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Union University

WOMAN'S COLLEGE

CHENGDU, WEST CHINA

April 23rd, 1926.

Mr. J. M. Yard,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Yard:

Welcome to the new office you have taken over for us, I am sure that you will make a great success of it and we shall all remember to pray for you and to help you in every way that we can.

It is to give you some more information, then perhaps Dr. Beech is giving you about the Woman's College that I am writing. I am inclosing a few kodaks that we have taken of the girls. I hope to get some better ones soon, and if I do, I shall send you some more. We have 13 girls now in the U. and I believe all but one are expecting to return next fall. We also have promise of another fine class of girls to be admitted next Sept. You will be interested to know that the Senate has voted to add extra courses in the Science dept so that girls can get credit in that Faculty for Domestic Science courses, which shall especially prepare them to become teachers of Domestic Science in the Girls' middle schools as well as to help them be good housekeepers when they enter their own homes. We are also going to give them courses in Child welfare so that they will know how to look after children.

Either the W.M.S. or the W.F.M.S. will have to provide the special Domestic Science teacher that is needed for this work, and I trust that you will do your best to help the Board of Governors to see, that this will not be an extra burden to the U. but will very much add to the value it gives to West China family life. I hope that you will also do your best to see the Women's Boards to see how very important this work is. I need not tell you how much China stands in need of home makers, and mothers who know a little of child welfare.

We are also adding courses in the Education Faculty, so that beginning with next fall, students, especially girls can come in and take their normal training of College grade, so that if later they wish to finish their College course they can get full credit for the work they have done in this special training to help them teach in the co-educational primary schools of the Province. You know M. S. Avann and all the other women of the W.F.M.S. were very keen that we should have a Normal school of high grade, that is, one that would admit only women who had finished high school. This now is made possible by adding these new courses in Education.

Of course this will mean that we must have extra dormitory space. Our new building will hold only 17 girls, without dining rooms and kitchens. It has a fine assembly hall that will seat 60 girls, and also a reception room, but we shall have to have another building put up next fall in order to take in a new class of girls. The W.M.S. already have \$3000 on the field here for this building and we are urgently asking our

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W.F.M.S. to give us \$3000 M^x. too, so that we can begin the building in September. I have already bought stones for the foundations and have an order in for lumber. You see the Faculty residence where eight of the girls are now rooming, will have to be vacated in Dec. when Miss Foster of the W.M.S. comes to join our staff, for her suite of rooms is now being used by the girls. We are also expecting another worker next winter and with these two recruits, there will be no room for girls in this building. I hope that you can help Miss Sinclair see the urgency of this \$3000 M^x. for this building. This is all that we will want to do in the line of temporary buildings, for some years.

They wrote to us that you had advised them not to release the \$4000 that they had voted us for land for the Woman's College. I do hope that you will reverse that advice now, and urge them to let us have it, for land is still going up by leaps and bounds, and we ought to have money on hand, so that when land comes into the market that we may be able to pick it up. The C.M.S. has just recently bought a nice piece near the campus. I think that with the present tendency to add more teachers (Chinese) to our staff and less foreigners, the M.E. Mission, will not want the land adjoining east of where we are located, for they have all they need for 100 years for dormitory in the other half of this big section. It seems to me that if we could buy this one half share of the ground from them, and give them cash for it, that they might be able to build their Middleschool Dormitory then, and vacate Joyce and that would give them all the Dormitory buildings that they would need for a long time. Then if they donot put up more foreign residences they have room for two or three dormitories on the ground back of the proposed site of the Bashford Memorial. However that is for them to decide, but I think that whther they sell to us or not, we ought to have money on hand soon to get a permanent site. If not from the M.E.M. ~~and~~ then just back of the Clock Tower.

Please do your best to get this \$4000 released. I think that Dr. Beech ~~that~~ will advise you in the same way for he met with the Woman's College Board recently and urged that we secure a permanent site.

One thing more. We need some good practice schools, if we want to train good teachers. The South Gate school of which I have charge will soon have no place in which to meet, for the building reverts back to Mr. Du in another year or two. We do need a good building to house that school, and I am asking for \$3000 gold for a new school house for this school. We want to build of single brick and in Chinese style, but with several class rooms, so that our girls can go there and do their practice teaching. We shall appreciate it if you can say a good word for us to the W.F.M.S. for this little enterprise.

I am sorry to ahve written so much shop, & I see I have made many mistakes for I am tired tonight. The girls, whom you know send their love to you. Lucy is still a gr at pleasure to me and sings and plays better then ever. You know of course that all the prizes prizes last year in 1st and 2d years were taken by the girls, all four of them and Lucy and Florence were two of thw inners.

Remember me to Mrs. Gard & girls, Glad Paul Chen & M. Lan are going to come here. I know Paul well in U. of Wash. Seattle. He have a full program made out for Mr. Lan in Education & Sociology. *and Britton*

Alice Brethorst.

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Union University

WOMAN'S COLLEGE

CHENGDU, WEST CHINA

Feb. 17th, 1927.

Mr. J. M. Yard,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Yard:

Your letter telling me that the Standard Bearers in Watertown Conn. have agreed to help support a girl in College came to me some time ago, but in the rush of the fall term, I was unable to answer as you wished. I wonder how this money is to reach the field?

The appropriations for 1927 have arrived but there is no mention made of an extra \$40 from N. Eng. Br. In fact not a cent has been added for the support of the Woman's College for next year except a small balance from other work. I do hope that the women will see to it, that if they want this money to come to the Woman's College here in Chengdu, that it is really sent here.

The girl I have assigned to the Standard Bearers is Amy Dsu, one of my former Tzechow pupils when I was teaching there. She comes from a very fine old style Chinese home, her father being one of the old scholarly gentlemen that we used to see so many of in old China but seldom find now. She and her sister are both attending the College. Her sister is now in her third year and will graduate in June 1929 if all goes well. Amy entered last fall on a scholarship she received from the Girls' Highschool for having carried the highest honor in that school in 1925. She taught one year to get a little money to go to school the next year.

Amy has registered in the pre-medical course. It will take her eight long years to get thru with this course, but she seems to be ~~nothing~~ undaunted by that. She is working hard at her studies, and is a great comfort to me here in the Dormitory, for she is such a fine mannered girl. I always feel sure that she and her sister will never do anything that is improper.

Unfortunately I do not have a picture of her, now, but hope to get one in the near future when our work reopens here, and I will then send one to you. In the meanwhile I should like to hear from you.

Our University will re-open for the spring term on Feb. 28th. Amy is not at home at present but is visiting with friends in the city, otherwise I would have her write a few lines so that you would get acquainted with her.

Yours sincerely,

Alice B. Burt

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WEST CHINA MISSION

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Treasurer's Office, Chengtu,

April 30, 1926.

The Rev. J.M. Yard,
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

My dear Mr. Yard:

I forwarded you today the following cable: "Present maximum at a salary of \$120 a month and house. It is necessary to provide salary and ~~house~~ travel outside appropriation. Doctor, if available, will be preferable to pharmacist. Writing you by next mail".

This cable was in reply to your cable to Dr. Beech asking for confirmation of terms named in his ~~xxx~~ letter of Oct. 3 for the two men who have been secured for the University. Immediately after receiving your cable we had a meeting of our mission group here in Chengtu and adopted the following resolutions which will give you the background of this cable as well as a longer discussion.

"Resolved, that as a basis ~~for discussion~~ for consultation with a representative group of University officers and teachers we suggest:

1. That we cable Mr. Yard welcoming Mr. Lao to the University faculty as a representative of the M.E.M. to teach education, English and sociology a total of approximately eighteen hours per week with the understanding that he be able to use Mandarin acceptable in Szechuen, that he receive \$120 per month silver without regard to his status as a single or married man, that he be provided a house, that his contract be from three to five years, it being further understood that his salary and travel be provided outside and in addition to our present budget.

2. That, while the need for a medical man is greater than the need for a pharmacist, if a medical man is not available, we would welcome a pharmacist on the same terms as indicated above under #1.

3. Furthermore, it is our deep conviction that our great need is for pronouncedly and avowedly Christian men."

Because the basis proposed has rather sweeping implications the matter was discussed informally with representatives of other missions and with Dr. Havermale in Tzechow. The latter urged us not to exceed our present maximum salary which is a nominal \$120 for Dsang Lin Gao with great probability that he

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will not receive the full amount. No reply was received that justified us in feeling that we should go beyond the \$120 as a maximum salary for the present at least. The reasons for this limit were set forth in a letter to Mr. Cranston, a copy of which was sent to Dr. Gamewell and also to Bishop Grose.

However, in the meantime we had learned that the Executive of the Board of Governors had failed to approve a department of pharmacy in the University. For this reason Dr. Beech felt that the teaching field of a pharmacist would be greatly restricted. The required teaching is now being done by Mr. Meuser or his assistants. Thus it seemed that a pharmacist would be a contribution to union work between two missions, which, however desirable, still falls somewhat short of meeting the great need of a contribution to the union work as represented in and by the University. On the other hand, Dr. Liljestrand, who is also Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, felt that there would be an increasing field for the activities of a pharmacist and felt that he could make a very valuable contribution to medical and pharmaceutical work. On one point all were agreed, namely that our paramount need is for a doctor and a nurse. A well trained Chinese doctor of proper qualifications would meet the need if a foreign doctor is not available. Dr. Liljestrand is now carrying far more work than is reasonable or fair to ask of him and there seems to be no way of escape from this until another man is on the field. To put our plea on the very lowest basis we need only to point out the danger of sacrificing the one man we have by putting such a heavy burden upon him. Dr. Liljestrand's teaching is heavier than ought, in fairness, to be required of one man. In addition to the unnumbered duties which come to a missionary outside the regular schedule, he has also the care of the foreigners of our mission and a large number of Chinese. For a considerable part of the time last fall he was the only physician on the campus and that meant very heavy work.

For this reason you will see why we urge the necessity of an additional doctor. This will help you to understand why, when we met again the other day we, in addition to approving the terms laid down in the minute quoted above, added the following:

"Resolved, that while the need for ~~pharmacist~~ a medical man is so great that we would prefer a suitable Chinese doctor on the basis suggested in our resolutions of April 9, if such a doctor is not available in the near future, we would welcome a pharmacist on the terms suggested in our previous meeting, (see above), provided his coming would not preclude the sending out of a doctor as soon as available. At the same time we may be unable to guarantee full work in pharmacy for the present owing to the lack of a department of pharmacy".

The last sentence means that in order to make up his teaching schedule to approximately eighteen hours he would have to teach other subjects, probably science and English. In this connection I should also say that Mr. Lao's work would be primarily in the department of education.

From the foregoing you will gather the main points of emphasis:- the salary not to exceed \$120 for the present regardless of whether married or single, house provided, the necessity of being able to use mandarin fluently, that the teaching hours approximate eighteen, that a pharmacist will be welcomed though he must not take precedence ~~over~~ or preclude the appointment of a medical man, that they must be Christian in name as well as in purpose and that their travel and salary are to be extra appropriation.

We regret that in some points we may seem to be arbitrary but in these points I am faithfully representing the view of the mission and, in so far as it concerns them, of members of others missions as well. The reasons for most of these have been fairly well covered in personal and mission letters to Mr. Cranston.

We greatly appreciate your good work in our behalf and if we seem to be hard task masters I hope you will not feel discouraged. I am sure you will understand that we are all working under rather inexorable conditions these days.

We are delighted to hear of your new relation to the University. We are sure we shall derive much benefit therefrom.

I also want to thank you personally for your good service to the cause at Dickinson. They were very much pleased with your work.

I neglected to say that I signed Dr. Beech's name to the cable because your cable was to him and also because I hoped to have it count as half a cable word. He made the first draft of the cable but because of the cost we ^{abbreviated} somewhat with the intention of putting ^{the abbreviated point} them in this letter. While he ~~may~~ will probably write you himself, I think I can say that his point of view is quite fully represented in this letter.

Today I received some special gift slips (yellow) for the outgoing of Yang (of Chungking I suppose) marked "Hold for Mr. Yard". I do not quite understand what that means.

With warmest personal greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Raymond R. Brewer.

Mission Correspondent.

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WEST CHINA MISSION

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Treasurer's Office, Chengtu,

Behludin, Aug. 3, 1926.

The Rev. J. M. Yard,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Mr. Yard:

Your letter came yesterday. I am glad to hear such a good report of Mr. Cheng and Mr. Lau from you. We realize that they must have the right stuff in them or they would not have been willing to come to us on the terms we proposed. We hope this will augur well for the future.

I think Earl feels we are hopeless obstructionists and mess backs, but he simply does not know the situation here and resents being told besides doubting and then lecturing those who tell him. Some of our leading Chinese raised considerable questioning about the ability of these men to speak and write Mandarin with facility. Earl seemed to feel that the objections were objections of missionaries who were using the Chinese to conceal their own views. We hope these men will not find the situation here too difficult.

We do greatly need a doctor. Dr. Liljestrand has been overworked with the result that he had to go to bed shortly before the end of the last term. He is far from normal yet and unless he gets aid somewhere I am somewhat apprehensive of the consequences. We are trying to secure an experienced and well qualified Chinese from P.U.M.C. but so far are in the dark as to the result.

X I was interested in your suggestion regarding my relation to Dickinson when I am on furlough. I could not do the kind of graduate work there I am looking forward to. I am thinking of going to the University of Chicago where they have a very excellent department of New Testament. My chief regret is its distance from Dickinson. However, if I should wind up there I should hope to be able to arrange it so that I could spend one term in the East where I could be available for anything I could do that the College might wish me to do. Dickinson is rather careful, rightly I think, about filling up the curriculum with short lecture courses counting for credit. However, if I could be used in any such way as you suggest I would be very glad to be of service for the sake of keeping in touch with the College. The suggestion for such a plan should come from the College and not from me. If there should be any such suggestion I should like to know it as soon as possible so I could plan accordingly.

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Rev. J.M.Yard - 2

I am not an authority on any of the subjects you mention but with a little brushing up I could probably throw some light on some of them before the ordinary College class. A general subject like **The Political and Cultural History of China** would give one all the opportunity necessary to ramble and yet hit the high spots. Emphasis would have to be placed, also, on modern international developments for, to my mind, an understanding of them is of the utmost importance for the future citizen.

If it should prove as easy to manage in actuality as it is in thought, my plan is to spend next summer at Chicago and then go home and take the fall term as somewhat of a vacation. If during that time the College desires to use me I will be at their disposal so far as I am able to render any service. My home is about fifty miles from Carlisle and I could operate from my home as a base.

If you feel inspired to make any such suggestion to the College I hope you will make it possible for them to turn down the scheme without knowing that it has ever been suggested to me or without feeling that they are turning me down. However, if anything should develop from the suggestion I should like very much to know about it as early as possible so that I could provide myself with some material at as early a date as possible.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Raymond B. Brewer.

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CHENG TU, SZECHWAN

CHINA

January 2nd. 1927

Dear Mr. Yard;-

Ever since I came out we have been working on the problem of how to introduce agricultural teaching into Szechwan and how best to undertake the work at the University. Homer Brown is very much interested in it from the educational side and he convened a few meetings before he left for furlough. Mr. Dickinson has been giving a course in general agriculture to students largely in religion or education since he came back from furlough in 1922. I have selected courses in Biology closely allied to agriculture and this is now the second round for them. So much of the agricultural sciences fit under the Biology department that I can combine with the pure sciences with agricultural sciences and have done what I could in that line in Plant Pathology and Genetics and Heredity. Mr. Soper too has tried a little simple agriculture in the Normal school.

We have been gradually undertaking problems in agriculture as a side line or in conjunction with our own teaching. Such work as Mr. Dickinson's in Dairy and in foreign fruit propagation is giving splendid results and I find an interest in plant disease control measures, fertilizer experiments, seed treatment for disease and the selection of grain varieties. Mr. Soper's photography and work-shop link up closely and many foreigners are interested in the foreign fruit production and dairy work. Thousands of dollars have gone into these schemes privately but nothing has been co-ordinated.

The time has come for united effort and an organization to boost this work. I have got to the place where to teach or lecture in Chinese fails to give a heart attack and so this September we organized a seminar and have met regularly each week to plan and discuss the problems most worth while. Several Chinese are keenly interested and if we had the time and money we feel we could do China a great service and strengthen the cause of Missions in China. The Normal school is gradually losing its hold and the Bible school here is defunct. We must get vital courses into their curricula and the new 6 year course in the Middle school needs vocational teaching.

We have been in communication with Dr. Wallace in Shanghai and Dean Reisner in Nanking and through this correspondence and Dean Reisner's letter to you of June 1st 1926, we have formulated a plan and we think it fits the need and possibilities of the present. Following your suggestion of placing before you the desires and plans for agricultural development we have outlined a modest scheme and enclose the estimates. We could be much more elaborate but we should build on what we have in staff and land and see how things go. The scheme can be enlarged as we get men and support and we do not want to spread out too widely and so be thin.

Hoping that the following is clear and will give you an idea of how we feel at present. With all good wishes

on behalf of the committee

sincerely

Harold D Brown

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Union University

Mr. Zard
Attached to letter
Jan 2. 1927

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

CHENG TU, WEST CHINA

January 1st. 1927

The Agricultural problem in Szechwan has been giving us a lot of concern lately and we have been trying to formulate our ideas clearly as to what we want in the way of agricultural teaching in Szechwan and what we are likely to be able to do within the next decade. A number of us are keenly interested in the sciences relating to agriculture and the whole educational policy needs to stress agriculture much more than hitherto. Nearly two years ago we began planning short courses or diploma course in connection with the Middle school and Junior college and Normal school but beyond one general course by Mr. Dickinson have not gone ahead with teaching work. I have laid emphasis on the agricultural side of my teaching of Plant Pathology and Genetics and we have several students anxious to do further work.

In a seminar group of several interested we have gone over the problems and have been in correspondence with Dr. Wallace in Shanghai, and Dean Reisner at Nanking. Taking into account our staff our land, our schools and probable finances we have concluded that our efforts should be along the following lines:-

(1) Research and experimental work at the University. This to be largely under the Science Faculty and to start with the present staff gradually increasing their time for original research along agricultural lines and adding to the staff with specialists either our own graduates with training at Nanking or abroad or more foreigners trained in Agricultural sciences.

(2) Extension and publicity work through the University. This to be largely under the Educational Faculty with co-operation in the Science Faculty. This work should largely be done by Chinese and we need at least one man of graduate standing and training in agriculture. We plan to send a well qualified graduate to Nanking this Summer and he is keenly interested and capable of doing this type of work. The Extension work would link itself up with the schools of the missions and carry as much knowledge as possible to the farmers and school children throughout the province.

(3) Courses in agricultural sciences in connection with

- (a) the Normal school for teacher training. (now in Changsha)
- (b) the senior division of the Middle school as now organized in a 6 year course.
- (c) the Bible school
- (d) possibly some work with the teachers and preachers in the lower years of the University course.

We should plan to have the Extension men on the road about three months a year and the rest of their time go to teaching these classes, organizing their exhibits and material and holding short courses at the University.

We do not see any possibility or need at present of attempting a College of Agriculture in the University or even a Department but believe that research is essential to the life of the College as well as to our mission here.

Though we realize the disadvantage of having such agricultural work near a big city and at the University, we see no way of getting the finances or men to have an experimental farm and school away from the location of the University and Normal school.

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Having been invited to draw up an estimate of the needs in the Agricultural program for West China and bearing in mind the previous points we suggest:-

Extension Department

Staff 2 Chinese graduates with specialist training in Nanking or abroad. Salary approx. \$1400
Student assistants from those taking course for whom only travel is paid.

Travel average 3 months on the road.....\$1000
Publicity and exhibits for road\$ 400
Equipment. Slides of agriculture in foreign lands...gift.
Local slides made by photographis dept. \$ 100
Repairs for lantern and slides 50
Lantern \$\$\$.....on hand

Crop Improvement.

Staff..1 foreigner at present (Dr. Brown) Mex. 2950
1 College graduate trained probably Nanking \$700.
2 assistants\$600
Field Labor\$600
Local Supplies and expenses\$400
Equipment\$200

A seed room and drying room might be built in the basement of the Biology building. # 2500

Land. It is hoped that the University could release enough land already owned.

-Dairy.

To be built up in Units of stables holding about 25 head.
We would start with one breed such as Holstein and later if desirable add Ayrshire, Shorthorn etc.

Stables. 30 by 60 approx.\$1500
Equipment....Loudons stable equipment plus freight.....\$500
Water tank with piping and drinking bowls (desirable) \$100
Dairy equipment churns, ice-plant, electric plant as possible.
amount to get under way \$500

Land. 2 fields for ranging needing about 50 mong could use \$10000 # 2600
Feed for 20 cows, 2 bulls and 10 heifers present land for \$3000
at time.

Labor for stock \$200
Probable income from milk and dairy products.....\$3200

Staff. one foreigner in charge (Mr Dickinson)

Animals. a unit of this size already on hand to be augmented from time to time by gifts from abroad. Such gifts to include freight.

Silk Culture. - Selection, breeding, disease study and egg selling.

Staff 1 Chinese graduate (Mr Djang Min Djuin) parttime \$300
1 assistant 300

Labor during April largely for feeding worms 100

Equipment mostly on hand. to replace and renew 200

Building. Chinese house moved probably one available for 500 # 1400

Apiculture - fruit varieties, grafting, berries etc.

Staff 1 foreigner (Mr Dickinson) 700
1 Assistant College graduate trained at Nanking 300
Supplies and expenses300

Equipment... 300

Labor 200

Soil Technology. Soil types, drainage, fertilizers etc.

Staff 1 Foreigner (Dr. Brown)

Land and equipment used with that on Crop Improvement.

Labor 200

Supplies. Probably co-operate with Commercial firms such as Brunner Mond. 200

1 laboratory equipment for analysis 200

Note. Many of these figures are based on Dean Reishers estimate for North China. # 600

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