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9th November 1933.

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B. A. Garside Esq.,
West China Union University Board,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside,

TRANSFER

The Rev. Professor Frank Anderson sent you, I understand, some notes explaining what he had done with regard to the meetings in Oxford next June. Unfortunately I was ill at the time Dr. Anderson was here and did not see him, but we have been in correspondence and I have this morning heard from the Master of University College, Sir Michael Sadler, to the effect that the College has definitely approved of our having its lecture room for our meetings. Sir Michael adds that it is most important to fix the dates as quickly as possible as there is quite a scramble for the use of the College at that time of year. I have been telephoning to Mr. Barclay of the C.M.S., Mr. Hawkins of the L.M.S. and Mr. Wilson of the B.M.S. and I am sending you the following cable:-

"UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OXFORD OFFERS ~~A~~ HALL FOR MEETINGS URGENT TO FIX DATES QUICKLY SUGGEST JUNE TWENTYFIFTH TWENTYSIXTH WEST CHINA TWENTYSEVENTH ASSOCIATED BOARDS TWENTYEIGHTH CHEELOO PLEASE CABLE.

SILCOCK"

If I can get the date fixed I think all arrangements can go ahead but we are seriously held up on that one point and if there is delay we may find that we cannot after all secure the lecture room for the time we want. I ought to explain that Dr. Anderson feels on further consideration that it would be wiser not to try to include a Sunday in the meetings.

Sincerely yours,

H.T. Silcock
H.T. SILCOCK.

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TRANSFER

19th December 1933.

Arb 12/29/33

Mr. B.A.Garside,
 Associated Boards for
 Christian Colleges
 in China,
 150, Fifth Avenue,
 New York City,
 U.S.A.

My dear Mr.Garside,

Thank you for your kind cable of November 10th,
 and for your letters of November 13th and 22nd.

We felt that we must stick to the dates suggested in my cable to you, namely June 25th to 28th, as there seemed a very real danger of losing the opportunity of holding our meetings at Oxford if we attempted to change now. The Friends who consulted with me joined me in the hope that this will not prove really inconvenient to our friends in America or prevent a good attendance. I fear we had somewhat misunderstood Dr.Anderson and thought that he had ascertained that these dates were the ones that suited our friends in America best.

With regard to general plans for the meetings, you will be glad to know that they are moving forward satisfactorily. Sir Michael Sadler is taking a very kind interest in the meetings and is interviewing some of his friends in Oxford and making plans for the reception of those who will be able to attend.

Thank you also for the stationery you have kindly sent me. I do not imagine I shall need very much for the next month or two, but it may be that nearer the time of

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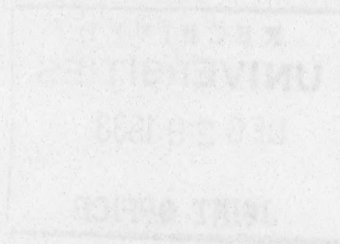
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the meetings I shall have to ask you to print some more
for me. I will let you know if I find that I need more.

With kind regards and the Season's greetings,

Sincerely yours,

H.T. Silcock
H.T. SILCOCK.



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as from China House,
91 Gower Street,
London, W.C. 1.

11th February 1934
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My dear Mr. ~~White~~,

I saw Sir Michael Sadler in Oxford a few days ago & discussed at length arrangements for the meetings at the end of June. I think all is well in hand but Sir Michael was anxious that we should obtain now without delay a full list of those who are likely to be ^{at the different meetings} present. Could you kindly send me such a list during the next month or so? It may have to be changed somewhat between now & June but our friends at Oxford feel that they now need as correct a list as can be drawn up at present. // If you could kindly deal with those from U.S.A. & Canada, I will collect the English names.

Sincerely yours

H. T. Lilcock

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March 9, 1934

Mr. H. T. Silcock
China House
91 Gower Street
London, W.C.1, England

My dear Mr. Silcock:

The inquiries we have been making during recent weeks indicate that the following will probably be in England the latter part of June and will be able to attend the meetings of either the West China Governors or the Cheeloo Governors, or both:-

Dr. James Endicott, - West China
Sir Joseph Flavell, - West China (plans still uncertain)
Dr. and Mrs. Charles J. Copp, - West China (as alternates representing Canadian Boards)
One representative from the Baptist Board (either Dr. Franklin, Dr. Huntington, or Dr. Robbin) West China
One representative from Methodist Board (Dr. Edwards or Mr. Cartwright, though both still uncertain), West China and probably Cheeloo.
Mrs. J. M. Avann, - Cheeloo (plans not yet definite)
Mr. B. A. Garside, - West China and Cheeloo

I think it is quite likely that the Cheeloo Governors will appoint as their proxies many of those attending the West China meeting, and that the Methodist Women's Board may appoint Mrs. Avann as a proxy at the West China Meeting. We assume that all those attending either the West China or the Cheeloo meeting will also attend the joint meeting between the Associated Boards and the British United Committee.

It is not entirely definite as yet whether I will be attending these meetings, but both the West China Governors and the Associated Boards have definitely requested me to do so, and the matter has been informally discussed by the Shantung Governors.

I will report to you again in a few weeks.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Copy sent to Mr. Davidson

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April 4, 1934

Mr. H. T. Silcock
China House
91 Gower Street
London, W.C.1, England

My dear Mr. Silcock:

Dr. Franklin informs us that the representative of the Baptist Board at the Annual Meeting of our West China Governors in June will probably be Dr. H. B. Robins. While this is subject to formal confirmation later, it seems reasonably certain that Dr. Robins will be able to attend.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:MP

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April 10, 1934

Mr. H. T. Silcock
China House
91 Gower Street
London W.C.1, England

My dear Mr. Silcock:

In the last few days we have received disappointing word from both the Methodist and Baptist Boards. Dr. Edwards writes that it will probably be impossible for him to get to the meeting in Oxford and thus far no one else from the Methodist Board seems to be available for attendance at our West China Governors' meeting.

Dr. Franklin writes that Dr. H. B. Robins has found it impossible to make the trip to England in June, and that the Officers' Council of the Baptist Board is now restudying the matter to see what other arrangements will be possible.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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19th March 1934.

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Mr. B.A. Garside,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside,

I am grateful to you for your letters of February 15th and 21st. In the list which you have sent there are, I think, two changes to be made in the British representatives.

1. You have probably heard direct from Mr. Gurney Barclay that their new appointee in place of Mr. Phillips is the Rev. H.G. Lee, St. Benedict's Vicarage, Richmond Terrace, Liverpool.

2. As far as the Friends' Service Council representatives are concerned, Mr. Clark has now resigned and the Friends have appointed in his place Carl Heath, Friends House, Euston Road, N.W.1.

I am grateful to you for collecting the names of those who are likely to attend the meetings in Oxford on June 25th and 26th; I hope to receive these shortly.

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Dr. Anderson has, I understand, sent you a copy of his letter to me dated 20th February last. I shall be most grateful if you can help with some of the mimeographing, probably some of the material will be much more accessible to you than to me. At present the Agenda for the meetings is in a very tentative state and I enclose a copy of my first rough draft. I shall be most grateful if you can, as Dr. Anderson suggests, collect all material in connection with the grant of an Absolute Charter, assuming that the proposal is endorsed by the Board of Directors.

Sincerely yours,

H.T. SILCOCK.

Enclosure.

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May 17, 1934

Mr. H. T. Silcock
China House
91 Gower Street
Westminster, W.C.1, England

My dear Mr. Silcock:

I have not gotten around to writing you since the meeting of our West China Executive Committee held on April 24th. I should have written before this to report on whether any matters came up at that meeting which might be mentioned specifically in the agenda of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors. However, we sent you the minutes themselves quite promptly after the meeting and you will have noted in these minutes any matters which may need special attention.

Audit. You will note the discussion and action on page two of the minutes with reference to handling the annual audit of our Governors' accounts. This item could either be included under "Matters Arising From Executive Committee" or might be made a separate item on the docket.

Deposit of Gift of Benjamin Moore. This is a continuation of the discussion reported in the minutes of the previous meeting of the Executive Committee, and included in the first draft agenda under item 4c.

Request for English Secretary for Publicity. This would come up in connection with item #6, "Budget Estimates".

Personnel Supplied by Cooperating Mission Boards. We are asking the various Mission Boards to supply the information indicated, but I do not know if we will have sufficient information available before the Annual Meeting to make any very complete report.

Report of Woman's College. This report was sent out with the minutes of the Executive Committee, so all of the Governors will have an opportunity to study it in advance of the Annual Meeting. I believe that it should be presented and discussed at that meeting, as you have already indicated under item #8.

I believe I do not know of anything else which isn't already itemized in the first draft of the agenda which you sent us on March 19th.

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Our office will be glad to assist in mimeographing such of the material for the Annual Meeting as is accessible here. As I glance through the proposed agenda it appears that our office should assume responsibility for preparing and bringing to the meeting material required under the following items:

4. Matters arising from Minutes of Executive Committee
8. Report of Women's College
10. Matters Arising From Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards, April 23rd-24th.

As yet, we have not received from Chengtu the budget estimates for 1934-35. I presume that these will be coming in before we leave for England. If so, we will be glad to prepare an analysis of these estimates as well as a forecast of income which the Governors will probably be able to provide during the coming year. Even though the budget estimates from the field are not in hand we will at least prepare the analysis of income which we understand will be available. I am not sure whether we will be able to get from the three British societies, up-to-date figures as to what they will be able to contribute to the 1934-35 budget. If you could have this particular information available at the meeting we would be grateful to you.

The list of representatives from North America who will probably be able to attend the West China Meetings still stands about as it appears on page three of these minutes of the Executive Committee. Dr. Edwards' attendance is quite uncertain though if he cannot go, Mr. Frank T. Cartwright may be able to take his place. I believe that the attendance of Mrs. J. M. Avann is still very indefinite.

Please call upon our office freely if there is anything further we can do to assist in preparation for the meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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1st June 1934.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside,

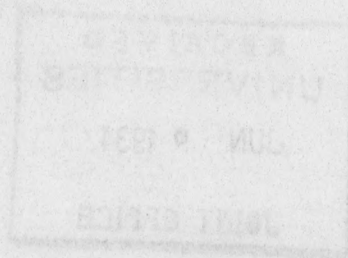
has not come up
Just a line to acknowledge your kind letter
of the 17th May and to say that I will endeavour to secure from the
British Societies figures as to what they will be able to contribute
for the 1934/35 budget.

Many thanks for all that you are doing
for these meetings. Looking forward eagerly to seeing you,

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock

H. T. SILCOCK.



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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

China Institute,
91, Gower Street,
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17th July 1934.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York,
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Garside,

I enclose an account which Miss Robertson has sent me for work which she did in connection with the meeting of the Board of Governors at Oxford. My own postage and cable account comes to 12/-. Would you kindly let me have this amount at your convenience? (13-0-9)

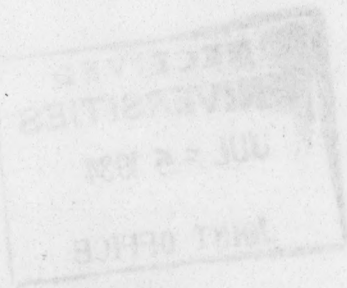
I should also like to have a supply of West China Union University Board of Governors Stationery at your convenience.

You will remember that I mentioned to you at Oxford that I thought it might be helpful if the Executive Committee would approach Miss Carolena Wood and ask her if she would serve as my alternate on the Executive. If they feel that they ought not to go as far as that perhaps they would be willing to send her copies of the Minutes and papers. My only aim is to draw the Friends more closely into the work of the University.

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock

H. T. SILCOCK.



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West China Union University

July 30, 1934

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Mr. H. T. Silecock
China Institute
91 Gower Street
London, W.C.1, England

My dear Mr. Silecock:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your two letters of July 17th.

I should have written you before this to express again my appreciation of all the courtesies you extended to me, and to the other visitors from North America, at the meetings in Oxford last month. During the eight years I have been connected with the work of our China Colleges here in the west, I have never known any series of meetings to be held under such pleasant conditions and amid such delightful surroundings. I believe too that our meetings were all very valuable and successful in every way. We all owe you a large debt of gratitude for the care you took in arranging for the meetings.

I enclose herewith a draft for £3-0-9, covering the expenses in connection with the meeting of the Board of Governors at Oxford, plus your own small account for postage and cables. We are having a draft made out in your name. I trust that will make it easier for you to make the necessary distribution of the various charges.

Under separate cover we are sending you a supply of West China stationery. I am sorry that we have not had a new supply printed to show your correct address, and also that we do not have any envelope with your address. If you will send us a memorandum as to the approximate quantities of this stationery you will need in the future, we will try to supply you when we have our next lot printed.

We are sending Miss Carolina Wood copies of the minutes and other papers in connection with the Oxford meetings of the West China Governors. I am also writing a personal letter, calling attention to her election as a coopted member of the Board of Governors and expressing a hope that she will be able to accept. When the date of the next meeting of the Executive Committee has been determined, I will raise with Dr. Endicott the question of inviting Miss Wood to attend as your alternate.

Let me acknowledge receipt of the papers relative to the Hedgkin Memorial Fund. I have delayed sending the formal receipt of the Board of Governors to the Hedgkin Memorial Fund Committee, because we wish to include in this receipt the amount in American dollars produced by the £1990 the Committee has turned over to us. Our bank should now be reporting this figure to us in the near future, since the draft was deposited for collection about three weeks ago.

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Mr. H. P. Silcock

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Under separate cover we have sent to you, and to each of the other Governors, mimeographed copies of the material growing out of the meetings in Oxford. You will note that we ventured to revise somewhat minute G-1135 relating to the budget estimates. I trust that as the minute now stands, it is somewhat more easily understood, and still represents accurately the action taken by the Board.

The numbering of the minutes was revised in order to give serial numbers to the minutes of the Executive Committee.

In the hope that you are finding time this summer for some weeks of rest and relaxation, I am,

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

From:

CHINA INSTITUTE,
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20th August 1934.

B.A. Garside Esq.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.
U.S.A.

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Evans*

Dear Mr. Garside,

Many thanks for your letter and for the box of stationery which arrived a few days later. Thank you also for the draft for £3.0.9. covering postage and similar expenses incurred through Miss Robertson and through my own office. It is most kind of you to write as you do about the meetings at Oxford and I am very grateful for all that you have done about Miss Carolina Wood.

As far as stationery is concerned, I have marked on the enclosed sheet one or two changes that will be necessary when you reprint. I shall not require any great quantity and I should think that 250 sheets would be sufficient.*

I must also thank you for the copies of the minutes and other material growing out of the meetings in Oxford.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock

H. T. SILCOCK.

* Other changes - eg. President & Chairman - will be needed; I have simply marked the points affecting myself.

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From: 91 Gower Street,
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2nd November 1934.

ack 11/20/34

Mr. B. A. Garside,
West China Union University,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside,

I enclose a letter I have received from President Lincoln Dsang which, as you will see, he asks to have placed before the Board of Governors for their perusal. I wonder if you could have this copied and circulated with the next papers that go out to the Board? I imagine that you will not feel it necessary to send it out separately.

I am sorry to learn of the trouble that has arisen over the question of military training. I have written to Chancellor Beech for full information and Carl Heath has done so on behalf of the Friends' Service Council.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock
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CHENGDU, WEST CHINA

September 17, 1934,

*Sent by Mr.
Silcock's
letter 11/1/34*

Mr. H. T. Silcock,
China Institute,
21, Gower Street, W.C.1.
London, England

My dear Mr. Silcock:

I received your recent letter in which you acknowledged my letter to the Board of Governors. I regret very much that this letter was delayed in reaching you, but our handicap without an English Secretary is great. I would appreciate it if this letter is put before the Board of Governors for their perusal.

Our University has opened its fall classes and today the registration totals 350. I think when it is complete it will be slightly over the last year's mark. An interesting item is the increase in women students. Last year they registered 92, this year 110, an increase of over 10%. Although it is too early to prophesy, yet the outlook in the University is promising and we are going ahead with enthusiastic interest.

You may be interested to know that we have re-elected last year's Board of Directors. They are all much interested in the University and I believe that this year there will be displayed a loyalty and activity in the affairs of the University such as we have never had before. Several of the disgruntled ex-members of the Board are off this year, so we should look forward to more harmony of interests.

The political situation here is the real disappointment here at present. Things continue to be unstable. Marshall Liu Hsiang withdrew to Chungking in late August. There appears to be dissention in the military ranks and also this latter is giving opportunity for the Reds to make some

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advancement along the northeastern front. We hear today that Marshall Liu has himself gone to the Red front area. Just what the outcome will be, we do not know. Things are quiet in the city.

Your continued interest in the work of the West China Union University is deeply appreciated. We hope that it will continue to draw deeper into the number of friends among the Mission.

(With kind personal regards to Mrs. Silcock, I am,

Cordially yours,

LD/P

Liu Shu Tsang

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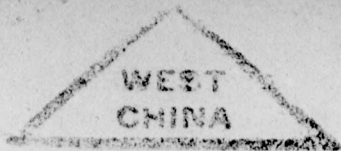
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February 25, 1935

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Dr. Frank Anderson
Mr. H. T. Silcock

My dear Dr. Anderson and Mr. Silcock:

I have been looking over the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Governors in Oxford last June with a view to clearing with the Methodist Board the question of the salary basis for Dr. Beech. Apparently, the minutes do not clarify this question of the salaries of Governors' appointees as fully as I thought the Governors intended to do.

In the minutes of the Executive Committee held on June 25th, minute E1112 (2) we find the following:-

"That in view of the fact that the cooperating Mission Boards had been compelled to reduce the salaries of missionaries paid directly by the Boards, the Board of Governors should consider the appropriateness of taking the same course in regard to the three officers of the Board whose salaries are chargeable to the Budget of the Board of Governors."

I was under the impression that the Board of Governors had taken action confirming this recommendation of the Executive Committee but I cannot find any minute covering the matter in the record of the Annual Meeting of the Governors themselves. In defining our budget for 1934-35 (page 11) the total amount estimated for the salaries of Dr. Beech, Mr. Albertson, and Mr. Small is US \$7,500, where in previous years this figure has been placed at \$10,000. This in itself is not, however, sufficient justification for our making any specific recommendation to the Methodist Board.

Do either of you have any recollection of whether this minute was discussed at the Annual Meeting of the Governors? If not, we can take the question up again at the next meeting of the Governors or of the Executive Committee, though this will be very late to get any adjustment made for the current fiscal year.

Since 1931 Dr. Beech's salary has been US \$3,920. With the present reduced scale of salaries paid by the Methodist Board the amount one of their regular missionaries, with the same family responsibilities as Dr. Beech would receive ^{at} \$2,860.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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China Institute, 91 Gower Street,
London, W.C.1.

6th March 1935.

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside,

I have received your letter of February 25th this morning and I quite thought that the Board of Governors had, as your letter suggests, confirmed the recommendations of the Executive Committee, but I think it must have been omitted by some oversight. I am sorry that I did not notice the matter when I received the duplicated copies of the minutes from you.

I have spoken to Miss Robertson on the subject and she confirms this general impression,† but I fear that this is nothing very definite upon which you can act and it seems to me that the matter will have to come up at the next meeting of the Governors or of the Executive Committee.

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock

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** Miss Robertson thinks the feeling of the Governors was in confirmation of the Executive but that they were reluctant to pass a formal minute.*

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April 3, 1935

Mr. H. T. Silcock
91 Gower Street
London, W.C.1, England

My dear Mr. Silcock:

Thank you for your letter of March 6th commenting on the question we raised as to the action taken by the West China Governors last June in connection with the salary basis of Dr. Beech.

While it is impossible to say just how this item happened to be omitted from the final draft of the minutes, it seems obvious that the logical move would be for us to ask the Executive Committee at its meeting next month to clarify the matter by taking the necessary action. I am sure, therefore, that Dr. Anderson will include the item in the agenda.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY.

CHINA INSTITUTE,
91, Gower St,
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29th April 1935.

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Mr. B.A. Garside,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Garside,

I enclose a copy of a letter which I have written to Dr. Anderson.

If convenient will you kindly let me have some more West China Union University stationery as I have used up the supply you sent a short time ago. May I suggest the following changes for your consideration:-

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1. Are we not properly described now as "Board of Founders" rather than Governors? I am not quite clear about this matter but it seems to me important that we should come into line with the regulations of the Chinese Government on a technical point of this kind and if we haven't already done so I suggest that the matter should come before the Executive Council.
2. I think Dr. Beech should now be described as Chancellor, rather than President and I suggest that we should also insert "the Rev. Lincoln Dsang, D.D.Ph.D., President of the University."
3. The officers of the Board need revising before the stationery is reprinted.
4. My address should be altered to "China Institute, 91 Gower Street, London W.C.1., England."
5. In this country we do not use the prefix "Mr." if the name

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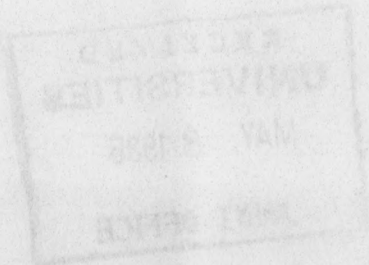
is followed by a degree. Would it meet the customs of both sides of the Atlantic if we only used the prefix "Sir" or "Rev." and in the case of "Dr." or "Mr." omit the prefix and simply add the degrees after the name. This is merely a suggestion and I hope you will feel quite free to disregard it if you think it is due to my Quaker prejudices.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS
of the
WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY.

CHINA INSTITUTE,
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Copy for Mr. Garside

29th April 1935.

The Rev. Frank Anderson, M.A., D.D.,
26, Grosvenor Street,
London,
Ontario.

My dear Anderson,

Thank you for your letter of April 13th. I have just received from Mr. Castleton the Minutes of the second meeting of the British members of the Board of Governors and had intended to write to you regarding our two meetings so that you might have a report for the Executive Committee on May 17th. For convenience I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Garside.

We have held two meetings but they have not been very well attended. At the first on September 21st, we only had H.G. Wood, A.G. Castleton and myself; at the second, held on April 12th, we had Mr. Gurney Barclay, Mr. Castleton, Mr. R.J. Davidson, Mr. S.H. Fong, Mr. Carl Heath and myself. You will notice, however, that Mr. Castleton, Mr. Davidson and Mr. Fong are not actual members of the Board. There are four matters on which we have taken action and on which I should report.

1. Hodgkin Memorial. We made various suggestions at our first meeting and sent them out to the Board of Directors of the University in Chengtu. At our second meeting we had received from the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. S.C. Yang, a letter which I enclose herewith and we passed the following minute:

"The minutes of the British members of the Board of Governors concerning the use of the Hodgkin Memorial Fund

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"have been considered by the Executive Board of Directors of the West China Union University. Mr. Silcock reported the following decisions of the Board of Directors and it was agreed to approve these and forward them to the next meeting of the Board of Governors (see Minute G.1131.)

1. Resolved to receive the report from Dr. Beech of the British members of the Board of Governors concerning Dr. Hodgkin's Memorial Fund.
2. Resolved to approve the first suggestion of that report regarding the use of this fund namely to use about fifty pounds annually for special lectures on international peace.
3. In approving its second suggestion we move to use ten pounds annually for Essays, Oral contest, and publications to promote the international good feeling and world peace.
4. Under the suggestion } we move to use the accumulated fund under this item for a fellowship abroad for the cultivation of international good will and world peace; such a fellowship to be granted to our own students, graduates or staff members.
5. Resolved to use a part of this fund to establish a special library in memory of Dr. Hodgkin of the literature of world peace and international good will.
6. Resolved to use a part of this fund for any urgent need for cultivating world peace, etc.

2. Offer of Service You will be glad to know that Miss Marjorie Robertson who was formerly office secretary for the United Committee for Christian Universities of China and who took the records at our meetings at Oxford, has offered to go out to Chengtu as English secretary working for the Chancellor and President. There was at first some difficulty about her health but she had her tonsils removed during the winter and has now received a satisfactory medical report from the medical secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society. We felt that the first essential was to ascertain the opinion of the University authorities in Chengtu about the urgency of having an English secretary and I am writing to-day to the president, Dr. Lincoln Dsang, asking about this and asking further, if a secretary is

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considered essential, whether the University would be able to find or to make some contribution towards her salary. When we receive this report from China we will communicate with you again.

3. Military training. I think the simplest plan is to quote our minute:-

"The British members carefully considered the problems that have arisen relating to the introduction of military drill in the University. They have deep sympathy with their colleagues in Chengtu and while not desiring to embarrass the situation by taking hasty action, they view the whole issue with great concern and anxiety.

I think it may help if I quote what Sir Michael Sadler wrote on this subject as he was not able to be present at our meeting:-

"I hope that it may be possible, by representation to the Chinese Government, to secure exemption from military duties for all members of the staff of the University who have conscientious objection."

I think I told you that I received a cable from the University some months ago asking me to approach the Chinese Minister in London on this matter. I did so and at his suggestion I wrote him a confidential letter explaining the whole position and he promised that he would forward this privately with a personal note from himself to Dr. Wang, the Minister of Education, who is a personal friend of his. I am also communicating to His Excellency this note from Sir Michael Sadler in the hope that he may think it worth while forwarding the same to Dr. Wang.

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4. Plans for increasing support of the University. We took this matter up at our first meeting but unfortunately the plans which we worked out there did not come to fruition. We discussed it again at the second meeting and decided to hold meetings in Manchester, Birmingham and Liverpool for the purpose of securing the interest of friends, ~~partly~~ in the West China Union University and generally in modern education in China. Mr. Castleton was asked to arrange these meetings in association with the secretaries of the Friends Service Council and the Church Missionary Society.

With warmest regards and best wishes for your meeting on May 17th,

Sincerely yours, H.T.S.

H. T. SILCOCK.


of the
WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY,

CHINA INSTITUTE,
91, Gower Street,
W.C.1.

7th May 1935.

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
West China Union University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Garside,

Dr. Anderson wrote me a letter dated April 22nd, which in some curious way has only just reached me this morning. He asks me to find out about the possibility of British members of the Board of Governors attending the proposed Annual Meeting of the Board at the end of September or early in October. I find that I must post to-day if I am to reach you in time for the meeting on the 17th. I am therefore writing direct to you, rather than sending to Dr. Anderson. I know you will share the letter with him.

There is just a chance that Mr. Gurney Barclay may be able to attend the meeting. Alternatively, if he does not come, it is possible that Dr. Cash might attend in his place if the Board were willing. In each case it would be more convenient if the meeting were following the meeting of the International Missionary Council rather than before it.

There is no time to get in touch with the other members of the Board but I do not think there is any likelihood that any of them will be able to attend. Sir Michael Sadler does not travel much now, the Rev. A. G. Lee is presumably tied to his work in Liverpool and the same is probably true of H. G. Wood and Carl Heath. Carl Heath is retiring as secretary of the Friends Service Council but is to spend the year at Woodbrooke and it is unlikely that he will be able to be in America just then. He is not in his office to-day so I have

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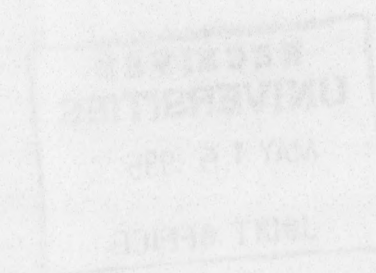
only been able to speak to his secretary. H. G. Wood told me once previously that the beginning of the University year was an almost impossible time for him as he is Director of Studies at Woodbrooke. As for myself, I do not see any chance of being able to attend.

I have just received a letter from Beech enclosing a copy of a letter he has sent to you and Dr. Anderson, dated March 23rd. Dr. Beech makes it clear that Miss Robertson is very greatly and urgently desired but he asks that she may be sent out without charge upon "their increasingly inadequate budget" and begs me to urge the British Boards to undertake her support. I am sorry to say that there is not the least chance of the Friends Service Council, or the Church Missionary Society or Miss Robertson's own Board, the Baptist Missionary Society, doing anything of this kind. We might raise a certain portion of her salary in this country but it would have to be done apart from the regular supporters of the missionary societies. If this is the final reply from the University it looks as though Miss Robertson will not get out to Chengtu. ~~Perhaps,~~ However, we should wait until my letter to Dr. Dsang has been received and our friends in Chengtu realise the position at this end.

With kindest regards and best wishes for the meeting of the Executive Council,

Sincerely yours,

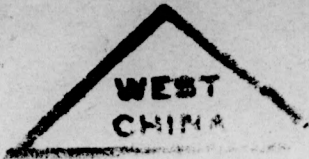
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May 29, 1935

Mr. H. T. Silcock
China Institute
91 Gower Street
W.C.1, London, England

My dear Mr. Silcock:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letters of April 29th and May 7th.

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I am sorry that the rush of meetings held during the last few weeks has delayed my acknowledgment. Under separate cover we are sending you about forty sheets of West China stationery. This will probably meet your needs for a short while, although we must print a new supply quite soon. We will be glad to take into account the suggestions in your letter of April 29th as to changes. The question of whether we should use the title "Board of Founders" or "Board of Governors" is a rather intricate one. The governing Boards of all of our China Colleges are now referred to, in accordance with Chinese terminology, as "Boards of Founders". But most of these Boards still use, here in the West, the titles by which they have previously been known, and which in many cases are used in their charters. Yenching, Hangchow, and Fukien, and one or two others still use the title "Board of Trustees". Cheeloo and West China use "Board of Governors". Only Nanking and Ginling have thus far adopted "Board of Founders" for general use here in America. Perhaps we should ask the annual meeting of the West China Board to pass on this point, and meanwhile to continue using the familiar title "Board of Governors". The other four changes indicated in your letter of April 29th will all be made. It is quite incorrect, from the standpoint of American custom as well as of British custom, to use "Dr." or "Mr." before the name when the degrees are given after it. We will omit the prefix and keep the degrees, as you suggest.

I am sorry that the prospect of having a very large attendance of British members at the Annual Meeting of our West China Board of Governors in the autumn seems to be so unpromising. We have tried to set a date for this meeting which would be as convenient as possible for British members coming over for the I.M.C. meetings between September 27th and October 7th. We have also been trying to arrange the Annual Meeting of our Shantung Board of Governors at about this same time. As soon as we can find out a little more definitely just who will be here from Great Britain to attend both the Cheeloo and West China meetings it will be somewhat easier to make our plans. Just now the West China meeting seems satisfactorily

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settled for October 8th and 9th. Our Cheeloo Governors have not yet been able to find a date free from other serious conflicts. October 8th and 9th would probably be the best days for British members of our Cheeloo Governors, so if it should happen that there are no British Members of our West China Board to be considered, we might arrange to postpone the West China meetings one day, and to have the Cheeloo Governors meet on October 8th and possibly on the morning of the 9th, with the West China Executive Committee meeting on the morning of October 9th and the full Board meeting on the afternoon of October 9th and throughout October 10th. I would welcome your comments or suggestions as to arrangement from the standpoint of the convenience of our British colleagues.

In the hope that you will find time for a little rest and recreation this summer, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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