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Feb. 11, 1927.

Dr. Paul Hutchinson,
440 South Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Paul:-

I was glad you were able to use my contribution. I have had a number of favorable comments on it.

I heard last night of a man, prominent in financial circles in New York, who has a unique scheme for dealing with China. I do not have all the details but briefly it is this:

The Powers should go in and conquer China, killing off in the process 150,000 or 200,000 Chinese. Then some Emperor of their making would be put on the Throne. New treaties would be made with him. Opium would be allowed to go in unhindered, etc., etc. That is not, I believe, for quotation or comment on at the present time, but it will perhaps enable you to imagine what some of the Powers that be, would like to do and what they actually have in the back of their minds.

I have recently had several letters from China and various confidential comments on the situation. It is a mighty good thing ~~that~~ remembering the kind of Episcopal leadership we have in China, that R. Y. Lo is editor of the China Christian Advocate. I am sure that he is putting some real stuff into that paper. The Bishops not being able to read it, are probably not disturbed. May their sleep be deep and peaceful.

I have gained the impression that there is a pretty radical party in the Church in China - I mean ultra-radical. The trouble, however, with the N. C. C. and other Christian groups is that while they have been

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sympathetic toward treaty revision, they have not demanded action on the part of the Powers, and in the few feeble actions of the Boards in America, there has been no spirit of courage or leadership.

The propaganda of the Canton group is apparently mostly in the hands of the radical side. There is a pretty strong rift between right and left wings of the Canton party, but they will probably hold together until unification of China is accomplished.

Some missionaries in every section are apparently staying on the job. I think practically all the women and children have left Chengtu, but a good number of the men are staying on. They are leaving because of Consular pressure and the fear of what may happen at the coast. There has been no evidence for two months, of any anti-foreign agitation in Chengtu. The latest word from there is that all is quiet. Since the middle of December the University has been going along as usual with a diminished enrollment.

A short time ago I was pretty much discouraged, but I now believe that after a few months of disturbance the Universities will be able to go forward with a better program than ever. They will all register and meet any requirements that the government will demand. As I see it, then the days of our greatest opportunity are just ahead. I do not believe that evangelistic missions will accomplish much. But in the Universities where we have a number of fairly progressive people with a few radicals here and there, I believe we shall have a mighty good time. I wish to Heaven I could be back there myself!

I am glad you had that chance to run into Mexico. It must have been a mighty interesting experience. The Christian Century has had so many of its staff in Mexico that it certainly is prepared to give real leadership in American thinking on that country.

Yours as ever,

James M. Yard

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Feb. 14, 1927.

Dr. Paul Hutchinson,
440 S. Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Paul:-

I hope you will make some comment on the action of the Episcopalians as reported in today's New York Times. I suppose their conservative secretary Wood, is responsible for their action. Certainly it does not represent the view of Bishop Roots. According to the reports of his actions at Atlantic City, it also does not represent the point of view of Bishop Gilman who was present at the meeting of the Episcopal Board.

In case you have not seen the last book by Dr. Burton which has just come from the press of the University of Chicago, may I quote you a paragraph which I copied down. This was almost his last speech before his death.

Yours as ever,

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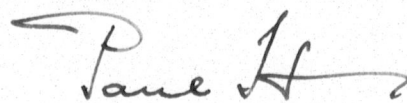
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Dear Jim:

I have not seen the Episcopalian action to which you refer. If you have a copy of it around there, will you shoot it right on. It seems to me that conditions just now are so critical that I am blasting away in all directions every week in the hope that I may stir somebody up. I tried to say a couple of weeks ago that the reason we were treating the Chinese in such a different way nowadays is because the Chinese have learned to say it with machine guns, and both Joy and Mrs. Nicholson think that I was singing the doxology over that.

Hal Luccock telegraphed me the other night for list of suggestions for possible actions by board of foreign missions, so I sent him some suggestions, believe me. But as I see no familiar names in this morning's obituary column of the Times it is evident that he did not present them.

Ever yours,



Managing Editor

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Feb. 21, 1927.

Dr. Paul Hutchinson,
440 S. Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Paul:-

I saw the telegram you sent to Hal. It was great stuff!

I saw Joy's comment on what you said about the Chinese and machine guns. I was certainly amused. His comment threw a bright shaft of light into his own mental processes and helped me to understand why there is no more effective work for peace carried on by the Methodist Church.

I send you a rather long letter concerning my article. Perry is perfectly right. The people do not have any idea of the thrilling romance of modern missions. Can't you put in two or three articles that will make it evident what part missionaries are having in international affairs and the development of science in helping forward racial understandings, etc., etc.

I enclose herewith a copy of the Episcopalian action.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Yard.

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P. S. Dear Paul:-

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Feb. 21, 1927.

P. S.

Dear Paul:-

I have just been looking over an advance statement concerning the Jerusalem meeting of the International Missionary Council, which Dr. Warnshuis sent me today. I suppose you have seen it. What attitude are you going to t

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Feb. 21, 1927.

P. S.

Dear Paul:-

I have just been looking over an advanced statement concerning the Jerusalem Meeting of The International Missionary Council, which Dr. Warnshuis sent me today. I suppose you have seen it. What attitude are you going to take toward that meeting? I judge it will be entirely in the control of Mott and his crowd. This announcement seems like old stuff to me. The language is archaic. The whole document is essentially conservative. I suppose 90 percent of the delegates from the West who will be present at Jerusalem, will be past fifty years of age. You know that mighty few of them hitch on anywhere with thought of the intellectuals of India or China. Is there any possibility of breaking up that old machine and injecting some new blood into it?

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Feb. 23, 1927.

Dr. Paul Hutchinson,
440 So. Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Ills.

Dear Paul:-

Isn't there anybody in this country who can head off Coolidge and Kellogg down in the south? There is certainly big opposition to their policy in Nicaragua. I hoped that the liberals had scared them out; but it looks as though they were going ahead with their own policy regardless of what a pretty large proportion of the people think. So far as I can see, we have already intervened in Nicaragua. Before another three months have passed, we shall probably have established a protectorate. Then pious Americans sulk when the Chinese call us imperialists! God save our hypocrisy!

Yours as ever,

James M. Yard

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Dr. James M. Yard
150 Fifth avenue
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Dear Jim:

I wish to heaven that I could see where we are coming out on this Nicaragua business. Borah is desperately trying to hold the lines after Congress adjourns next week. This resolution of his for a continuing investigation by the committee on foreign relations is of course only an attempt to set up something representing Congress which shall offset Kellogg and Coolidge. I doubt very much whether he gets his resolution adopted. If he does not, he will probably attempt to hold the bridge single-handed, and it may very easily prove the end of his political career. I am convinced that the powder is laid for an explosion just as soon as Congress has adjourned. I suspect this British cruiser business as a deliberate frame-up between the British foreign office and our state department. We now have more than 6000 marines in Nicaragua to protect the 150 Americans there. This gives each man a bodyguard of 40 marines, which ought to be sufficient to allow a few of them to look after the handful of Britishers in the country. I suspect, however, that the arrangement has been made to have the British cruiser sent so that we can disregard all other questions and complete our occupation on the ground of maintaining the Monroe doctrine.

I think that you must take it for granted that our government has determined to make an American lake out of the Caribbean. Therefore the question that we face is one that goes much further back than Nicaragua. It is the whole question of imperialism in our relations with Latin America. I think that we are licked there right now. I did not say so in the editorial you will find in our issue of March 3, but I really think so.

Jim, the honest truth is I think we are licked everywhere. Our business manager said to me the other day, "What's the matter with us? We seem to hold that everybody else is wrong on everything." And I have been mulling that question over. Is Coolidge right? Is Kellogg right? Is Strawn right? Is the Anti-Saloon League right? Is Frank Mason North right; and so on and so on and so on. I declare I am getting to fear the validity of my own mental processes — if any.

Love and kisses,

Paul

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March 9, 1927.

Dr. Paul Hutchinson,
440 S. Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Ills.

Dear Paul:

Your editorial in the last Century on "Missions and Gun Boats" was a crackerjack! But of course the Mission Boards will do nothing about it. You will have to hit them again. So begin on a new editorial at once and shoot it soon. Keep hammering at them and maybe something will be done before it is too late.

Just this minute I have received a letter from Claudius Spencer. He wants to know of my reaction to the report probably from Sloan, that I had said there were modernists in all the Mission Colleges of China. In answer to a direct question from Sloan at the Philadelphia Preachers' Meeting, I admitted, of course, that there were people he would call modernists in all Colleges just as there are fundamentalists in all the Colleges.

I guess Claudius is worried.

Yours as ever,

James M. Yard

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April 1, 1927.

Dr. Paul Hutchinson,
440 S. Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Paul:

Hal has just shown me your letter to Borah. The way I dope out that Nanking affair is this: Some radical officer was in charge and deliberately made a mess in order to get fuel to fire up the anti-foreign feeling. The thing was well planned. The foreign gun boats did exactly what they expected them to do; then when the shells began to fall, almost immediately bugles blew in various parts of the city, and all looting and killing stopped. They had accomplished their purpose. They set a trap and the foreigners fell into it like a bunch of fools.

—Keep at Borah and others. But I don't imagine much can be done. Fessenden in Shanghai and the American Chamber of Commerce are doubtless cabling daily for more forces and for an alliance with the British to save civilization. Imperialism has us all in its grip, I gues. And it looks as though nothing but real revolution would set us free. God knows whether there is any hope in that or not.

I would not bank too much on Bowen's report. He is a mighty fine gentleman and I love him. But he often O. K.'s the sentiments of brother Birney.

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April 1, 1927.

The following is not for publication, but it will amuse you. It is from the wife of a Y secretary in China, an exceedingly clever woman. She reports some conversations with Mildred Welch and Margaret Brayton, the two best girls the Methodists had in Chengtu, graduates of the University of Illinois. "They regard the whole thing in a very sane way. Bishop Welch was entirely at a loss in Chengtu over the situation. He and Joe Beech evidently both lost their heads. When the students strike had been on two or three months earlier, the military men would not receive letters in English. Still in spite of being told all this, Bishop Grose kept sending English letters to the Governor's Yamen about Christmas time when there was another fuss on. X says he has no sympathy with the Christian leaders. He cannot understand the Chinese mentality at all. How long will your Church send out these absolutely foreign men with no China background to be your administrators? The Chinese will not have it. Now when they are discharging foreign customs men, post-office employees, I expect the very next jolt will be that two or three of your China Bishops will get the sack. Why not withdraw them while it is easy and save a lot of face for the Methodists." How is that?

I enclose a copy of an article which L. T. Chen has recently written and which he sent to me. I think he published it in Shanghai.

Harry Ward had the following telegram from Thomas Tchou: "Nanking incident small. Affair exaggerated to cause intervention. Repudiate vigorously."

With love to all,

Yours as ever,

James M. Yard

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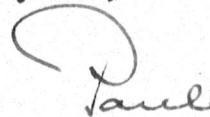
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New York City

My dear Jim:

If anything reaches you giving clearer light on what has happened in China, please pass it on to me. If you feel like approaching Borah directly, do not hesitate to do so. And if you wanted to say to him that you knew that ~~he~~ had suggested Bowen as a source of information but that you had later knowledge of Bowen's conservative attitude, that would be perfectly all right.

I think that yesterday was the day set for the delivery of the American note by MacMurray. To whom he delivered it I have no idea, or whether it was delivered the papers have not yet said. But I hope to God those yes men in the State Department don't get us involved in the sweet job of pulling British chestnuts out of the fire the way MacMurray did with the Taku forts.

Ever yours,



Managing Editor

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440 South Dearborn St., Chicago
Monday evening

Dear Jim:

Just this note at the close of the day. Blessings on you for your stuff. I trust that you will get in touch with T. Z. Koo if he turns up in N. Y. and talk this situation out with him. Reid sends me a memo from Warnshuis which makes me think things even worse than I had guessed. By that I mean that Warnshuis seems to me to be so intent on saving his institution that he will not look at the facts. He says, first, that the U. S. is not following G. B. "The moderation and studied restraint of U. S. policy are the significant facts." I doubt that. But never mind. He takes the rest of 2 pages for rough notes to the effect that the missionary statement in re the N.C.C. is "odd stuff" and not equal to what has been said for the past three years. "As we have ignored the attacks of the same bunch all this time, my opinion is we ought not to dignify the attack now by paying attention to it. There is nothing new in this and no new driving of wedges. If you want to say anything about it, say this is old stuff and by the same group of old men. Moderation and calmness and sweetness will do more than anything else just now." This I think is simply not true. Of course I know Darroch et al. But Bowen is not Darroch, and the Times said that more than 2/3 of the foreign members of the council signed. This is NOT old stuff. Is it? Ask Koo.

Ever,
Paul

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April 26, 1927

Dr. Paul Hutchinson
440 S. Dearborn St.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Paul:

I have just seen your editorial in the issue of April 28th. That is a cracker-jack but American ecclesiastics are so thick-skinned that you will have to hit them in the same spot and a little harder, if possible, in a couple more weeks. As I see it, this is your greatest opportunity. You are standing on a mighty high platform and can get a big hearing. Keep at it. You are almost our only hope.

You say that to answer these questions the Church will have to search its soul to the depths. I do not believe it can do that. It is too flabby and self-satisfied. It hasn't the guts to face the facts for the facts involve the fundamental modernism controversy. They involve money in large sums, they involve the jobs of big officials of the church--livings, honor, prestige, power. What does the new situation involve? It seems to me that it involves, 1-The relation of Boards and mission officials abroad to militarism. 2-The relation of these officials and boards to industrialism and the whole modern social and economic system. 3-The relation of these officials and boards to Chinese religions. What rights and authority and value will we grant to these religions so recently dubbed "pagan." How intolerant and superior and imperialistic shall we remain toward these religions? I do not suppose that many ecclesiastics here in America or China are willing to face the fact of imperialism in Government, of imperialism in race, or of imperialism in religion. The question is, it seem to me, can we make a spiritual contribution rather than an ecclesiastical one? My guess is that this generation is not prepared for any such job. The spiritual contribution is the only one that

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the East is prepared to receive if we can prove that we have any such contribution to make.

I enclose herewith a copy of speech which I just received from Hodgkin and which was made by T. Z. Koo on March 1st.

Yours as ever,

P. S. I enclose herewith the editorial from the Herald Tribune on President Coolidge's speech. I know you will be ticked to death with it. You must hit out at another thing, that is, that we can no longer afford to perpetuate the tradition that we are bound to protect American life and property abroad. It will take a good deal of education to get that point of view accepted but it will simply have to be hammered in.

You will note that the President's new speech has come out strong for the protection of American capital. If a missionary goes to a so-called "backward" country he goes at his own risk, likewise capital should too go at its own risk. It has not the right, for the sake of a few million dollars to involve hundreds of millions of people in war. Mr. Morgan, for example, has no right, having invested his dollars somewhere, to ask your boy to give his life to protect them.

I also note in this morning's paper that the American officers in Tientsin have been put to school to learn Chinese. That means, I think, that there is an understanding between the Powers and we are getting ready to begin and stay in China until the Chinese agree to our terms. We certainly have no intentions of withdrawing our military and naval forces from China within the next month or two if we are going to the great trouble teaching the Chinese language to American army officers. I tell you we have to keep our eyes open for such straws.

May God give you courage sufficient for these days. We must hit hard and keep hitting.

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Dr. James M. Yard
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My dear Jim:

Never will you get a letter with more real gratitude in it than this one carries. If you could know the fire I have been under recently and what I have immediately ahead you would understand. The missionaries are converging rapidly on Chicago and it is evident that I am going to be the chief object of attack.

I have a letter this morning from Rawlinson in which he speaks especially of Bowen's bitterness regarding me; and that, in view of our past personal relations, is not easy to contemplate.

It is good of you to tell me that that editorial had some point. I have other letters from fellows who are not mossbacks, damning it most heartily.

I haven't time to say any more. Just thanks and God bless you.

Ever yours,



Managing Editor

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May 2, 1927

Dr. Paul Hutchinson
440 South Dearborn St.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Paul:

Your letter of gratitude was received. Many thanks; I am glad if it put a little brightness onto a dark day. You have not heard the last of that editorial. I am pretty sure other people will be jumping on you for weeks to come. I suspect that most of them do not get the point of it at all because most of our people are not willing to face the fact that we are up against a great crisis in religion and that Christianity may slump pretty badly for the next fifty years and save itself only by perhaps being willing to lose itself. It looks to me as though some form of Unitarian religion is what we may look forward to and you could not find one leader in fifty who would be willing to face that fact and therefore when you write about the intellectual challenge it goes straight over their heads; nevertheless, you must keep hammering away and you will give leadership and guidance to the folks who will ultimately save the church if it is to be saved.

I have just had a long interesting letter from Earl Cranston dated March 12, commenting on the situation as it is with most of the foreigners gone. He is, of course, having a wonderful time teaching Ethics, Economics and History in the university and English and History in the Government University and Normal College. He is tickled to death to have Dsang Lin-gao on the job as Vice-President. I was afraid the people of Tzechow would hold on to him but Dsang actually is on the job. There is one pathetic part of his letter which goes as follows: "The foreigners are practically running the university still, but there is a good chance that such will not long be the case and by peaceful methods the Chinese will come into

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their own. It is possible that Lau, (the Chinese who went over with Earl) and I might be forced out. Even Dsang and Fay told one foreigner this week that if he persisted in a certain course they themselves would have to quit the institution. He then desisted." ~~*****~~ "Dr. Spencer Lewis has remarked that he has written to DeVisty to ask whether he shall continue to pay Lau's salary if it is not sent out up-to-date." Think of it, he went out under the Board and now they are hinting that they may hold up his salary-- a man who is worth three foreigners any day. Then Earl goes on to talk about the fine group of Chinese who are carrying on at Tzechow and says, "If there is any disposition to cut off the places that have lost foreigners or have fewer than before, sail in and show them that financial abandonment is little short of treachery. The Szechwan church is standing on its feet much better than I dreamed it could. If we desert it when they are on the verge of making something of themselves we are false to all we profess to stand for during these years. Do not let anyone say they have gone Bolshevik just because they have to assert themselves."

"All you used to say has proved true and much more. It is fun to see those who used to uphold the old order try to argue with me that the gunboats ought to go. They seem to think they have made a new discovery, and not to realize that some of us were once heretics for saying the same things."

Maybe that last article I sent you "What Are the Missionaries Up To?" is too wild and ought not to be published but I leave it to you. By the way, if you hear of any church anywhere that you think I could fit in, please let me know. I have to land something pretty soon. I made a try for the New York East Conference last week but there is not much chance for me in any Methodist church. The Bishops all know my stand too well. There is still a chance I might land the Chair of Missions at Boston University but they do not pay much and I would have a hard time to make a go of it. However, some ways I would be much happier in a college than in a church.

With best love,

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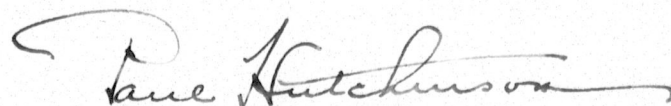
My dear Jim:

Many thanks for your letter and for the enclosure from C. Y. Cheng. If you get anything else along the same line, be sure to let me see it.

In the meantime I will begin rooting around to see what I can do in the way of uncovering possible openings. I have given your name to the committee that is looking for a new minister for the Kenwood Evangelical church in Chicago. This is probably the strongest Protestant congregation on the south side. It is an independent community church with faint Presbyterian leanings. The minister who has just resigned after more than ten years to go to California is a brother of the famous Philadelphia Macartney. He is rated as a liberal. I imagine that this means of about the William P. Merrill type. If an invitation comes to you to preach there, however, don't turn it down. I presume that you realize that your biggest handicap in landing a church is going to be the fact that you have been a missionary. We can philosophize about that as we please, but to most people that is enough to brand a man forever.

Cheerful thought for the day: What are the churches in this country going to do with all these missionaries who are going to be dumped on them now from China?

Ever yours,



Managing Editor

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May 27, 1927

Dr. Paul Hutchinson
440 S. Dearborn St.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Paul:

I spent a few very sad hours the other day attending the meeting of our Executive of the Board of Governors. Please do not misunderstand me, I was not sad because they were kicking me out of a job, I have known for a long time that would happen and that it ought to happen.

I was sad because of the attitude of the Board which was thoroughly in keeping with the attitude of church Powers. They showed such a complete lack of understanding of the tremendous and glorious thing that is happening over yonder. Their attitude toward the Chinese Senate was patronizing. That was as true of Beech as of the others.

For example, (this is not for publication) in a letter which he sent to the Senate, 14 out of 27 of whom are Chinese, "A careful study of these regulations created the impression that they constitute a part of a political program rather than the settled educational policy of a national government," (this refers to the Canton regulations concerning education.) "If our impression is correct their amendment should be among the first acts of a settled government seeking to advance educational interests and to bring education into harmony with the educational ideals and prevailing practice of the nations of today."

I stood up and spoke on behalf of the Senate trying to give their point of view to the Governors. When I was through nothing was said but the atmosphere indicated that they were thinking, "What a poor fool he

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is". And what a poor fool he was.

I heard one of your good friends of the old days, Dr. Bowen, say a few minutes ago that someone ought to shoot you. He says you are either a fool or intellectually dishonest. He thinks you are dishonest. I assured him that you might be a fool, any kind of fool he wanted to name, but I was certain that you were doing your best to be absolutely honest. Now, of course, I ought not to be peddling this gossip on to you but on the other hand you might as well know it. You probably have received letters that have said worse things, however, as long as you hold your present position, it is up to you to continue to be honest.

I was out looking over a nice comfortable job yesterday which, if I accept, I may not have to be absolutely dishonest but I shall certainly have to be quiet. It is the chance to be the Associate minister of a Presbyterian church in Plainfield. The Congregation is made up mostly of Wall Street bankers and brokers. It is a chance to be comfortable, play a few games of golf and be careful not to disturb the god of things as they are. At any rate the pastor Mr. John Momen is progressive and is as far as possible from being a fundamentalist. I have known him for years and believe I should enjoy working with him. I wish I might have a job as special lecturer for some of these International organizations but I do not see any chance of anything in that line so I am looking forward to an easy life rather than a life spent in fighting for the things in which I believe. I have tried to be neutral. My wife says that is the last thing in the world I could be. She says I am never in the middle of the road but always at one extreme or the other. Well, who knows, we may both be millionaires someday.

Give my best to the family,

Yours as ever,

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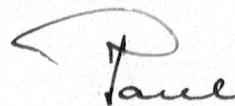
Dear Jim:

So you have a chance to go to Plainfield. That's queer in one way because my mother's family are all members of that church. I had an invitation to preach there one Sunday this summer. Moment is a great fellow and if you do go you will have a fine time with him. It may prove the easiest way for you to get the sort of pulpit of your own which you must have. Incidentally, I put your name into the pot for a summer date at the First Congregational church in Detroit. They do not know whether they are going to use one man for the whole summer or a succession of men. If the latter, you will be invited to take one Sunday.

I am sorry that Bowen's feeling has reached the point which you suggest. I am not entirely sure of my own intellectual honesty. I do find myself coming to places where I feel a positive fear against pushing my thought much farther in certain directions. I am not sure at all that I would want to be a Christian, for example, if I were really serious about trying to be one, but since the idea of being one only afflicts me about two hours a day and not more than two days a week I manage to go along without getting outside of the reservation entirely.

If the dilemma is as clear as Bowen suggests, I wish I could be as sure as you are that the trouble with me is that I am a fool, but I must confess that I am afraid I am not a fool on this thing. I heard Mordecai Johnson, the new Negro President of Howard University, say at Omaha to the Congregationalists that God never gave a revelation of himself to any man or church or other institution that would seek to pass it on by the hand of condescension. I believe he is dead right and I believe the implications of it go pretty deep into this whole business.

Ever yours,



Managing Editor

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June 2, 1927

Dr. Paul Hutchinson
440 S. Dearborn St.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Paul:

Thanks for your letter of the 31st. I am not so sure as when I wrote you that I have a real chance to go to Plainfield. I fear chance was in Moment's mind rather than in the mind of the Committee, however, nothing is at all settled and that is still a possibility.

I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in putting my name into the pot at Detroit. Is that an opportunity for candidating or what is it? I also heard yesterday that my name has been put in for the First Congregational Church in Seattle. I do not see how that can be worked because I could not afford to go out there to candidate, however the Hiltners and Bockers are there. I understand that Bocker is coming up to see me about it soon. I confess that sounds pretty good.

Now my dear Paul, I did not say you were a fool. I said you might be in Bowen's opinion. Certainly that is not what I think about you. I was very much interested in your comment on your intellectual honesty. I fear it is pretty difficult for any of us to be honest these days because of the very fact that we do not know what we believe and because of the further fact that we are so tied up with all sorts of traditions that none of us think as clearly as we might.

I am enclosing two clippings which you may not have seen. I certainly wish the Christian Century might say something about that wretched Memorial Day speech by the President. He could not have done any

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worse is he had tried. It was the worst statement by a public man that I have read in many months. You will also be interested in these paragraphs from a letter from Grace Ellison at Chengtu. "The University faculty are conservative and full of doubt about anyone who doesn't say "shibboleth", just as they do. They cling to old worn-out useless methods, even now when changes are forced upon them. The Senate has been reorganized to meet demands of the Southern government--and Chinese have been added but neither of the boys have been elected. They are saving places for the foreigners when they return! ! *****"Poor old China! I can understand the attitude of hard-boiled business men toward China, but that of so-called Christians Missionaries I cannot fathom. Don't you for one minute pipe down or soft pedal on your message! Fifty years hence you'll be hailed as a great prophet, but don't expect any such ovation at present."

This, coming from a very intelligent woman who was in America last year saying the things that you and I have been saying may be encouraging especially in view of the fact that she still views them from far away Chengtu. You will note that her opinions have not changed when she is right up against the problems.

You may also be interested in this paragraph from a letter from our dear old friend Charlie Wood. Please do not think I am passing it on as a lot of ballyhoo. It is the last sentence that I think will be of interest. "I wonder if you appreciate what a thrilling experience it was to listen to you at the Hotel Astor the other night. To rouse an audience of America's biggest business men to such enthusiasm, at such a late hour, was of course more than a piece of forensic art. You did what you did because you were voicing a new world vision, a view which the most thoughtful of our big leaders are trying to get."

Yours as ever,

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Attached to letter of July 28, 1926.

Chengtu, China.
July 9, 1926.

President Harlan Updegraph,
Cornell College,
Mt. Vernon, Iowa, U.S.A.

Dear President Updegraph-

In the few minutes of conversation we had together at the Hotel Russell-Lamson in Waterloo last summer, you mentioned the hope that the Cornell student body would develop a substantial Cornell-in-China. At the time I expressed the desire that Cornell would decide upon West China Union University as the ideal campus for such a project. Since coming here and seeing for myself the conditions I am more than ever enthusiastic about this opportunity.

The opportunity has come out of the haze of generality and taken on the sharp clear-cut lines of definite focus. I am ready to place before you and the student body a definite proposition. There is no more promising department of the University than the Medical School, founded at the same time the University was, and among the Chinese students most eagerly popular. The magic word today with the students of this land is Science, and with living example of the miracles medical science performs every day about them, this vocation has a unique appeal to those eager to serve their fellowmen. At present one-third of the total University population is enrolled in the Medical School. To date this School has turned out eighteen graduates, for early with the degree Bachelor of Medicine. But the standards have steadily been raised until the Commencement this June witnessed five fully equipped Doctors of Medicine step forth. Yet the Faculty still needs five more professors to measure up to the standards of the China Medical Association. This is where I hope Cornell can do her overseas building.

Berton M. Hogle, graduated with his wife, Rose Tallman Hogle from Cornell in 1920, has just completed his third year of Medical School at Cincinnati. They have long talked of coming to China, and are more interested at this minute than ever before in their lives. They are wanted by the University for the Medical Faculty, and the Dean together with the President are writing to America to this end. But as you know the Board of Foreign Missions is badly crippled, and the probability of their finding the budget to send the Hogles out here is by no means promising. Therefore, I suggest that the Cornell student body and alumni unite in sending the Hogles as their first representatives to found a Cornell-in-China at West China Union University in Chengtu, Szechuan. The basic salary for a man and his family is \$1300. per year. It will be 1928 before they are ready to come so in that two years a good start can be made. The travel expense to this point is about equal to a year's salary, so if the student body should decide on this plan and get into action at once, the travel money and first years' salary might be in hand by the time they are ready to start. I believe the Hogles will be a good team to get the school behind, not only because they were popular while in school but because having lived both of them in Mt. Vernon for so long they have an unusually wide circle of friends among Cornellians past and present. The average gets to know merely his own generation of fellow-students, but Bert and Rose have had relatives in school for nearly forty years, and have known personally several student generations. As youngsters

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President Harlan Updegraph.

in the town they mingled with Cornellians for fifteen years. And as a number of the present and future Cornellians came from around Mt. Vernon regions, the acquaintances will continue. Furthermore their classmates and best friends have been out of college just long enough to be making good financially and still to be in close touch with each other. I am thinking of such friends as Glenn Browning, Clare Lahman, Dewey Hoadley, Harlan Betts etc. Such friends as these would get behind them and push to limit, because of their interest in them, while other friends such as Kenneth Danskin, Raymond Grant and Dick Raines who are in the active church leadership would be of great promoters because of their double interest, in the cause of Christian Missions and the personal interest in the Hogles.

The personal interest after all is what makes any cause move forward. In many cases the breaking down of mission giving in America the past three years has been due to loss of personal contact by direct giving to friends doing mission work. There are some who would argue for establishing a Foundation in material equipment. But the Christian Mission work in China is overburdened with property now, the University can very well get along for some years with the buildings we now have. But in personal equipment there is an urgent need, and a challenging opportunity. And as a practical working proposition, it is the personal investment that offers the best security and the most promising returns. If you decide to make the Hogles, the working center of your Cornell-in-China, there is positively no limit to the returns that will sweep on and on thru eternity from this investment. Bert is an experienced athletic director from one of Iowa's largest High Schools and with added experience in directing playgrounds and athletic clubs in Cincinnati. Our University is eager for his athletic leadership as well his medical, for there is no director here now to head up that important branch of college life. Rose specialized in Household Science and she taught the same in the Mt. Vernon High School. The University has recently opened up a co-educational department, and is finding an outstanding demand for courses in Household Science. So again the Hogles are desired here, not only doubly but triply desired for the threefold contribution they can make in Medicine, Athletics and Household Science.

If you decide as a college to undertake this adventure, it will no doubt be well to get in touch with the China Department of the Board of Foreign Missions in New York and also with University representatives. James Yard has just returned from China to work as American representative of the University. He is one of the ablest that China Missions has to offer, and will gladly come I am sure to help raise the money for such a work. President Joseph Beech will return to America in 1927 and will give of his time and statesmanship to help you.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Paul E. Johnson.

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PAUL E. JOHNSON
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July 28, 1926.

Mr. James M. Yard,
Board of Foreign Missions,
150 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C.

Dear Mr. Yard-

Though we just missed meeting you in Shanghai as we were going and coming last Fall, I feel as though I had seen you face to face and found in you a friend. The joy with which I have met you during the past few years in the China Christian Advocate, the incidents and impressions of you given by mutual friends, and these summer days we are spending in bungalow that was yours at Behludin all have played their part in building this consciousness of friendship.

Therefore it is with keen delight that we (Evelyn and I) have learned of your decision to accept the task of American Representative for the University. Already the returns of your work are beginning to start Chengtu-ward. The two Chinese that you and Earl have lined up for the University faculty will be a master-experiment in Mission policy at just this time. The men will not have an easy time, for as you have no doubt had intimations there are criticisms of the step both from the Chinese and foreigners here. But this is to be expected in any adventurous experiment, and if the men have the right kind of stuff in them they will make their own way. We are eager to welcome them to Chengtu, and to know them for what we are confident they will bring into our lives.

I am enclosing a carbon of a letter to President Updegraph of Cornell College, my alma mater at Mt. Vernon Iowa about developing a Cornell-in-China at West China Union University. The details of the proposition are enclosed, or shall I say opened, therein so I will not go into repetition of them. These Hogles are life long friends of ours, and years ago we shook hands on coming to China together. If you are in Cincinnati look him up at 434 Kasota Ave., or if not perhaps you will have opportunity to write and encourage in his desire. His name is before the Board at 150, and the way may open to send him by their regular budgeting. But in such times as these at 150 it is hardly safe to hope so we are leaving no stone unturned to find outside appropriations. If the students at Cornell decide to undertake this work, it would be of great assistance to them if you would come to the campus for a week, and jump into the campaign with them. My father J. E. Johnson at Waterloo, Iowa is interested in this project and will appreciate more than you can know a visit from you to talk over the situation in Chengtu. My wife's brother, Raymond Grant, pastor of the Methodist church at Washua is also interested, and is a great promoter both among students and church members. If the move actually gets under way there are other friends who will spring up to aid the cause, and with their help we hope you will see this through to successful completion.

Yours sincerely,

Paul E. Johnson

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