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January 30, 1926.

Dr. C. B. Spencer
1121 McGee St.
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Dr. Spencer:-

I have read so many of your editorials and have heard your dear friend, Dr. Lacy, speak of you so often, that it was indeed a great delight for me to see you in Chicago the other day.

Now I wish I might answer your questions concerning the indigenous church. Perhaps you have been reading some of the articles in the Chinese Recorder on that subject. If you have been able to do that you will know some of the things that the Chinese leaders are thinking and saying.

I have no idea, of course, what they will do about a creed. Perhaps they will not have any creed. I think it would be rather like them not to. They would lay more emphasis upon life and practical things than upon creed. I think you will also discover more of the mystic in them than many have imagined. We think of the Indians as mystics and of the Chinese as hard-headed. To some extent that difference obtains. On the other hand, the Chinese have a very deep appreciation of the inner life.

When it comes to sacraments there again no one has a right to guess as to what they will do, say, 50 years from now. They have a good deal of symbolism in their own religion and in their ordinary conversation. I think perhaps there will be at least one church in China that will develop a good deal of ritualism and adhere to the sacraments. I can also imagine a church that is very strongly tinged with both Quaker and Unitarian influences. Certainly what might be called the ultra-Modernists are exerting a great influence at the present time. As a matter of fact, I think they are about the only one who are doing anything creative in the indigenous church. The conservative group is following the foreigner and accepting his creeds and his forms. At the same time, there is a group within this Modernist circle that is very anxious to maintain its connection with historic Christianity.

One must also not forget that there are very many Roman Catholics in China, and one can never know when there will be some alliance between some of the Catholics and some of the Protestants. I see at present no such movement but one must keep in mind such pos-

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Dr. C. E. Spencer [redacted]

sibilities when thinking of the future of Christianity in China.

Now I certainly have not answered your questions, but I hope what I have said may suggest further questions to you.

I am not just sure of my future movements but hope to visit Kansas City before many months, in which case I shall certainly pay you a visit.

Very sincerely yours,

James M. Yard

JMY
BP

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Couse

615 Grassmere Ave
Interlaken N.J.
Feb 18, 1926

Dear Jim (Yard)

How's your moral turpitude?

I see in the papers that the "Christian" forces in the United States want to intervene in Mexico. The Prince of Peace becomes the Son of God going forth to war. The incidental wrongs of such a procedure, although they would probably be worse than anything the Mexicans are doing would really not be wrongs at all, because they would be done under a bravely floating banner with U. S. A. in fine big letters.

And the poor innocent bystanders who suffer damage and loss can write in to St Cadman and be comforted by being told that God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform, and that through adversity comes spiritual light, etc as ad lib.

Isn't it funny, this unconscious humor. or should one hide one's lack of intelligence by laughing only in private.

Dosdick's article in the February Harpers is very good, I think. I have ordered the January number for the article on prayer you recommended. I think he is working very calmly and temperately and sensibly in a good direction.

Two criticisms have theses of your remarks in the First M.E. pulpit. Neither is intelligent. One woman said. "Well, if he wants to have his nigger servants sit at table with him, he can, but not for me!" and another woman said it was quite obvious that you were prejudiced in favor of the Chinese.

She might as intelligently have said that a carpenter is prejudiced in favor of using wood instead of swiss cheese in building a house.

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Robedeaux, in my hearing at least, has accused you of moral turpitude. When they fully realize the extent of your heresies, however, moral turpitude will be too mild an expression to express their opinion of you.

Why I don't doubt that you're even so depraved as to consider the exclusion of Lady Godiva a silly piece of business.

Me, I'm getting so moral that I'm willing to support any of the following for President of these Moral United States.

Justice Ford.
John T. Dunmer
John Roach Straton
Whatsisname Kraft.
Clarence Edward MacCartney
Harold Bell Wright
James Oliver Curwood
Noliva of Zion City

Yes - I guess I'll include
William J. Manning -
although I'm afraid he's
not quite moral enough - he doesn't object to Sunday
sports before and after Divine Service.

And then of course there is our own
Herman C. DeMaris.

I guess there are enough names in the list to furnish a President and his cabinet and a Commissioner of Immigration.

Then an appropriation should be made to build jails to put all the rest of us in.

Of course I've omitted a great many names but I can't be expected to remember all the moral people in the country.

Love to you and Mabel from us three - and for that matter from all the Couse tribe - and don't forget we want you down here as often as you can get here - for as long as you can stay -

Yours. (W.J. Couse)

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March 5, 1926.

Mr. W. P. Couse
615 Grasmere Ave.
Interlaken, N.J.

Dear Mr. Couse:

You will no doubt be interested in hearing about my new job in connection with West China Union University at Chengtu. That is the city to which I went sixteen years ago this month.

The Board of Governors has just appointed me to represent the University in America and I am beginning my work with much enthusiasm. I have always been keen about West China Union University for the following reasons:

(1) Five denominations are working there in union. There are no theological divisions.
(2) It is working in entire harmony with the Chinese education authorities.
(3) Its scholastic standards are high and its moral tone unquestioned. It is doing a first-class job in education.
(4) It supplies a real need. It is positively the only college in a population of 100,000,000. The Province of Szechwan, in which it is located, is just a bit larger than France. The highest grade provincial school in all this vast territory is the normal school. It is plain, therefore, that our Christian college is needed.

Bishop Grose has appointed me to the faculty of the University and I hope to go back some day to teach, probably in the Department of Comparative Religion.

My office while in this country will be Room 502, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. Please write me, or better yet, when you are in New York come in to see me.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Yard

JMY
BP

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March 29, 1926.

Mr. F. H. Ryder,
Cobbleskill,
New York.

Dear Brother Ryder:

I have just learned through Mr. Sanders that your Church might possibly be interested in supporting a Chinese member of the Faculty of West China Union University. I hope very much that this is true for nothing could delight the heart of Joseph Beech more than to have you associated with such an enterprise.

We have now come to the time in West China, when we must increase the Chinese Staff rather rapidly, and there is as I suppose Sanders told you, a very fine young fellow who will be prepared to go to Chengtu next fall to teach Sociology. His pal is all set to go out to teach Pharmacy in the Medical College. His support and outgoing expense have been assumed by Trinity Church, Albany. Mr. Gibson, the wholesale drug man is very much interested in it.

The man we need support for is Mr. Lawrence Lau, whose parents came from Canton. They are now living in Hawaii, I believe. He is an A.B. from the University of Hawaii and has his Master's degree from Teachers College, Columbia. He has worked as Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Hawaii, and is at present Secretary of the Chinese Students Christian Association of New York City, so you see he is a man of pretty fine parts. He is a most agreeable man to meet and would I am sure be a great addition to the West China staff.

We need $600.00 to pay his travelling expense from New York to Chengtu and thereafter $75.00 per month for his salary. His salary ought to begin about July 1st, perhaps not until August 1st. If I could be of any service to you or the Church in meeting with a group to talk over the matter, I should be very glad to run up toCobbleskill to meet with the Committee either Thursday of this week, if you will wire me or any day

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next week except Monday. I am booked to speak in your Church on May 2nd, but we would like to get this matter in connection with Mr. Lau settled very soon as he must know whether or not we can secure the money necessary for his support.

I shall very much appreciate a letter from you at your earliest convenience.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

JMY/G

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New York, March 29, 1926.

Senator Walter E. Edge
Washington, D. C.

Protest United States abandoning traditional policy friendship toward China in favor policy of threat and force. Threats will avail nothing in present situation only possible chance America lead in East is by vision patience and real friendship golden rule variety. I am a Jerseyman

James M. Yard
American Representative,
West China Union University.

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March 31, 1926

Mr. Joseph H. Conrow
Farmingdale
N. J.

Dear Mr. Conrow:

You will no doubt be interested in hearing about my new job in connection with West China Union University at Chengtu. That is the city to which I went sixteen years ago this month.

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Sincerely yours,

James M. Yard

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April 1, 1926

Mr. Frank H. Ryder
Cobleskill
New York

Dear Frank Ryder:

Many thanks for your letter of yesterday. I am sure that you and Torrance can put this thing across. If possible, I will get up to speak at the Laymen's Meeting on the 17th. I am supposed to be in Washington that night, but perhaps by taking a night train out of New York for Washington I can make my engagement there on Sunday. I will try to do that. Kindly arrange to bring me on early in the afternoon so I can get an early train out of Albany as possible.

We have had of course some Chinese members of the faculty for a number of years, but we are now starting in in earnest to increase rather rapidly the number of Chinese in the institution. Mr. Lau is a very fine chap. I spent the evening with him last night and liked him very much. I will arrange to take him with me for the meetings on May 2d.

Mr. Sanders hinted that your Tithers Association has a balance on hand of around $500. If we could somehow arrange for $600. for his outgoing travel and then get from some church or churches an annual pledge of $900. that would cover the matter.

With real appreciation of your interest in the matter, and of your prompt reply to my letter,

Sincerely yours,

James M. Yard

Y/P

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April 5, 1926

Mr. Donald Fay
Chengtu
West China

Dear Fay:

I am very glad indeed to be actually at work for West China again. I enjoyed my exporience in Shanghai, but West China always had my hoart, and so I am very happy in my new job.

I hope that you and your family are in good health and that your work is going along very well.

May I trouble you to send me a brief statement of what you consider to be the need and purpose of the university. Why should we carry it on? What is the best reason you could present to a man in asking for a gift of $100,000.? If you can send this rather promptly it will be much appreciated.

With kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Fay,

Sincerely yours,

James M. Yard

Y/P

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SALES OFFICES IN
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COBLESKILL, N.Y.

March 31, 1926.

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

Dear Friend Jim:

Your letter received. I think our Church will be willing to contribute toward the project you mention, but think our limit will be about $500., whereas to carry this plan through would require on the basis you have indicated $1320. It is probable that between us we could interest two or three other Churches in our Conference to go in the enterprise with us, and I would be willing to try to bring this about with your help.

I enclose copy of the program of our Annual Laymen's Meeting. I wonder if you couldn't come to Albany Saturday afternoon, April 17, prepared to speak ten minutes on this subject. In the meantime, I will take it up with Superintendent Torrance and some of the preachers and try to get a few leads, and I think between us we can put it over.

We are making our annual Church canvass today, and our ability to do our share will depend upon the success of this canvass. Of course we must pay our full World Service quota before we go beyond that, but we have never failed yet in doing that and I do not expect we are going to begin now.

Your suggestion of bringing your Chinese friend with you for the service May 2nd appeals to our Pastor, Mr. Hagadorn, and me very much. Do this. You can speak in Church and he can speak in Sunday School.

Sincerely yours,

Frank H. Ryder

FHR:GAK.
Encl.

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615 Grassmere Ave
Interlaken - N.J.
Apr 9, 1926.

Dear Jim -

I finally got hold of the January "Harpers", (I had ordered it right after you told me about it), and read Fosdick's article concerning prayer. How clearly he can put things!

To put oneself in the position to obtain spiritual nourishment - yes we all need to do that, and we don't need soiously to roll our eyes heavenward and tell Our Heavenly Father what a fine fellow He is indeed, and think we are fooling anybody.

I don't like the pagan incantations - the witch-craft - that go on in this church down here. Dad, and others - tell me I should go to church - whether I like the minister or not. That if I see things in the church that are wrong, it is my duty not to stay away, but to become more active and try to make things right -

There may be some truth in that, I don't know. I can't see it that way, for myself, at present.

I have talked, casually, from time to time, with various people in the church, including the big Witch Doctor himself, and I have noticed that every time I have said anything that turns in the slightest degree from their formulae I have found myself against a cold blank wall with nowhere to go.

If I'm going to be a martyr, I'd prefer to leave my carcass where it will at least fertilize some soil.

I believe the pagans, who made joy and laughter and beauty a part of their religion were nearer right than the over pious brethren of our own faith. I say of our own faith - but they are not - any more than I'm an Egyptian deity.

I was sorry as the deuce that I had to leave that session at 408. I'd rather spend one evening with you than ten with the Jorum, but as I'm a new member, courtesy seemed to demand that I attend. The meeting started late, and I couldn't break away until it was too late to see you again.

Yours ever

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There was one other chap present who [illegible] similar to myown. He described graphically and with feeling the execution of Gerald Chapman and warned many of us who might at some time or another feel murderous tendencies to "Think!"

There was a talk on "Super Power" - another on "Life Insurance"; - one very well thought out essay on Relativity - an impassioned appeal to save the good old Constitution and the Eighteenth Amendment (and how the eagle screamed) - there was a biographical sketch of Patrick Henry; the menace of installment buying was exposed - Henry Ford was canonized - the efficiency and rightness of the Stock Exchange were extolled. Dont remember what the other one was.

The meeting seemed dull to me - probably because I was wishing myself at 40 8,

I hope to come to the city next week sometime, and I hope things will be so that you can have lunch with me.

Give my love to Mabel - (or let me see, is it Mabelle?). Anyway give her my love, and Elizabeth's love.

The old latch-string is hanging out.

Paul (W. J. Couse)

April 9, 1926

Mr. L. T. Chen
20 Museum Road
Shanghai, China

Dear L. T.

How goes it? Are there any more radicals left in Shanghai amongst the missionaries or have they all become conservatives and decent? Please send me a line and let me know what you think of present conditions. What do you think is the attitude of the present American minister there - friendly, diplomatic, or is he involved in secret treaties with other Powers?

In that letter will you also tell me why you believe Christian colleges ought to exist in China, and whether or not you approve of such an institution as West China Union University which is, as you know, the only college in all of Western China. If you take a radius of 600 miles from Chengtu and draw a circle this will be the only college included within that circle. If you do approve of such an institution, supported for a few years and more or less controlled by foreign mission boards, please send me as strong a statement as you can. Many thanks.

With best regards to the family,

Ever sincerely yours,

James M. Yard

Y/P

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April 10, 1926

Mr. Elliot Curtis
R.F.D. 4,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Dear Elliot:

I want to get a few of you younger fellows in Nichols interested in the work of West China Union University so that you can grow up with it, as it were, and make it your life interest so far as missions are concerned. You may, some day, individually be able to make rather large contributions. In the meantime, I hope you will make as large subscriptions as you can, and that you will interest the Church to send me reasonably large contributions each year.

I think we can all agree that the Church is doing no more worth while work in China than that in the schools and colleges, particularly those of college grade since they are needed more than others. Aside entirely from the Christian obligation we are rendering in the schools an international service of great importance.

The West China Union University is the only school of college grade in a province larger than France, and it serves a population of more than 100,000,000. It serves not only the Province of Szechwan in which it is located, but also Yunnan and Kweichow and a all of Eastern Tibet. It is really the cultural center of Central Asia, and has been such for centuries.

The people in the province are too indescribably poor to support such an institution. Our hope is that we can by introducing modern science, and all that means, so raise the standards of the whole people that they will eventually unlock the tremendous resources of the province and then be able to support such a university, and many others besides.

The university was founded only 16 or 17 years ago, and is succeeding wonderfully. We have a total student body of more than 1000, a teaching staff of Americans, British and Chinese, in all 58, and 14 teaching buildings, the entire plant worth approximately $500,000. We need money largely for maintenance, laboratory equipment, the library and the salaries for an increasing Chinese staff.

With best regards to all the family,

Y/P

Ever sincerely yours,

J. M. Yard

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April 22, 1926

Mr. W. P. Couse
615 Grassmere Avenue
Interlaken, New Jersey.

Dear Percy:

This is just to acknowledge your most interesting letter of April 9th. There is not time to reply to it much as I would like to.

I was sorry too that you could not spend that evening with us. We had such a very interesting time together. It was such fun to watch Mr. Wilson and see how he simply glowed with satisfaction at being present at such a confab. I shall hope to see you again soon because you have got to do some work for me.

With love to all,

Sincerely yours,

James M. Yard

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THE FEDERAL COUNCIL
OF THE
CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
105 EAST TWENTY-SECOND STREET
NEW YORK

April 10, 1926

Rev. James M. Yard
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

My dear Mr. Yard

You ask for my opinion regarding the work on behalf of better pictures being done by the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America.

If one wishes to find fault, he can point to abundance of evidence to support his case; if he wishes to support the contention of numerous representatives of the motion picture industry, that pictures are improving, he can find strong argument for his point of view.

Without doubt the motion picture industry is making progress technically, giving us exceptionally fine pictures, and I believe that a combination of forces and influences are at work for the moral improvement of motion pictures.

Mr. Hays deserves credit for what he is doing. He has a very difficult position, one which requires tact, skill and courageous leadership. The fact that the industry has been willing to organize and place Mr. Hays in charge, makes it approachable and responsible. Mr. Hays is inviting the cooperation of the best elements in our country to support him in his work, and if his purposes were wholly sinister, he is wise enough to know that such men cannot be deceived indefinitely as to the real situation.

Mr. Hays has said in my hearing that the pictures about which there is such complaint in China at the present time are pictures that were made before he came into the industry and which are just now finding their way into foreign markets. Moreover, his representatives state that many films are stolen and get into circulation in foreign countries, and because of governmental conditions prevailing, it is impossible to arrest them.

If you have definite information concerning pictures or conditions in China, I suggest that you send that information to the Rev. George Reid Andrews, Chairman of the Drama Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, who will take the matter up directly with Mr. Hays.

Sincerely yours

S. Parkes Cadman

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April 28, 1926

Hon. Calvin Coolidge, President
United States of America
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Please allow me to say how delighted I was to read in the paper on Saturday that you had sent new instructions to Mr. MacMurray directing him not to join with the other Powers in a new note to the Chinese Nationalists. I am sure that practically all of the missionary educators in China will greatly approve of that move.

May I call your attention to the fact that is not emphasized very much in this whole affair, namely that the United States in the final show-down can count a great deal on the friendship of the more than 10,000 Chinese leaders now back in China who have been educated in America. They have spent from four to ten years in this country and, as I know from personal contact, have real affection for America and the American people. Some of them are radical and will go to great extremes to get their rights; on the other hand they are more than glad to cooperate with America.

I am rejoicing over this proof that you are determined to cooperate with that group in China.

With kindest regards and very sincerely,

James M. Yard

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CHARLES A. JONES, CLERK

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
TERRITORIES AND INSULAR POSSESSIONS

April 28, 1926.

Dear Jim:

You haven't written me yet to tell me how many millions you got from Mrs. Henderson. I am quite interested to know about your reception.

You asked me about the rights of Chinese born from the Hawaiian Islands to travel in the United States. Enclosed is a new ruling on this matter.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

C. A. Jones.

Rev. James M. Yard,
c/o M. E. Board of Foreign Missions,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

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Attached to letter of C.A. Jones. April 28, 1926

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION
WASHINGTON

55266/General.
55391/79.

April 17, 1926.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 65

SUBJECT: Supplement to Paragraph 1, Subdivision B, Rule 10, of the "Immigration Rules of July 1, 1925."

Paragraph 1, Subdivision B, Rule 10, of the "Immigration Rules of July 1, 1925," is hereby supplemented to read:

"When the United States citizenship of a person of one of the Oriental races, resident in Hawaii, is established to the satisfaction of the District Director of Immigration at Honolulu, Hawaii, in connection with an application to proceed to the mainland of the United States, such person shall be issued a certificate (Form 402), the original of which he shall be permitted to retain (the duplicate to be placed on file in the office of the District Director at Honolulu). Unless and until revoked, such certificate shall be accepted, for immigration purposes, as evidence of the United States citizenship of the proper holder. The certificate herein provided for shall be good, however, only for travel between the Hawaiian Islands and the mainland of the United States, and shall not be accepted in lieu of Form No. 430, provided for by Subdivision 1, Rule 16, of the 'Rules Governing the Admission of Chinese.'"

Harry E. Hull

HARRY E. HULL,
Commissioner General.

APPROVED:

W. W. Husband

W. W. HUSBAND,
Second Assistant Secretary.

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May 4, 1926

Mr. Frank H. Ryder
Cobleskill
New York.

Dear Frank:

I am enclosing herewith a short write-up which I hope will be helpful in your campaign to secure support for Lau.

I greatly appreciate your cordial cooperation in this matter and I am sure Joe will be greatly delighted to have you doing this for the University.

Again I must say how greatly I enjoyed my visit with you and Mrs. Ryder yesterday. You have a delightful home and I had a most interesting and profitable day.

Ever sincerely

JMY
ELH

Enclosure.

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May 4, 1926

Reverend C. E. Torrance
830 Lancaster Street
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Torrance:

Many thanks for your letter. I am really so busy during the month of May that I am not greatly regretting that the Mechanicville engagement is off. We will see what we can do about it some time later, either during the summer, or perhaps it would be better some time in the fall when I shall be in the vicinity, at Amsterdam or Schenectady. I will let you know about my engagements.

I was at Cobleskill Sunday and had a fine time. They had a good bunch there. I am sure that if Ryder needs any help on getting Lau's support that you will cooperate in any way he may suggest.

I greatly appreciate your friendship and support in the work I am trying to do. West China Union University is one of the outstanding pieces of work which is being done in China and, one can feel that one's efforts there are contributing to the real educational advance of that remarkable nation.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Yard

JMY
ELH

0909

May 5, 1926

Mr. Frank H. Ryder
Cobleskill
New York.

Dear Frank:

I find that both Cranston and Lau are expecting to leave New York about May 20th, so Lau will hope to have his travel money before that time. Can you arrange to send me $600., say within the next two weeks? His salary can be forwarded later. As I told you, I supposed they would not be leaving until around July 1st, but I was mistaken in this.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Yard

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ELH

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COBLESKILL, N.Y.

May 5, 1926.

Rev. James M. Yard,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Jim:

Your letter of the 4th received. I had a long letter from Joe Beech yesterday written March 18, and containing some very very interesting news. If you would like to read it, I will be glad to send it a little later, although it also contains a lot of personal matters.

I have gone over the complete Troy Conference report showing the amount that everyone of the more than 300 Churches paid to World Service last year, and find that exactly 15 Churches reached their quota, several of them small Churches. It is going to alter my plan of campaign somewhat, and I am giving a lot of thought to the matter now, but am going to prosecute it just as vigorously.

We enjoyed your visit greatly, and want you to feel that here is a home headquarters and that you and Mrs. Yard will be welcome any time.

Sincerely yours,

FHR:GAK.

Frank H. Ryder

Your article is good.

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May 5, 1926

Mr. C. A. Jones
Senate Office Buidding
Washington, D. C.

Dear Charlie:

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the May number of the Survey Graphic which is very illuminating concerning the present conditions, both in the Far East and on the West Coast of America.

I have so greatly enjoyed this number that I felt I must share its rich contents with you.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Yard

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COBLESKILL, N.Y.
May 6, 1926.

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

Dear Jim:

I regret that I am not able to assure the employment of Mr. Lau. While I think we can raise the money, I will not bind myself to do it and do not believe it possible to settle the matter before May 20. I was figuring that we would have until the middle of June at the least because these things cannot be accomplished in such a short time. If this is too late we will have to let the opportunity go by this time, and look for the next one.

Sincerely yours,

Frank H. Ryder

FHR:GAK.

P.S. Better let me know at once because I will not go further if it is useless.
F.H.R.

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May 7, 1926

Mr. W. J. Couse, President
Asbury Park Trust Company
Asbury Park, New Jersey:

Dear Will:

Some day I am going to be hunting around for a treasurer for West China Union University and I hope I may nominate you for that job. As this campaign progresses we hope to get some large amounts for endowment, and these funds must be wisely invested. I want a man on whose judgment and unselfish interest I can absolutely depend, and you are that man. If we succeed, as we hope to, it may even be worth while as a banker to help us handle these amounts.

The actual work of the job will be largely in the hands of our office here; the bookkeeping, etc. being under the personal direction of Dr. North the Assistant Treasurer.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

James M. Yard

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May 7, 1926

Mr. Frank H. Ryder
Cobleskill
New York.

Dear Frank:

I don't wonder you were shocked with the suddenness of the departure of Cranston and Lau. May we leave it this way- that you will do your best up there to get his support, and if you do not succeed, I will pledge myself to make up the balance. If that plan is satisfactory to you would it be possible for you to advance some money soon on his travel account?

Sincerely yours,

JMY
ELH

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May 13, 1926

Mr. Lawrence Lit Lau
Union Theological Seminary
Broadway at 120th Street
New York City.

Dear Mr. Lau:

I am sending you this brief letter to notify you of your appointment to the faculty of West China Union University. I cannot let this opportunity pass without saying to you how greatly I appreciate your willingness to go to this far field. You will suffer hardships on your travels such as you have never known, and in these disturbed days you will suffer spiritual experiences not easy to bear, but you will find a great reward.

You are going back to your native land at a most interesting and stimulating period. China, I suppose, has not been so mentally and spiritually aroused for thousands of years as she is just now. Such great periods in a nation's life occur again and again but they are usually centuries apart. It is your good fortune to work in the beginning of the great new movement. I know of no place in the world that offers a finer opportunity than West China. Its climate is good, its scenery majestic and inspiring to an unusual degree, its people virile, open-minded, friendly and progressive. The wealth of its soil and of its mines beyond computation.

This is one of my first official acts, and I take great pleasure in writing you this letter. I shall think of you often and pray that success may ever be yours.

Cordially and sincerely,

JMY
ELH

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May 10, 1926.

Rev. James M. Yard,
c/o China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Jim:

When you go "hunting around for a Treasurer for West China Union University" as you express it in your letter of May 7, for the good of the cause I suggest that you pick out some nationally known individual whose prestige will be of value and who has capacity to give in large sums. The job you have is attractive enough to enable you to warrant that type of man.

Of course you know I appreciate the compliment implied in your letter.

I hope your work is going well.

Cordially yours,

W. J. Couse.

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May 17, 1926.

Rev. James M. Yard,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York,
U. S. A.

Dear Jim,

I had wanted to write you several times to thank you for the post-cards that you sent me from time to time. This desire was greatly sharpened when your letter of April 9th arrived. It is indeed gratifying to know that you are working for China in America as hard as you did in China. I am sure that you are finding great satisfaction occasionally in spreading your type of heresy.

I shall deal with the second paragraph of your letter first before commenting on the political situation here. Certainly there is a very important place for Christian colleges in China especially if they are to be of good standard. I think Christian education would be making a mistake if it does not set out with the highest standard possible. That has been its weakness in the past. If the church is prepared to go ahead with high-grade work in its educational program, there is nothing on earth to prevent it from taking a very essential place in the educational development of the country. To be concrete, I think Christian colleges of this type are needed for at least the following reasons:

1. The political conditions are too unsettled for the government to carry out an effective program at present.
2. Positions in government educational institutions have been looked upon as political appointments so that the work has been subjected to the vicissitudes of political changes.
3. There is a lack of devotion to educational work among those who are engaged in government education. Such devotion is much more in evidence among men engaged in Christian colleges. The corollary of this is that teachers in government schools are interested in remuneration ~~but~~ teachers in Christian schools are interested in the students they teach
4. There is really no opposition against Christian education if we do effective and high-grade work.

Coming to the political situation, it is very

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difficult to give an intelligent interpretation. You must have learned already from newspapers the changes that have taken place as a result of the last fighting. The outstanding result is the apparent elimination of Koumingchun. The victorious parties, viz. Chang Tso Ling and Wu Pei Fu seem to be determined to wipe out Feng Yu Hsiang's influence altogether. We get reports that they may combine in carrying out an expedition into the northwestern territory where Koumingchun holds fort, but it is not likely that this will happen because Chang and Wu will have a difficult time to honestly cooperate with each other. Just now they are engaged in a little maneuver regarding the legality of Tsao Kun's presidency. You remember that Tsao Kun was deposed as a result of Wu Pei Fu's defeat. Now that Wu Pei Fu is back in power he is trying to blot out that stain in Tsao Kun's career, to which naturally Chang Tso Ling takes a very strong objection. If he acquiesces in it it would mean reverting his own position which he is not prepared to do. This explains the difficulty that Dr. Yen is meeting with as Premier. It may be that he will have to resign very soon because of the lack of support from Chang.

One hopeful situation is that the people now are thinking more vigorously about the stoppage of internal warfare. Many cries for peace are heard in different parts of the country. The only thing that is needed now is some sort of movement which will make these desires for peace more articulate. When that is done I believe the people will be able to exert a real influence in bringing about internal peace. A very modest group has been meeting for this purpose already and its program is meeting with increasing support in many cities.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

L. T. Chen

L. T. Chen.

LTC/W

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May 25th, 1926.

Mr. Lawrence Lit Lau,
c/o Bishop Earl Cranston,
New Richmond, Ohio.

Dear Lawrence:

I am enclosing herewith an order which I hope will enable you to get your 10% discount on the boat to Honolulu.

I telephoned to Paul this morning and am to see him for a good talk tonight at the dinner which Mr. Brace is giving. I am also to spend tonight with him again in International House.

I just returned this morning from my trip. I had a very good visit with Sir Joseph in Toronto and met some friends of Dr. Freeman's. I had a most encouraging time at Wilkes Barre Sunday and Monday.

I shall follow you with the greatest interest all along your journey and hope that you will enjoy the whole trip immensely and that you will be more than pleased with West China; both the country, the people and the missionaries.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,.

JMY/RT

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(COPY)

June 8, 1926

Mr. Elliott Curtis
R.D.#4,
Bridgport, Conn.

Dear Elliott:

The other day I was talking to Professor Bayne of our Department of Biology who is about to return to West China. He broke down from over work two years ago and came home. We feared he would never recover, but now he is fine again and going back to his classes, leaving Canada in August. He is one of the most brilliant men ever graduated from the University of Toronto.

He has three sections in freshmen biology because he does not have enough microscopes to go around. The work ought to be done in two sections. he is therefore doing 50% more work than he ought to be compelled to do. He is not complaining --- such missionaries as Bayne do not complain; but he broke down under too much work. We do not want him to break down again so I am asking some of my friends to help out. He needs eighteen more microscopes which cost $60 apiece. Would you not like to contribute one? If so, please send me a check. The University will be most grateful and you will be helping one of the best scientists in China-- and a man who is not merely a scientist but a fine Christian gentleman.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

James M. Yard

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2505 Elm St.
Denver, Colo.
June 17, 1926.

Dr. James M. Yard
Secretary, West China Union Univ.
Board of Foreign Missions
Methodist Episcopal Church
150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

My dear Dr. Yard,

I confess to receiving your nice, inspiring send-off letter, together with the "to whom it may concern" official confirmation of my status. I am also to thank you for the fine way you wrote me your official appointment of me as a teacher of West China Union University. It shall be my privilege to work under the mission and the university, with such fine encouragement and dynamic interest behind me as I find in you. I am sure I shall do my best, and put my whole heart and soul into the project your foresight, together with Ford's, may bring to change and China in general. If change needs a transformation, may we have a part in promoting it. If the process needs time, may we have that patience and conviction necessary. I am the stronger

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in spirit for having known you.
I cherish your friendship, only
meagre words of mine
can express it.

Needless to say, Karl and I have been having great times, and being somewhat youthful anticipate greater times still. We have visited Cornell, Niagara Buffalo, Cleveland, Oberlin, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Chicago, Urbana St. Louis, Kansas City, Baker University. Everywhere, Karl's friends and mine have entertained us royally. At Oberlin and Chicago, the Chinese student met with us and we agreed heartily on many vital issues regarding China. Karl also did some "educating" among the American student body is concerned. It is a hopeful sign many of them have confidence in China, while mostly ignorant on the whole complex situation. I observe the spirit of indifference and complacency on the part of college students, who are occupied with less important matters. But they are open-minded and can be "educated." We also did some propaganda work on trains -

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2). The ideas of bigness, prosperity, & luxury, cling still in the American mind, combined with some sense of egotism and nationalism. But these appalling facts are not new to me after 2 years in New York. It is an interesting fact that some think Paul is wasting his time in China.

Denver air is magnificent, conducive to such foolish philosophizing as I attempt thus far. To-morrow Paul intends to indoctrinate me with the beauty and majesty of his native states snow capped mountains. But I am deeply impressed with the grandeur of it all, and when he admits Ezekiel is no less beautiful, I am happier in heart.

I hope it shall not trouble you to find out whether our books have come, and whether Mr. Rosenmeyer has packed and freighted our 6 or 7 boxes of books and Paul's junk.

I understand that as a teacher, I can get free texts, as well as a big reduction on books. I order

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from publishers. If so, we can order books through this channel. I hope to find out finally, and take advantage of it, if it suits you to order books for the University thru. If you care to find out also, it would be fine.

I don't believe I ought to exploit your patience longer. But I do wish you success in your new work, and may your spirit of liberality and fair-mindedness be instrumental in building up the university. It is a gigantic task, but I am sure our ambitions are commensurate with it.

May you enjoy the fellowship of the Chinese students in New York and about, and may you continue to edify the American public on China.

Aloha to Mrs. Yard and you fondly,

Sincerely

Lawrence Lit Lau

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COBLESKILL, N.Y.

June 21, 1926.

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

Dear Jim:

You will doubtless think I have dropped out of life pretty suddenly, but it isn't quite as bad as that. I have been entertaining the Grippe the first two weeks of June and am trying to get back to normal again. This long period out of the office has interfered greatly with my work and put me under a heavy burden, but I will get at this matter just as quick as I can, and in the meantime will try to get our Tithers Association to authorize something on account.

Sorry I could not be in Middletown to see you get your degree. I hope everything goes through today in accordance with schedule.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FHR:GAK.

Frank H Ryder

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Letter from Donald Fay

Fay

Baptist Church,
Chengtu, West China,
June 24, 1926.

Mr. J. M. Yard
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Yard :

We were glad to get your letter. My wife and I wish to congratulate you for the new position which you are holding now. It is lucky for the University to have you represent her in America. Surely the University will be prosperous with your cooperation and assistance.

It was very kind of you and Mrs. Yard to send our baby the lovely gift just before you left China. The sweater and cap are beautiful. We like them very much. We do thank you for them.

In reply to your request about the need and purpose of the University I would like to say,in the first place, this University is the only higher education institution in the Western three provinces with one million people which equals to the population of America. Students of West China cannot go down river to study because of the high cost of living. This University ought to have adequate accomodations and teachers to meet their needs. The influence of the graduates from the University is very great In West China. It may be seen by the remark made by General Yang when he spoke to a big audience. He said "I have quite few English secretaries in my office among which one is a graduate of the Union University who does his work very efficiently. I depend on him greatly to do my work". Several graduates are holding high position in the government. I had the privilege to be one of the promoters to start a university club last year. This club is like composed of college graduates,teachers and many other influential people of this city. We have fifty odd members . This is the only organization to make friendly contact between foreigners and Chinese and the only organization for Christians to approach the educated class. Many graduates serve on the different charity organizations.

However the Unievsrity is not yet complete. She still has a great task before her and unusual opportunity for leadership. She needs fund to engage Chinese teachers for the work. The responsibility of training true leadersfor China cannot be shifted by the University. The failure of the materialism and intellectualism has led the people to spiritual salvation. Young students are led to communism. If the University cannot have money to equip herself for the preparation of leaders the result will be unthinkable. Only well trained Christian leaders can lead these unsteady students on the right track to save China. Since this institution is the only one to work among one-fourth of the Chinese population she has a great part to play. Will you help in this great task?

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1340 Beretania St.,

Honolulu, Hawaii,
July 6, 1926.

Dr. James M. Yard
Secretary West China Union University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Yard:

I have been back home a week now, and am beginning to feel I must do some work. That is, I am back home and broke and so am holding down the office job I had two years ago. It certainly has been a wonderful trip back all the way with Earl. We saw more places and met more people than I had dreamed possible. But I cannot stop to relate them, as you are a traveler yourself. I liked my visits to the colleges especially well, altho we happened in the campuses when exams. were torturing the presumably studious student body. As for scenic beauties, Colorado and California lure me. As for people, I met Methodists mostly, so I cannot rate. However, we did have an opportunity to meet many Chinese students and exchanged views with them, and their views are not any less conservative than those of New York.

Would it be too much trouble for you to furnish me a list of the people and churches who are financing me? I would like to thank them for their lofty spirit and deep encouragement. I am only anxious now to do my best and look forward to a better day in mission work.

The Islands are most wonderful at this time of the year, altho it is a bit warm. I hope you are spending a happy summer, as well as continuing your fine educational work. Nothing has been greater in my life than to know you and Earl. I know I shall enjoy Chengtu and the

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people there. There are many problems to solve, but if we have the p proper attitude of trust and co-operation, we may see a better day.

Earl writes me he is busy preaching about California, as well as enjoying the fishing there. He expects to join me about August 7.

Aloha to you and the family,

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence

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July 1st, 1926.

Mr. Walter Crawford,
1821 Corson Street,
Pasadena, Cal.

Dear Walter:

It was mighty good of you to reply so quickly to my letter and I am now paying you back in the same coin. You will no doubt be surprised to receive another letter from me so soon.

I am glad to know that you are home and am thinking of you now as having that fine trip with your family. I can imagine how very delighted they all are. Yes, you must seem to be in a new world. I saw a great change in my two girls even after seven months. What it would be like after four years I find very difficult to imagine. I was grateful for your description of the family. I cannot quite imagine Paul 6 ft. 4. I judge he will out-top Henry Hodgkin if he keeps on.

Mabelle and I went over to the Wesleyan commencement and had a good time together. She sat up in the balcony and watched them put the hood over my head and then we went to the President's house and had lunch with nabobs like the governor of Connecticut and other celebrities.

Don't worry about me as financial agent. I shall not be going about from house to house soliciting funds. My main job is to do the speaking and publicity work, which I know I can do. I am more and more keen about the work of the University and about its future. In public speeches and in private conversations I can get the idea across as I have proven many times. I agree with you that when we come to the scratch I shall need Joe Beech or somebody to get these millionaires to sign on the dotted line. He will be here next year and I hope to have a long line of fine prospects all ready for him.

In the meantime there is a very strong possibility that the five Union Universities in China will all get started on a united campaign for something like 15 or 20 million dollars. In that event my job will clearly be that of making speeches. Other men in the organization will do the things that I cannot do so well.

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I have just had an interesting time at lunch with the Baptist secretaries with whom I have not been able to establish connections before. It was partly my fault in not having time to connect with them. I have been so busy working in the Methodist garden that I have had no time to do anything with the Baptists. However, I decided it was time to make some contacts with them and have accordingly started. They promised everything that I could expect and next winter some time I shall begin to speak in Baptist churches and at Baptist conventions.

After your outburst over Mrs. Sibley's death (and of course we were all heartbroken and immensely disturbed over it) I should hate to have you listen to one of my speeches in which I tell of the greatness of China and how she is sure to come out of this present disturbing condition. I am well aware of the terrible condition China is in, but I am also determined to look at the bright spots and to think of the constructive forces that are at work and that are sure sooner or later to bring China out into her large place in the world. It may take her 10 years, it may take her 20 or it may take 50, who knows? But after all, what is 50 years in the life time of China?

I guess I shall quit here and see what kind of a comeback I get if ever you stop driving that fliver and take time off to write me again. When are you coming to New York?

With love to all the family,

Yours as ever,

JAMES M. YARD

JMY/RT

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July 9th, 1926.

Mr. Lawrence Kit Lau,
1340 Beretavia Street,
Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dear Lawrence:

I should have acknowledged your letter of June 7th long ago, but I have been waiting for further word from Mr. Ryder. He has been very ill with the "flu" and I have not been able to get in touch with him. I have written him again and hope to send you your check and some salary within a day or two. In the meantime let me assure you that I am not forgetting you. I am sweating a good deal in my anxiety lest you find yourself in need of funds.

I enclose herewith a letter of introduction which, if you will sign, may be of use to you as you travel about China in case you should find yourself traveling without Earl.

I saw Paul the other day and had dinner with him and a very nich young lady. I had no opportunity of asking whether he has hope of taking her to Chengtu some day or not. If he does, I quite approve of it. He left word the other day that he might drop in on me some day this week. I shall be very glad if he finds it possible.

I guess I will not trouble you further today but shall hope to get off a letter with a check in it very soon.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

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July 21st, 1926.

Mr. Lawrence Lit Lau,
1340 Beretania Street,
Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dear Lawrence:

Yours of July 6th has just arrived. I am sorry that you had to go to work while you were home. You should have had all that time for visiting and playing around. I fear it is because I have been so slow in getting your travel money to you. You see the trouble is that Mr. Ryder has been sick practically ever since you left and I have not been able to push him up on the matter. I have hesitated to go to the Board for advance, knowing that they were hard up. However, I have today sent a special delivery letter to Mr. Ryder and have just now secured an advance of $200 from the Treasurer of the Board. I enclose a check for that amount herewith and hope it will reach you in plenty of time before you leave Honolulu. When you reach Shanghai you will be able to get two or three months salary from the Treasurer there. I have written Earl all about that and he will help you if any help is needed. I have also written to the Treasurer at Shanghai, so I think the way is well prepared for you and you will have no further trouble about finances.

Just as soon as I get word from Mr. Ryder I will send you the list of persons and churches to whom you may write.

Paul certainly pulled a great trick on us, didn't he? but I guess I do not blame him. As I wrote you before, Miss Ling is a very charming young lady and I quite agree that she will make a fine addition to our University community at Chengtu. Paul tried to throw the bluff when he was here last week, that she was going to continue her medical course and so on and so forth, but I rather surmised that she would not be able to hold out more than one more year in college. I have written to him that I quite approve of his plan and that I shall be glad to do my part to help both of them get out to Chengtu next year. I certainly hope that nothing will prevent the consummation of that purpose.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

JMY/RT

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July 14, 1926.

James M. Yard, Esq.,
c/o Michigan Christian Advocate.

Dear Yard:

The May 27th Advocate arrived a couple of days ago and just to see what the reaction would be, I translated your article "The Nordic Cult" to our Assistant Manager (Kang Hsin-ju) and Judge Hu of the Higher Court. When I finished, Hu looked up and said "The writer of that article is a bolshevik."

I thought I had misunderstood and looked questioningly at Kang. "He means 'of the red party'" said Kang.

"Do you think the writer has lived long in China and knows conditions?" I enquired.

"No," replied Kang, "He does not know conditions."

"But don't you agree with what he says?" I asked.

"Yes, I think there is much truth in it. Only I did not think that foreigners would say such things. As a Chinese I can not disagree. What he says shows that he wants to be very friendly to China. We Chinese of course appreciate such friendliness."

"Do you think the foreign soldiers and gunboats should go?"

"In my opinion" he replied,"the foreign soldiers and gunboats should most decidedly not be withdrawn now." (Wo^{3} k'an^{4} wai^{4} kuo^{2} ping^{1}, ping^{1} chuen^{2}, hsien^{4} tsai^{4} chüeh^{2} pu^{4} ying^{1} kai^{1} tsŏ^{3})

I am sending this on to you because I thought it might be of interest to you to know how two Chinese here in Chungking look on the article. Of course I might write what I think about it myself, but you will probably be more interested in what these two Chinese said.

I don't know just when I will be in the States, but will be leaving here in about a month to return via Peking. In case you want to drop me a letter, please address it to me c/o my mother, Mrs. H. E. King, 615 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor, Michigan. If we happen to meet some time in the States, I'll be only too glad to spend an hour or two discussing the China question,

Sincerely,
Gilbert King

P.S. Please say "hello" to Mrs. Yard for me.

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COBLESKILL, N.Y.

July 22, 1926.

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

Dear Jim:

I was in Chicago all of last week and your letters of the 9th and 21st are here this week. I have talked with our Tithers Treasurer and we will call a meeting of the Executive Committee Sunday. They have not yet approved this project but I hope to get some action Sunday, and if we do, can send you something on account.

I will write you soon regarding the other Churches.

Sincerely yours,

Frank

FHR:GAK.

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COBLESKILL, N.Y.
August 26, 1926

Rev. J. M. Yard,
West China University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Jim:

In thinking about you and your work I found a check for $10.00 from Mr. J. D. Thompkins of Valatie, and a $10.00 bill from Mr. Jacobs of Round Lake, which were given me at our conference for the proposition, and I enclose them herein. A train of circumstances over which I have had no control, has made it absolutely impossible for me to do very much. I hope to get busy before long.

Sincerely yours,

Frank

FHR/S
Enc.

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KOBE Aug. 26, 1926.

Dr. James M. Yard:
150 5th Ave.
N. Y. City.

My dear Dr. Yard
We are in Kobe, the
not staying in this palatial
hotel, about cost $3 per
day a night. Rather we
are enjoying local color
and life by running in
a Japanese hotel. We
got in Yokohama Aug. 21,
& since then have been
visiting Tokio, Nikko, and
seeing the countryside
on our way from Tokio

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Tokugawa shrines and were deeply moved by the art and natural beauty of this spot. One surprising thing is that we find our English incomprehensible to the Japanese here, & so we are determined to learn this language.

Our next jump is to Seminoseki. Chosen Mukden, Peking, Tientsin and Shanghai. Much to travel, much to see, much to learn yet, & perhaps much to be "Bolsheiki" over. Wish you were with us however. Accept my deepest appreciation and fondest hopes for a pleasant year. I shall write you when I am more settled. Take care of Paul in the meanwhile & the University. Sincerely, Lawrence

to Kobe. I need not expatiate and tell you how beautiful and picturesque Japan is, as you too see her too. Kurt and I are composing notes on Japan's sources of strength, and will do so further when we hit China by Sept. 1. We met almost by accident Mr. D. V. Martin and Dr. Hackleman of the Boyoma Gakko - in (methodist) - and talked our most with them. They guided us about the city, and in this way we know more of Japan's spirit. The next day Mr. Martin and his charming 11 yr. old daughter Maybelle accompanied us to Nikko, where we worshipped at the

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p.s. I hope you will be sending me a list of the Albany church girls who are helping me. Pearl & I are full of anticipation as to the future of Chengtu and West China Union. Let us hope our spirits will never die out.

Pearl is more and more something divine. We are quite fortunate to have such as you and him.

Thank you

Lawrence

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129 EAST 52ND STREET
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September 27th, 1926.

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

Dear Mr. Yard,

On my return to New York I find your letter of September 24th enclosing a letter from Paul Hutchinson. I am not yet certain whether I can get to Buffalo on the dates you mentioned but if I can manage it, I will do so because, like yourself, I am deeply concerned with the missionary situation..

I am not at all certain that Paul Hutchinson's proposal of an official statement to spread before the churches is a way to approach the problem. It seems to me we need more study and an attempt to start a process by which a very large number of people in the boards and the churches will begin to tackle these questions in a serious way.

Do keep me in touch with developments and be assured that I will come if I can possibly arrange it.

If he is not included in the list, I should certainly think you ought to consider inviting Charles H. Fahs of the Missionary Research Library.

Sincerely yours,

E. C. Carter

ECC/NH

P.S. Have you, by any chance, seen a little syllabus which The Inquiry got out last year entitled "Missions and World Problems"? This was introduced to get people in the churches to tackle some of the very questions that Hutchinson has raised. We need a great deal more study on literature of this sort if the churches are to be made ready for the point of view which you and Hutchinson already hold. Have you invited any of the women of the country who are thinking along these lines?

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September 28, 1926

Rev. James M. Yard
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Yard:

I have your invitation to share in the proposed informal conference at Buffalo on October 22 to 24. The opportunity interests me greatly, and I am grateful for the courtesy of being included among those considered in this connection.

Subject to a possible recall, due to later developments, I am inclined to accept, but on three conditions: (1) I must not find myself in a position where I am expected to sign, or to appear in public print or in private interpretation as a supporter of, any manifesto, declaration, or other utterance that might possibly grow out of such a meeting; (2) my relation to the meeting must be that of one who expects to "draw the thing as I see it, for the God of things as they are," rather than to share in devising propaganda to further any particular procedure that might seem desirable to any individuals or even to all the group other than myself; (3) anything I say to individuals or in group discussion while at Buffalo, I shall say as an individual and not on behalf of others or of any organization.

Those mentioned as possible members of the group would not, I am sure, be foolish enough to seek to dictate to the managing editor of the Christian Century or to one another what should or should not be said or written concerning the developing situations in the missionary enterprise. But I am personally not willing to be listed in the Christian Century as "among those present at such a conference and the concensus of judgment was," etc. If, however, such a group can get together as informal conferees who, in deep earnestness and with much frankness, seek to think into the fog that envelops us, the managing editor of the Christian Century gleaning out of the process any light and leading that can be had therefrom, that will be all to the good. Moreover, if any members of the group desire together to prepare any kind of a statement to which they are ready to subscribe their names, without appealing to anything except assured facts and their own interpretation of the facts for validation, I can see no objection to such a plan. But if I go I must not,

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directly or indirectly, be used to support or to further any statement or process which, for any reason whatsoever, expressed or unexpressed, I do not wish to support or to further.

If, for any reason, you desire to withdraw your invitation to me, in view of this letter, please feel perfectly free to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles H. Fahs

CHF.J

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September 2, 1926

Mr. Gilbert King,
C/o Mrs. H. E. King,
615 E. Ann St.,
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Gilbert:-

It was some surprise to receive a letter from you and I am glad I perpetrated that article if it did no other good than to bring me this letter.

I know of course that your friend does represent a fairly large proportion of Chinese business men. I heard the same sort of comment three and four years ago. As a matter of fact it was the Chinese who advised Bishop Birney to send them a gunboat to help him out from Hochow, so I am not surprised at the comment you send. However, I am very glad indeed to know what the reaction of those men was.

In spite of what such men say, I am still sure that a very great thing is happening in China in the minds and hearts of the students and intellectual group generally - a thing which, given time, will mean the re-birth of China. It is not strange that business should want law and order for only so can it exist. I should be immensely interested to know what your own reaction to the article was.

If you ever get to New York do not fail to come in and see me.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Yard

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Dictated but not read
by Mr. Yard.

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Sept. 29th, 1926.

Mr. W. J. Couse,
Asbury Park Trust Company,
Asbury Park, N. J.

Dear Will:

A letter just in from Chengtu has stirred me very deeply and I want to share two paragraphs of it with you. I hope you will forgive the very personal parts of it. It is from Dr. Joseph Taylor, head of the Department of English Literature in the University.

After speaking of the terribly lawless conditions and the suffering of the people, he goes on:

"I have one settled conviction and it is that the missionary should stay in China at this time. Even though the regular avenues of service are all closed we still have the high privilege of mediating the love of God to these people by living quiet and helpful lives among them. Perhaps we have put too much reliance on the preaching of the truth and in organized forms of work. More effective living of that truth will have its effect when other methods fail. We for West China until I am retired because of the age limit.

"I never get used to your having to spend the major portion of your time trying to pry men from their money. I think of you as an inspiration to Chinese students, but you know best. How I miss you, Jim! I could just talk with you from morn to dewy eve and swap ideas about a host of things. It is this part of life that I miss most but the good God appoints us our lots in sundried spheres."

Sincerely yours,

James M Yard

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Oct. 4, 1926

Rev. W. C. Craig
Torrington, Conn.

Dear Brother Craig:

You and your men were certainly mighty good to think of our needs in West Chi a. I appreciate it very much, and I am sure that those men out on the field, who are working on a very inadequate budget will be delighted at this extra help.

Now as to the $100.00 from the men's class, I had word just last June from Dr. Beech saying that one of the urgent needs was money for scholarships which the faculty offers to students getting the highest marks in their respective classes. They usually take this money right out of their regular working budget, but if friends will provide these scholarships, the faculty will have that much to the good for the paying of Chinese teachers, or the purchase of equipment. The University will be glad to furnish you with the name and photograph of the student each year who wins the scholarship.

Now as to the microscope, Professor Bayne, one of our brilliant scientists, and I mean that literally, is in need of about eighteen microscopes, which cost $60.00 each. I have secured a dozen of these and so need six more. The fact is that Bayne broke down two years ago from over-work, and came home. We feared he would never be able to return. He seems to have made a complete recovery, and has gone back. Just before he left last summer, he told me that his chief need was these microscopes; because he has only a few microscopes he has to give his freshman course in biology in three divisions instead of in two divisions as he would normally. That means a considerable amount of extra work and nerve fag. Bayne is a real scholar and does all his teaching in Chinese, even writing his formulae and directions in Chinese on the black-board. There are few missionaries in all China who are adept enough in the written language to put their work on the board. If you have any classes, either children or

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adults, who would like to contribute one or two of these microscopes, you would be rendering the university a very real service.

With kindest regards, and many thanks for your efforts in our behalf,

Sincerely yours,

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J. M. Yard

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October 22, 1926

Rev. J. O. Curnow
3 Growvenor Gardens
Muswell Hill
London, N. 10

Dear Brother Curnow:

It is a great pleasure to receive your letter of October 4th. We are glad to know that you are in such excellent health and spirits. I cannot tell you how delighted I was to see your daughter and to know of her great good fortune. We enjoyed her visit with us more than I can say. She is so full of enthusiasm and high spirits that we were all perfectly charmed.

Cyril Canwright got his M. D. a year ago and sailed about a month ago for Tze-chow. His father and mother are still at Delaware and I fear there is no chance of their being sent back.

It is now rumored that our State Department is urging that all women and children be taken out of the interior west of Chungking. It is pretty hard to know what is wise. Travel would be dangerous at present. On the other hand it is possible that conditions in the interior may grow worse, and that it would be better for them to get out while they can. They are, of course, under a very great nervous strain. My belief is that nothing will happen. An individual here and there may be harmed, but of course it is that dread hanging over them that makes it very difficult for them to stay.

I went to see Elizabeth last Saturday at Swarthmore College, and found her very happy and contented with the work there. We are all well.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Curnow and yourself,

Sincerely yours,

J. M. Yard

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COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

Columbus, Ohio
October 26, 1926

Dear Jim:

I am glad to hear from you even if it does add another letter to my millions just now.

Will be glad to help you with the Union University just a little later on, if you will remind me of it. I cannot do it until after I get out of the terrific election expense.

I shall be glad to see if a new commercial handbook on China is ready. Thanks for the pamphlet.

With kindest personal regards to you all,

Yours truly

C H Jones

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

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Nanking, Nov. 13,1926.

Dr. James M. Yard
Secretary, West China Union University
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Yard:

We are yet to hear from you when we do get to Chengtu. In the meanwhile we can only make feeble attempts to keep you posted on our most interesting and varied-experienced "junket". Personally, I have come to see that traveling in China provides all the thrills and headaches you want, tho it furnishes more bits of human interest than traveling about America. Also, while we have been drinking in the beauties of every place from Japan to Korea to Peking and Nanking, and been invited to break bread with all sorts of human comrades from Bishops to Fundamentalists to Chinese "Bolsheviks", and been trying to utter our most irreverential and radical views on China's relations with such magnanimous nations like Great Britain, and such complacent ones like America, at least I, personally, have come to grief on many occasions. My nose and throat, which have been bothering me for quite a while, took on large proportions on our travels, and I have been forced to lie in bed in Peking and Taianfu and Nanking for few days at a stretch, so that finally, after some consultation with Dr. Pryor and Dr. Peterson , we come to the conclusion I had better get my nose and tonsils operated on. Dr. Peterson, a skillful specialist who was formerly in Chengtu and whom you probably know, operated on me, and really put his heart and soul on it. But I stayed in the hospital here than longer we all anticipated. It was found necessary to operate on the old nose three times, to get at all the infected parts about my face, so I did not enjoy medical instruments much. Other complications also took place and made me the victim; for a time they thought I had scarlet fever, but fortunately this proved a false alarm(like the patient). Then, as I was recovering, what should happen but I got the old hives, which made my skin swell and itch all over, so that I was giving the extra occupation of scratching all over my worn-out anatomy, besides being occupied with dire thoughts of immortality and the like. But now after 26 days in the dungeon of a hospital, I am out recuperating in a nice Chinese home nearby. Dr. Peterson is sure skillful and wonderful besides; he comes in daily twice to treat me, and worked at me until he eliminated every cause of trouble. Earl of course has been wonderful thru it all all with me; he comes to see and comfort me three different times a day, and for five days, when they quarantined him during the scarlet fever scare, he acted nobly as my nurse. This generation and both America and China are blessed to have such a magnanimous soul as Earl. I am singularly thankful to have such nice friends as you and Earl to sponsor the start of my career, which so far is anything but promising .

Sincerely Lawrence Lit Sau
Earl Cranston

As you know, troubles along the Yantze and Szechwan do not look very encouraging . It makes me wonder whether life is not a strange mission, and that it takes a strong faith and a courageous spirit to live thru it all, in China especially at this most trying period. But we are praying that she shall come out triumphant and emerge as ready as ever to move along the road to progress and make her singular contribution to this age and civilization. We know you shall continue your good work of interpreting China to your people, and put forth your unbounded spirit in the new task in the interests of West China .China needs friends at this moment, and I firmly believe she can have no better one than in you.

We expect to go down to Shanhai again to see my folks and sail from there when I get strong enough . Bishop Grose is sailing up to-morrow but we shall probably run into him about Ichang or Chungking. He sure has a fine spirit in going out to Chengtu at this time. If nothing stands in the way, we may celebrate Christmas in Chengtu. This we meant to be a Christmas and New Year letter to you, but I am afraid I am boring you to death with this medical tract. Anyway accept our best wishes for a Merry Xmas and a Happy & Splendid New Year, to you & yours truly.

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December 11, 1926.

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

Dear Jim:

I enclose a check $150. in further payment on account of the expenses and salary of Lawrence Lau. I haven't much to report from the other Churches yet, although I am working on the matter and hope to have something early in the year.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Frank

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November 24, 1926

Mr. Lawrence L. Lau
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechuan, China.

Dear Lawrence:

Earl's letter of October 27th has just arrived. I am very sorry indeed to know that you have not been well, and that you have had to undergo several operations. It is good to know that my old friend Peterson was able to take care of you, and I hope that before now you will have completely recovered. I hope also that you have reached Chengtu before this time. We have had such conflicting reports from China that we have not much idea as to where our different friends are.

I am more and more pleased that you are in West China, and that you and Earl will work together for the things in which we all believe. I wish that Paul could have gone along with you both for his sake and for yours.

You will see, no doubt, the letter I wrote to Earl about the fact that Paul had taken up chiro-practic. I have not an idea in the world as to what the attitude of the medical faculty is, but I know that those professional men are peculiar sometimes, and I wanted to have this thing all straight before sending Paul out. I certainly hope that he can go, for he has many very exceptional qualities.

I have not been able to keep in touch with the men up at Columbia as I had hoped this fall. I have had so many outside engagements,

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and of course I spend the evenings with my family, as I was not able to do last spring. I am to speak next week at Wesleyan. After that, I hope to get into touch with Paul Meng, and that whole crowd at Columbia. Mrs. Yard and I have planned to have the Starretts out for a meal but have not even been able to arrange that yet.

I am glad to report that my family are all well. We are going up to Connecticut this afternoon for a family reunion over the Thanksgiving holidays, so we are looking forward to a very happy re-union.

With best wishes,

Yours as ever,

JMY:MD

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not read.

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Dec. 15th, 1926.

Mr. Frank H. Ryder,
First M. E. Church,
Cobleskill, N. Y.

Dear Frank:-

It did me good to see that check for $150.00, for the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions is getting nervous over this account. You see, he has been advancing salary and travel since last July.

I hope you will work this matter up just as soon as possible. One good talking point will be that Lau is actually on the job and that up to date he has shown the finest spirit possible.

He spent about two weeks in the hospital at Nanking, having had some sort of an operation on his nose. He suffered a good deal and was pretty ill, but in a letter from him the other day he was about ready to be dismissed from the hospital. I hope soon to be able to send you a letter from him actually dated in West China. In the meantime anything that you can do to hurry this thing along will be very much appreciated. You see, the Board of Foreign Missions considers him a University man and they do not like to advance money for the University, in their present financial condition.

I hope that you and the family will have the best possible time over the Christmas Holidays. With kindest regards to you all,

Sincerely yours,

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My dear Mr Yard:

I enclose check and receipt for your expenses as per our agreement. $25.00 Please sign & return receipt.

Can you write me soon for insertion in the Congressional Record say 350 words to 500, of your talk. I'd much appreciate it.

Yours truly,
Benjamin C. Marsh

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December 23, 1926.

Rev. J.M.Yard, D.D.,
West China Union University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Jim:

It has been a slow process but I have at last gotten out my letter, and am making arrangements to have it mailed within a week or so. I enclose copy herein. I am going to accompany it with a short personal letter to the preachers asking them to present it personally to their Boards, and I hope we will get the desired results.

With best wishes to you for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Frank

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Encl.

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December 1926

Dear Brothers:

I am frequently approached by both preachers and laymen to know if there is not some way whereby a local Church can have a personal representative on the foreign field from whom it can receive reports and in whose support it can take a more personal interest, the idea being that it will be much easier to awaken and maintain interest and secure financial support where the project is definitely related to the individual Church. This can be done by any Church under the "Parish Abroad Plan", which necessitates the selection of some project which is included within the plans and budget of the Board of Foreign Missions. Those Churches which have met their World Service quotas in full can take on any additional projects in which they may be interested, and in that case the entire amount they contribute will go direct to such project.

Your Church met its World Service quota in full last year, and I extend my congratulations and hope you will continue to do this in the future. It is because you have done your duty in this respect that I am now suggesting a project in which I am sure you will take a great interest if you become fully acquainted with it. My object is to interest you in contributing something extra, that is, over and above your World Service quota, toward this enterprise, in order that you may be put in personal touch with this work, and may receive from time to time special reports. A plan is being worked out whereby you will have pictures of the representative in question, and of the scene of his activities,and reports of the work which is being accomplished. All of these things will awaken an interest in your people, especially in your children and young people, and make you feel that you are definitely related to China.

The project which I have in mind is the support of a teacher in West China Union University, Mr. Lawrence L. Lau. This University is located in Chengtu, Szechwan Province, West China, being the Capitol of China's largest and most populous province. West China has a population of more than one hundred million, and Szechwan Province is larger than France. In all this vast territory this University is the only school of college grade. It is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York so that its scholastic standing is unquestioned. It has departments of arts, medicine, education and sociology, with the bare beginnings of some work in agriculture.

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One of the greatest needs of the University at the present time is a larger Chinese staff. At the present time there are no funds to support these Chinese professors. This University was organized and is supported by the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Baptist Church, the Canadian Methodist Church, and the English Quakers, and our share of the support is $6,000. per year, and up to this time our Board has been able to pay it, but it has now announced to the other Churches that it will only be able to pay 60% of its pledge from this time on. Can you imagine what the other Churches think of us and of the effect on a college which now has a thousand students from the finest families in all West China.

We discovered last Spring a fine young man, Lawrence L. Lau, who was taking graduate work at Columbia University, and who was willing to become head of the Department of Sociology. This was a most opportune thing because Dr. George Neumann who has taught Sociology for the past fifteen years has been compelled to return home on account of health.

Mr. Lau was born in Honolulu, is a graduate of the University of Hawaii, has taken his Masters and his Doctors degrees in Sociology. While in Honolulu he was Student Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., and during the past year was Secretary of the Chinese Christian Students Association for the City of New York. He is an exceptionally promising young man, and all the friends of West China are delighted that he has been willing to accept the position. His salary is $75. per month, and his traveling expenses from New York to Chengtu will be about $600.

Friends of Troy Conference will be interested to know that Mr. Charles Gibson of Albany has undertaken the support of Professor Paul Cheng, a friend of Mr. Lau, who has gone with Mr. Lau to West China to start a Department of Pharmacy in the Medical Department of West China Union University. Can anyone estimate the value of these two young men to that new old world?

The Cobleskill Church, having met its quota in full for many years, has subscribed and recently paid $300. toward this West China project. It is my earnest desire to raise the other $1200. necessary from Churches similarly situated, or from individuals in the Churches. I therefore address you, Pastor and members, and ask that you take this matter seriously to heart and consider it in your Official Board Meeting at your earliest opportunity. $100., $200., or up to $500. will help greatly, and will allow you to feel that you have a personal part in this wonderful missionary opportunity. As stated before, as soon as Mr. Lau has begun his work, it is the plan for an interchange of correspondence and pictures with his

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supporters, and I am sure this will make the project more than self-sustaining to any amount which you may decide to subscribe toward it. May I hear from you soon?

Sincerely yours,

FRANK H. RYDER.

P.S. I enclose herein copy of a letter just received from Mr. Lau which is self-explanatory.

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Attached to Ryder's letter, Dec. 1926

Sailing up the Yantze enroute to Szechwan
Nov. 20, 1926.

Mr. Frank Ryder
Cobleskill, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Ryder:

Allow me to write you a Christmas and New Year letter, as more and more I feel we are closer to each other than casually. I recall with pleasure the fine spirit you showed towards me when I was attending the Troy Conference for a day with Dr. James Yard in April 1926 in Albany and when you gave Dr. Yard and myself so much time to speak for our cause out in West China. Even as I write, I am gripped with a sense of shame that I did not thank you sooner for your efforts which have made possible my coming out to teach in West China Union University, besides making possible my varied experiences touring my native country which I have not seen for 16 years.

It has been very pleasant all the way on my travels from New York to San Francisco to Honolulu, where I spent some time with my folks, then to Japan, Korea, Mukden, Peking, Tientsin, Tsinnanfu, Chufu, Tainanfu, Nanking, Shanghai, and now up the Yantze to Chungking to Chengtu. Mr. Earl Cranston, grandson of Bishop Cranston, acted as my guide and companion, and thus we got to learn much of value. It would be boresome to tell you everything, but some aspects might interest you. The shrines in Tokio and Nikko are very worth seeing, as they give one an insight into the spirit of loyalty and devotion of the Japanese people. The art and architectural work of the temples is most exquisite. The Japanese also are rebuilding Yokohama and Tokio rapidly since the earthquake in 1923. One cannot help revel in the sights about the city of Peking; the massive Great Wall, the towering city gates, the many Heaven-pointed pagodas, the grandeur of the Imperial Summer palaces and courts, with their characteristic upturned eaves, quiet pavilions, the heavy mule-drawn carts on the unduly dusty roads rumbling along Buicks and Jewetts, the hundreds of patient, strong, but happy coolies pulling their loads- all these and more one must marvel. Then there is the Temple of Heaven, the symbol of China's spirituality, when the masses relied on their Emperor to give thanks to God for the year's harvest; once a year the Emperor mounted the marble steps and offered his prayer of thanks on the Altar of Heaven. One feels that all these are features of China, which will persist and carry China forward to a better day.

You have probably read about the Wahnsien incident on the Yantze, when the British unmercifully shot up hundreds of innocent Chinese. Since then I have been thinking that more men are needed to give expression to those convictions of justice and equity as applied in China, such as your Laymen's Association voiced last April in your resolution which was sent to President Coolidge. The time has come when foreigners must take a righteous stand on gunboats and extrality. I hope more Americans will create a strong public opinion on those principles of justice which have made America herself. China is passing through a trying crisis, and America's sympathy is most needed.

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I can have no better Christmas wish for you than some day your busy activities and work will permit you to visit China; you will enjoy her quaintness, the varied bits of human life and happening, and taking delight in seeing as only a man of your spirit can see, some of her perplexed problems. West China will most assuredly welcome you, and so I sincerely hope you can honor us thus.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Lit Lau

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America is interested in the International Concession at Shanghai and has a good share in its Government since Mr. Stirling Fessenden is Chairman of the Municipal Council. During the disturbance of May 30th, 1925, 13 out of the 20 Men of War in the Shanghai Harbor were Americans and American Marines were stationed in the most conspicuous places in the City.

America's further interest in China is contained in her loans and investments in Shanghai and other places amounting to $60,000,000.00. This includes investments in Business, loans to Railroads and to the Chinese Government.

American gun boats patrol the Yangtse River as far as Chungking (1500 miles from Shanghai). There are also American Regulars at Tientsin and Marines in the Legation Guard at Peking. The Chinese greatly resent all this display of Military Force.

The American Chambers of Commerce in China have consistently urged the Government to take a strong stand and have asked for more gun boats for the upper Yangtse. Six are now being built. All such plans are out of date. Hereafter both Missionaries and business men must go to China "at their own adventure" or stay at home.

It is poor business, to say nothing of diplomacy, to antagonize the Nation that is destined to be the greatest Power in Asia. This is an hour for vision and courage in our State Department.

We ought to understand that what is happening in China is not due to a revival of Superstitution. China is not anti-foreign in the old sense of the term. She is anti-foreign domination. She is determined to be free and looks forward to the day when, as in the past, she shall take the place that is her due as the largest, richest and most populous

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Nation in the Far East.

The present movement in China is due to the fact that she is in the throes of a tremendous intellectual, moral and industrial renaissance. She has been aroused by unjust treatment on the part of the Powers by the awakening minds of her students - thousands of whom have studied Abroad; and by the new ideas which have flooded her from men like Darwin, Spencer, Huxley, Wells, Dewey and Bertrand Russell.

Understanding, appreciation and friendship will carry us far in our effort to cooperate with China during the next generation. Threats, scorn and Military Force will be worse than useless.

By - JAMES M. YARD.

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Dec. 15, 1926.

Mr. W. J. Couse, Pres.,
Asbury Park Trust Co.,
Asbury Park, N. J.

Dear Will:-

The West China Union University Campaign is moving along. We hope soon to secure some rather large sums for Endowment which will relieve the strain on our regular budget. I hope to see you soon to tell you about the United Campaign for all the Christian Universities in China. It is a most interesting development.

In the meantime we are greatly in need of funds to tide us over this first year of the Campaign. Naturally we can only appeal to our friends for such purpose. You know me and I think you now know enough about the University to make an intelligent contribution. Please make it as much as possible.

If you could make such a gift before February 1st, you would be giving us a helping hand when it is most needed. The brave men and women at Chengtu are holding on in the midst of acute dangers and are making a truly great contribution to the Cause of Christian Education in China.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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James M. Yard

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Dec. 17, 1926.

Mr. Walter Crawford,
1821 Corson Street,
Pasadena, California.

Dear Walter:-

It is a long time since I have heard from you and I am prompted to send you this note at Christmas time. I should have sent you a nice card I know, a week ago. However, this will do for New Year Greetings to you and all the family.

Please write me one of your characteristic letters and let me know your plans for the future. Do you plan to go back again without your family, or have you had enough of that? It looks as though Canton were going to get control of China and if she does, I imagine they will set up a stable government. The reports would indicate that Great Britain is prepared to acknowledge her Government, which would give her standing with the Powers and enable her to borrow money. Personally I hope that can happen very soon.

I think you and I better hurry back there and preach Birth Control to the Masses. Certainly China ought to do something along that line. Of course intelligent people all over the world now practice Birth Control and have children only when they want them. Why not give this knowledge to the Masses everywhere. Dan San-Si once said to me that the worst thing ever said in China was from Mencius that, "the worst sin of all is to have no sons." You ought to be a good one on such a subject.

Elizabeth is home for the holidays and we are having an awfully good time. She has enjoyed Swarthmore immensely. Mabelle's Father and Mother

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and youngest brother drove down from Watertown and spent Christmas with us. We had a perfectly wonder time. We saved up our pennies and went to Wallace Lodge for dinner. So Mabelle was saved the fag of cooking a big Christmas dinner.

I am finding it mighty difficult to get much money, but I am holding on, waiting until our United Campaign gets started. If we can get that thing going with a good Organizer at the head, I can do my full share. I suspect you were right in your analysis of my ability in going it alone. However, I have made some contacts with some valuable friends from whom I am sure the organization will eventually get large gifts. I shall probably not get the credit for it, but if the University gets the money I shall not worry. I am picking up a little money all the time but nothing very large. I hope from now on to reap something from the seed I have been sowing during the past nine months. I am busy two or three times every Sunday practically and enjoy that part of the work very much. I have spoken not only to Churches, but to various Organizations that are interested in International Affairs. I have also been in touch with Harry Ward and Senator Borah, and believe I have done something for China.

I spoke at the Philadelphia Preachers' Meeting a week ago on "China Today." Several of the New Jersey men got after me good and hard for things I didn't say. They said I talked too much about Politics and not enough about Salvation. They like Jenny Hughes much better. They also asked me about Modernism in the colleges of China. I cited you as one of the safe and sane defenders of the faith. I hope that is still true of you.

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Now I hope I have said enough to start you on a letter. We are all most anxious to know about you and your plans. We have no plans. I think I might get the Shanghai Church, but that would mean we would have to leave Elizabeth and Priscilla and we do not want to do that.

With love and Greetings from us all to all the Crawfords,

Yours as ever,

JAMES M. YARD

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Dec. 21, 1926.

Rev. E. H. Cressy,
23 Yuen Ming Yuen Road,
Shanghai, China.

Dear Cressy:-

We are not ready yet with any sort of details in relation to our Financial Campaign. Naturally the thing is moving very slowly when so many Boards are involved. You on the field must decide what your needs are, then we shall see whether we can get the funds for Endowment. Dr. Eric North and I are doing everything we can to hurry the thing along and as soon as anything definite is decided we shall try to let you know.

We are all wondering just what affect the present conditions in China will have on a Financial Campaign. What do you think is to be the future of our Mission Schools? Is it probable that the Chinese will insist on driving out all Foreigners, not only from places of responsibility, but even from membership on the Teaching Staff? Are they prepared to finance these Schools themselves? Is there any likelihood that the Government will confiscate the property and use the buildings for their own Universities

Such questions are troubling our minds and we walk rather hesitatingly, for we feel very much in the dark. I think it would be very difficult if not impossible at the present time, to launch a really big campaign for China. Whether or not it will be better or worse six months from now - who can say. Have you any guess on this question?

I wish you would take up these questions with Dr. Wallace and send me a brief reply as soon as convenient.

With kindest regards,

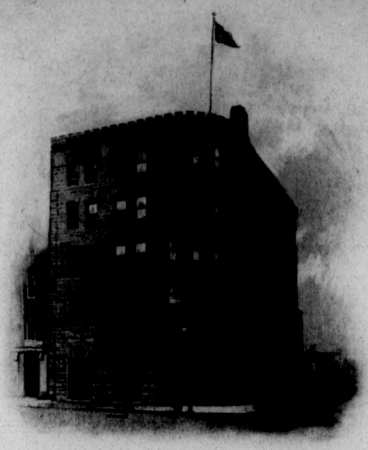
Sincerely yours,

JAMES M. YARD

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December 18, 1926.

Rev. James M. Yard,
c/o West China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Jim:

Let me say that the letter you are sending out under date of December 15 and in line with the discussion we had when you were at our house, is very good. Unless we had talked the matter over I would accept it as a personal note. The text is excellent.

I wish I could respond to your appeal, but I am now carrying more load than ever. I have just paid $250. on our State Camp for boys at Wawayanda and have another $250. to pay before July of next year. In addition to this I have pledged heavily to the new local YMCA building.

We are looking forward to seeing you folks again and hope we can have a visit together before long.

Greetings of the season to you and yours.

Yours cordially,

W. J. Couse.

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