial Book is in harmony with the Authors of the Book and its artistry is a fitting token of the spirit in which it has been conceived and carried through. So in behalf of Mrs Beech and

Yours cordially Joseph Beech,

Our Sincere Thanks -

Sept. 20, 1944
2150 Farragut Ave
Chicago - Ill.

October 10, 1944

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45
Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I am glad that you received the dedication page to the book of Testimonials and that it meets your desires. We are all most happy to have had a share in this delightful bit of appreciation for one who has given himself so unstintingly and unreservedly in the cause of his Lord.

As requested, I sent on to Mr. Meng the letter which you enclosed and have read the enclosed and shared it with Mr. Ballou, and return same to you herewith.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting on November 2nd.

With every good wish, I am

Most sincerely yours,

CAE:EW.

C. A. EVANS

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2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago 45, Ill.

Oct 22/44

Dear Mr. Evans—

Thanks for your latest letter in reply. I had plans made for arrival in New York on Nov 1st. But since receiving notice of the Kung Luncheon. I concluded that West China should be represented—and that I owed him something in the way of honor in return for the honor he tied upon me in the Good old China days.

Engagements here prevent leaving before the afternoon of the 25th, arriving at 11 am or 11.30 am (if train on time) on the 26th. If I am late please hold place until return ph.

2 One other request—Will you please phone Natl Bible Inst 340 West 55 St and make a reservation for me, from date of arrival Oct 25th until the 2nd or 3rd of November.

Many thanks to you—delighted at the thought of being with you once again

Cordially Joseph Beech

3 Kindly pass on the Enclosed

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Irving
Woodstock
Albert – call at
Shelton
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Carteret
Geo Washington
Murray Hill
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New Yorker
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150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y.

Res. 2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago 45, Ill Dec 6/44

ack 12/9/44

Dear Mr Evans:

In my hurry to get away from New York after seeing you for a moment & introducing Mr. C. C. Chang - I failed to call and say Good bye. Then, somewhere along the way or here in Chicago I got hold of my worst cold and could not let go - So I am late in greeting you & sending my expense account - including postage acct - in part!

I went to Church last Sunday my first real outside trip - & have accepted an invitation to meet Dr Chang-fen again at noon tomorrow. He leaves for New York on Thursday. He says "The Aviation meeting was very long". So it was and not fully happy. I have seen references to him - usually in strife with USA - in the press. Drop him a note at 277 Park Av re Bd of Gov's meeting.

Thanks for your, as always, courtesies

Cordially
Joseph Beech

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December 9, 1944

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter of the 6th came to hand yesterday and I am hastening to send you a check for $50.61 covering your expenses in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors.

I regretted that I was not here when the time arrived for you to weigh anchor from New York. You were here altogether too short a time as it was and I must confess that there were lots of routine tasks to do. However, I detest these kind of tasks when they take me away from fellowship with you. I presume you did not wish to write us about your illness or have anyone else do it, which is very considerate but I chide myself in that I did not find it out before this. There should be time, none the less, in the day's work for us to take up these personal matters and I hope that some day the Lord will make it possible when we can return to that kind of personal contact. However, the war is with us and we must keep pace with the speed of the times.

There is great satisfaction in spite of what you have gone through with in knowing that you are now well and I pray God that you may continue so. Please take care of yourself.

Things have certainly happened in China; what it all means is anybody's guess. The best interpretation I have heard, and which seems sensible to me from what I know of the situation, is that in order to satisfy the terrific pressure exerted by the United States Government there has been a shake-up without anybody losing very much 'face'. The former Minister of Finance has been in America for some time anyway and at that he was due for a let down of some kind. All in all the changes seem to have strengthened the government rather than otherwise. There are ominous rumblings, however, fro m Yenan and the papers do not carry the full story. After all, Chiang Kai-shek is the strength of the present government and may the Lord spare him to carry China through this intricate maze.

As suggested, I will drop Dr. Chang a note which will open the way for conference if he desires to follow it up. I promise you I shall be very discreet.

With blessings on you,

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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2110 Fargo Ave Chicago 45
Dec 16 (50)

ack 12/20/44

Dear Mr Evans

Perhaps you can pass this on to Mr Cameron with the proper OK —

"Science on the West China Campus" put out under the China Colleges is a fine war time piece of work.

Joseph Beech would like a dozen or more copies, with envelopes, to send or pass out where good may follow

Thanking you

Cordially yours JB.

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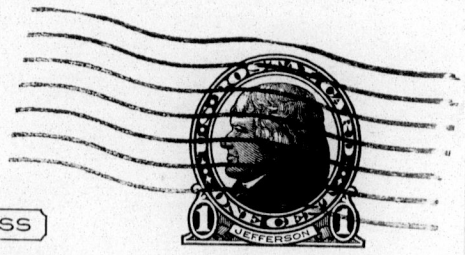

Mr. C. A. Evans
China Colleges
150 Fifth Avenue
New York N.Y.

December 20, 1944

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45, ILL.

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your card of the 16th is at hand and we are sending to you a dozen copies of the limited edition of "Science on the West China Campus." We trust to your good discretion in distributing these. They were designed particularly to distribute among the scientific educated strata of society. If you know what that means.

With sincerest Christmas Greetings, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

January 5, 1945

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

The usual gift of $1,600 from the Atherton Trust has been received and they state that the fund was started when you were President and that they would like to have you consulted in regard to the disposition of these funds. I am doing this now and sincerely trust that you will agree with the use to which the fund is now being put.

I am anxious to know how you all are and how you have stood the rugged weather of these past few weeks.

With the Season's Greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:EW.

C. A. EVANS

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, SZE., CHINA
Res: 2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago 45 Ill. Jan 8/45

ack 1/9/45

Dear Mr. Evans.

It would repay a trip if the Christmas card sent to Mr Beech & myself could be forwarded to you — It was a picture of a new type of orchid — the white dove orchid. The centers of the flowers is filled by a dove like formation. Mr & Mrs J C Atherton have long been interested in the development of new types and more beautiful orchids — Mr Atherton wrote on the folder — "May it be the dove of peace in this coming year of 1945."

A letter from Mr Atherton mentioned the forwarding of his usual gift subject to any disposition I might wish to make re its use.

As, here to fore during the past two decades, no suggestions except to credit the University. If the war ever ends — in our active days — I may be making a request re disposition if my life long friend Frank will make the journey to West China with me.

1-8-45

I have been absent from home & office for fully three weeks - Mrs Beech has not been very well - So we decided to spend some time with our Son Dr Raymond Beech & family at St Paul.

We had 20° below up there but enjoyed our stay & the trips, via the Chicago - St Paul "400 miles in 400 minutes" wonder trains.

Mrs Beech is home with me now - somewhat better, but not her own dear self as yet.

Better news, but at an awful price, on the "Western wall", badly named, psychologically as well as factually. I didn't like, too much, the President's "Ladies & Gentlemen" & then geared the speech to "Slaves all" - What on Earth are we going to do with 12,000,000 men of war on our hands? Can't we let the dear 18 yrs boys of the future rest from military training till we see day light as to ridding our selves of the 12,000,000 who have the know how & the years too, to meet our needs. ~~If~~ Is fooling somebody - well they won't be fooled. So keep awake, you may be drafted for war job yet. Nevertheless - Peace be yours & blessings too Cordially D.B.

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Res. 2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago - Jan 26

Ack 2/9/45

Dear Mr Evans:

I was with Dr Cheo at his hotel and at the N.Y. Central station. He had a first class ticket from Chicago to N.Y. But since he travelled on the Pacemaker Chair Coach there may be a 'write back' on the ticket of the difference between the 1st class + coach fare of about $12. The agent suggested that the conductor might indicate this on his ticket. Dr Cheo may not be in position to follow up on this so I mention it to you -

Dr Cheo had borrowed funds that he was to return to the Bk of China N.Y. For this reason, he deemed it necessary to go to N.Y. He is registered to leave Chicago today at 2 PM due N.Y. 9.00 AM Saturday. I suggested he go at once to the Bk of China and phone or call upon you before noon - and if possible get to Ann Arbor to report on Monday.

He stated that you had wired him that $200 was being forwarded to me. I have not received it as yet. When received I will return it to you.

With best wishes Cordially yours Joseph Beech

See P.S. over.

1-26-45

Later, I now have your letter to Dr Cheo with the Check for $200. I will phone him at once and inform him that I have returned the Check to you. - JB

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Res 2110 Fargo Ave - Feb 3/45 -
Chicago

ack 2/9/45

Dear Mr Evans: *Re. Dso Li-Liang

Recd the enclosed this AM. I judge it was forwarded to me via the Methodist Bd. I do not know the whereabouts of the gentleman so can give no advice. I suppose he may appear in N.Y. at the Methodist Bd office or at yours. If you can get any information re his location or plans please pass this word to him.

Perhaps he may plan to go to China with Dr Fulbrook & Dr Mullet who may be leaving Canada in February

Sorry to trouble, but you are my best avenue of possible connection

Cordially Joseph Beech

* The name may be Li Dso-liang

February 9, 1945

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

On January 8th you wrote me a very delightful letter which I have held in abeyance against the time when I could combine an acknowledgment with other items of interest.

I note that you waxed eloquent in your protest against military training and admonished me to keep awake lest I fall into the grapples of the drafted. I wonder if you mean this as a compliment to my youthful appearance (?) or if it is an intimation that I am returning to my second childhood, or if it is a slam on keeping awake. As your letter dwelt very largely upon the "dove of peace" - Pax Vobiscum.

Your letter of January 26th reported on the visit of Dr. Eric Cheo and returned the $2.00 check which we had sent to him. Dr. Cheo came in on Saturday morning, January 27th, just as we were closing up. His train had been several hours late and he just managed to make his engagement at the Bank of China. He had no hotel reservation but possessed a large amount of personal baggage. Miss Brown and I worked until nearly three o'clock in getting a place for him to stay, which finally ended up in a Y.M.C.A. dormitory on 3rd Street near 3rd Avenue. He reports that it was good for a short time, which I am sure is correct.

Dr. Cheo is intimating that he needs $200 additional for equipment and books to start his work. Undoubtedly you are ready to endorse this appeal, and if he will give me something of a detailed list of his requirements, I think that there are possibilities of securing some additional funds.

Your letter of February 3rd enclosed a letter from Dso Li-Liang. Dr. Kilbourn has been telegraphing and writing about him but no one here in New York that I have been able to reach knows about him. Contrary to your thought, he has just arrived, and the letter which was sent to you calls attention to his passage into Canada for further study.

I have not forgotten the action of the West China Board which instructed us to select an artist to properly portray on canvas your own beautiful countenance. As you will see from the enclosed, I have written to Professor Edmund Giesbert of the University of Chicago, and as I believe he has indicated his willingness to cooperate, it is quite possible I will be writing you again in the near future with the hope that you may be able to make appointments with him for the purpose in view.

With sincerest best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

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Enc.

C. A. EVANS

2110 Sargo Ave Chicago 45

Feb. 13/45 –

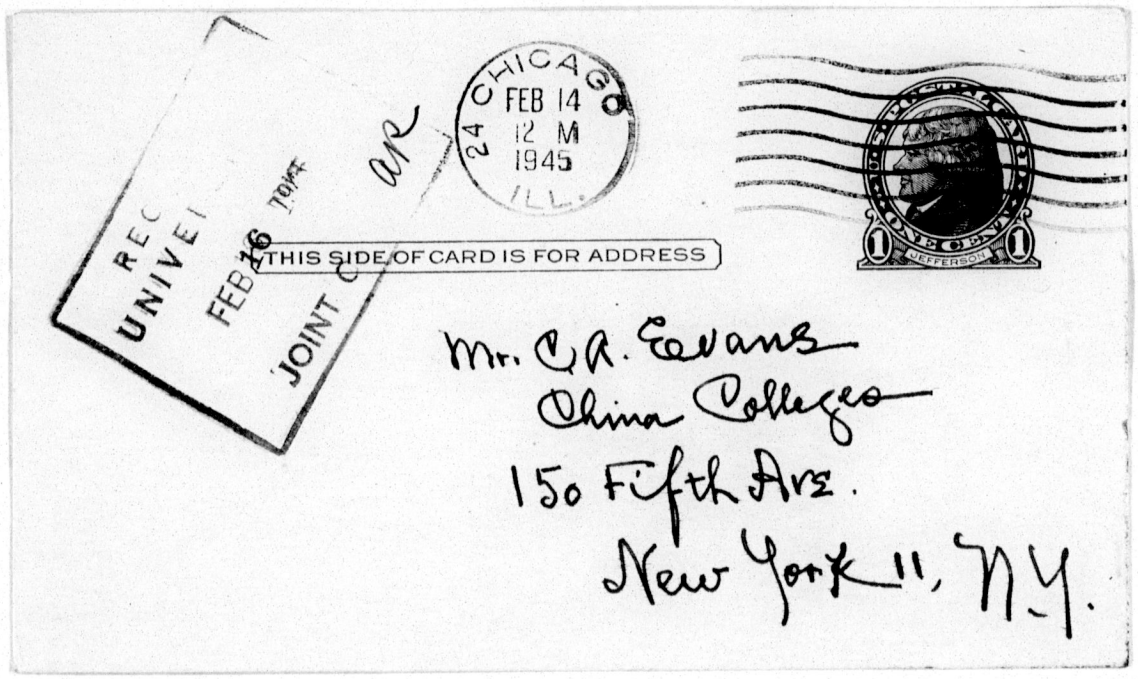
Dear Mr. Evans – (file)

Yours of 9th received. At this time I am replying re Dr Eric Cheo's request for funds for purchase of books etc...

I am due to meet Dr Lindsay on the 19th in Evanston, when I will take up the question of additional funds and report back to you. If in the meantime you think this delay will work hardship on him in anyway, I request that you make payment as per sources indicated in your letter. Let me know if you send check to him prior to my meeting with Dr Lindsay.

Glad you have the line on Dso Li. Lay. I will reflect on your last paragraph hoping that reflection may bring poise sufficient for reply — Cordially Joseph Beech

I have written Dr Cheo to send you a list of things he requires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February 15, 1945

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

At long last we have been able to secure the services of Prof. Edmund Giesbert of 1301 East 60th Street, Chicago 37, Illinois to paint your portrait.

Professor Giesbert is connected with the University of Chicago and I am suggesting that you get in touch with him at once as he says he is in a position to immediately take up work on your portrait. He is recommended to us by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Gilkey and is reputed to have done some very fine portrait work.

From now on will you look your prettiest and we shall expect a masterpiece to emerge from this venture.

Dr. Dso has been in the office several times and he is a very fine chap.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

VIA AIR MAIL

March 17, 1945

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Thursday night about forty people gathered together to consider the place of women's education in China, particularly in the aspect of post-war planning as regards to Christian education of women.

Unfortunately, no person was present who had first-hand knowledge of the inception of women's work at West China or could give a clear idea of its present function. I was ready to make available such knowledge as I have gained over the years that I have been connected with the Colleges, but Sallie Lou MacKinnon with all of her effervescent spirit gained recognition from the Chairman and made a statement which was anything but correct. Fortunately everyone thinks that West China is to continue its work on its present campus and what she said will be of no particular detriment.

It is time, however, that we had a brief statement as to how the women's work started at West China and of its development into what is now known as the Woman's College. Was West China co-educational from the beginning? Where were the girls housed? What dormitory facilities do they now have for girls? These and kindred questions are pertinent in this discussion.

If you have opportunity will you not please scribble out these facts and let me have them? We would appreciate it immensely.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via Air Mail

Chicago. Mar 19/45

Dear Mr Evans-

Your letter in regard to Woman's College received. Will reply soon that your position is OK, historically and actually.

The Kellogg Foundation has granted Dr Cheo the instruments needed for his work at Michigan. So that may be omitted from any list you may have-

Will have some word re "sittings" not yet begun, but progress is reported

Cordially Joseph Beech

Dr Chia (U.S.) detailed report of work done at Michigan. is here. Has finish visit Washington & will be at Geological Survey for a few weeks

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA
Res. 2110 Fargo Ave - Chicago 45 Ill

March 25/45

ack 4/11/45

Dear Mr Evans:

It has occurred to me that the difference in your accounts for land as reported by your books and the Baptist Board may have come about through settlement for the settlement of the land allotted to the Colleges.

As I recall, I settled for the M.E. College land (original purchase) by payment to the land account with the Bursar at Chengtu. The Baptist may have paid, by their Board contributions. If so, it may have been credited to the University - but, in fact, have been a payment to the Baptist College land account & so not a credit to the Governors land account (original purchase) Later on all of the colleges made additional purchases, to bring their land areas as stated in the "deeds" you have in your files.

The Methodist Board grant to the Governors was probably for Central Governors University land.

3-25-45

A like sum should have been paid by the Baptist Board – They also made a grant for the payment of the original Baptist College plot. This payment may account for the differences. Since the Methodist Bd, as I recall, made no grant for the Methodist College plot. Payment being made from funds I had on hand in China and a special gift from Dr Goucher.

So the grants for land to the University acct, Bd. vrs, should be the same for both Missions Bds, but the College land represents actual payments to the College and not to University – I have repeated this idea in different forms. Does the Baptist Bd have record of payments for their college land accts, especially the (original purchase)? If not – then the differences of your accounts are at once self evident.

Let me know if I can be of service, I have not any documents at hand – though there may be such in filed stuff in basement.

I do not want to tackle that just now – as Mrs Beech has not been well for some time – She is gaining slowly – but gaining definately. Cordially J.B.

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago 45, Ill. April 11/45

Ack 4/17/45

Dear Mr. Evans:

I feel very badly - many air mail letters come from Italy with the usual markings - Yours of March 17 got mixed & not answered - Pardon please! As I have told you, I believe, Mrs Beech has not been well these several weeks and that fact allows things, letters included, to slack up -

You wrote about the WCUU Woman's College.

1 How the Woman's college got started:

A About 6 yrs after the college work for men began (1910) I raised the matter of college work for women. The idea was far from the minds of some of the British and Canadian representatives. It gained recognition by or with an amendment, that if & when a college for women should be started, it should not be located nearer than 5 miles from the University site.

B. Committees were appointed to prepare for a woman's College - Here again there was opposition from some of the women's societies, but we got past opposition & presented plans to the Home Societies. No adequate support was promised in staff or cash. This was as I anticipated - having travelled that thorny road for the establishment of the University. Finally, we had

4-11-45

a meeting of the "mourners" on the committee reported non-concurrence of the Home Societies, and were stopped. They as I had expected, from the beginning I made the announcement that the idea should not be given up. But, that we work for Co Education, by organizing a woman's college on practically the same basis as the four mission colleges then in operation.

The battle was fought out on two fronts. The Mission front & the Home front. The idea ran into opposition from the Chinese Scholars, who petitioned me, "Not to spoil their cultural education by admitting women to the University". Prior to that the subject was debated on its merits, and after a few months the idea of college education won approval. Then the matter was debated for sometime, should women be admitted to "West China". The then student body all men, caught on the scaffold they had helped to build, voted yes, to their honor and good sense. It was at this stage that the great scholars of the Province sent in their petition. That petition is preserved somewhere. It was a thorough "road block".

By this time, Joseph had friends in the Government, who were having their own troubles with the Literatti. The Governor, and others approved the idea and so, by wheeling up there big guns the "road block" was abandoned and moved off. The way was clear. It was a great battle - that made no enemies & many friend when the day was "V" for women.

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CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
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C. The Home battle was such that Dr Endicott once remarked that he "feared Beech was going to wreck the University on this question of admitting women to the ~~coll~~ University in China, and admitting women to the Bd of Governors on equality with the Missions & their colleges." Our friend Sir Joseph knew how to build a gate high and defend it when built. But sweet reason won the battle, and the Woman's college was permissive on the same grounds as the denominational colleges. (You must have that in your old College faculty & Bd Governors minutes, about time of World War I.)

D. The College is now, as it has been since it first began. A Committee of the Women's Bds operates instead of ~~one of~~ the Mission Bds. The Mission Colleges had their college committees and a principal. The Womens College has the College Committee - to which the president & Chancellor, are welcome & often attend. The Dean of Women holds a place similar to the mission college principals. Women are admitted to all

departments — and have had over 1/3 of the student enrolled in the graduate + professional courses. The Mission colleges provided accomodation for their student body. The women did the same. Bought land — in time (rented from UMI in early stages) and built thereon temporary buildings — and of late years fine permanent structures. All under their own control. They have always had adequate housing quarters, and girl students in the University were limited by the number the Woman's College could house, or admitted. (Of late pressure from applying women may have pushed over this same limitation) The Woman's College was responsible for the conduct of the women, on and off the campus —

If I have omitted items you do not have please let me know & I will reply as my feeble memory permits. The Women's Home Bds should bring their staff and financial support up to the ~~College~~ Fing of the Univ.

(1) Remember. West China pioneered in College education for women. We were held up, long enough to let the Peking Govt College admit women — on paper or in fact, I believe.

(2) We fought a hard war with many battles, and we must not for any cause loose the peace — of the right of place of College education for women in the WCUM

Cordially yours Joseph Beech

Rec'd 4-13-40

PS Please pardon the hasty character of this reply — after my fault in delays

April 17,1945

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I received your card of March 19th and yourlater letter of April 11th which gives us a pretty good picture of the Woman's College work at West China. It fits in very nicely with the Minutes of the Board of Governors. I have been greatly amused at some of the early actions taken by the Board, especially in view of the development of women's education in China.

I am greatly indebted to you for this statement as it pretty well confirms my own memory and what has come to light with the various Mission Boards related to West China. What distressed me somewhat was the attitude of many at the Planning Committee on women's education which met several weeks ago, when profuse apologies were made for what has been done in women's education in China. In some respects apologies are due but on the surface all the colleges have done pretty well and deserve praise for what they have accomplished.

Dr. Y. S. Hsia has not called in so far as I am able to determine but we will bear your admonition in mind. I should thank you for your letter of March 25th regarding the contributions of the various Boards toward the work of West China Union University. It has come to the point where the Committee on Greater Unity has been compelled to ask all of the Mission Boards to give us pretty much of exact data as to their contributions to West China Union University, as well as all other educational institutions in China. We are now receiving some reports in response to these letters and the plans for greater unity are still progressing.

I am distressed to know that Mrs. Beech is not recovering more rapidly. Possibly with the coming of spring and warm weather the cure will be accelerated. We hope and pray that this may be the case and meanwhile may the Lord be with you both.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE:EW.

mailed to Dr. Beech at: as perhis card of May 4th.
Dr. R. H. Beech
924 Goodrich Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

May 15, 1945

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

We missed you greatly at the meeting of the West China Executive Committee last week. I felt, however, that you actually were with us in spirit and you may rest assured that the members of the staff who were there represented West China very well indeed.

Dr. Chang left New York by plane on April 30th for England. He plans to visit many industrial organizations there and if possible visit France and the low-land countries. At one time he thought of returning to China by way of Moscow but Mrs. Gould informs me that he has given that up. She states that he made practically a definite decision to return to the United States and I have her promise as well as his that we will have another get together when he returns. I will let you know when that time arrives.

Sorry I could not reply to your card earlier but pressure of the meetings last week was tremendous and even now I am still snowed under. I hope Mrs. Beech is improving rapidly.

Most sincerely yours,

CAE:EW. C. A. EVANS

Over

Chicago - May 30th, 1945

ack 6/2/45

Dear Mr. Evans

Mrs Beech and I have been absent from home for nearly a month. Most of the time we were at St Paul where she was taking treatment. Am glad some gain was made.

I owe you a letter, but this is just a note to share with you my sorrow in the passing of my life long friend Mr. Frank C Atherton! He died at Honolulu yesterday, May 29, of a rare stomach ailment, Uritis plastica. I sent a night message to Mrs. Atherton and the family. There is a daughter, married and two sons all living at Honolulu. He has been devoting all his time this past year in patriotic and other good work. He will be missed greatly by every good cause in the Islands.

I had hoped that we could make a journey to West China together, but the war has intervened. I hope I may meet in a finer country, that the Lord has prepared for all

Who fore ever

I trust the College meeting left some of you — that is not entirely frazzled

Cordially
Joseph Beech

June 2, 1945

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I was deeply touched with the news about Mr. Frank C. Atherton. I have never met him but for many years have corresponded with him and have heard of him frequently from you. There is no one else on the staff here at the present time who ever had any contact with the family. Do you think it advisable for me to write a letter to Mrs. Atherton?

I am glad to know that some progress was made through the treatment on Mrs. Beech at St. Paul. I most earnestly hope that she will continue to improve. May the good Lord be with you both.

The college meetings "left some of us" but I think we are still pretty much "frazzled", at least I am making frantic efforts to get caught up.

Your devoted admirer,

C. A. EVANS

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over Sunday June 17/45 = Chicago

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

Sit, sat, sot & now it's "sitting" past perfect despite the spelling of it. The "sittings" are ended & the subject has been framed and will be hung without ceremony at the frame makers, Newcomb, Macklin & Co. 400 N. State St Chicago by Wednesday or a few days thereafter.

Mr. Siebert asked me to let you know that the portrait is subject to your order.

My family saw it yesterday framed at Mr Siebert's studio at Chicago University. They raved their approval, by which I judged they thought it an improvement on the original subject.

Mr Siebert painted one canvas & then discarded it. The second one he also raves over. So I take it that it is a good job. I never have raved over myself and am at a loss to say much about the copy in oils. I shall await your decision when you have seen it.

6-17-45

Someday I shall hope to know the person responsible for this, if it can be revealed

Gilbert painted a full size picture of Dr Tittle of First Methodist Church that hangs in the Social Hall of the Church, and so I was acquainted with the artist before I knew the man. He is a very likable man as well as an artist. He admitted - after the "work" was done & framed - that he had a hard job with me - that I was a difficult subject.

I know he will have a photograph of the painting taken before it leaves Chicago. If you would like a copy, it will be a pleasure to have a copy made for you

Cordially

Joseph Beech

Dr Lindsay will be here today or tomorrow.

Rec'd 6-19-45 ak

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June 19, 1945

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your very cordial note of June 5th on "a relic of other days" was most gratfully received.

I have written Mr. Atherton as per the enclosed copy and hope that it meets with your approval. It is quite possible that this will start something which will open the way for further negotiation regarding the annual appropriation. It seems inappropriate at this time, however, to allude to it except as one of the great influences on the life of West China.

I am glad to know that Mrs. Beech is gaining strength and while the process is slow, yet there are definite assurances of complete recovery.

I shall be very happy indeed to meet Captain Robert Beech and hope he will take time to get into contact with me. Please urge him if you have opportunity.

The address of Dr. Chang's Secretary is:

Mrs. Dorothy Gould
277 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Mrs. Gould just received a cable from Dr. Chang asking that she start proceedings to get him a visa for returning to the United States. You will be interested in the following paragraph from the CHINESE NEWS SERVICE which came to hand this morning:

"CHUNGKING, June 18.....The Foreign Exchange Administration Committee of the Central Bank of China was inaugurated June 16 to take over the work of the defunct Foreign Exchange Control Committee. The new organization, headed by Dr. H. H. Kung, governor of the Central Bank, comprises ten members including Jian H. Chen, deputy governor of the Central Bank; Chang Kia-Ngau, advisor to the Executive Yuan; Hsu Kan, Minister of Food; Tsu-yee Pei, general manager of the Bank of China; and O. K. Yui, Minister of Finance.

In the absence of Dr. Kung, who is now in the United States, Mr. Jian H. Chen will

act as committee chairman on Dr. Kung's behalf.

The committee is primarily concerned with examination work in accordance with foreign exchange regulations formulated by the Ministry of Finance. Application for foreign exchange by public and private organizations or individuals are to be submitted, as usual, to the foreign exchange control department of the Central Bank of China."

Mrs. Gould did not know of this appointment, but apparently Dr. Chang will have to return to China shortly.

I am gratified to know that the "sittings" have achieved a lasting likeness of a man who should be "raved about" and, of course, I am anxious to see the finished product. In reality this should be sent to New York, but I hesitate during these times to trust such a valuable product in the hands of common carriers. It is also quite possible that it could be as well packed for foreign shipment in Chicago as in New York, but that cuts us out from seeing it, as a photograph you speak of will hardly give us the full advantages of the oil color. I think I shall accept the recommendations of Mr. Giesbert on this question and I am writing him today.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

— This is a reply to other days —

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West China Union University

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CHENGTU, WEST CHINA

2110 Fargo Ave Chicago June 15/45

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am still in your debt as to letters and many other things. Will make amends in some degree soon. Now, I respond to your question in yours of June 2/45 re writing to Mrs F. L. Atherton — Yes! please write to her. In my letter to her I did not mention the annual gift from Frank and the estate of his Mother. Feel free to do or say what your own fine sense of the proprieties dictates. The children living in Honolulu are Marjorie Married Ballard and Alexander. Ballard was connected with Honolulu administration — Alexander was with the Matson Line S S Co. I add these items that heretofore may have escaped you. Mrs F.C. was the daughter of a N. C American Bd. missionary. She may have been born in China.

Thank you for your kind reference to the health of Mrs Beech. We are assured that Mrs Beech will regain her health and equally assured that the process will be slow, especially as to taking on responsibility.

Our son Capt Robert - when last heard from, May 26, was visiting the 12 or more centers where the 5th Army Radio hospitals to check up on the patients & staffs. The Medical Headquarters had moved from Modena to L. Garda a lovely spot. He added, I have no information as to my future, but I have some convictions about it. He may be coming up in New York some of these future days. I will try to head him your way - if he gives me the proper lead as to time, places etc.

With all Good Wishes

Cordially

Joseph Beech

P.S. Will you please let me have the mailing address of Mrs Gould former secy of Dr Young and any news re him & his plans —

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