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May 26th, 1926.

Rev. James Yard, D. D.,
West China Union University,
American Office,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

My dear Jim:

It was good to receive some time ago your letter of April 6th, and to know that you are now in the saddle, and already beginning to register results. Belfry Kelly told me last night that he heard you had already secured five thousand dollars to complete the library. This is a good beginning. I hope that you may be able to dissolve the illusion that only the president is able to raise money for the institution, and clear off all that is now needed for buildings.

As I see the situation, however, West China needs, in common with most of our Christian colleges, much more money for maintenance. Endowment fund is the great need everywhere.

With the present demand for a more truly Chinese type of Christian education, it is absolutely essential that ample funds be available for engaging the best possible men, both for teaching and for administrative positions. This is <u>the</u> problem now facing us.

It has two aspects. One is that of finding the right men and being in a position to offer them salaries sufficient to secure them and give them comfortable living quarters. The other is to give them conditions of work which will enable them to do their best. At the recent annual meeting of the Educational Association, I introduced the subject of "The Transfer of Administrative Responsibility to Chinese Leadership." The feeling was generally expressed that the problem is now not one of persuading college boards nor chiefly one of discovering available men. It is one of providing the conditions which will attract the right kind of men, and make it possible for them to undertake responsibility.

At the present time Shanghai College is hunting for a Chinese president. Dr. White is convinced that he should give way to a Chinese. Two or three men already have turned down tentative overtures, and we learn that the reasons in each case are that

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the conditions of work or of ultimate control of the institution are such that a Chinese would feel seriously hampered. In the case of Shanghai College it is largely a matter of the extreme conservative attitude of the Southern Baptist Mission. The Northern Baptist missionaries have got in the way of adapting themselves to that situation. An aggressive Chinese leader who wants to put things on what he considers a Chinese basis would feel consistently irritated and handicapped.

Sanford Chen and I have been asked to make a special study of this problem, and I hope we can get to work on it soon, interviewing Chinese and finding out what are the conditions that would make it possible for a man to accept a position like that. I hope we shall have something worth reporting in a few months.

One important aspect is that of the relation of the board of trustees abroad to the institution. A Chinese president will feel it awkward to have to submit all policies to a board thousands of miles away, unfamiliar with the situation, and in a place where he cannot personally influence it.

I note what you say about Harry Ward not saying anything that I would not endorse. Is this a reflection on him or on me?

I am interested to hear of the two Chinese you have secured for teaching positions in WestChina. This is a rather daring experiment. I hope it turns out well. When they return to China, if I am here, please give them letters to me, and ask them to look me up as soon as they arrive. I have had several recent experience with men, who wanted to see me and who I wanted to see, coming in the office at the last moment, and either missing me entirely or being able to get only a few minutes conversation. It seems to me very important that these young men who have been out of the country for so many years or have never been in China, should remain long enough in the East to get into real touch with the splendid spirit of cooperation among Chinese leaders in Christian education. I should be glad to introduce them to some of our leaders, if I know in time when they are coming and can be sure that they will stay here long enough.

I shall try to keep you in touch with what we are doing here by having sent to you reports that we are issuing.

With best wishes for your work and affectionate regards to all the family, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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E. W. Wallace

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Ever so much love to Mabelle and all the family. Send me a big batch of news.

23 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Shanghai,
June 3, 1926

My dear Jim,

This letter has to be typed by my own hand, for fear of ruining the morale of my staff, especially of Gertrude Oldroyd or Mamie Hall. Do you remember the day at the Y. W. Girls' home, when you were entertained with Vanity Fair, and I had to keep you company? Well, I wish you were here to be my Vanity Fair for half an hour. I am beginning to get ready for Europe, next April probably we leave here, and I want advice on clothes. You have been through there recently and I want your experience.

What do you suggest for a travelling suit? I shall need a medium weight tweed for tramping in Switzerland. I thought of a brown, with knickers and a pair of long trousers extra. Would that be too hot for anywhere else? Would a thin grey cloth suit be needed, or even a palm beach. I fancy not the latter.

What kind of sweater did you find useful, a buttoned or p pull-over vest, or a full sweater with collar? Did you ever need more underneath than B.V.D.'s? What about shoes, or boots? Probably I shall have a pair of stout boots for Switzerland, where we hope to have four weeks. In addition I imagine a pair of tan oxfords will be best.

Did you have a light overcoat or a raincoat, or both? I have a very light weight burberry, but I wonder if that is enough for cool nights or for the Atlantic.

What about a hat? Was a soft felt protection enough from the sun when you reached Europe, even in Italy? I plan to take my pith hat for the tropics.

I dont care about extra clothes for visiting, for I shall not do any, I hope. I want to get along with one suitcase each, and a club bag. By the way, how did those japanned suitcases you got the girls hold out? I have thought of one for young Edward, it would be so light to carry. Did you have one of the larger Shanghai cases for yourself? I rather thought I might need one.

Please answer as fully as you can, and I shall be greatly indebted to you. Your diary letters from the journey were great. I had them copied and am giving a copy to friends who go that way, with one from Mrs. Hume. The McCrackens, Peters and a crowd of others leave this month on the Coblentz.

Now in return I shall give you a little news and some gopsip. I am just back from three blissful days at Pootoo, a retreat of the staff of the C.C.E.A. We are getting quite classy with our retreats, and the N.C.C. are sitting up and taking notice. Cressy, Sanford Chen, Chester Miao and I were away this time. The registration matter drags on. We have managed to keep things quiet, and time is everything. Both Sanford and Miao have decided to throw in their lot permanently with the Association. I am very glad. Sanford is developing fast. He is a fine fellow.

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Timothy Lew was down for our annual meeting a month ago, and did his best to have me take the general secretaryship. Sanford also urged it, and practically everyone else. I stuck to my guns and won out and we are again associate general secretaries. I announced my furlough next year and put in my resignation, which was not accepted, and my mission is asked to re-allocate me here on my return.

During the two months before Passion Week a group of eight of us studied together every week the events of Passion Week, and then we led a series of afternoon meetings all that week. I was in charge of the services, and they seemed to meet a want for the attendance steadily rose from forty to one hundred. The group was a theologically heterogeneous one,- Rawlinson, Drury, Eugene Davis, Barnett, Carleton Lacy, Latimer, Luccock and Wallace. We were perfectly frank and all found the study together good. Following Easter, we put on a series of discussion groups on prayer-meeting night, on the general subject of "The Significance of the Risen Christ". I took the one on the early church, a six week study of Acts and the epistles. I enjoyed it, and so seemed the members. But can you see me trotting off to prayer-meeting? It was a rare sight even in Chengtu. But when it is for Bible study I enjoy it, especially when I am leading! Isn't that modest? The group last night voted for similar groups after the summer.

On my return from Pootoo I was told that at a special meeting of the Community Church Board of Governors I had been elected chairman for the year. I was stunned. I have not given my consent yet, but it looks as though I should do so. It seemed to be a choice between Col. Stroebe amd me, and the majority voted for the "middle of the road man", rather than for a pronounced right ditcher! I shall make it clear, if I accept, that I do it as a non-American, in the hope of helping to make the church a true Community Church, and not an American Church. Did you know that the Sunday that Chas. E. Jefferson preached a Mr. and Mrs. Chang joined the church? So we can hold up our heads. We want more.

During the winter the chairman of the board. Dr. McCracked suddenly awakened to the fact that there was some doubt as to the pastor's suitability as a permanenty. He talked with a few people, and then went to Mr. Drury and told him bluntly, and suggested that if he wanted to leave before the end of his contract he might do so. It was rather cruel. Drury took it like a man, and has not whined at all. he told me yesterday that he may ask to leave a year from this summer, so we shall have to get busy. Do you know of a man who could build up a real community church here, serving as an international centre, to work out solutions of our Shanghai problem? He should be a man of good training, with about ten years of experience, a man and a preacher, and while thoroughly up-to-date in his viewpoint not a theological fighter.

S. A. S. is in the throes again. The executive of the board unanimously recommends the acceptance of Mr. Boynton's resignation (in its hands for years) and nominates Elam Anderson of Shanghai College to take his place! Boynton feels aggrieved, I hear. The board meets tomorrow. Wow! I am sorry if the manner of his going is unfair, but I am not surprised that he is going. He continues to fail to win teachers and students.

The Stebbings [illegible] outwardly and boiled inwardly in their bedroom all winter. I acted as shock absorber and he again told me before he left U.S.A. that he had let a contract for bigger and better radio [illegible] next winter.

Yours Edwin.

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MISS MELISSA J. DAVIS, OFFICE SECRETARY

June 5th, 1926.

Rev. James M. Yard,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.,

My dear Mr. Yard:

Dean J. H. Reisner, of the College of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Nanking, has written me of your letter regarding the department of agricultural work in West China Union University, and enclosing a copy of his reply to you.

I am replying to him that I am in complete agreement with everything he has said from beginning to end. We have been spending much time discussing questions of college development, and there is practically unanimous agreement with the position which Mr. Reisner takes in this letter, and which we have arrived at independently of him. There are other phases of strictly college work which need development at the present time, and which should not be delayed by an expensive piece of college grade work in agriculture.

But when it comes to the rurual problem and the attempt, not to carry on research, but to actually show how primary schools and country churches can make rural life more attractive and livable and can keep young men in the country, then there is a great field. You will notice in the April 1926 issue of the EDUCATIONAL REVIEW on pages 147-149, a brief reference to this subject, and particularly a quotation from Dr. Paul Monroe, with with which I am in general agreement. Before going forward with any plan, I should suggest that you have a conference with Dr. Monroe.

At a recent small conference here with members of the National Christian Council and missionaries from West China, it was agreed that the need is not for a department of agriculture in the University at Chengtu, but for a department of rural training connected with the normal school, and possibly with the Bible training school or with the junior college theological course.

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All success to you in your work. I am glad to see you have your sleeves rolled up and are going at it, but I would humbly suggest that you concentrate for the next few years on putting the existing faculties and departments on their feet, rather than putting in new departments. This applies with great force to pharmacy, in which as a separate school or department I have absolutely no interest or faith. It should remain a subject or sub-department of the medical school.

Sanford Chen has asked me to recommend a book or two of modern sermons acceptable to modern students. (what do you suggest?) He is often asked when travelling to preach to students, and he would like to have some models to help him in arranging his material. He is remaining with us permanently, and is entering upon his work with renewed enthusiasm. We have just had a delightful four days' staff retreat at Pootoo.

Kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,

E. W. Wallace

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September 7th, 1926.

Rev. James M. Yard, D. D.,
West China Union University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

My dear Jim:

I have your letter of July 9th with the notes on travel. I shall try to follow your advice. With regard to the letter of July 7th on the agricultural situation, I have a few more supplementary comments to make.

In some respects I agree that West China is to be treated separately from the rest of China, and I have always used that as one argument for the development of so many departments and faculties. I do not think, however, that this argument applies in the matter of a school of agriculture, especially now at this date. It will only be a very few years now before communication with the rest of the country is fairly rapid and inexpensive. I should be surprised if there is not a motor road between Chengtu and Chungking within five years, in which case Chengtu will be as near Nanking as Chungking now is to Chengtu.

To me, however, the serious matter is that of placing the graduates of college courses in agriculture. Unless the Christian church is going to have funds to pay such men, who will employ them? The budget of such a school not only for plant but for annual maintenance is a large sum and I do not think it would be justified by the results. Much of the research that would have to be done is now being carried on or can be carried on at Nanking. It will be much less expensive for the University to pay the travel expenses of men who wish to major in agriculture to Nanking than to build up a school in Chengtu.

When it comes to the training of teachers for the rural schools, I am with you absolutely. I venture to think however that such work would suffer rather than gain by the development of a full school of agriculture. Inevitably the attention of the staff would be turned to research and training of higher grade men. Students themselves would want to take the full college course rather

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than the courses for country teachers.

I have seen both of Reisner's letters to you and yours to him, and I have to confess that I agree with almost everything he has said. This is without anycollusion between us.

If the Christian universities in China can unite in a campaign for fifteen to twenty million dollars, I should put practically none of it into any new departments or schools in any of these institutions, with the exception of proper departments of religious education. Every one of our institutions is suffering from pernicious anaemia and unless they are enriched within the next few years they run a good chance of fading away or losing their influence. A friendly Englishman, not a teacher in one of our institutions, said to me the other day of one of the five "it is a very nice little insitution but of course one would never think of calling it a university". This is one of the universities and it is not Fukien. All of our institutions are very thin in their staffs, and the tragedy is that too often the members of the staff are not fully aware of how much students chafe and criticise the lack of first class work due to the distraction of the members of the faculty. We have at present staffs for about half the number of institutions that we have, and then they would be under rather than overstaffed. I think that when this campaign is put through, as I hope it will be within the next few years, it will be with one great objective, that is to provide an endowment which will enable Chinese boards of control to take over and administer during the years when they are winning the confidence of the Chinese public, which is necessary before support to any serious degree can be secured in this country. Don't complicate the issue by going out for new schools.

With such a plea as this the situation in China should not prove a serious bar to a campaign. Chinese trouble today is to no small degree due to lack of finance, and the first essential of transfer of responsibility for our colleges is that they should have endowments so that Chinese presidents and other administrators are not really at the mercy of those who pay the piper in America and are therefore accustomed to call the tune in China.

Yours very sincerely,

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E. W. Wallace

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October 8th, 1926

Dr. E. W. Wallace
23 Yuen Ming Yuen Road
Shanghai, China

Dear Edward:

Many thanks for your letter of the 17th. This correspondence with you and Reisner during the past summer has been immensely illuminating to me, and I am about converted to your point of view.

The paragraph on the second page discussing the present condition of the Universities is most helpful and we shall be able to make mighty good use of it in dealing with the Boards of Trustees and with other interested folks in this country. In fact, I think we shall make that a sort of constitution for our financial campaign.

We have had three meetings now, and the members of the different boards present are all agreed that the only hope so far as American contributions are concerned is a united campaign for endowment. I am therefore putting my heart and soul into the effort to bring about such a united drive.

There are a great many wealthy individuals scattered all over this country who could be interested in our work but they can only be reached by a well-organized and well-directed campaign. No one individual working quietly and alone can reach the objectives that are before any one of our Union Universities.

Sincerely yours,

J.Y:MD

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Nov 1, 1926.

Rev. James M. Yard, D.D.,
West China Union University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Jim:-

Your letter of October 8th reached me this morning. I also received a telegram from Mortimore in Chengtu, stating that the trouble with the students in the university had been renewed and that the institution was closed for the present. I had heard rather full details from Mrs. Lindsay of the troubles earlier in October, when they thought the danger of the necessity of closing the university was passed.

This will make your work more difficult. But do not let it discourage you, and above all, keep telling your constituency that China never needed what Christian higher education has to bring her so much as she does today. Christianity and Christian education have not failed in China any more than they failed in Europe before the great war,-- unless you call it failure not to have had enough to avoid disaster.

I enclose a mimeographed letter which I have sent out to a number of people. The remark quoted was made by Dr. Rawlinson, who rather likes, I think, to startle people. I am using it, with his permission, to draw out interesting replies. I hope to make some use of them in the next issue of the EDUCATIONAL REVIEW.

I am glad that you approve of the preparations for a general campaign at home. It seems to me that unless we can have a carefully worked out plan that eliminates unnecessary duplication and waste, we have no business to ask for any more money from America or elsewhere.

I am glad that you are coming to a definite conclusion on the matter of agricultural education. Reisner and the College of Agriculture in Nanking are doing splendid work. It will be a source of strength to another institution to be linked up with them.

With kindest regards to all the family,

Yours very sincerely,

E. W. Wallace

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ARE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS A FAILURE?

In the course of a discussion on the state of the church at the meeting of the National Christian Council in Shanghai, May 14, 1926, Dr. Frank Rawlinson, in listing the discouraging factors in the Christian situation, said:

> "The elaborate Christian system has failed to make a serious contribution to the Christian movement. Generally speaking, Christian schools have failed to develop a group of students who understand Christianity and are willing to stand for it."

This is a challege to those who are interested in Christian education which should be seriously considered, if it is in accordance with the facts. If it is not in accordance with the facts, the statement should be answered by the actual facts.

We are asking you, among a number of others who are closely connected with the work of the Christian movement, particularly in the church itself, to express your opinion on this statement. Will you be good enough to illustrate your reply in as concrete a manner as possible.

If possible, a summary of the replies received will be made, and will be given at least as wide publicity as the original statement has already received.

E. W. WALLACE

Associate General Secretary
CHINA CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

23 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Shanghai.
October 15, 1926.

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CABLE RECEIVED FROM SHANGHAI, February 9th. 1927

AS A MEASURE OF PRECAUTION - CONSUL ADVISES ALL TO LEAVE AND GO TO THE COAST. - A LARGE NUMBER - MEMBERS OF OUR MISSION - EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS. - FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM - CHENGTU - "ALL OUR OWN MISSIONARIES - PREPARING TO LEAVE - WITH THE EXCEPTION OF - PERHAPS - SEVERAL OF THE LEADING MEN. - THERE WILL BE A PARTY LEAVING THERE ON FEBRUARY 10TH - ANOTHER - FEBRUARY 11th." - FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM - CHUNGKING - "PLEASE INFORM RELATIVES - DR. AND MRS. THOMPSON AND CHILDREN (2) - LEFT HERE ON - FEBRUARY 4th - VOKES - ILL - WILL BE ESCORTED BY - DR. BIRKS - LEFT - FEBRUARY 5th - MARRIAGE TOOK PLACE JANUARY 17 - CHENGTU - DR. W. E. SMITH - DR. ADA SPEERS - NOTIFY RELATIVES - LEAVING FOR SHANGHAI ON - 10th or 11th OF FEBRUARY.

DR. WALLACE.

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Hastings Hall,
Union Theological Seminary,
600 W 122nd St.,Broadway,
New York City,N.Y.
Jan.17th 1940.

To The Board of Governors
of The West China Union
Theological College
Ryerson Building
299 Queen St.W.
Toronto,Ont.

Dear Sirs:

The West China Union Theological College was started two yea-rs ago because of the growing need of training for the ministry for West China churches.The enrollment of the students has increased from four up to forty-three this year.We are so thankful for your prayers and helps.

While the College is planning for its buildings and strengthening its staff,attention must be drawn to the need of getting students either recommanded by the churches or devoted individ-uals.At the same time we must recognize those students have no church support and although church members they have not been discovered.It gives an opportunity for the College to get more young men and young women who are real prospects for the cause.So the College should provide schalarships which would make this pla n possible.To fill this need I have the pleasure to present the plan for your general approval of setting up schalarships in our College that would serve the purpose to encourage men and women to go into the c hurch work in West China.

I have taken up this plan carefully with Dr.Cartright who will be glad to explain in detail our proposition and its many ad vantages to help the growth of the Kingdom of God on earth.

With best wishes to you,I am
Sincerely yours
Wallace Wang
Dean of the West China Union
Theological College.

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THE WEST CHINA UNION THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

The West China Union Theological College was established in 1936 and admitted its first class in the autumn of 1937. Its first class consisted of four students and its present enrolment is 43. In the present student body there are representatives from ten provinces. It is the only institution of College grade training men and women for church work in West China. It serves a constituency of one hundred million people from an area which is one third of China. This is in harmony with the recommendation of the Committee on Theological Education in China led by Dean Weigle who stated that there should be one Theological College in West China. At the present time there are many Middle Schools in West China from which students may come to our college.

Five Missions and Churches are associated in the College. Two of the Missions are from England, two from the United States and one from Canada. It is associated with the West China Union University and its students are admitted to classes in the university when desired. It has its own Board of Management on the field but the University Board of Governors is also the Board of Governors of the College. The entrance requirement for the regular class is graduation from a Senior Middle School while a special class is admitted of those who have only graduation from a Junior Middle School. The College is building up a good staff and at present it is assisted by the Rural Church Department of the Nanking Theological Seminary.

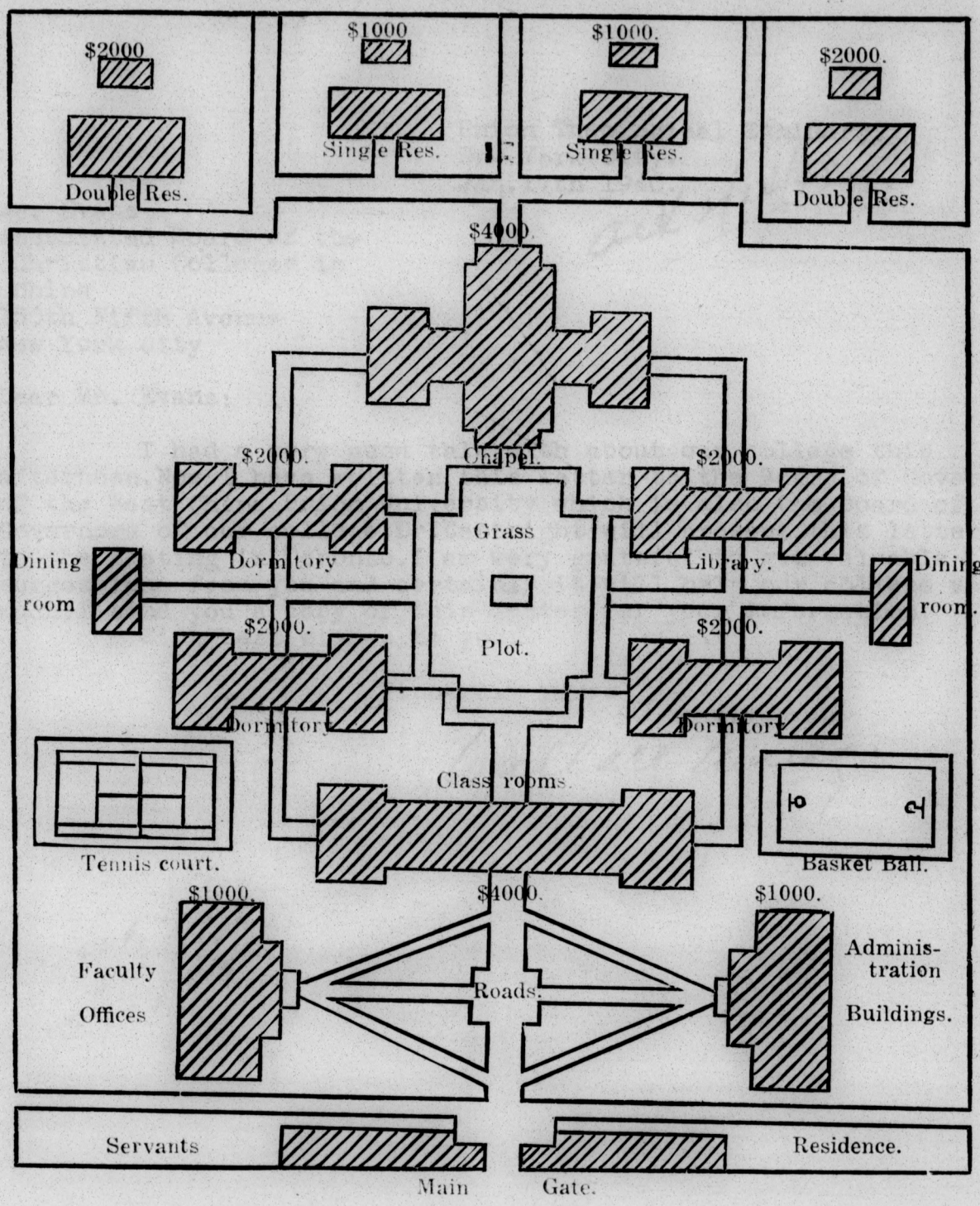
The College needs new buildings. The work is being carried on in old buildings which are no longer sufficient or suitable. Land has been donated by one of the Missions and a layout of buildings has been drawn by a competent architect and accepted by the Board of Management. The buildings will be simple, of one storey, of brick construction and are laid out in an attractive style. It is estimated that gold $25,000 would erect the plant. The buildings will be erected as funds are available. Exchange from gold to Chinese currency is now very favorable and this accounts for the low estimate of building costs in gold currency.

The first building required is a dormitory which should be built before the next college year. Residences for our Chinese staff are now urgently needed. Great care will be taken in the erection of the chapel so that a beautiful and worshipful building may be built. The library building and the dormitories are of uniform style. It is hoped that this plant may be completed within the next few years.

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Layout of the proposed buildings of

THE WEST CHINA UNION THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE



The above layout of buildings was drawn by Mr. Canning Young, architect of the West China Union University, and has been accepted by the College Board of Management.

The property contains about four English acres or 25 Chinese acres. The estimated cost of the buildings is as follows and prices are given in gold currency. Chapel $4000, 3 dormitories each $2000, Library $2000, Class rooms $4000, 2 single residences $1000 each, 2 double residence $2000 each, Faculty Office $1000, Administration building $1000. Preparing roads and grounds $1000. Total $25,000 Gold currency.

Buildings will be erected as funds are available.

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Union Theological Seminary,
New York City.
Jan.17th 1940.

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Mr. Evans
Associated Board of the
Christian Colleges in
China
150th Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

I had a very good talk with about our college this afternoon.Now I have written this letter to the Board of Governors of the West China Union University which is also the Board of Governors of our college.Dr.Cartright will present this letter to the meeting in Toronto.I am very grateful to get valuable suggestions from you and certainly it will help our college very much.I send you a copy of this letter for your imformation.

With best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours

Wallace Wang

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Hastings Hall,
Union Theological Seminary,
600 W 122nd St.,Broadway,
New York City,N.Y.

To The Board of Governors
of The West China Union
Theological College
Ryerson Building
299 Queen St.W.
Toronto,Ont.

Dear Sirs:

The West China Union Theological College was started two yea rs ago because of the growing need of training for the ministry for West China churches.The enrollment of the students has increased from four up to forty-three this year.We are so thankful for your prayers and helps.

While the College is planning for its buildings and strengthening its staff,attention must be drawn to the need of getting students rither recommanded by the churches or devoted individ-uals.Atthe same time we must recognize those students have no church support and although church members they have not been discovered.It gives an opportunity for the College to get more young men and young women who are real prospects for the cause.So the College should provide schalarships which would make this pla n possible.To fill this need I have the pleasure to present the plan for your general approval of setting up schalarships in our College that would serve the purpose to encourage men and women to go into the c hurch work in West China.

I have taken up this plan carefully with Dr.Cartright who will be glad to explain in detail our proposition and its many ad vantages to help the growth of the Kingdom of God on earth.

With best wishes to you,I am
Sincerely yours

Dean of the West China Union
Theological College.

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January 29, 1940

Mr. Wallace Wang
Union Theological Seminary
600 West 122d Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wang:

I saw you Thursday night at a distance but was unable to see you personally.

The question, which was raised when you were in the office the last time concerning books for the West China Union Theological Seminary, has not been forgotten. In fact it is a very important item of consideration just now, as we have in the office a young lady who is typing a large list of books which will form the basis of an appeal throughout America. Specifically also an appeal will be made to the Carnegie Foundation for the advancement of peace.

Within six weeks this material should be well distributed, and we hope that there will be responses coming through.

Why not drop me a line in about six weeks and we will be able to say more definitely what has happened, and what the prospects will be.

Meantime with kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

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February 14, 1940

Mr. Wallace Wang
Union Theological Seminary
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wang:

I have on my desk your letter of January 17th which I refrained from acknowledging pending action of the Executive Committee of West China Union University at Toronto on January 19th.

That Committee did not feel empowered to authorize solicitation of funds for the Theological Seminary. The reference to same in the minutes reads as follows:

"The Executive Committee further felt that to endorse a request that Mr. Wallace Wang should be encouraged to solicit funds for scholarships would be out of harmony with the line of action adopted by the cooperating units in the matter of securing funds."

Apparently your request should be filed with the Board of Governors from the field which will give it standing among other requests from West China.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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May 22, 1940

Mr. Wallace Wang
Union Theological Seminary
Broadway and 120th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Wang,

Attached herewith is a letter Mr. McBrier has just received from the Davella Mills Foundation.

I assume that it was you who interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Eng, and that you are familiar with their plans for study here in America and the arrangements for their appointment to the faculty of West China Union University.

Will you please give us the information asked for by Mr. Hutchinson in the third paragraph of his letter and also any other facts which would help the Davella Mills Foundation to deal intelligently with Mr. and Mrs. Eng's application?

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Chinese Y.M.C.A.
855 Sacramento Street
San Francisco
June 2nd 1941

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Mr. Evans
Associated Boards of China
Colleges and Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have left New York city more than three weeks. I had a wonderful trip from the east to the west coast. I stopped in several places to visit friends and see few places. I arrived San Francisco on the 28th of last and now I am s taying at the Chinese YMCA for the time being.

No one could dream that I should be delayed by the situation on the Pacific ocean. The US goverment has taken four President Boats and my sailing is putting off indefinitely. First I thought I have to delay here for one month but I have found it is indefinite. I enclosed a copy of my letter to Dr. Cartwright which may give you some information how my plan is now.

I would be very happy to take any suggestion you will give to me on this matter. Dr. Cheng and I are in the same position. We do not know what to do. You may get more information regarding the sailing to the Oreint, please let me know if there is good news for me and for him.

With best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours

Wallace Wang

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Chinese Y.M.C.A.
855 Sacramento Street
San Francisco
June 2nd 1941

Dr. Frank Cartwright
Methodist Mission Board
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Cartwright:

I wrote you a letter two days ago by ordinary mail. I told you that the President boats have stopped to take any passengers . Now I have got futher informations and I like to tell you more about it.

This morning I called to the President Line office and they told me even the President Cleveland is also taken over by the government. There may be one some time in the end of August but it is rather uncertain. The President Grant and President Harrison are sailing to China in July but all the seats are taken already. Probably the government officials have taken all the seats on these two boats. Dr. T. K. Cheng, who is also going back to West China Union University on the President Pierce, and I called on the Thomas Cook and Sons Co. and the American Express. They told us that there will be no President boat running in the next two months for the passengers. There is only one Dutch boat going to Manila in the end of this montha and another one which is Da Le Rama sailing to Manila on the 3rd of August. Both of these boats only take the first class passengers and fare is $400.00 Both of these are too much for me to pay. Besides these boat known to us there is no further information about the sailing to the Oreint. However Cheng and I temporarily make our reservations through the American Express. It seems to be the only thing we can do now.

Of course the situation might be changed to the normal again very soon but on the other hand who can say definitely it will be. It may be from bad to worse. I may run the risk to take one of the Dutch Line boats to Manila and from there to Hongkong or Rangoon so I may fly int to West China. I am not quite sure whether it is a wise way to do it or not. Of course it costs quite an nmount of money to do it. I am still leaving this problem open for a while and see how the situation will be after one or two weeks. Afthe same time I hope you will givemme some advice how should I do. Of course no one can promise anything but your experience will help me a great deal to formulate my own plan.

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I am writing to Dr. J.W.Decker about this problem too.

With best wishes to you.
Sincerely yours

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Dear Dr. Chenault:

Dr. Frank Chenault
Methodist Mission Board
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Chinese Y.M.C.A.
828 Sacramento Street
San Francisco
June 3rd 1921

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also.

June 4, 1941

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Dr. Wallace Wang
Chinese Y. M. C. A.
855 Sacramento Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Dr. Wang:

Your letter of the 2nd is at hand together with copy of the communication which you wrote to Dr. Cartwright. I have talked with Dr. Cartwright over the telephone and it is possible that he will not get a letter in the mail today.

Information here indicates that it is quite probable that there will be a releasing of some of the American President boats very shortly. A news item in this morning's press indicates that the Government is aware of the heavy travel westward and does not wish to interfere unduly.

I note from your letter that you have explored the Dutch Lines and we have also looked into the matter from this end. There is, of course, another possibility and that is of using the Japanese boats. I can understand how you would feel toward doing this, but it is not to be overlooked entirely.

* Stephen Ts'ai will arrive on the West Coast today in Los Angeles and should be in San Francisco shortly.

Please share this letter with Dr. Cheng and tell him that we have sent a letter in care of the American President Lines for sailing on the 4th. I am suggesting that you keep in touch with the American President Lines, as well as contacting the American Express and Thomas Cook. Freighters, however, do not ordinarily clear through these travel agencies.

If we obtain further information, we will write you at once.

Very sincerely yours,

* Stephen just phoned from Los Angeles asking approval to sail tomorrow on a Japanese Boat. and I approved
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C. A. EVANS

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Via Air Mail

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Chinese Y.M.C.A.
855 Sacramento Street
San Francisco
June 9th 1941

Dr. J.W. Decker
152 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Decker:

Your letter of June 5th reached me this morning and I appreciate very much the suggestion you made for me and you and Dr. Cartwright's agreement for the additional financial cost of my passage to China if necessary. As far as I know I can not find any definite informations of any Lines sailing to the East recently.

This morning Dr. T,K,Cheng and I went to call on four places again with a hope to find some definite information about our sailing, but not a simple one can promise anything. Especially the President Lines, The American Express and Thomas Cook have no idea when they can be sure of any sailing. We dropped into the Dale Rama Line, as suggested by Mr. DeTrude's letter of June 3rd to me, they answered that all their boats have been booked until next Octorber. Each of their boat only takes twelve passengers. Their boats largely carry the frieght. This seems we can not get any passage from their line. However we left our names to them in case there would be any vacancy.

This morning I also received a letter from Mr. Lee Ming Liang who is returning from Toronto and now he is waiting for a passage at Vancouver,saying that he is hoping to get a passage from the Dutch Line, Dale Rama. Now I know he can not get one. He has to wait for a good news coming to him. Dr. Arnup of the U?C.C. Mission is taking care of him.

Last week I told you that there was a possibility of the Klaveness Line. The letter come from that company saying they do not take any passegers. This Line is off again.

Both of the American Express and the Cook told us that they are doing their best to find a passage for us if there would be one. They are expecting to have some definite words about the boats espeically the President Line some time in this week. The people in the offices are very kind and gen-tle but they can do anything if there is boat running.

I have been thinking the possibility of trying the N.Y.K.Line (Japanese) but I am not absolutely sure how the result would be. Of course I found out that all the Americans are not allowed to sail on the Japanese line since last Thursday. This order is from Washington D.C. It may have more than inconvienences when we stop at the Japanese ports even though we do not change boat or go ashore. Who knows what would be the consequences if we do take the N.Y.K.Line. Mr. Tsai is different because he has to go back to Peiping which is under the Japanese control. I think Cheng and I would consider very seriously if thereis no other boats going within next one or two months. In that case it may

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not be wise to travel on the Japanese line. Really I do not know how can I decide to take the Japanese line. I am hoping within next few days there may be something changed on the whole situation. It may be purely wishful thinking. Of course we all hope that the President Line will put on one or two boats to carry the passengers back to the East as the demand is great. It also depends on the general situation on the Pacific. Cheng and I are getting the information every day by going to their offices hoping something will be turned out. We would like to wait and see if it is wise enough and safe enough to sail on the Japanese Line. At the same time I wish you will also help us to consider this possibility seriously.

I have been here nearly two weeks. The living is not terribly expensive. My room in the Y.M.C.A. costs me $14.50 per month and my food costs me around a dollar a day. My budget is getting low. I am hoping to get some speaking engagements which may bring some income for my living expenses here. I, as told you in my last letter, called the Northern California Baptist Convention and the Baptist city Union asking for some speaking engagements. It may take some time for them to work it out for me. I appreciate very much that Dr. Cartwright has written to the Methodist representative in this city to get some speaking engagement for me. I hope these three offices may arragge some thing for me in the time to come.

Last Saturday, June 7th, Mr. Forrest Smith from your office called me on the phone, so I went to see him at the Hotel Stewart. We two had a very friendly chat. I told him my situation. He was very nice to give me some encouragement. He is expecting to back to New York this coming Friday. You may see him week from today.

Our life is very much like this that we can not be absolutely sure on our human plan. We believe that God is guiding us if we keep nea r to Him. We pray that a way will be open, even though we do not know when and how, and we will go back to West China to carry on His work.

Yesterday I went to the Hamilton Square Baptist church for the Sunday Service. Even though I was a entirely stranger among the congregation I was glad to have such fellowship to worship our God with our brethern.

I will keep you informed about the situation to find the passage. Please let me know if you have found any news about it too.

With best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours

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Chinese Y.M.C.A.
855 Sacramento Street
San Francisco
June 9th 1941

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Mr. A. C. Evan
Associated Board of Christian
College in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Evan:

Thank you very much for your letter last week. I am glad to hear that Stephen Tsai is going back on the Japanese boat. He is going back to Peiping and he will take a Japanese boat if not now. At the same time Dr. Cheng and I are considering this question seriously now. I enclosed a copy of my letter to Dr. Decker and you will know how do I feel personally.

If you have further informations about the sailing back to China which you can get at New York I would be very gratefull to you as you would send it to us. However I am hoping there will be a way for us to go back to China. Too bad we can not afford to take clipper which is a way to fly back to Hongkong. From Honolulu to Hongkong it will cost $560.00 and from San Francisco to HONOLULu by boat costs $85.00. I do not think I can have the money to do it. It is entirely out of my question. May few weeks later the situation will be better so we can take the regular boat back to Hongkong.

I will keep you informed about our situation here in the west coast.

With best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours

Wallace Wang

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C O P Y of letter from Acting President Wallace Wang, West China Union Theological College, to E. H. Ballou - Chengtu, March 14, 1945.

This is the first time I hear from you directly. I am very glad to know that you are heading up the Associated Boards. It is a great pleasure for me to correspond with you about our college.

We are exceedingly happy to hear that Dr. Frank Cartwright is elected as the treasurer of our college. We have been longing so long to have a treasurer appointed in the States to collect funds for us. I am sure our Board in the field will be very happy with such an arrangement.

I sent two reports to Mr. Evans last term and undoubtedly you may have read them all I need not repeat what I said in my former two letters. Here I would like to tell you a few things which are not included in other letters.

In the last two months the critical situation here, it seems to me the storm is over made many missionary friends evacuate from Chengtu. This has greatly affected the teaching work of our college. Rev. R. E. Stanway of the Canadian mission left us on account of his family reasons. Mr. A. T. Roy is leaving us on furlough. Miss B. Louise Foster, our Dean of Women, was put on the class A of the evacuation list and was transferred to class B partly by the request of the college. Because we can not spare her in this term. Furthermore the demand of chaplaincy is increasing important and two of our teachers answered this call. Mr. Ronald Hu of the Nanking Theological Seminary and also teaching in our college left for Chungking immediately after last Christmas. We had to make some arrangements for his courses. Now Dr. Peter Shih of our college is also leaving for Chungking to work among the student soldiers. He decided to go rather suddenly three days before the college opened. Because Dr. Frank Price wanted him down there. His courses are being taught by Bishop T. K. Shen and Dr. Holth. Dr. Shih is leaving on the 20th of this month.

We have Mr. David Fang on our staff who may be made the Dean of Studies at the next meeting of the Board of Management. Mr. Stockwell, our Dean of Studies now, will soon leave us next June. Mr. Fang is the only one whom we have for this position. Actually Mr. Fang is doing the work of the deanship now as Mr. Stockwell only takes the name to bridge over the transitional period. We all shall be happy when Mr. Fang is appointed the Dean for next fall.

We are expecting Dr. Christopher Tang to teach in our college for the fall term. Possibly Dr. Sparling will come back from South Africa. Now we are looking for teachers in view of the withdrawal of the N.T.S. possibly two years from now. We shall not be crippled when we are left alone. While we cannot get enough Chinese staff we should invite more missionaries on our staff instead. For the next term we may have one or two westerners join our college besides the N.T.S. teachers who will return from the States before next fall.

The Board of Management of our college may have its spring meeting late in April. Minutes and report will be sent to you accordingly.

With best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Wallace Wang
Acting President

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LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL WALLACE WANG OF THE WEST CHINA UNION THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

TO REV. EARLE H. BALLOU, APRIL 14, 1945.

On the 13th of this month I sent a cablegram to Dr. Frank Cartwright for the meeting of the Board of Governors in May. It reads:

PLEASE REPORT WESTCHINA GOVERNORS THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE THIRTY THREE STUDENTS TWELVE PROVINCES NINE DENOMINATIONS WORK SPIRIT EXCELLENT FINANCE ADEQUATE PROVIDED REGULAR APPROPRIATION FIVE HUNDRED GOLD EACH UNIT ASSURED HOLD ALL FUNDS UNTIL REQUESTED WALLACE WANG.

It seems that we do not need money. Yes, we do need money, but not now. At the present time we are using the money in hand which we got either from the supporting missions and churches on the field or through special contributions from the churches in this province. We are grateful for $700,000 from the British United Aid to China Fund. Certainly this has strengthened our present financial situation. At the same time we are benefitted by the better exchange. Otherwise we would be in difficulty.

I have asked our Treasurer, Mr. William Small, to estimate our expenditure for the next year. The budget which we sent to the Board of Governors last November is of no use for the coming year. The rapid increase of the living index makes our budget of six months ago useless. Mr. Small says the rough estimate of our next year's budget is five million and a half. Of course this revised budget will be formally accepted by the next meeting of the Board of Management. This only gives a rough idea of how we are thinking in terms of next year's budget. All the money we have in New York with a better exchange rate may meet our demand of next year.

From the financial point of view we would like to have all appropriations made by different missions paid in gold and deposited in New York till we request payment. In this case we are assured of getting better exchange to meet our rising budget for the next year. But as far as the closer connections between our college and the local churches is concerned we would like to encourage as far as possible our supporting bodies to pay their grants in gold at New York. At the same time we will have no objections if they prefer to pay us with local currency. We know the C.M.S. prefers the latter.

As far as making good relationships with the local churches is concerned we have developed the idea of holding a "Theological Sunday" annually. From the result of last year's "Theological Sunday" we have received more than $250,000 from all the churches in this province. This "Theological Sunday" has even reached to the churches which do not belong to our constituency. On the 27th of May this year we are observing this "Sunday" again, not only asking for contributions from the churches but also asking them to pray for our work. We are glad to have instituted this custom among our churches in this province.

The Board of Management will have its meeting in the middle of May and the minutes will be sent to you accordingly.

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C O P Y

West China Union Theological College
Chengtu, Szechuan, China
June 8th 1945

Dear Mr. Ballou:

Here I send you a copy of the printed minutes of the 27th meeting of the Board of Management of our College. Also I enclosed a copy of my report of the College. I hope very much these materials may be distributed to the members of the Board of Governors after you duplicate them.

May I call your attention on #263 in the minutes of the 27th meeting of the Board. Henceforth we shall not have any services from Dr. Shih. We heard that he is going to the States very soon but his coming is by his own and has nothing to do with our College.

Dr. G.W. Sparling is planning to come back to China from South Africa some time in the summer. But it is rather hard to say exactly when he should be here. The last word we heard from him saying that he is having difficulty of getting the entry permits both to India and China. I do not think such ban would be long but it is very hard for him to make any plans.

Rev. F.O. Stockwell left us on the 20th of May for the States but we know he is still in India because the boat he is going to take is delayed again until the early part of July. We heard there are more than three thousand passengers waiting for the transportation. Such situation in India does not hold up long but it affects the departure of some missionaries whose furloughs are due. We hope the war in the East will soon be over and we all will enjoy the peace.

With best regards to you

/s/ Wallace Wang

President

Copies to staff.

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Woman's College,
West China Union University,
Chengtu, Sze. China,
January 18th 1941.

Recd Mar. 12

Dear Miss Hume,

At the last meeting of our Woman's College Board Miss Streeter, our Dean of Women, presented a letter which she had recieved from Mrs. Daniel Dye. In this letter Mrs. Dye told us of her correspondence with you and of an interview she had had with you and of the interest which you had found at Vassar in the work of our College for women here in West China. At the same Board meeting Mrs. O. Stockwell, who came as a visitor to the Board, read a letter which she had recieved from you telling of the possible special interest of Vassar in the work of the Fine Arts Dpt. of our university. A day or two later a meeting of our Fine Arts committee was held and Mrs. Stockwell again read your letter.

It so happens that I am the secretary of our Woman's College Board and also secretary of the Fine Arts Committee. I have been asked to write to you as from these two bodies to express to you and thru you to Vassar our deep gratitude for this interest in our work here. We are indeed grateful for the interest thruout America today in the work of our Christian Colleges in Free China. It is a great source of encouragement to us and to our Chinese co-workers thru these strenuous days to know that in America there are those who are ready to help in this great enterprise of Christian higher education in China. We cannot express to you our full thanks but we hope that you will realize how much such interest and help as you have suggested in your letter could mean to the work of our college here.

I am asked to tell you also something of our work here as we carry it on now and of our plans and hopes for the future. Other members of the Woman's College Board will write to you in detail about our Woman's College, its place in the West China Union University, its various activities etc.. I am therefore going to write more particularly about the work of our Fine Arts Dept. and the hopes we in the Woman's College have for the development of the department of the University work. A

As a woman's College we are a unit within the West China University. All courses in the University are open to our Women students and we have women studying medicine, dentistry, pharmecy, sciences as well as arts. It is the plan of the Woman's College however to make its

academic contribution to the university by promoting those departments in the arts and sciences which are more specially the interest of Women Students. We consider that the Fine Arts Department is one such department. While we consider this department in the university of special interest to women students we do not mean that it is exclusively of interest to women students. Fine Arts is a department of the university open to both men and women but we in Woman's College feel that this department is one thru which we can make our special academic contribution to the university. It is also felt by the university administration that in Fine Arts this university has a unique contribution to make in this part of China.

The Fine Arts Dept. offers courses in piano, organ violin, vocal, drawing and painting, as well as in theoretical subjects, harmony, history of music, etc.. During this present term, owing to furloughs of our staff we have not been able to take students for vocal training. Well over one hundred studnets are registered in the regular music courses. Had we been able to register vocal students and had we been able to accept all the desirable applications for study in other courses the numbers would have been more than doubled and possible trebled. The students here are very keen for the study of music. Our expansion is limited at the present time by our lack of sufficient staff, equipment and studio space.

As yet in this university we have no Fine Arts Building. One section of the top floor of the Education Bld. has been used for a number of years by the Fine Arts Dept. This arrangement while it has enabled us to carry on work has not been satisfactory either to the development of Fine Arts or to other departments of the university work carried on in this building. It has provided some practice room space but no studio space. Westerners teaching music have used their own instruments and rooms in their own homes for studio purposes. Chinese staff members have fitted their programs around practices schedules and have used practise rooms for their teaching. One of our greatest needs therefor a Fine Arts Building for the teaching of music which will provide classrooms, studios, practice roomsetc as well as a satisfactory auditorium for musical programs. We have no auditorium suitable for musical programs on this campus. We have many musical programs however and for these we must use the university assembly room. Each program means the carrying of one of our practise pianos from a practice room to the assembly and back again. We greatly need a Fine Arts Building.

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Our woman's College Board has joined with the Fine Arts committee in trying to find ways and means of providing a Fine Arts Buidling for this university. Perhaps a word of explanation here may make our particular form of organization and administration in this university a little clearer to you I mentioned before that we as a Woman's College are one unit in the university and our staff as well as being staff of the Woman's College is also on the university staff. The university began, as you will know, by the co-operation of several missions. Each mission formed one unit in the university and as one unit provided forthe university a dormitory and a teaching building. Later came the thought of higher education for women and the Woman's College was established by the co-operation of three Woman's Boards. The Woman's Colleg e came into the university on the same basis as the above mentioned units. That is, as a unit in the university we should provide dormitory space for the women st students and a teaching building for the university. Our Woman's College Board has thought that a Fine Arts Building would be its most acceptable contribution to the taching buildings of this university.

A Fine Arts Building will mean ofcourse much additional equipment for classrooms, studios and practice rooms as well as supplies of teaching materials and staff. We have at present only five pianos in our practice rooms and four reed organs. Most of our violin students have their own violins. We are pitifully low in music supplies. Most of the music used is the privately owned music of the western staff members. This ofcourse quickly wears out. Many of our students do copy quite a lot of their music. But busy science and medical students cannot do that. Yet they cannot buy music because it is not for sale. Therefore we are obliged at present to provide some kind of lending library for the students' use and as I have said this is for the most part drawn from the privately owned libraries of the western teachers.

You have asked what purpose our students have in studying music. Many of them study it purely for its cultural and recreational value. Some of our best students of music have been among our medical and science students. We are glad of this and hope to encourage these students in their study of music. It is very hard to describe to you of the west, so accustomed to music from early childhood on, what a place music can have here in the development of individual lives and in the enrichment of home life and social life generally. We feel that music [illegible]sic is one of the most acceptable parts of our western culture to China today and perhaps one oof the most worthwhile things we here can do is to try to help our students to know and

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appreciate the best of this part of our culture.

On th other hand many of our students study music with the purpose of becoming teachers. We wish to develope this part of our work too. There is a great need of trained music teachers in our primary and secondary schools, both mission sponsered and government schools. The Chinese government is laying great stress on the value of musical education in schools and there is a great need of trained teachers.

We feel very much the burden of responsibility put on our university and on our Woman's College in the work of education in Fine Arts during these years. And we are aware that greater opportunities are ours than ever before Mrs. Stockwell will go to America this spring. We hope that she can take to you mare details of our work and our plans for the future. A year ago we asked our university architect to make plans for a Fine Arts Buildin and to give estimates as to cost. These plans will have to be revised but when Mrs. Stockwell goes I hope that she will be able to take these things with her so that you will be able to see more clearly what our hopes and needs are.

Regarding scholarships for women students abroad. We have no music student ready at the moment. We had hoped that a graduate of last year might be a future scholarship student. But marriage has claimed her and that will make a a dfferenee to her immediate plans at least. However we might have a student in some other branch of study and we would be interested to know what might be available in scholarship opportunities.

May I again express our deepest appreciation and sincere thanks to you for your letters and interest in us here.

sincerely yours

Annie J. Ward

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May 10, 1926

Dr. Ralph A. Ward
Anglo-Chinese College
Foochow, China.

Dear Ralph:

It is certainly many moons since I have heard anything from you. Indeed I think your last appearance was in that pamphlet you produced last summer. Please send me a line and tell me how you are getting along and what you think of the present situation in China. If you continue your career as a pamphletier be sure and send me anything you produce.

You have doubtless heard of my new job and can imagine me roaming about the country trying to make contacts with people who have accumulated fortunes in this land of bliss. Of course, as you well know, I have a long job and cannot expect to produce much in the first few months. I have made some valuable contacts and have collected a little money, but do not expect anything big under a year or more.

As I see it, there are plenty of Americans perfectly willing to give to such a cause as I represent. The big task is to make proper connections with them. So far as I can see the people of America are just as willing or more willing to give than ever before, and the money in the hands of even moderately well-to-do people is simply enormous. I am amazed at the extravagance which one sees everywhere.

Please remember me to the lady, and with every good wish.

Sincerely yours,

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Aug.2,1926.

Rev. James M. Yard,
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My dear James:

Thanks for your letter of May 10 which I started to acknowledge with amazing promptness on June 10, because it happened to lie on the top of a pile from which I was snatching a final few seconds of a morning period of letter writing. Then the process was interrupted and now it is August. Your letter and mine of recent date evidently ~~have~~ crossed en-route so that it has not been quite so many moons since I last wrote you as you thought it had been.

I was stimulated, as usual, by ideas in your letter and have passed one or two of them along to Foochow friends who, together with myself, need words of encouragement. Even at this distance I find myself following you to the conclusion that people of America really are willing to give money for the world-wide telling of the gospel and the introduction of the Jesus life.

I have long believed that, after all due allowance has been made for the inevitable swing of the social pendulum following the world war, there is a steadily rising tide of universal brotherhood and universal civilization and that one of the chief things which has been ailing our missionary giving is the inadequacy of our presentation to the "home base" and the "yellow dog" quarreling of our ecclesiastics over the advances of the Church, which advances have been treated like spoils for personal use. What a mouthful! Now that I have spit it out and acknowledged your short letter which was gratefully received, I will make this letter about equally short and only add a little recent news from life here at the Anglo-Chinese College in the hope that I may get something more into print for mailing soon.

One of the big jobs of last fall term was to get the student body and faculty back into normal psychology for doing school work and to restore their confidence in themselves as self-respecting and aggressive members of a Christian institution.

One of the chief tasks of the spring was to further restore confidence in the school and friendliness toward it on the part of the general community. The old adage that "Satan always finds plenty for idle hands to do" is suggestive of a perfectly good educational policy here just now. Students are looking for something to do and do with enthusiasm. The faculty and the student body of most any school easily become separate antagonistic units. School events in which both group can enter indistinguishably and with enthusiasm before the world have an evident value. So we pulled off some new public College events in the Spring.

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We decided to conduct three of them. A good committee, with an able Chinese at its head and Willett to push, was put in general charge. The first event was a popular exhibit by the science department which pulled off some showy experiments and snappy speeches before a full chapel with about seven hundred people present. The next event was a college musical with an additional hundred people standing. The third was an exhibit of student activities and work of students and teachers during the term, as well as of the College Equipment. The weather was good. The event had become contagious. Every body and his uncle wanted tickets. The thing ran afternoon and evening sessions with thousands of parents and relatives of students and neighbors and alumni and kids from other schools swarming the campus. The little program at the chapel in the evening had to be given twice. Before I knew it the chapel was absolutely jammed, seats and standing room, with a thousand people. No fire laws! - Indeed a bunch of New York publicemen would have had a hard time clearing them act. Once the program was finished that crowd was let out and another eight hundred filled the chapel again. All of which poured a bit more water on the big wheel, making the neighborhood think that this College is as good a place as ever to send their boys.

But enough. I'd like to write about Foochow City evangelistic work. The institutional Church is to me a wonderful challenge. But it is threatened with strangulation. It has had hard enough time in other ways. But it is financially near the rocks. Some body in America must help and help a lot and help soon.

More anon.- write as you have time.

As ever,

Ralph A.W.

Ralph A. Ward.

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October 4, 1926

Dr. Ralph A. Ward
Foochow, China

Dear Ralph:

I wish I had time for a good long letter but that is not possible just now. I have delayed writing so long that I shall now send you a letter, even though it be very short.

Thanks very much for the little booklet, and for the letter. I am delighted at the things you have been able to do in a very trying situation.

The news from West China of late has been a bit disturbing. However I imagine the work will go right on. I do not believe Chengtu will be much disturbed.

If you will not tell our British friends, I will say to you privately that I was rather proud of my friend Yang Sen, when he opened up his guns at Wan Hsien. He is one of the most progressive men in China, and one who is absolutely devoted to the public good. He has built more roads than all the other Chinese officials combined, and he has done a great deal to promote education. He has always been friendly to foreigners, but the British have rubbed him the wrong way on several occasions,and there have been many rows of long standing at Wan Hsien and there-abouts, and I can easily imagine that even a small row would start things.

But as I have said, this is only another warning to the Western powers that the old days are over, no more domination: the day of the big stick is past.

You will be hearing before long of the chances of our having a united campaign for the universities in China. Of course, Fukien will be in on that. I am delighted with the success that our preliminary meeting has had. I do not see any other way to adequately equip and endow the Christian Colleges of China. If some such campaign can take care of the universities, than perhaps the mission board could give some adequate support to our primary and high schools.

With every good wish,

Yours as ever,

JAMES M. YARD

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NEW SETTINGS FOR WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

By Bishop Ralph A. Ward

Chengtu, China

Forty years ago "Changing China" was the timely title of books and newspaper articles. While that title has been somewhat outworn yet the fact of change in China is equally or more significant today than ever before. And"West China", the province of Szechwan, is a region in which these changes now are very evident.

West China Union University was a solitary pioneer in the field of higher education, well in advance of present developments. For a number of years one could describe a circle on the map with Chengtu as a center, and the circle would include a hundred million people among whom there was no other university under any auspices.

In the last five years the Nationalist Government has established a National University in Chengtu, and the Provincial Government has established at Chungking, two-hundred seventy miles away, a university to specialize in mining and engineering. It seems trite to say that neither of these institutions in any sense trespasses on the field of service of West China Union University. Rather are they extending privileges of higher education to just a few more of the vast potential student population and are increasing academic and cultural fellowship for the faculty and students and alumni of West China Union University. A lone university in so populous a region with great resources, itself having relatively meager equipment and endowment, profits much by the coming of others into the same field to help in the creation of social standards and a social atmosphere in which men and women of modern education and outlook may function and grow.

Relatively, the man of modern education has had a hard time of it in China during the last century. Often he had a preparation which was saleable in political, commercial and professional markets. But the inner demands of his education and his restless new spirit brought him violent and depressing opposition. He needed company. Illiteracy and the deadweight of rigid old customs and attitudes and social habits have seemed immovable. The hundreds of thousands of Chinese of some measure of modern education still are so few that the "saturation point" academically has not yet even been sighted. So it is that this creative pioneer of education and social regeneration in West China, the Union University,has begun to receive much needed reenforcement through the recent establishment of the National University in Chengtu and the Provincial University in Chungking.

West China Union University is a unique product of the academic genius and missionary spirit of Canada, England and the United States. A newcomer is struck by the elements which have come from each of these national backgrounds. One is impressed with the fortunate blending of these elements which makes a contribution to modern culture less closely identified with some particular foreign nation. The architecture of different buildings, the cultural overtones of three different countries and the varying religious richness of several denominations have grown a unique institution.

The outside world has heard quite a bit about the great central plain of the province with its two-thousand year old system of irrigation, perhaps the most densely populated agricultural region in the world. It has heard also that this province has one of the most varied flora to be found anywhere. Mineral resources have been but superficially explored. Yet vast quantities of coal seem easily accessible. Great salt-wells are adequate to supply the whole western region of China, and have their own mineralogical significance. Archaeologists and anthropologists, to say nothing of other students, make an ever larger trek to Szechwan and out to the more distant West and Northwest and Southwest.

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But an academic study of the past of this region and its natural resources is, for the moment, eclipsed by the changes brought from the present Sino-Japanese war. Tens of Chinese universities in the war-zones have either been closed or destroyed or passed under the military and cultural domination of a foreign country. Naturally, there is a great academic work to be done in those regions. Yet not only for people previously in West China, but for tens of thousands of others coming now from other provinces there are the peculiar tasks and demands by Chinese who wish to continue to think and live and grow under a government of their own making.

During these months there have come to the campus of West China Union University hundreds of these young men and women from other provinces. They have come at great expense. Many of them have experienced serious difficulties and inccnveniences to get here. In part, they have come because of their patriotism and their desire to complete their preparation without interruption. Already they are receiving a new vision of their country and a larger sense of fellowship with people of their own race. In turn, they are bringing broader outlook, new spirit and more stalwart purposes to the campus of West China Union University.

West China Union University has made a place on its campus for the Medical and Dental Colleges of the National Central University at Nanking, and also for a considerable part of the Medical College of Cheeloo University at Tsinan, Shantung province. Four-hundred students and teachers of the University of Nanking, another Union Christian institution, are being moved from Nanking to Chengtu.

The main part of the National Central University of Nanking has already moved to Chungking. The famous Nankai University of Tientsin, recently destroyed by Japanese bombs, has erected new buildings for its middle-school in Chungking. There is a great demand for more middle schools in Chungking and other parts of the province both for boys and girls. The provincial and national governments, despite the heavy drafts on them for war purposes, are straining their budgets to encourage both Government and private institutions to accept all students possible from other parts of the country.

For centuries West China has been a sort of a nation by itself, walled by high mountains toward Tibet on the West, and other parts of China on the North and South. Only a trickle of trade and ideas came through the swirling gorges of the Yangtse or by caravan and pack through the mountain passes. Steam navigation, motor highways, telegraph and especially radios, with high-power sending stations at Chengtu and Chungking, have been lifting this region out of its isolation. Missionary schools, of which West China Union University is at the academic top, have done more than all of these agencies in the bringing of new spirit and ideas. And now these tens of thousands of people of modern education and spirit, both natives returning to Szechwan and those born in other provinces, are bringing themselves and some of their money and experiences and idealism.

The other night a group of over thirty students of the Union University spent the early evening in our home, since we live on the edge of the campus and our daughter is a member of the faculty. After a couple of hours of evident good fun it occurred to somebody to have each person rise and introduce himself. The impression was startling. It revealed an epitome of what has been going on in China during the days of the Republic and must develop vastly further. Here these students were in the University in Chengtu, capital of China's largest western province, less than five-hundred miles as the crow flies from Lhasa. One boy said, "I am a native of the capital of Yunnan province (bordering French Indo-China). I graduated from a middle-school there. I am a Christian." The

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next boy said, "I also came from the same city and school". Another said, "I am a Cantonese. My parents have one home in Canton and another in Wuhu (Anhwei province, above Nanking). Both homes are now destroyed by the war." Another said, "My ancestry is Cantonese and my clan has lived so long in Peiping that I am now a Pekinese. But I am a student in West China Union University." Others said, "Our home is in Shantung (along the northern coast)". Others said that they have been students in Shanghai or Nanking or Cheeloo or in various cities of Szechwan province itself. Yet they all were deeply stirred by the new national spirit and the meanings of the war, and a determination to"see it through". One of their teachers said, "These students respond to more exacting standards in their class-work, when they see that such standards will give them the preparation they seek. They are serious about getting education of real content."

No one knows how long will remain in Szechwan the National Government which has just largely moved from Nanking to Chungking. But its coming adds another large impetus. Shanghai was the chief center of China's modern industries, with Tientsin as a poor second. Tientsin has passed under Japanese control. Practically all of the Chinese factories in Shanghai have either been destroyed or are passing under Japanese domination. There had been such a concentration of Chinese capital in Shanghai as a place of safety that Shanghai banks often sought in vain for an outlet. During the last decade of increasing political stability under the Nationalist Government, Shanghai capital was being moved to other nearby parts of the country, but did not venture far afield. In these recent war weeks, however, it has had to leave Shanghai and there has been a good deal of visionful planning for rehabilitation in Szechwan.

So it is that academically, politically, socially, industrially and commercially, there is an immeasurable new outlook for West China. West China Union University was a pioneer in education and modern spirit in this region. Today it has reenforcements in the field, though its own immediate resources are dangerously inadequate to take again a place of Christian pioneering in the new modern life and development which are beginning so largely because of the war.

The whole situation rapidly increases the student population prepared for university work, as well as the student bodies of the universities. The demand upon West China Union University is immeasurable. Its faculty is adjusting itself with vision and the finest spirit of cooperation. Its students patriotically adjust themselves to crowded conditions. But whether the newcomers remain long or stay only for a short period, the province of Szechwan and the campus life of West China Union University will be vastly different because of the events and influences of this year.

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