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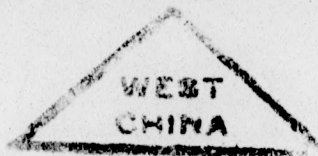
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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY.



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

14th June 1935.

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

Dear Mr. Garside,

Thank you for your letter of May 29th and for the stationery which you say you are sending under separate cover.

I do not think I have any comment to make regarding the dates for the annual meeting of the Board except that we should like to know (if necessary by cable "Unchicom, Westcent, London") if you propose any change of date. I have made enquiries and it seems unlikely that any British members will present themselves with the possible exception of Mr. H. G. Wood. We shall, however, try to appoint alternates. Regarding Mr. H. G. Wood, I should be glad of your advice. He has asked about the question of his expenses if he finds that he can arrange to attend. I believe that you, or possibly a predecessor of yours, once told me that he thought the Board would be prepared to meet the travelling expenses of one of its members from the other side of the Atlantic. The question must have arisen and I do not know that I have ever heard what has been done in this way. I have mentioned the matter to the Friends Service Council and they will look into it. They are holding a meeting on Tuesday, June 25th, when this point is likely to be discussed. I do not imagine that they would feel that they could meet the whole expense. I expect that if H. G. Wood is able to arrange to attend he will stay longer than the two or three days necessary for the actual meeting and probably combine with his visit some other work for which some different organisations would pay a part of his expenses, but he cannot make the decision to go unless he knows that the question of his expenses can be covered. If you could send me a cable to reach me before Tuesday, June 25th, saying what, if anything, would be available from the budget of the Board of Governors itself, it would help us materially.

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14th June 1935.

Sir Michael Sadler had hoped to come but has had to give up his projected visit to America on medical advice. He has written to Dr. Anderson to tell him.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock

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July 5, 1935

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

My dear Mr. Silcock:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a cable we are sending you today in response to your letter of June 14th. I am sorry this reply has been so long delayed.

As soon as I received your letter I sent copies to Dr. Endicott and Dr. Anderson, and asked their judgment as to the possibility of having at least a part of Mr. H. G. Woods' expenses to the annual West China meeting assumed by the Board of Governors. Since Dr. Anderson had just left London for his summer camp at Muskoka, some little time elapsed before these two officers of the Board were able to exchange letters and to arrive at a common decision.

I quote below Dr. Endicott's comments with regard to the inquiry as to contributing toward Mr. Wood's expenses:

"I happened to meet Sir Joseph Flavelle this morning and talked the matter over a little with him. We were of one mind that we cannot make any appropriation out of the Board of Governors' resources to assist in the travelling expenses of a member from England, although we both recognize how valuable a representative Mr. H. G. Wood is. Many years ago we faced this question with great care and the judgment was reached that when attendance at the Board Meeting involved overseas travel the expenses must be met by the particular Board of Missions to which the member belonged. My Board has paid my way Overseas a number of times. It is true that the Board has on more than one occasion assisted in meeting the costs of your travel but your relation to the Board of Governors is not at all analogous

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to that of Mr. Wood or, I think, of any other member. Your presence was essential to the proper conduct of the business, and, therefore, the expenses involved were a proper charge upon our funds. I sincerely hope, however, that some other way will be found of making possible Mr. Wood's presence with us. He has a valuable contribution to make to our work."

A letter I have today received from Dr. Anderson expresses general agreement with Dr. Endicott's conclusion. I talked also with Dr. Edwards, whose views are much the same as those expressed by Dr. Endicott.

Since it is very difficult at this season of the year to get a formal meeting of our West China Executive Committee, I presume we will have to let the decision stand, for the time being at least, as Dr. Endicott has summarized the matter. Personally I am convinced that this is not altogether a wise and farsighted policy for our West China Board to pursue. It is undoubtedly wise to observe the general rule that the various cooperating mission boards will pay expenses involved in attendance of their representatives at meetings of the Board of Governors. Whenever we face the question of representation from our British constituency at an annual meeting here in New York or of representation from the North American constituency at an annual meeting in England, we have a special situation which seems to me to justify special consideration. If Mr. Wood can attend the West China meeting here he will come not only as a representative of the Friends Service Council, but in a real sense as a representative of the entire British group. It would seem to me a very wise course for our West China Board to adopt as a general policy that they will assist where necessary in meeting the expenses of at least one representative from the membership of the Board across the ocean from the place where the annual meeting is held. I personally have not seen anything in our West China minutes, and have no recollection of having heard any verbal expression, of the policy which Dr. Endicott and Sir Joseph state was formulated some years ago.

At all events we hope very much that Mr. Wood will be able to attend the meeting and that several of the other members of the group from England who come to America for the meeting of the International Missionary Council will also be present at the West China gathering.

We are still planning to hold the meeting of the West China Governors on the dates suggested by our West China Executive Committee - October 8 and 9. I enclose herewith copy of a letter I have just written Dr. Warnshuis in regard to the matter.

Very sincerely,

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12th July 1935.

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

My dear Dr. Garside,

May I begin by congratulating you very warmly on your well-earned doctorate? I was particularly glad to see this good news.

It is kind of you to write so fully amplifying your cable about Mr. H. G. Wood. I think you are right in suggesting that the West China Board should adopt as a general policy that they would assist where necessary in meeting the expenses of at least one representative from the membership of the Board on the opposite side of the ocean from the place where the Annual Meeting is held. However, in this particular instance the question does not arise for I am sorry to say that Mr. Wood has found in the end he cannot possibly get over for the meeting. We are, however, hoping that the three members of the Board appointed by the Society of Friends will each be able to appoint a good alternate as it happens that we have some very suitable people who will be crossing to America for some Quaker Meetings to be held shortly after the meeting of the Board. I may say that I am glad to learn that the West China Board Meetings are not to be altered to September 25th or 26th as that would most certainly make it quite impossible for our alternates and I imagine that it would also make it much more difficult if not impossible for Dr. Cash, though I do not know definitely about his plans.

With best wishes and again many congratulations,

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock
H. T. SILCOCK.

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For Mr. Garside



West China Union University.

July 26, 1935

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

Dear Mr. Silcock:

I am answering your letter of July 12th addressed to Mr. Garside, who is absent from the office for a short vacation. I am holding the letter for him, however, so that he can have the pleasure of receiving the congratulations which you express. We all agree with your sentiments and believe it to be a most richly deserved honor.

The question which is being discussed regarding the expenses of board representatives should be faced at no distant date, and it is quite possible that the fall meeting will give some consideration to it.

The twenty-fifth and the twenty-sixth are taken for other meetings, and consequently it was not possible to make any change in the West China date. We trust that those which have been arranged will prove satisfactory to the majority. It is quite possible that Mr. Garside will desire to write you further upon his return to the office.

Very cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

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29th July 1935.

Back 8/13/35



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

Dear Dr. Garside,

I am sorry to say that I have just learned that the three members of the Board appointed by the Society of Friends are unable to appoint an alternate coming from this country. Those whom we approached all have other engagements which prevent them from attending the meeting of the Board. I am very disappointed about this. We are trying now to secure one or more alternates in America who can attend on our behalf.

I think you already know that Dr. Cash, the General Secretary to the Church Missionary Society, is hoping to attend in place of Mr. Gurney Barclay.

I shall hope to write to you nearer the time regarding the suggestion that Miss Marjorie Robertson might go out to Chengtu as secretary and stenographer. You will have seen references to this in the minutes of the General Faculty. I am sorry that our friends in China feel they cannot do anything to meet the expenditure involved. Unfortunately, everyone here is going on holiday and we shall be unable as a group of British members to do anything about it until the beginning of September. I expect to be leaving for holiday myself tomorrow and shall be away for practically the whole of August.

With kindest regards,
Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock
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West China

August 13, 1935

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



My dear Mr. Silcock:

I have your letter of July 29th, reporting the difficulties you have encountered in trying to secure the attendance of some of the British representatives at the annual meeting of the West China Board of Governors, to be held at Crozer Seminary on October 8th and 9th.

I am sorry that these dates do not seem satisfactory to our British friends, for they were chosen particularly with our British colleagues in mind. Of course it is impossible to find any date from the time our British friends reach New York until they sail again, which would be entirely free of complications. Our friends coming from across the Atlantic are always so popular that we make far too many demands upon them.

I am sorry that you did not make alternative suggestions as to dates, for it might still be possible to shift the date of the West China meeting if we could find a time more satisfactory to our British members, or to the proxies they appoint.

Dr. Warnshuis' office has within the last week informed me of a new complication which has arisen. The Cunard line informs us that the sailing of the Berengaria, originally scheduled for 3:00 P.M. on October 9th, has now been postponed to midnight, October 11th. We understand that at least some of the British representatives who were planning to leave on the Berengaria have decided to advance their sailing to the Georgic, sailing on October 5th. This would, of course, leave out almost beyond any hope the possibility of their attending the West China meeting, as well as several other important meetings which are being held between October 5th and 9th. If, however, the British friends whom we hope to have at the West China meeting are willing to keep their reservations on the Berengaria, it would be possible for them to have ample time for the West China meeting. We might even postpone this meeting until October 10th and 11th if our British friends so desire, for this should leave them time to attend all the other meetings which have been scheduled for October 7th, 8th, and 9th.

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Mr. Silcock

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August 13, 1935

Unless and until we are able to find some other date which would be more acceptable to our British friends than October 8th and 9th, there does not seem to be any point in making a change in the dates already announced. We will, therefore, let the dates of October 8th and 9th stand until we have had time to hear from you. If there is any date between the time our British friends reach America and the time when they return which would be more satisfactory to them than October 8th and 9th, we would be grateful if you would cable us, and we will at once try to arrange a shift in our plans for the West China meeting. We are very anxious to have our British constituency adequately represented at this annual meeting, and would be tremendously disappointed if, with so many representatives coming from Great Britain for the I. M. C. conference, it were not possible to have a good representation from the other side of the Atlantic at this important meeting.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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21st September 1935.

Mr. Garside

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Mrs. Varian,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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Dear Madam,

I find that the minutes of the West China General Faculty are sent directly to British members of the Board from Chengtu. They are not sent to me for distribution. One member, Mr. Carl Heath, raises the point that he is now no longer at Friends House and he thinks that the contributing body, namely the Friends Service Council, should have a copy as well as each member of the Board. As you are writing Chengtu perhaps you would kindly mention this matter.

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock

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25th September 1935.



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

sub 1/10/5/35
write again 10/22/35

My dear Dr. Garside,

I wrote to you on July 29th and told you that I hoped to write again regarding the suggestion that Miss Marjorie Robertson might go out to Chengtu as Secretary-stenographer.

We have not been able to secure a full meeting of British members of the Board of Governors, but we have had a good deal of correspondence on this subject. You probably know the minute which we passed at the last meeting of British members of the Board held on April 12th where I was "requested to write to the President of the University to enquire as to the urgency of the need at Chengtu and whether if a secretary was considered essential the University would be able to find or to make some contribution towards her salary. The meeting decided to await the report from China before taking further steps in the matter." The general feeling at that meeting, as I understand it, was that if the University could find a reasonable proportion of her salary we here in this country would certainly do our best and might hope to find a further reasonable proportion but we were clear that it was useless to attempt the whole amount.

You will have seen Minute 300 of the General Faculty held on April 11th, the day before we held our meeting here in England. There is also a further minute passed on June 5th, which President Dsang has quoted to me in his letter. He says: "It will be impossible for us to assume this extra responsibility on our present budget but, as the resolution states, we are in great need of such assistance." He gives some details of the kind of work which Miss Robertson might do and concludes;

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"In fact we feel that there is no greater need here at the present time than there is for her services. We therefore hope that some way will be found in England to supply her expenses and salary."

British members of the Board felt that a special appeal for the whole amount of her salary would be impossible. They also felt that any appeal in her case would be difficult as a secretarial position does not interest donors in the same way that more dramatic pieces of service do. The difficulties regarding military training at the University make the position still worse for most of us.

I think, therefore, the only plan is to forward her offer to you and see if the Board of Governors is able to find the necessary money for her salary and expenses.

Miss Robertson is 35 years old and worked for several years as secretary-stenographer to the United Committee for Christian Universities in China under Mr. Sewell and others. She is at present employed by the Baptist Missionary Society who speak highly of her and she has obtained a clear medical certificate from Dr. Moorshead, the late medical officer of that Society.

I should be grateful if you could let me know as soon as you conveniently can what action the Board takes in regard to Miss Robertson's offer. She would like to know soon as she ought to make definite plans for her work if the way does not open for her to go to China.

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock

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October 5, 1935

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

My dear Mr. Silcock:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 25th discussing the very important question of the secretarial need at West China, and the possibility that Miss Robertson might be appointed to fill this position if support for her can be found.

We will bring your letter, together with the other communications we have had on this subject to the attention of our West China Governors next week. I do earnestly hope that something can be accomplished, although I am not particularly optimistic. Like all our other philanthropic institutions, West China's finances are not in any too flourishing condition just now. And what is more important, our West China Governors seem to be suffering just now from a particularly acute case of depression psychology. We will send, as promptly as possible after the meeting, a report on what the Governors decide with regard to this item. Should there be any definite action which ought to be gotten to you at once, we will cable.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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October 22, 1935

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

My dear Mr. Silcocks

Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of the minutes of our West China Governors' meeting on October 8th and 9th.

Immediately after this meeting we sent you a night cable letter giving the gist of the action taken by the Board with reference to the appointment of Miss Robertson as English Secretary. You will note that the action on Miss Robertson's appointment reads as follows:-

"RESOLVED, (1) that the Board approve of appointing Miss Robertson to this position on condition that the British members of the Board can arrange to secure the money needed for her outfit and passage to China.

"(2) That the promotional department of the Board of Governors make the support of Miss Robertson a special object of appeal."

The only condition which must be met before Miss Robertson's appointment is definitely confirmed is therefore that the British constituency of West China Union University will arrange to provide for her outfit allowance and outgoing travel. Once she arrives in Chengtu, the Board of Governors undertakes her support in the same way that it is already providing the support of three other executives - Dr. Beech, Mr. Albertson and Mr. Small. While we are making the securing of Miss Robertson's support a special promotional objective for this year, we need not hold up the confirmation of her appointment until this support has actually been secured for there is room within the item of \$7,500 in this year's budget for the support of Board of Governors' personnel to take care of Miss Robertson's support after she reaches China even if special funds are not secured.

We earnestly hope therefore that the British members will be able to secure within the fairly near future the amount required to cover Miss Robertson's outfit and outgoing travel so that we can get her out to the University with the least possible delay. Certainly she is very urgently needed there.

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Mr. H. T. Silcock

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October 22, 1935

We need the advice of our British friends with regard to the salary basis on which Miss Robertson should be paid after she reaches Chengtu. As you know, each of the three administrative officers whose salaries are now paid by the Board of Governors are regular appointees of some one of the cooperating mission boards and receive the same salary and allowances the other missionaries of their respective boards. Dr. Beech is under the Methodist Board, and Mr. Albertson and Mr. Small under the United Church of Canada. In the case of Miss Robertson the logical course would seem to be to place her under either the Friends Service Council or the Church Missionary Society, at least so far as her schedule of salary and allowances is concerned. Would this be feasible and satisfactory? And if so, which of the two British groups could the more logically be chosen? What would be her salary and allowances under that society?

You will note also the action taken by the Board of Governors with reference to the Hodgkin Memorial Fund. I believe that little need be added to the material contained in action G-1193. Up to June 30th, 1935 approximately US\$180 in interest had accrued on the Hodgkin Memorial Fund and income is now being received at the rate of about US\$350 per year. We hope, of course, that with the restoration of more normal economic conditions this income can gradually be built up to approximately US\$500 per year. But, in the meantime, we should make plans for using to the best advantage the income that is available. We are awaiting further word from our British members of the Board with regard to detailed plans.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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as from China Institute,
91 Gower St., London, W.C.1.
November 6th 1935

Dear Doctor Garside,

The British members of the West China Board have tried to find money for Miss Robertson's passage & outfit & have already secured practically the whole amount; we have booked a passage for her on S.S. Patroclus, Blue Funnel line, leaving Liverpool on November 30th & due at Shanghai on January 8th.

Mr. Wilson, secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society, in whose mission house Miss Robertson is now working, suggests that she should receive a letter stating exactly the terms of her appointment, salary, other allowances, pension & retirement arrangements, & so on. The minutes have not reached me yet.

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but if these points are not elaborated in the minutes no doubt you will arrange to have a letter sent to her with full details as soon as possible.

I have discussed with the secretaries of the Friends & the Baptists the point you raised about attachment to a mission. They both feel that attachment to their missions is not the most desirable machinery & Mr. Wilson suggests the Women's Board of the American Baptists. Could you take this up with them, if you approve? In view of this suggestion, which seems to me the right one, I have not discussed this point with the C.M.S.

I will write later after my return to the office.

Sincerely yours
H. T. Silcock



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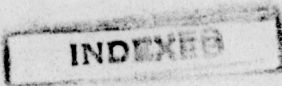
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Dr. B. A. Garside,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City.



Dear Dr. Garside,

Many thanks for your telegram received yesterday morning. I had already arranged pretty much in accordance with your suggestion but I have written a further letter to Miss Robertson, a copy of which I enclose.

(Shanghai to Bangkok)
Miss Robertson will be grateful if you can have a draft waiting for her when she arrives on January 8th at Shanghai. I understand from the Friends that the transportation and baggage expenses of the last people they sent out were less than £25 and I am sending this amount to Miss Robertson in Shanghai, telling her to let me know if she finds that it is not quite sufficient.

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock

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*Send up
Mr. Silcock's
letter
some
date.*

Miss Robertson,
111, Swinderby Road,
Middx. Wembley.

Copy for Dr. Garside

Dear Miss Robertson,

Thanks for your letter and the cheque for £5. I am sorry for the delay in acknowledging but I have been away for the weeken

I have received a cable from America asking me to conclude tentative arrangements with you in accordance with the procedure of the British Societies. I think the main items which Mr. Garside means to have covered are outfit allowance and the amount given for various incidental expenses on the journey to Shanghai. Both British Societies pay the full salary from the date of arrival in Shanghai and in addition pay the full cost of the steamer ticket etc. up-river, with baggage and any other necessary incidental expenses. I imagine that the Board of Governors will wish to do the same and that Mr. Garside will send a draft to meet you at the Associated Mission Treasurers in Shanghai giving you a first instalment of your salary. As I wrote to you recently, I too will send you a draft to cover your transportation expenses from Shanghai to Chengtu and if it is insufficient you will let me know.

We have discussed together the question of outfit and agreed on £40 which is in general agreement with the practice of the two English Boards cooperating in the University. The C.M.S. give £5 more, but give much less for incidental expenses on the voyage. The Friends might give more but in a case like yours would probably give approximately £40.

I believe that your own Society (the Baptist Missionar Society) pays a missionary's salary from the date of leaving England and reckons that all incidentals shall be met from that. The C.M.S. pays £10 which is supposed to cover all incidentals including Customs, train to the steamer (if necessary), tips etc. and any balance not used is returnable. Friends would normally make a grant of £18 for this

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purpose. In your case I have allowed £19 but it has to cover a longer train journey than usual as you are sailing from Liverpool.

I do not know what rate of salary the Baptists pay but I have ascertained that the Friends would give you Mexican dollars 1800 if living alone and \$1400 if living with others. In addition there would be a sterling grant of £40. The C.M.S. scale is much lower; they would pay an inclusive allowance of \$1600 Mex. a year or \$1200 if living alone. This rate is increased by \$100 a year after the probationary period is ended. Presumably Mr.Garside will take up with you as soon as possible the question of the exact amount of your salary.

Please let me know if you feel any difficulty about any of these points. I would gladly discuss them with you. For the sake of clearness I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr.Garside.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

H.T.S.

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December 17, 1935

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

My dear Mr. Silcock:

Let me thank you for your letter of November 26th with its enclosures. This material shows that you did a most excellent job in taking care of Miss Robertson's outgoing expenses and in making all the necessary arrangements for her travel to the Orient.

If I understand correctly the arrangements you have made with Miss Robertson, you have supplied her with all the funds necessary to cover her travel to Shanghai from London, and also from Shanghai to Chengtu. I believe it is your understanding that we here in New York become responsible for her salary and regular allowances from the date of her arrival in Shanghai on January 8th. If I do not have these facts clearly in mind and if there are any additional amounts we should provide either for her journey to Shanghai or between Shanghai and Chengtu we would be grateful if you would let me know.

We have presented to the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society a request that Miss Robertson be made a regular member of the Society's missionary personnel at West China, the only difference in her status from that of the other Baptist women being that the West China Board of Governors reimburses the Baptist Society for all expenditures they make in Miss Robertson's behalf. Apparently the Society is very sympathetic to this proposal, though they have to give the matter very serious study before taking any final action. I understand that they have a regulation that they can not accept any person as a regular missionary of their Society unless the proper secretaries of the Society have personally interviewed the appointees. I hope, however, that they can in some way meet this regulation by securing the endorsement of Rev. C. E. Wilson and other Baptist leaders in England in whom they can place complete confidence. There seems to be a possibility that the Society may wish to suggest some special affiliation

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between Miss Robertson and the other Baptist women at West China which would make her to all intents and purposes an active member of the women's quota there but would not raise the question of regular appointment under the W.A.B.F.M.S. It will probably be some weeks at least before a final decision on these matters can be reached. Meantime, I have sent to Miss Robertson in care of the Associated Missions Treasurers, a draft for the equivalent of US\$150, which will cover her salary for two months at the rate paid by the W.A.B.F.M.S. Before these two months expire, we will, if necessary, send her an additional remittance to take care of her expenses until a more permanent arrangement can be made.

We would welcome any suggestions you may have as to ways in which we can more effectively provide for satisfactory arrangements for Miss Robertson. She is such a fine young woman, and seems so ideally qualified for the work she is going out to do that we are doubly anxious that her first few months in China will be pleasant, and will be as free as possible from any disturbing factors. Any young woman going out for service in China faces enough problems of adjustment at best.

With sincere appreciation for all the interest and assistance you have given in making these arrangements for Miss Robertson and with all good wishes for the approaching holiday season, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Copy for Dr. Anderson

between Miss Robertson and the other Baptist leaders in England in whom they can place complete

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31st December 1935.

Sub 1/14/36

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

Dear Dr. Garside,

Just a line to confirm that the arrangements you have outlined in your letter of December 17th are correct. It is kind of you to write as you do and I am very glad to see that you are approaching the Women's Section of the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. I hope that Miss Robertson can be affiliated to that Society as I believe that will go a long way towards providing satisfactorily for her time in China. I am delighted to know that for the first, at any rate, she is to live with Mr. and Mrs. Sewell.

I have no further suggestions regarding her arrangements but if any occur to me I will certainly write.

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock
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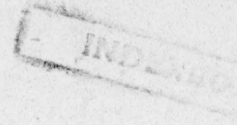
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West China

January 14, 1936

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



My dear Mr. Silcock:

We enclose herewith two copies of the minutes of the January 7th meeting of our West China Executive Committee. Dr. Endicott and Dr. Anderson have not yet sent us a draft of the memorial resolution which is to be attached. This will be forwarded to you later.

The main item in these minutes which I should discuss with you is the question of Miss Robertson's relation to some one of the cooperating mission boards (minute E-1201 (e)). This is a question which has caused somewhat greater complications than we anticipated and as yet we do not clearly see the most satisfactory answer.

At the time the Board of Governors took action in October appointing Miss Robertson I believe we all assumed in a general way that some arrangement could be worked out in Great Britain which would give her some kind of affiliation with some of our cooperating British Boards. It did not occur to us to examine very closely into any denominational questions which might possibly be involved. When, therefore, the suggestion came from London that because Miss Robertson is a member of the Baptist Church we should try to arrange for her appointment by the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, the proposal created a certain amount of surprise and doubt. However, the proposal was sent to the officers of the Board of Governors for their comments, and in line with their suggestions we have approached the W.A.B.F.M.S. with the request that they appoint Miss Robertson as either a regular or an affiliated member of their quota at the University (with the understanding, of course, that the West China Governors will reimburse the Society for the expenditures it makes in Miss Robertson's behalf). As yet, however, this request has not made much progress in the W.A.B.F.M.S. because it cuts across a number of their established rules of procedure - such, for example, as their regulation that appointments can be made only after the proper representatives of the Society have personally interviewed and investigated the qualifications of a prospective appointee.

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This situation was reported to the Executive Committee and was discussed at some length. We considered three possibilities—
(1) Whether it might be possible for one or the other of the cooperating British societies to arrange some affiliated relationship for Miss Robertson. (2) Whether we should continue to urge the W.A.B.F.M.S. to work out some type of relationship for her. (3) Whether she might be considered as a missionary appointee of the West China Board of Governors without any direct relationship to a cooperating mission board.

It seemed to the Committee that if some satisfactory solution to the problem of denominational differences could be found, Miss Robertson's most natural relationship would be with one of the two British cooperating Boards. Miss Robertson has a British background, her closest friends on the campus are likely to be British, and in all matters of salary and allowances it would be more logical and convenient for her to follow the customary regulations of the British Boards rather than of an American society. On the other hand, we recognize the practical problems of denominationalism which would be involved in working out arrangements for her affiliation with either the Friends, or the Anglican group.

The suggestion that Miss Robertson have some relationship with the Woman's American Baptist group would eliminate the problem of denomination, but might result in a somewhat artificial relationship which would not be entirely satisfactory to Miss Robertson, or quite in line with the established policies of the W.A.B.F.M.S. Just how this would work out is a matter on which we would probably have to secure advice from the field after Miss Robertson has arrived and has found her place in the life of the campus. We are confident that she will make friends quickly, and will be well liked by all members of the western staff, regardless of denominational affiliation and nationality.

The third possible course of having Miss Robertson's appointment come direct from the Board of Governors without any definite relationship to any of the cooperating mission boards would be in line with the policy we have followed in some other China Colleges but have never used in West China. If such a plan were followed our Board of Governors would have full responsibility for Miss Robertson's salary, allowances and such matters as furlough arrangements. This could easily be handled from an accounting standpoint, once we had decided just what financial basis we would use. It might, however, leave Miss Robertson in a somewhat isolated position on the staff of the University which would not be as pleasant for her, or would not give her quite as definite a standing in the University community, as if she were related to one of the missionary groups.

The judgment of the Executive Committee was that the first of these three possible solutions seemed to be the most desirable if our British friends found it possible to solve the practical difficulties involved. We would be grateful therefore if you would advise us frankly as to the possibilities along this line. Meantime we will suggest to the W.A.B.F.M.S. that they let the matter stand where it now is until we have had further word from our colleagues in Great Britain.

Dr. Anderson is handling the general correspondence growing out of these minutes, and may have occasion to write you with regard to other matters dealt with by the Committee. With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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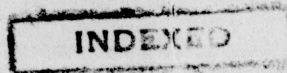
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16th January 1936.

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

Dear Dr. Garside,

Minute G.1193 of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors expressed the wish that British members should have an opportunity of making readjustments in the proposals regarding the use of the Hodgkin Memorial Fund if they so desired. I have consulted with them all about this and they feel that no change is needed.

Sincerely yours,

H.T. Silcock

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24th January 1936.

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



Dear Dr. Garside,

Carl Heath tells me that he proposes to tender his resignation as one of the three representatives of the Friends Service Council to the Board of Governors. He will do this so that Paul Sturge can be made one of the Service Council representatives. I do not know what action the Service Council will take but I thought you would like to know Carl Heath's attitude to remaining on the Board and I sounded him on the subject. He tells me that he would be quite willing to continue if his co-option proved possible though he does not think that anything exceptional should be done "for one so little qualified to help the Board".

I just pass this on for your information in case Carl Heath should not be continued by the Service Council as one of its three representatives.

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock

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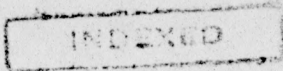


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27th January 1936.

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



Dear Dr. Garside,

Thank you for your letter with the two copies of the minutes of the recent meeting of the Executive Council of the Board of Governors. I have discussed the question of Miss Marjorie Robertson's relation to a missionary society with Paul Sturge.

There are three aspects of such relationship it seems to me:

- a) Financial support including provision for retiring allowance or possible sickness, furloughs etc.
- b) Selection of the individual concerned on the grounds of character and missionary call
- c) Friendly cooperation with and support by a definite group of missionaries on the field and supporters of those missionaries in the home country.

In the case of (a) the Board of Governors has, I understand, taken responsibility. I have found, however, in such negotiations as I have carried on with other boards here a genuine nervousness on this point and a desire to be quite clear in the future when those responsible for the particular arrangement may not be available. I take it that the Board of Governors would be entirely willing either to amplify this minute regarding Miss Robertson or to accept from any missionary society which might allow her to relate herself to them a clear statement that the society did not and could not assume any financial responsibility. As far as (b) is concerned no society is now able to pass on Miss Robertson as a suitable candidate and I take it that the

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Board would not wish any Society to raise any question on this ground in the future. The whole matter therefore comes down to a question of personal friendship and encouragement for Miss Robertson and her work. While you will understand that the matter has not come formally before the Friends Service Council I think you may take it that that Council would not wish to assume any relationship with Miss Robertson without being perfectly certain that she herself and the missionaries in West China desired it. On the other hand, if such a relationship is desired by Miss Robertson herself and by the workers of the Friends Service Council on the field, it is altogether probable that the Council would be most willing to agree

For her first few months in China at least Miss Robertson is, I understand, to live with two of the Service Council workers, namely William and Hilda Sewell. In order to facilitate the matter and save time, Paul Sturge proposes to write to our workers in West China and enquire what their attitude would be. If they favour the suggestion and if Miss Robertson writes either to the Friends Service Council or to you to say that she herself favours the suggestion, the matter can come formally before the Friends Service Council and then I suppose before the next Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors. If in the meanwhile the Board and Miss Robertson are able to make arrangements with another society no harm will have been done.

In order to save trouble and avoid any misunderstanding I have shown this letter to Paul Sturge. I have also communicated with Mr. Barclay, the Secretary of the Church Missionary Society. He says that they see no difficulty in asking their missionaries on the field for their friendly cooperation with Miss Robertson and would gladly ask their mission secretary to do what he could to help her in any time of stress or need, but there would be difficulties about recognising her as one of their own missionaries, partly because she is a Baptist and partly because she has gone to the field without being interviewed by their committees in this country.

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock

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West China Union University

February 27, 1936

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

My dear Mr. Silcock:

We are grateful to you for your letter of January 27th discussing the question of what will be the most satisfactory missionary connection for Miss Robertson at West China.

It seems to me that the suggestion which you tentatively outline for a basis of friendly cooperation between Miss Robertson and the representatives of the Friends Service Council at West China provides a very encouraging point of departure from which we can proceed. If Miss Robertson is in favor of the suggestion - as I am inclined to believe she will be - I am sure that our West China Governors would be glad to see such an arrangement consummated.

I am sure that the Board of Governors and the Friends Service Council can easily arrive at a mutually satisfactory understanding as regards financial responsibility. It is my understanding that the Board of Governors has assumed entire financial responsibility for Miss Robertson from the time she arrived in China. This includes salary, residential quarters, medical and other allowances, return travel to England at the expiration of her term of service, and support on furlough if her appointment to the University is continued. If the Friends Service Council, or any of the other participating missionary societies, agrees to consider Miss Robertson as a regular or affiliated missionary and acts as the agent of the Board of Governors in sending her salary and allowances, the Board of Governors assumes responsibility for prompt repayment of such advances made from the Society's funds. Should the Friends Service Council desire to have the Governors amplify the actions they have previously taken, I am sure the Board would adopt whatever resolution you may suggest.

I have received a letter from Miss Robertson, written in Shanghai a day or two after she landed, but have not as yet had time to receive any communication sent from Chengtu. I will be writing her this week anyway, and will ask her for a frank statement of her own preferences, now that she will have had two or three months on the campus during which

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she will be forming acquaintances and choosing her more intimate friends.

While these matters are being settled, our office is of course continuing to provide her salary. We have been using the rate of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society which is U.S.\$75 per month.

In your letter of January 24th you tell of the probability that Mr. Carl Heath may tender his resignation as one of the three representatives of the Friends Service Council on the Board of Governors, so as to leave a place for Mr. Paul Sturge. I know that the Governors would be happy to welcome Mr. Sturge to the Board, although they would regret losing Mr. Heath. I believe that at the moment there is no vacancy in the co-opted group, although it is possible that we could find place there for one more member-at-large.

Have you heard that Miss Carolina Wood is very seriously ill? She has been in the Presbyterian Hospital at 168th Street and Broadway, New York City, for several months. Mrs. Macmillan, who has visited her frequently, tells me that the doctors have discovered a very serious case of malignancy which they fear may have a fatal outcome at a fairly early date. I understand that they have not as yet given all the facts to Miss Wood. She has been one of the ablest and most active members of the Board.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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17th April 1936.

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

Dear Dr. Garside,

I have recently received a letter from Dr. Beech which I do not fully understand. He was approached by one of the missionaries in West China to know if he would approve of making a grant from the Hodgkin Memorial Fund to enable one of the University graduates who is now taking a course of study in this country to visit Japan on his way back to West China this coming summer. The cost was expected to be between £20 and £30. The proposal was attractive in that the man concerned, Dr. H. P. Chen, was a personal friend of Dr. Hodgkin for many years and a keen member of the Society of Friends. Dr. Beech wrote to me saying that before he could do anything he would like to know the opinion of the British members of the Board of Governors. I wrote to them and they all approved and I informed Dr. Beech of this fact. He writes to acknowledge my letter and adds: "This word has already reached Mrs. Davidson at Suining and of course Dr. Chen." Possibly the money has been sent direct to Mrs. Davidson but Dr. Chen, who is here in London, has heard nothing as yet. There is no immediate hurry as Dr. Chen does not plan to leave England until ~~June~~ ^{June} but I would like to get the matter straight. I am not quite clear where the actual cash of the Hodgkin Memorial Fund is at the moment. Dr. Beech, I understand, has left West China to visit America and I think the quickest plan is to communicate with you in the hope that you can clear the matter up for me. I hope it will not cause you any trouble.

With kind regards,
Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock
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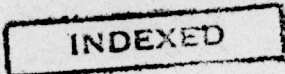


West China

May 7, 1936

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



Dear Silcock:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 17th.

I also am quite puzzled by the recent letter you have received from Dr. Beech discussing the proposal that the grant be made from the income of the Hodgkin Memorial Fund to enable Dr. H. P. Chen to visit Japan. By this time you will have received a copy of the minutes of the April 20th meeting of our West China Executive Committee, and will have noted the discussion and action on Page four of those minutes with regard to the Hodgkin Memorial Fund. Possibly Dr. Anderson has written you commenting further on the matter.

You will note from the minute that at the present time the accumulated income in the fund is US\$500,37. This money is still in our bank accounts here in New York, and as yet we have received no request from the field to make any payment to them or to someone they may designate. This does not necessarily mean, however, that they have not taken definite steps to spend some or all of this income.

We have not had any definite word as to the exact date of Dr. Beech's arrival in America. Our general understanding has been that he would arrive in California during the first week in May, and would spend most of May attending the Quadrennial General Conference of the Methodist Church in Ohio, and expects to arrive in New York early in June.

Our office will be glad to follow whatever instructions you or Dr. Beech may wish to give with regard to making any payments from this income to Dr. Chen.

As yet we have not established any regular method of procedure for disbursing the income from the Hodgkin Memorial Fund. I was not present at the West China Executive Committee meeting just at the time they took action on this matter, but I assume from the minute that our office is to look to the Board of Directors in China for instructions with reference to disbursements from this fund. I presume therefore that the

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Directors will give general approval to plans for using the money and will leave in the hands of the administrative officers of the University the working out and administration of practical details. Should we look to the British members of the Board of Governors to give general approval each year to the plans for the use of this income as set up by the Directors, or is it your understanding that this responsibility has now been placed quite fully in the hands of the Directors? Regardless of any formal method of procedure I am sure the Directors will always desire to consult from time to time with the British members of the Board to be sure they are administering the funds in line with your wishes.

Incidentally, under which of the six uses to which the income from the Hodgkin Memorial Fund is to be put (as listed on page eleven of the minutes of the West China Governors meeting on October 8th, 1935) is the proposed appropriation to Dr. H. P. Chen to be placed? It does not seem to fit exactly within any of the first five qualifications, so I would assume that it is covered by the sixth, "Use of part of this fund for any urgent need for cultivating world peace, etc."

We will await further word from you or Dr. Beech with regard to any payments to Dr. Chen and would also welcome your comments on the general questions I have raised in the preceding paragraphs.

With best regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Copy to Dr. Anderson

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May 18th 1936.

Ack 6/12/36

Dr Garside,
150 5th Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Garside,

Many thanks for your letter of May 7th received this morning.

On the general question which you raise, I think you are right in looking to the Board of Directors in China for instructions with reference to disbursements from the Hodgkin Fund. I certainly understand that responsibility has now been placed fully in the hands of the Directors. I think that Dr Beech was simply consulting us informally to be sure that in making such a grant as was proposed, they would be acting in line with the wishes of the British Members of the Board.

I think you are right in assuming that this visit of Dr Chen's is best covered by the 6th use listed for the income of the fund though it certainly falls within the spirit of the 4th.

I am enclosing a line for Dr Beech, asking him if he will take definite action with regard to the payment of this money. Perhaps you would kindly forward it as soon as you are in touch with him. I should be glad if you would look at the letter before you send it.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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June 13, 1936

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Mr. H. T. Silcock,
China Institute,
91 Gower Street,
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Dear Mr. Silcock,

I have delayed replying to your letter of May 18th until I had an opportunity to confer with Dr. Beech. I was able to see him this week, and find that he is in general agreement with the views you and I have expressed in our correspondence concerning the use of income from the Hodgkin Memorial Fund, particularly the appropriation of approximately ~~£30~~^{£25} for the expenses of Dr. H. P. Chen.

Dr. Beech is quite in favor of our transmitting this amount. So I enclose herewith a draft to your order in the amount of ~~£30~~^{£25} I trust this will meet the need adequately.

Very cordially yours,

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

Dear Dr. Garside,

Just a line to thank you for your letter of June 13th and the draft of £25 for the expenses of Dr. H. P. Chen in visiting Japan. I am glad to have this payment from the Hodgkin Memorial Fund. I have arranged with the Friends Service Council to have it transferred to Shanghai for Dr. Chen as your letter arrived just a day after he had left. However, we can get the money to him in good time and I have written to catch him in Vienna to tell him it will be there.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

H. T. Silcock

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