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APPOINTMENTS

During Dr. Agnew's absence Dr. Hwang Dwan-fang has been appointed acting-head of the Department of Oral Histology and Pathology, with special responsibility for the Division of Pathology, Dr. Liu Tsen-chen taking charge of the Division of Histology.

Mr. Li, the former Athletics Director, has resigned, and his place will be taken by Mr. Wen Ting who is expected to arrive almost immediately.

REHABILITATION APPEALS

Of late considerable time has been given to the preparation of lists of equipment and books, etc. in hopes that such agencies as UNRRA, CNRRA and certain British Firms may be able to help us to replace losses caused by wear and tear during the war years, and also to add much needed equipment which it has been impossible to secure during this period.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

Had it not been for the assistance of the United China Relief and British Aid to China Funds, the University would have been hard put to it to meet its commitments during the war years. Our thanks are also due to certain British firms who during last year and this have already contributed almost £1,000 in unconditional grants for the general maintenance of the University. These latter sums have been placed in a special account and allocations will be made as special needs arise, such as for equipment to be sold by the guest universities. (N.B. the W.C.U.U. is being given first chance to purchase equipment and supplies which these universities are not able to take with them when they return to their own cities).

Letters have been received from Rev. Noel B. Slater of the China Christian Universities Association, England, reporting the possibility of securing grants from Imperial Chemical Industries for the financing of Chairs and Assistantships, in Agriculture, and also of interesting certain other British Firms in practical projects of the Chinese Christian Universities.

Thanks to special funds available from United China Relief it was possible at the New Year season to make a commodity grant to all faculty members of the five Universities. This spring, however, it has not been possible to make education grants; instead education loans, repayable before the end of this term, have been made available for all families which have children in school.

For some time there has been a fear that the Universities would no longer be able to secure rice at Government-controlled price. Fortunately, as the result of negotiations with Governor Chang Chuin and Commissioner Kang, it is almost certain that the Universities will be able to purchase rice at a rate lower than the market price until the end of the spring term.

The University is very happy to announce the following donations from its alumni:

\$100,000 for two scholarships from Drs. Tang Yuen-sung and Chin Djih-hsien, one in honor of Dr. W.R. Morse and the other Dr. Janet M. Kilborn. The scholarships will probably be annual.

\$ 50,000 from Dr. Ngan Djih-li for the undesignated use of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology.

\$100,000 from Dr. Ld Djong-lin, for some undesignated purpose in the College of Medicine and Dentistry.

The sum of \$5,277,875.16 has been received from Chungking, part of the University Alumni Endowment Fund. This represents a gain of \$3,277,875.16 on the investment. \$5,000,000 is being reinvested for a period of three months in the Chengtu District Salt Distribution Company.

The University has just made a grant of \$50,000 to Goucher School for the year 1945-46 in recognition of the fact that this School is one of the practice schools used by our students in Education.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

For many years the W.C.U.U. has had a Natural History Museum and from time to time interesting collections have been made but thus far nothing has been done to organise it to effect. The time has now arrived to coordinate and develop this Natural History Museum along the following lines:

- (a) The creation and encouragement of more intensive study of the flora and fauna of West China, including Szechwan, Sikang, Yunnan, Chinghai and Tibet.
- (b) The collection of biological specimens for teaching, research and exhibition.
- (c) The promotion of biological knowledge and the introduction of peculiar flora and fauna to the world.
- (d) The supply or exchange of biological materials of scientific value with other institutions in China and abroad on a cooperative basis.

ALLOCATION OF BUILDINGS

The University is considering the re-allocation of buildings which have been occupied by our guest universities during the war years, and before the end of the term we hope to have a clearly defined plan for the best use of each of our buildings.

We are glad to learn from Miss Priest that plans are in hand for making a special grant to cover the repair of all our buildings, the replacement of furniture, and to put all damaged property into good condition.

HODGKIN MEMORIAL FUND LECTURES

We anticipate with pleasure the coming of Prof. P.M. Roxby of the British Council to deliver two lectures under the Hodgkin Memorial Fund. The dates provisionally set are Thursday and Friday, April 4th and 5th. His subjects will be announced later.

COLLEGE GRADE NURSING EDUCATION

Plans are being considered for the institution of a four years' college grade School of Nursing Education, leading to the degree of B.N.S. (Bachelor of Nursing Science) connected with the College of Medicine and Dentistry.

POST-WAR PLANNING

Consideration continues to be given in New York and London to the question of post-war planning for the Christian Universities in China. In December last the New York Committee had before it the detailed report of the Post-War Planning Commission of the Council of Higher Education in China, and took note that this report left it open for the individual universities concerned to send their

reactions direct to New York for consideration before the final report of the Committee is made. Early in January the recording secretaries of our Board of Directors forwarded the opinion of the Executive Committee and Administrative Officers, and from their letter we quote the following:

"Chengtu has been, is and always will be a cultural centre of China. For centuries the people of West China have looked to Chengtu as their cultural centre, noted for poets and writers whose influence was country-wide. In Manchu days it was only surpassed by Peiping in student population. In pre-war days the West China Union University attracted students not only from all parts of Szechwan but from many other provinces. It is the declared policy of the Government to continue to maintain Chengtu as a leading centre of culture and education.

"The number of graduates from Senior Middle Schools seeking a University education in the Western provinces will be tremendously increased in the immediate future.

"We feel it is imperative to build up a well-balanced University and not to be content with a College of Medicine and Dentistry supported by comparatively weak Colleges of Arts and Science.

"We agree to the limitation of numbers.

"We must honor our obligations to all members of the staff who have served the University with a truly sacrificial spirit during the war years.

"We are firmly determined to maintain the Christian character of the University.

"We cannot agree that no graduate work should be undertaken by the University. We cannot admit the force of the argument from geographical position put forward in the report of the Post-war Planning Commission. There are many forms of research for which Chengtu is ideally situated, and the statement that we are far from other cultural centres constitutes a claim for the establishment of a strong graduate University here. We would, therefore, reiterate the President's recommendations of October last:

1. That the West China Union University be included as the strong university in the West along with the "one in the East, the one in the North and ultimately the one in the South."
2. That the West China University be recognized as a University in which it is expected that research work will be undertaken in any department which reaches a sufficiently high standard, and where there is a real demand.
3. That as suggested by the minute of the recent meeting of the Council of Higher Education further study be given to the question of graduate work for the Christian Universities in China."

RELATIONSHIPS WITH NEW YORK AND LONDON

While the West China Union University is still a member of the Associated Boards in New York, it is also one of the seven Universities which has now formed the United Board for Christian Colleges in China. This United Board will replace the Associated Boards. The seven Universities already in the United Board are Cheeloo, Fukien, Ginling, Hwa Nan, Nanking, West China and Yenching, and each has its own Committee to deal with matters relating to itself alone. Whereas matters of general implication are dealt with by the United Board. For some time this United Board will coexist with the Associated Boards - at any rate until the other participating Universities elect to join in the United Board. Under this new organization the members of the several University Committees

being now freed from some of the financial and other routine, should be better able to become vividly acquainted with the needs of these institutions and to spread enthusiasm for them, thereby not only assuring them of more adequate financial support, but also of that inestimable factor of spiritual fellowship.

Friends may be interested to see the Statement of Purpose which was adopted at the first meeting of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, held in New York on September 25th.

"Our purpose is to seek to maintain and extend for the youth of China under Christian auspices opportunities for higher education in its various branches. We hold that those who look to God as Father and follow our Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour must seek the truth in honesty and in freedom, must gain knowledge and skill that the loving service which He inspires may be wisely and capably rendered, and must be bound together in fellowship in this high endeavour. No sounder spiritual basis for a valid higher education exists. To the maintenance of such a basis we commit ourselves, eager that we may do our full share in serving the youth of a great country and in training the leadership of the courageous Christian Church in China.

"Herein we shall work as partners with the Presidents and Boards of Managers of the Colleges in China. Truly to serve their purpose the Colleges must be distinctively Chinese representing all that is noble and fine in Chinese culture and life. At the same time they must steadfastly hold to the Christian conviction that the good, the true, the beautiful, wherever found, are the rightful heritage of all the children of the Heavenly Father and must demonstrate that the authority of Christ is above the authority of any civilisation and any culture. We count collaboration with our Chinese colleagues in prayer, in counsel, and in mutual support essential for the success of the colleges and pledge ourselves thereto, as a demonstration of the spirit for which the colleges stand.

"We record our satisfaction in the registration of the colleges with the Government of China on the basis of their statements of purpose to continue to maintain the aims of the original founders. In this we unite with them."

In England the former United Committee for Christian Universities has now been strengthened and reorganised as the China Christian Universities Association, with the Archbishop of York as chairman.

(This bulletin is being circulated at the request of University officers. It is expected that there will be others to follow. Should any of you who receive it know of other people who ought to be on the mailing list, the office will be glad to add them.

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

NEWS BULLETIN

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April 1st, 1946.

The Administration has been considerably cheered and encouraged by appreciative comments as to the part which this Bulletin may be able to play as a unifying factor in the life of the University. Through its pages we desire to share all news of general interest. Therefore, if you come across any items which might be included in the Bulletin, please send them immediately to the Vice-Chancellor's Office in the Administration Building. Thank you.

Staff Items.

During the past months Mr. H.L. Chang has made several attempts to resign the deanship of Science, but the President has declined to accept his resignation. However, now that Mr. Chang is preparing to leave for the States to undertake post-graduate study the President has no option. On behalf of the University he has expressed to Mr. Chang sincere appreciation for his service to the College during the war years.

Professor Ho Wen-chun has been appointed as the new Dean of Science.

Another appointment in the College of Science is that of Professor Liu Ch'en-chao as Curator of the Natural History Museum.

Mr. Brian Harland will be leaving on furlough at the close of the present term to take up a three year appointment with the Department of Geology in Cambridge University, England. At the termination of this appointment it is expected that Mr. and Mrs. Harland will return to West China, by which time it is hoped that we shall be able to have a Department of Geology.

A cordial welcome is extended to Dr. and Mrs. Wallace Crawford on their return from furlough. They travelled from India via Shanghai and up the Yangtze in order to escort heavy baggage for a number of our returning staff members. The baggage is still in Ichang awaiting an early opportunity to proceed further. Dr. Crawford will resume the superintendency of the Leper Hospital.

Dr. Best paid a flying visit to Shanghai on University Hospital business.

On Saturday evening, February 9th, the members of the Dental Faculty, the University Dental Clinic, the Dental Alumni Association and the student body of the University arranged a very successful dinner party in honour of Dean Ashley W. Lindsay, founder of Dentistry in the University. Congratulations were extended to Dr. Lindsay on his honorary degree of L.L.D., conferred upon him by the University of Toronto at its June Convocation 1945.

The President has granted leave of absence to Dr. David S.K. Dai for six months or one year as from the close of the Spring Term, to enable him to join the staff of the Central Hospital, Nanking.

Mr. Cheo Yun-wen, Director of Student Activities, who has been ill for almost a year suffering from tuberculosis, is now at his home.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Chang Dji-ki, for over twenty years a most loyal worker in our Bursar's office, who two years ago had to resign on account of ill health.

Five Universities Faculty Retreat.

The Spring Retreat of the Faculty of the Five Universities held on Sunday morning, March 17th, was a particularly happy one. Devotions were led by Prof. Eva Spicer and Rev. K.K. Hsiao, and President Wu Yi-fang's able address was followed by discussion concerning the obligations of a Christian faculty.

Our Guests

Dr. E.A. Fridell, Board Secretary of the American Baptist Church, New York, and a member of the Planning Committee of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, visited Chengtu for a few days during his tour of the Baptist Mission in West China. Representative members of the staff of the University - Deans, Heads of Departments and other administrative officers - had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Fridell informally at tea.

Yet another Mission Board Secretary is in Chengtu - Mr. Paul D. Sturge of the Friends Service Council who is attending the Szechwan Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends, and as Vice-Chairman of the China Christian University Association plans to spend a week or so in making contacts with the Five Universities.

No one can fail to recognise the change in the atmosphere of this campus brought about by V-J Day, since when the main topic of conversation amongst staff and students of the guest Universities appears to be the return to their own loved campuses. The coming together of the Five Universities during these war years has meant many problems, but it has also brought much gain in the way of happy fellowship to host and guests alike. West China will indeed miss the staff and students of Cheeloo, Ginling, the University of Nanking and Yenching when they finally take their departure. On Saturday afternoon, April 6th, a tea reception is being arranged to afford an opportunity of expressing appreciation of the benefits derived through working together during these war years and the best of wishes to our guests as they set out on the homeward trek to face the terrific task of rehabilitation.

Recent Gifts.

For the sake of better correlation and coordination in University finances College Deans have been requested to remind their Departments that all special funds for the operation of projects as well as all invested funds should be recorded and all accounting undertaken through the Bursar's Office.

We take pleasure in announcing the following gifts to the University:

CN\$1,000,000.00 from the State Department of the United States for the preparation and publication of a Source Book on Chinese Southwestern Ethnology which the Archaeological Museum is preparing.

US\$1,000.00 worth of special equipment from the Commission on Medical Education to the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, to be used by Lin Chuen-yiu in a research programme of the metabolism and permeability of red blood cells.

CN\$420,000.00 for a survey of malaria carrying mosquitos in the southern part of Szechwan, by Hsu Kwei-chin, of the Department of Pathology.

Canadian \$12,000.00 worth of medical books from the Canadian Red Cross Society, together with

Canadian \$2,500.00 worth of anaesthesia equipment and supplies.

CN\$100,000.00 through the Methodist Mission for a scholarship for a Christian student in Medicine from an anonymous donor.

Sincere thanks are due to Madame Chiang who has recently presented the University with a pedigreed bull and cow.

On the eve of the departure of the R.A.F. Training Mission, Air Vice-Marshal F. MacNeece Foster made a delightful speech to the Monday morning Assembly, and presented the University with over 900 tins of meat, to be used for University functions, staff and student entertainments and expeditions. Application should be made through College Deans and Heads of Departments to the Administration Office.

Cooperation in Science.

May we draw attention to the fact that extracts from a most interesting article on "Science in the Christian Universities at Chengtu" written by William Band, Professor of Physics of Yenching on loan to the British Scientific Mission to China, April 1944, have been placed in the General Library and also in the Branch Libraries on the campus and in the city hospitals.

Huang Hsi Ch'eng Collection

An agreement has been entered into between Mr. Huang Hsi-ch'eng and the West China Union University, whereby Mr. Huang places his fine collection of 766 museum pieces in the permanent care of the University Archaeological Museum. This valuable collection will help to throw light upon the ancient civilisation of West China, correct misconceptions in regard to its history, and promote scientific knowledge. Mr. Huang will continue to act as Curator of his Collection. The financing of the Collection will be shared by Mr. Huang and the University Museum.

University Dental Clinic Extension

Funds are now in hand to permit the erection of a much needed south extension to the University Dental Clinic building. The foundations are in and the brick work well advanced.

Landscaping.

During the past few weeks the Landscape Committee has been at work making the best use possible of the University's grant of CN\$100,000 for the planting of trees, shrubs and hedges to improve the appearance of our campus. The members of this committee are just as eager as are the farmers around Chengtu for spring rains!

A Summer School.

Plans are on foot for the establishment during the long vacation of a Summer School covering two types of work in Mathematics and English, one with credits and the other without. Such a school will be of particular benefit to students who are not up to University standard in these subjects and yet are desirous of sitting for our entrance examinations for the next school year, or to those who need to repeat courses.

Student Activities.

In their keen desire to support the Government in its demands that Russia fulfil its pledges, the students on February 26 requested permission to strike for a three day period to enable them to organise public opinion. Permission was given for one day's holiday. However as most students appear to have remained away from classes two days the President's Council has decided that examination dates shall be postponed for two days in order to make up the full Spring Term.

The President reports that information received from reliable sources makes it appear that in certain religious meetings and in other groups, political ideologies are presented and discussed rather than the main business for which these groups have been organized. This he considers harmful both to Christian organizations and to the University which should not mix in party politics. Teachers and advisers of student groups are urged to cooperate with the University to prevent further unhappy incidents,

Nutritional Aid Plan

In view of the undernourishment and unsatisfactory health conditions in the five Universities when Lady Seymour visited Chengtu in April 1945, on her return to Chungking she sponsored a special grant from the British United Aid to China Fund for the purpose of providing extra nourishment for students suffering from tuberculosis and general debility.

The distribution of this special grant has been undertaken by a Joint Committee of the Five Universities. The Committee decided that students qualifying for help should receive extra food rather than money, and therefore requested the China Nutritional Aid Council to do the actual planning and serving of this food. Special meals are therefore served at three centres between 9 and 10,30 each morning from Monday to Saturday inclusive. This scheme has been in operation since June 4th and up to the end of November the expenditure amounted to just over two and a half million dollars. Sufficient funds are in hand to carry on this work until the close of the Spring Term.

The numbers benefitting from this special aid each month are given as follows:

June 65; July 83; August 74; September 50; October 187; November 184; December 201; January 174; February 160 plus.

Among these students 50% are suffering from tuberculosis in varying degree and 20% from anaemia.

When the guest Universities leave Chengtu the Joint Committee on Nutritional Aid will cease to function. It is therefore hoped that something may be done to secure sufficient funds to permit the continuance of this service to West China's needy students.

Post War Planning

Friends will be interested to learn that Prof. Joseph Needham, F.R.S., Head of the British Scientific Mission, has given enthusiastic support to the opinions expressed by our President and by the Secretaries of the Board of Directors - as set forth on page 3 of last month's issue of this Bulletin. We quote from a letter which Prof. Needham sent on February 28th to Rev. Noel B. Slater of the China Christian Universities Association and to Dr. Ballou of the Associated Boards:

"As I have had the opportunity of forming, during the past three years, a rather extensive acquaintance with the Chinese Universities, and with Chinese Science and Technology in general, I have been asked by certain Chinese scientific men of my acquaintance, and for whom I have the highest admiration and respect, to venture upon a few comments concerning the plans now being drawn up for the reorganization of the Christian Universities and Colleges in China.....

"I shall confine my remarks to the following two points:

- (1) The proposed division into Research Universities and Non-Research Universities will never work.
- (2) If, nevertheless, it be proceeded with, West China Union University at Chengtu should on no account be classed among the Non-Research Universities.

"With regard to the first of these points, the proposed division of the Christian Universities into Research and Non-Research Universities will never work because it is, in point of fact, frankly impossible to get satisfactory teaching professors who are not at the same time interested in research. All the

Chinese scientists of high standing with whom I have discussed this matter are in full agreement with me on this, and so would all scholars be at any of the great seats of learning in the world, Cambridge, Paris, Harvard or Berkeley. If financial stringency makes it essential to cut down excrescences, to exchange extensiveness for intensive worth, then the only way to do it is to amalgamate the Christian institutions still further than any of the above documents seem to contemplate.

"It is my belief that rather than maintain a number of second or third-rate academic institutions, it would be better to have none at all, as the name and nature of the Christian religion would not then be associated with inferior scholarship and low standards of science and learning. My feeling about the Christian Universities in China, which I expressed in conversation when I was in London and New York last winter, to your representatives, is that they have largely failed to provide what I consider to be the fundamental quality of a University, namely, the presence of a certain number of scholars of the highest distinction on the campus. Even if an undergraduate only comes in contact with them once or twice during his college life, he understands therefrom what science and learning are about. In my own personal experience, I look back in particular to contacts of this kind with Professor Burkitt the theologian and Professor E.G. Browne the Persian scholar, at Cambridge, although I myself was a medical student.

"The only way, therefore, as I see it, to produce Christian Universities in China of really high quality, is to concentrate and concentrate again and again, so as to form the fewest centres of the highest possible type.

"With regard to the second point, if, in spite of such advice as may be offered, the policy of forming Research Universities and Non-Research Universities is followed, it will be, in my opinion, a most retrograde step if West China Union University in particular is classified as a Non-Research University.

"West China Union University, as can not be too much emphasized, is situated in a region of China which is close to some of the least explored regions of the world. There is therefore extremely rich research material available, and the importance of this is clearly evidenced by the fact that some of the best Chinese scientists with international reputations..... are willing and desirous of remaining at West China Union University for some years to come, instead of joining the wild rush now beginning to return to the fleshpots of the coastal cities.....

"to the above may be added the consideration that the presence of other Universities, such as Nanking, Yenching and Cheeloo, at Chengtu during the war, has, I believe, acted as a powerful stimulus to the Huahsi faculty. They in turn have stimulated the guests who have, moreover, been deeply impressed by the wonderfully rich and unexplored fauna and flora, geology, and Tibetan border anthropology, with all their possibilities.

"In sum, I would say that I can think of no more retrograde and regrettable step than to classify West China Union University among the Non-Research Universities. I find myself, therefore, in the completest agreement with the letter of President Lincoln Dsang of Oct. 29th, 1945, and with the Recording Secretaries' letter of Jan. 9th, 1946."

Changes in New York Office.

Dr. Gerald F. Winfield, former Professor of Biology at Cheeloo University, more recently on the staff of the Office of War Information at Chungking, has already taken up his duties in the New York Office as Promotional Secretary of the Associated Boards.

Mr. Earle H. Ballou, Executive Secretary of the Associated Boards, will be leaving New York before long to rejoin the work of the North China Kung Li Hui. His place is to be taken by Dr. McMullen who has spent nearly thirty-five years in China, and has served as president of one of the American Colleges; Dr. McMullen is keenly alert to the problems of all branches of the Christian movement in China, and incidentally has had the unusual distinction of serving during a critical period of history as a member of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

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May 1st, 1946.

The past few weeks have been full of unusual activity. Many of the end-of-the-term activities normally occupying our time in May and June have had to be telescoped into a very brief period. Spice has been added to life through the presence of an exceptionally large number of guests who have evidently decided they should not delay their visits any longer lest they miss seeing this unique Five Universities Organization in operation.

Already a considerable number of the staff of our guest Universities have taken their departure from our campus. The difficulties of travel prevent any major exodus, but by ones and twos or in small parties they are making their way homewards. Before the end of May the great bulk expects to be gone.

Our campus life will certainly be the poorer for their going. As we contemplate our comings and goings without them we are the more glad of the many associations and happy times enjoyed together. We shall miss them.

As they travel the many weary miles; as they meet the dangers of the journey our prayers for their guidance and for the blessings of the Father of us all will go with them.

OUR PRESIDENT

On Monday, March 29th, in the Gee Yen Restaurant West China Alumni and Faculty gave a dinner party in honour of President Lincoln Dsang, M.A., Ph.D., D.D., on the occasion of his fifty-sixth birthday and the twentieth anniversary of assuming responsibility for the administration of the University.

Dr. Dsang is a West China alumnus having graduated from our Department of Philosophy in 1919. The following year he went to the United States as a Chinese delegate to the Methodist General Conference, and stayed on for three years taking post-graduate study in Northwestern University and Garrett Biblical Institute, Chicago. On his return to China he served as pastor of the Methodist Church in Tzechow until 1926.

In that year Dr. Dsang became Vice-President of the West China Union University; it was a most difficult period when Chinese leadership was greatly needed to meet the complicated situation which had arisen on account of constant political agitation and anti-Christian movements. He coped with the situation in an admirable way and won the respect of his Chinese and western colleagues, as well as of the students for his tactfulness in solving problems, his eloquence and his frankness. It was through his instrumentality that the University was registered with the Ministry of Education in September, 1933, at which time Dr. Dsang became the first Chinese President of the University, in succession to Dr. Joseph Beech. Through his many contacts he has enlisted the interest of a great number of influential people in the work of our University. Gifts and endowment funds from Chinese sources are increasing year by year.

During the war years while our University shared its grounds and buildings with the Guest Universities Dr. Dsang played his part in enabling the Universities to work together as one family. Further, he missed no opportunity to strengthen our staff by enlisting the services of eminent professors of national reputation. No longer is the WCUU a provincial University - it has attained a national and international reputation.

Many friends joined with the Alumni, Faculty and students in expressing deep appreciation for the fine service which Dr. Lincoln Dsang rendered during these eventful years. To him were extended sincere wishes for speedily improved health and the hope that he may long be spared to continue to serve his alma mater.

OTHER STAFF ITEMS

Word has been received of the safe arrival in Canada of Mr. Harold D. Robertson and Mr. William W. Small both of whom left recently for furlough.

Unfortunately Dr. Jean E. Millar has been ill since her return from furlough. She returns to take responsibility for Anaesthesia, and to her we extend our sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery to full health.

A hearty welcome is extended to Dr. Beh Yin-tsai who after two years of graduate study in Canada returns to the Department of Anatomy to take responsibility for Histology and Embryology; he will also be undertaking work in Hematology in the Department of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Thacker Neville, of the Church Missionary Society has been welcomed to the staff of the Department of Otolaryngology.

News has just come to hand that Dr. C.H. Arnold, a recently retired United States Army doctor, may already be on the way to Chengtu to join our Department of Surgery. He has had very wide experience as a surgeon. His interest in missionary medical service is bringing him to China. Dr. and Mrs. Arnold will live in one of the Baptist Mission houses on Hsiao Beh Lu.

It is good to learn that Dr. Hou Pao-chang of Cheeloo, who has just left for a visit to the United States, wishes to continue his service to West China Union University as Honorary Professor in Pathology. He will return to us here at least until such time as the two younger members of the staff of that Department have had opportunity to undertake post-graduate study abroad.

The appointment is announced of Prof. T'ang T'eng-han as the new head of the Department of Pharmacy, taking the place of Mr. Li Hsin-lung, who has resigned. Also Prof. Li Hen has been appointed head of the Department of Mathematics and Physics, in place of Mr. Wu Keh-chang who is to go to Toronto for graduate study. To these new Heads of Departments congratulations and good wishes are accorded.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

The University is grateful for the following grants:

- \$400,000 for scholarships in the Chinese Department in memory of Mr. Chen Chi-hsuan, former Professor in the Department of Chinese.
- \$1,400,000 from ABMAC for the months of February and March.
- US\$1,000 from the American Women's Medical Association for the University Hospital.
- £300 through the China Christian Universities Association an unconditional gift from British Firms.

Faculty Aid.

In view of the early departure of the Guest Universities and of the discontinuance of the United China Relief grant for medical and other emergency expenses the Five Presidents decided towards the end of March that the Joint Committee operating this fund be disbanded and that the balance in hand be divided proportionately between the cooperating Universities. Later it was felt that a joint appeal would probably be much more likely to awaken a response than would separate appeals from the Universities. The Five Presidents therefore sent a joint letter to United

China Relief pointing out the serious situation facing the universities on account of the continued inflation and ever increasing cost of living, and urgently requesting the continuance for another year of their grant to the Universities for Faculty Aid. The Presidents have also appealed to the Canadian Red Cross and the British United Aid to China Fund for similar grants.

The University faces another problem which arises from the fact that the arrangement whereby the Universities have been able to purchase rice at a controlled price will cease during the month of May. There seems to be no way of meeting the situation which this loss of assistance will present other than to appeal to the Associated Boards for a grant to meet the additional cost involved in providing rice at the market price. It is sincerely hoped that the Associated Boards will be able to respond to this appeal as well as to our many other requests. An indication that the Associated Board funds are not unlimited is given in a cable just received from Dr. William Fenn warning against any increase in activities or the addition of personnel for the staffs of any of the Universities next year. Even before this cable arrived the President's Council had felt it necessary to point out to the Deans that in preparing recommendations for staff to be engaged for the year 1946-1947 they should bear in mind the principle that replacements only should be entertained.

FACTS AND FIGURES

On our monthly payroll we have 329 names of staff members; of these 280 are full-time members of the staff and 49 part-time; 239 of the full-time and 28 of the part-time members are paid from the regular budget of the University, the remainder from special funds belonging to self supporting projects. In addition we have seventy servants on our University budget.

There are in Chengtu at this date sixteen members of staff supported by the cooperating Missions; it is to be hoped that this number will be considerably increased as transportation facilities become available for those who are due to return from furlough.

HODGKIN MEMORIAL LECTURES

Dr. Henry T. Hogkin was an outstanding personality to whom Christians in all parts of China as well as in many other countries of the world owe much. He served as a member of the Friends Mission during the days when the West China Union University was in its infancy, and later as Secretary of the National Christian Council of China.

Dr. Hodgkin was always keenly interested in and deeply concerned for the establishment of friendly relations between individuals, groups and nations, and he believed firmly that a better way than war must be found to settle international difficulties. When he died in 1933 his friends established a fund to be used by the West China Union University to invite lecturers and in other ways to forward the causes to which Dr. Hodgkin had devoted himself.

This year the University has been specially favoured in having Professor P.M. Roxby of the British Council to give the Hodgkin Memorial Lectures, for not only was he a personal friend of Dr. Hodgkin but is himself also interested in the building up of better relationships between the peoples of the world. Prof. Roxby's lectures on "The Position of Peoples and States in the New World Order" are to be published in English and Chinese.

THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

The International Relations Club of WCUU, a club with 15 years history, has

held three meetings during this semester. Recently it received from its headquarters in New York some new books and magazines along the line of international affairs. At the first meeting of the term Mr. Henry Kahn was elected President, Mr. Jackson Shih, Secretary and Dean C.S. Lo advisor. The fundamental purpose of this Club is to study international relations and promote world peace. There are about forty members, both staff and students. There will be one more meeting this semester on April 25th.

OUR GUESTS

Mr. Paul D. Sturge of the Friends Service Council and Vice-Chairman of the China Christian Universities Association is now on his way to visit the Friends Ambulance Unit in Hankow and Shanghai, and hopes to be able to visit other Chinese cities before returning to England. Mr. Sturge and Mrs. Ronald Rees seem to have thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Chengtu. In his letter of April 11th to President Dsang he says:

"I want to thank you and through you the other Presidents and the many members of staff who have made the visit of Mrs. Rees and myself so interesting. It is not only that so much generous hospitality has been shown us on so many occasions, but so much time has been spared out of your busy lives to help us to understand the work and problems of the different universities. We realize only too clearly that a short visit like ours does not really give the full opportunity to understand the many and complex aspects of the work, but we do feel to have made a start and to have a background against which we shall be able to understand the situation when we return home..... I shall do my best to further the interests of the University, in Great Britain, and hope I may have the good fortune to be able to pay a further visit in more settled times, when the Universities will have regained the ground inevitably lost during these war years."

In June 1942 Prof. Chang Tong-sen of Yenching University, a philosopher of international repute, accepted an invitation to join the staff of the West China Union University, but before he was able to leave Peiping the Pacific War broke out and he was thrown into prison for six months; even after his release his movements were closely watched so that he could not leave the city. Prof. Chang is now only able to pay a brief visit to Chengtu and while here is delivering a series of lectures entitled "Thought and Society".

Ambassador Dr. Douglas B. Copland, Australian Minister to China, spent a few days on our campus and during the limited time at his disposal gave two public lectures on "Post-war England - Economic and Moral Considerations" and "Economic Control in War and Peace".

Other noted guests include:

Mr. Robert G. Trygstad, a special representative of the American Red Cross to the Chinese Red Cross; Mr. Shaw, first secretary of the Australian Embassy to China; Mr. C.M. Bolton, geologist, temporarily taking the place of Prof. Needham in the British Scientific Cooperation Office, who with a Chinese geologist, Mr. Yang, is visiting Kwanhsien for a few days and will be returning later to visit the University, Mr. and Mrs. Menon, Indian Representative, in Chungking, Dr. Ted Outerbridge of the International Red Cross; Rev. Oscar Rundblum, M.A., D.D., General Secretary of the Missionary Society of the Established Church of Sweden and a member of the Mission Council of the Protestant Churches of Sweden; Dr. Stuart Allan, and Dr. and Mrs. William Service of the Canadian Mission, Messrs. Dorland Reynolds and Sticken of the Friends Ambulance Unit.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

For the first time in several years the Five Universities will not hold their Graduation Exercises together. Ginling College and the University of Nanking hold their ceremonies on April 15th, Yenching on May 3rd, and Cheeloo and West China Union University on May 13th.

GRAHAM RESEARCH LIBRARY

The University has recently set up a new Branch Library - "The David Crockett Graham Research Library" which is to be housed in the Archaeological Museum, ground floor, north wing. The books in this Research Library are for reference only, to be read in the Library itself. Current popular science magazines will still be found on the shelves of the General Library.

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY BUILDING

Kindly note that the three sections of the college buildings are now to be known as -

- The Central Block, College of Medicine and Dentistry
- The East Wing, College of Medicine and Dentistry
- The West Wing, College of Medicine and Dentistry

COOPERATION WITH STATISTICS BUREAU

Plans are on foot for a scheme of cooperation between the Statistics Bureau of the Provincial Government and the West China Union University's Department of Sociology.

STANDARD OF ENGLISH FOR THOSE DESIRING TO STUDY ABROAD

In order to ensure that students or members of the staff recommended by the University for study abroad may gain the greatest benefit from such study, and also for the sake of the University's reputation, it has been decided that all applicants for fellowships abroad must pass an examination in English before their names can be recommended by the University.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE CHINA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION, DECEMBER 13th AND 14th, 1945, and FEBRUARY 5th, 1946.

General Agreement:

General agreement was expressed with what were considered to be the principles lying behind the proposals of the Post-war Planning Commission appointed by the Council of Higher Education in China.

- i. That the standards of all our Christian Universities must be raised if they are to retain the confidence of the educational authorities in China and if they are to make in the future their real contributions to the Church and the Nation.
- ii. That the resources of the supporting groups in the United States and Great Britain are not unlimited.
- iii. That post-war costs are bound to be much higher than those of the pre-war period.
- iv. That these two last factors necessitate some such planning as is proposed.

Points of Criticism:

- i. The Committee regards the plan proposed by the China Planning Commission as too detailed and as not leaving adequate scope for that freedom of action which is essential for a University.
- ii. The Committee considers that the programme as outlined by the Planning Commission

will be heavier than that followed in pre-war days, and is likely to prove more, rather than less, expensive.

Research Work:

This Committee is of the opinion that FACILITIES FOR RESEARCH WORK should be provided for in all the Christian Universities. Our reasons are:

- i. Without such facilities proper standards of work cannot be maintained in any Institution of Higher Learning.
- ii. The best grounding in general subjects can only be given by men whose inclination it is to continue research work in their own subjects.
- iii. Refusal to allow such facilities in any given Universities would almost inevitably mean that the best type of staff members would not join these Universities.

West China.

1. We agree that the tendency of the Planning Commission seems to have been to base its recommendations on the pre-war situation which has emerged, partly as a result of the experience of the years of war and partly as a result of the vastly improved "communications" which are likely to pertain in the post-war period.
2. We agree that West China as a result of its geographical situation and other circumstances, offers special facilities for Research Work, along the lines indicated in W.C.U.U.'s official comments.
3. We agree in the main with the arguments set out by 'West China' for the carrying on of the various departments which are listed, but would strongly recommend that for the time being the policy of the University should be resolutely to reduce the number of its possible departments, until such time as the academic standards in those departments are raised to that level which is demanded by present-day requirements on the part of all our Universities.
4. We would draw the special attention of West China to the general recommendations made in our previous Memorandum in Section VI on the subject of Chinese and Western Faculties.

"We are of the opinion that Chinese and Western members of staff should equally conform to Chinese Government standards in academic qualifications and teaching experience. And that in respect of all duties assigned to them in their University, they should equally conform to the regulations of the institution.

"Western members of the Faculty and Staff should be appointed by the constituted authorities in the field of the respective Colleges upon the recommendation of the supporting Mission Boards. Western members should serve for the whole Missionary term or such parts of it as are mutually satisfactory. After each term of service, Western members should be re-appointed upon the request of the constituted authorities of the College and in consultation with the Missions concerned."

In addition we trust that any outstanding problems which affect the close and friendly relationships and co-operation as between Chinese and Western members of staff, will be speedily solved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

5. In view of the geographical situation of the W.C.U.U. we recommend that the University should build up a "Travelling Fund" to make possible a closer contact with other Universities than existed in the pre-war period and also to enable the students who would benefit by taking their advanced courses in other Universities to make the necessary journeys.

As we go to press the Report of the Planning Committee, Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, as revised March 23-24th, has arrived from New York. We quote a few of the pertinent paragraphs which have definite application to West China:

Guiding Principles. The Committee offers the following principles as basic to the development of definite plans:

1. All detailed proposals for individual institutions must be made in accordance with a total plan formulated with reference to the needs of China and the Christian Movement as a whole, and also the Chinese Government's educational policy and program.
2. Despite the natural tendency to return to pre-war sites and pre-war programs at the earliest opportunity, no decisions affecting any particular institution should be taken until after fullest consultation with the leaders of the other Colleges, and then only in terms of a comprehensive plan which should be worked out at the earliest possible moment. In brief, each institution should regard itself as part of an organic cooperative enterprise.
3. There is no single pattern, as respects site or program, which is applicable to all Christian institutions of higher education.
4. It is clear that, under the testing demands of the coming period, the Christian Movement cannot sustain more than a limited number of educational centers of highest standards, form Christian purpose, and vigorous and growing effectiveness. We strongly concur in the judgment of the Council of Higher Education that the situation requires "concentration in a limited number of strong institutions carrying on Christian liberal education, each with such professional training as the Christian Movement in China warrants, but with special care to avoid duplication". It is obvious that this will require an ampler mobilization and wiser deployment of the total resources available, both personnel and finances, than could be secured by a return to the pre-war status.
5. The need for five major centres of Christian higher education - located in North China, East China, South China, West China, and at the national capital - is unquestioned.
6. The need for at least one Christian college (hsueh yuan) in each of the following fields of professional specialization - medicine; dentistry, agriculture, law, engineering, commerce, and, if possible, education and theology is also generally recognised. It is the Committee's conviction not that more than one college in each of these fields (except medicine, education and theology) can at present be adequately maintained. Less advanced training along some of these lines may be provided in a limited number of centers through departments. No institution should initiate plans for a new college in any of these fields in which another of the institutions already conducts a college.

A Program for Christian Higher Education in China

The Committee has given prolonged study to the detailed implementation of those principles and been impressed with the necessity of maintaining a balance between two major considerations: (a) The desire of all that every Christian institution be of the highest rank, and (b) The responsibility to provide education which will best serve the Christian community and the special needs of different areas.

It is recognized that the second objective may not be wholly accomplished if the Christian movement provides only large institutions located in metropolitan centers. Therefore the Committee envisions the possibility of two main types of educational institutions. It wishes to stress with all possible emphasis that it regards institutions of both types as equally important, that all institutions should maintain equally high standards of academic excellence and Christian character and that research should be expected of faculty members in all departments of all the Christian colleges.

(1) Institutions with enrolments of 360 to 900 students, embracing not over three colleges, concentrating upon the highest quality of undergraduate instruction but not attempting graduate study leading to advanced degrees, and accepting special responsibility for service to the Christian communities in the areas where they are situated.

(2) Institutions with enrolments of 800 to 1500 students, offering graduate degrees, or including one or more professional schools of standard not lower than the best advanced education offered by Government institutions.

In the judgment of the Planning Committee, many of our Christian Colleges

had, before the war, extended their academic offerings somewhat beyond their capacity to assure work of the highest calibre. It commends the suggestion of the Post War Planning Commission that each University should seek to strengthen its program by consolidating its resources, and reducing the total number of departments. More particularly in view of the heavy requirements for rehabilitation and the uncertainties of the future, the Committee has felt compelled to urge that, during this period, no new Colleges and no new Departments be initiated in any of the Universities.

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EDITORIAL

The historic episode of five Christian Universities cooperating on one campus has just come to an end. On May 13th the last of the joint Commencements was held. The time is not far distant when West China Union University will be alone again though it can never return to its pre-war state. West China has moved with the times. Before the war our student body reached a maximum of five hundred, but it cannot now be kept below one thousand. According to the calendar this period of war cooperation lasted eight years, but from the point of view of development very many more years have passed. Our Chinese staff have grown up to assume responsibility, new Departments have been established - Economics, Sociology, Home Economics, Agronomy; new buildings have appeared on our campus; but has our spiritual growth kept pace with our physical development? In order to make the best use of the opportunities that lie ahead both faculty and students alike must develop their interest in Huata and accept their full share of responsibility for making our contribution to the cause of Christian higher education a worthy one.

COMMENCEMENT

At the joint Commencement Exercises on Monday, May 13th, 269 students graduated, 72 from Cheeloo and 197 from West China. The graduation address was given by Professor Chien Mu and at the Baccalaureate Service on Sunday the preacher was Bishop C.T. Song.

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Now that the Rev. K.K. Hsiao and Rev. Kuo Chung-i are leaving we realize afresh just how much all of us have depended upon them for leadership in our University Community Church and for the general pastoral work of the campus. Until it is possible to make other plans for the Community Church the WCUU has invited Dr. George Sparling and Rev. Wallace Wang to assume these pastoral responsibilities; they have kindly consented to do so until the University can arrange for other pastors.

OUR GUESTS

Mrs. Anna Cox Brinton of Pendle Hill, Philadelphia, and the American Friends Service Council, spent a few days in Chengtu. She had planned to be here during the visit of Mr. Paul D. Sturge and Mrs. Ronald Rees, but was delayed en route.

A cordial welcome is extended to two UNRRA doctors who have been loaned to West China for periods of service; Dr. Leo Eloesser, a noted Chest Surgeon is already at work in the University Hospital, and Dr. O.A.L. Saxe, a Dental Surgeon from Norway, is giving special lectures and working in the University Dental Clinic.

Before long it is possible that Dr. Hetzler and Dr. Harold D. Brown, also of UNRRA may be able to give us some assistance for a short while.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Huata is greatly honored in that Prof. C.C. Liu has been invited by the United States State Department to spend a year in America as a visiting Professor.

Leave of absence has been granted to Dr. Hsia Liang-tsai, Dr. Cheo Hai-fan and Mr. Wu Kueh-chang who expect to spend the coming year in post-graduate work in the United States and Canada. Mr. S.T. Chang and Miss Lin Ting-yu have resigned from the Division of Fine Arts.

We regret to report that on account of continued illness Dr. Jean Millar finds it necessary to return to Canada at an early date. Because of ill health and other

reasons Dr. Thacker Neville has already returned to England. To them and to the College of Medicine and Dentistry who had been counting on their help we extend our sympathy.

Miss Johanne Madsen will be greatly missed from Woman's College and from the Department of Western Languages; our good wishes go with her as she sets out for England where she will marry Tony Reynolds of the F.A.U. and make her home for the next few years.

During June the Departments of Medicine and Surgery will be moved from Sze Shen Tsi Hospital to the University campus.

In the future the Public Health Council will be carried on by the West China Union University and the Provincial Health Administration but the Wenkiang Rural Health Teaching Centre will be continued for the coming academic year only.

With the departure of the guest Universities the Joint Board of Directors of the Youth Corps has been dissolved; the control of the building and activities of the Youth Corps will be taken over by the West China Union University.

Some weeks ago the Administration forwarded to the New York office an order for hardware and other supplies necessary to put the University buildings into proper repair; the expectation being that with any luck these supplies might come through in time to enable the buildings to be reconditioned for the opening of the fall term; also a letter has just been received from New York reporting that not only will it be impossible to get these hardware supplies to Chengtu this year but in all probability they cannot arrive for another year or eighteen months.

As one of the Private Universities of good standing the West China Union University has just received from the Ministry of Education an emergency grant of \$1,800,000 for the school year 1945-46. In accordance with the conditions governing the grant it is planned to place 30% thereof in the Faculty Aid Fund and the balance on reserve for emergency equipment expenditure.

The University acknowledges with grateful thanks the following gifts: NC\$100,000 from Messrs Yui Dzi-gu and Chien Yui-chiao, and \$20,000 from Dr. Chu Ying Liang for the endowment of Chinese drug research in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology.

NC\$50,000 from Dr. Liao Chung-kuo.

NC\$100,000 from the Presbyterian Scholarship Committee for two women medical students.

Chemical and other supplies from the International Relief Committee for the Department of Pathology and the Dental Clinic.

NC\$9,834,910 from the United China Relief for the month of April.

NC \$9,000,000 from the British Red Cross for the University Hospital.

A plan is under discussion for recommendation to the Board of Directors whereby qualified students of the West China Union Theological College may be permitted to take courses in the College of Arts enabling them to graduate with the B.A. degree.

BRITISH COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

Letters have been received from Miss Bertha Hensman (who is expected to return to the University in time for the fall term) and from Rev. Noel B. Slater, of the China Christian Universities Association, reporting on their approach to the British Council in London concerning their plan to subsidise the appointment of teachers of English to Universities in China; it seems probable that at least one specialist in English language will be appointed to the WCUU by the Council.

CALENDAR 1946-47

Opening of Fall Term August 26th; Opening of Spring Term February 3;
Commencement June 30th.

Enrolment figures for Spring Term 1946: College of Arts 579; College of Science 463; College of Medicine and Dentistry 262; Total 1,294.

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FOREWORD

The academic year of 1946-47 provides for the West China Union University new opportunities. The war years have passed, the days of peace for China have not yet come. The first V-J Day sense of relief and joy, of anticipation and enthusiasm have passed. Difficulties over which we have no control still hamper our return to normality, but when we compare our situation and conditions with those of other Universities we breathe a sigh of relief and are thankful that we are located in a part of China withdrawn from actual warfare and somewhat less affected by the strangling effects of inflation and high cost of living.

There lies before us the task of assisting a large number of staff and students who have come to us for a school home this year. To all of these we extend a warm welcome, and at the same time we ask for their patience and understanding. Their presence complicates our rehabilitation. All that we can do is to share with them our poverty of equipment and lack of adequate furnishings. We had hoped this year to tighten our control of campus discipline and to stimulate the family spirit of our staff. The presence of the new comers will make this housecleaning embarrassing if they do not make themselves at home with us. We therefore beg them to share with us not only in our academic advantages but in our family regeneration of a much needed *esprit de corps*, and in a much needed improvement of morale. We must renew our vows if we are to fulfil our role as a Christian University.

OUR GUESTS

Dr. Robert J. McMullen, newly appointed Secretary of the Associated Boards, paid us a week's visit towards the close of July. He crowded much into that one week gaining a pretty good idea of the work of the University; there was not much which escaped his eagle eye; and before he flew to Peiping he made some pertinent comments before a group of the University staff and members of the Board of Directors.

Dr. McMullen pointed out that the Associated Boards aim to make the Christian Colleges more effective than in pre-war days and capable of rendering better service to the community; "to send out into the service of the Church and nation, young men and women of marked ability and Christian character . . . with educational equipment for leadership". In the development of this aim the faculty of the University is all-important, and between the faculty and the student body there must grow a knowledge of those things which will help in the building of the type of character which will serve the people round about. He stressed the importance of limiting our scope, setting ourselves towards

the goal of quality rather than quantity. With this in view the Associated Boards request the Universities not to open any new Departments or Colleges; not to spend time and energy on new developments or new growth during the next few years; but to limit our scope in order to do the best job possible, to train young men and women permeated with the Christian spirit ready and willing to serve their fellow men.

Among other guests of note to our campus have come Mr. Raetz of the China's Children Fund, Incorporated, Richmond, Virginia, who is interested in setting up an orphanage for one hundred children, in cooperation with Dewey School and the University's Department of Sociology; Dr. Hutchinson, Dr. Crane, Dr. Case, Dr. Sen, Dr. Yeh and Dr. Liu of the U. S. A. Agricultural Mission; and Dr. Nathaniel Peffer, distinguished Professor of International Relations of Columbia University.

OUR STAFF

Recently a letter of greeting was received from the following West China folk who were passengers on the SS. "General Meigs" on their way to the United States and Canada for post-graduate study: Dr. Chen Wu-hsiang, Dr. and Mrs. Neil H. F. Cheo, Dr. Raymond H. T. Chang, Dr. Louis K.C. Lü, Miss Pearl Chien, Mr. Thomas Chu, Miss Eva Liu Chen, Mr. Chou Li-chiu, Dr. Florence Pen Ho, Miss Hu Shiu-ying, Dr. Hsia Chu, Dr. Lin Yao-pei, Dr. Liu Chien, Miss Eleanor C. J. Liu, Dr. Lü Ming-deh, Miss Lily Y. Y. Lu, Miss Daisy Pen, Dr. T. P. Ting, Miss Tai Chin-hsiao, Mr. Tsao Hsiao-chang, Dr. Wang Chiao-chang, Dr. Edna T. T. Wei, Dr. Wu Ting-chun, Dr. Stephen Yang, Dr. Edith B. S. Hsiong, Dr. Yen Yin and Mrs. Li An-che (Yu Shih-yu). Travelling with them were Mr. and Mrs. Brian Harland and Joy Marian. Apparently they had a very rough voyage, but that did not prevent them from forming themselves into an "Associated Colleagues and Graduates Club of West China Union University".

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Among other guests of note to our campus have come Mr. Raetz of the China's Children Fund, Incorporated, Richmond, Virginia, who is interested in setting up an orphanage for one hundred children, in cooperation with Dewey School and the University's Department of Sociology; Dr. Hutchinson, Dr. Crane, Dr. Case, Dr. Sen, Dr. Yeh and Dr. Liu of the U. S. A. Agricultural Mission; and Dr. Nathaniel Peffer, distinguished Professor of International Relations of Columbia University.

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Recently a letter of greeting was received from the following West China folk who were passengers on the SS. "General Meigs" on their way to the United States and Canada for post-graduate study: Dr. Chen Wu-hsiang, Dr. and Mrs. Neil H. F. Cheo, Dr. Raymond H. T. Chang, Dr. Louis K.C. Lü, Miss Pearl Chien, Mr. Thomas Chu, Miss Eva Liu Chen, Mr. Chou Li-chiu, Dr. Florence Pen Ho, Miss Hu Shiu-ying, Dr. Hsia Chu, Dr. Lin Yao-pei, Dr. Liu Chien, Miss Eleanor C. J. Liu, Dr. Lü Ming-deh, Miss Lily Y. Y. Lu, Miss Daisy Pen, Dr. T. P. Ting, Miss Tai Chin-hsiao, Mr. Tsao Hsiao-chang, Dr. Wang Chiao-chang, Dr. Edna T. T. Wei, Dr. Wu Ting-chun, Dr. Stephen Yang, Dr. Edith B. S. Hsiong, Dr. Yen Yin and Mrs. Li An-che (Yu Shih-yu). Travelling with them were Mr. and Mrs. Brian Harland and Joy Marian. Apparently they had a very rough voyage, but that did not prevent them from forming themselves into an "Associated Colleagues and Graduates Club of West China Union University".

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Woman's College (including Cheeloo guest students housed in Canadian School)	565
Friends College	70
C. M. S. Dormitory	52
Hart College	132
Ackerman	82
Joyce Memorial—Freshmen only	125
Vandeman Hall	105
Hsi Chieh Dormitory	192
Cheeloo guest dormitory for men	180
Total	1,503

The remaining students must live in the city with relatives or friends who accept responsibility for their good conduct. This means an added burden for the office of the Dean of Discipline and for the Principals of the Dormitories with which they are registered as day students, as well as being inconvenient for the students concerned. We had looked forward to having the whole student body resident this term, but in view of the unprecedented enrolment this is not possible. We still hold it before us as an ideal to be attained in the not too distant future. Dormitory accommodation is not the only problem involved in accepting so many students; many classes are far larger than they should be, others have to be divided into sections and this means that more teachers are required; the Monday Morning Assembly for old students has to be held in relays. There are also Assemblies for Freshmen and the Preparatory Class. The Dean of Studies and the Business Manager are faced with the problem of finding sufficient classroom accommodation; teaching materials are short, particularly text books.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

University business has been re-organised under a new committee—Business, Operation and Maintenance (BOM) with sub-divisions responsible for Landscaping; Fire Prevention; Sanitation; Residences; Teaching and Administrative Buildings; Maintenance of Roads, grounds, matters relating to land, landmarks, land rents, deeds, records; Construction and Repairs.

Two previously unnamed areas of the campus have now been named: "San Tai Tsen" (area around the three-tiered hillock) and "Hsi Chieh Yuan" (the western extremity compound) the dormitories on Kiangshi Kai property.

The Fire Engines have been reconditioned and put into working order. Mr. Robert Lin is training some of the Hospital mechanics to operate these engines, so that they will be ready for use in a fire emergency. He is also organising a fire brigade and arranging practice demonstrations.

During the summer changes have been made in the Administration Building; the old Senate Room has been converted into offices for the President and Chinese Vice-Chancellor and into a Reception Room; an archway has been built through the chimney stack so that the office secretaries are easily accessible to the administrative officers. The Dean of Studies now has the three rooms to the south of the main entrance which he is in process of rearranging so as to increase the efficiency of his office. The north rooms which have been occupied by Cheeloo Administration during the war years have now been allocated to the Building and Construction Department. The Division of Religious Studies has moved into the north-west corner room, and the north-east corner room has become the ground floor committee room; also the room between the offices of the Bursar and Western Vice-Chancellor has been arranged as an administrative committee room.

Before long there will be seen hanging in the hall-way of the Administration Building a bronze plaque which has been presented to the University by the four guest Universities—the University of Nanking, Ginling, Yenching, Cheeloo—in memory of their sojourn on our campus during the war years; also a plaque to honour those of our staff and students who served the nation's armed forces during the war.

During the past three years the Nursery School for the children of faculty members has occupied the ground floor of house No. 102; through the agreement of the Baptist Mission this School has now moved to more suitable premises—the former Ginling Gymnasium to the west of Vandeman Hall.

The College of Medicine and Dentistry reports that Dr. Horace Campbell has made a gift of bound medical journals deposited by him in the Library of the College several years ago.

Dr. H. H. Hsieh of our College of Medicine and Dentistry has been appointed Associate Superintendent of the National Central Hospital, Chungking, and Associate Dean of the National Chungking Medical College, and by reason of these appointments we are looking forward to close cooperation with the Chungking Medical College.

Negotiations are in process for a scheme of cooperation between the University's Department of Sociology and the Institute of Social Anthropology of the Smithsonian Institution.

Just before the last group of Cheeloo University's Administration moved back to Tsinan they turned over to W.C.U.U. the option to purchase the Bailie School which they had taken over more than a year ago from the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives. The University has taken up the option for the sum of NC\$5,000,000.00. For the present the property will be converted into residences for four staff families.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

Grateful acknowledgment is made of gifts and grants received during the summer months. CN\$11,000,000.00 from the Canadian Red Cross have made possible the remodelling of the Min Deh Dormitory as a nurses' residence. The Canadian Red Cross has also made available six fellowships for advanced study in medicine, and on the recommendation of the College of Medicine and Dentistry these fellowships are being offered to C. R. Pen, Otolaryngology; H. T. Chow, Bacteriology; H. K. Wu, Surgery; W. C. Mao, Ophthalmology; C. T. Chen, Pathology, and G. T. Ho, Anatomy.

A grant from the Associated Boards for the re-outfitting of staff members and servants who were on the University's payroll in May 1946, having served the University for at least one year, and who are remaining with us. The disbursement of this grant, ranging from \$60,000 to \$240,000 according to rank and years of service, has been made in accordance with instructions received from the Associated Boards through Dr. William Fenn.

The Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute have made a grant of US\$500 to enable the W.C.U.U. to continue taking a share in the publication of the Joint Journal "Studia Serica" which is edited by the University of Nanking, the Chinese Departments of Lingnan and W.C.U.U. jointly. This Journal is now widely known and appreciated for its high standing amongst scholars.

Governor Liu Wen-huei has made a grant of CN\$10,000,000 for the training of a group of ten students to return to work in the Sikang area.

A "special gift from the States for the W.C.U.U. Library" has been forwarded to us by Mr. Harry Haines of the Methodist Mission, Chungking—this amounts to CN\$27,230. The Ministry of Education has paid in sums to cover loan scholarships granted during the last academic year, amounting to CN\$8,375,153.92, and for the current year the sum of \$1,000,000.00; they have also made a grant of \$2,554,177.40 for Pharmacy education. \$700,000 has been received from ABMAC for Dentistry. The New York Office has sent us \$5,023,750.00 towards the cost of rehabilitation of buildings and has promised a further sum. U.C.R. monthly grants of \$9,834,899.00 have been received up to August 1946, together with a supplementary sum of \$7,815,090.00 for the third quarter of the year. The Methodist Church has given \$2,145,437.75 and the International Relief Committee \$3,000,000 for Social Service work in the Hospital.

Considerable discussion has taken place concerning some of the recommendations of the Presidents of the Christian Universities who met with Dr. Robert J. McMullen and Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen of the Associated Boards in Shanghai towards the end of June, and their expressed desire to double the purchasing power of salaries and their insistence that tuition fees should be considerably increased. As a result our tuition fees for this fall term have been increased to \$35,000. Salaries have been doubled. The formula adopted as from August 1st is: Basic Salary times 360, plus \$20,000, plus the equivalent in cash of from six to ten deo of rice, according to age.

CORRESPONDENCE

Our readers will be interested in quotations from letters received during recent months.

President Y. G. Chen to President Lincoln Dsang, 16th July, 1946.

"As we work in the trying heat of Nanking, our thoughts often return to our pleasant, wartime home on your campus in Chengtu. We were certainly more than fortunate to have such a refuge and such hospitable friends as yourself and your faculty and staff. As the years pass we hope the sad and terrible memories of war may fade with the years, but we shall always remember our friends of West China with happiness and look forward to continuing the friendships and contacts we have made. Thank you for all you have done."

President K. M. Wu to Vice-Chancellor Lindsay, September 26th, 1946.

"I am agreeably surprised at the appearance of the campus and buildings here. From the outside the buildings seem to be in good condition and people have worked very hard to get the inside also ready for use. The Japanese left the inside of many of the buildings in a very bad state of dirt and confusion and practically empty of equipment. The people here have succeeded in getting enough done for the work that will be carried on this fall, but of course we are doing only what is absolutely necessary as wages and prices are still extremely high. I want to take this opportunity of sending you my very grateful thanks for all your kind cooperation during our time together in Chengtu. I should like you to know that your kindness was much appreciated and that I shall always remember it. We are still indebted to you for the responsibility which you are undertaking for the staff and students of Cheeloo who are still with you."

The significance of President Wu's last sentence lies in the fact that it has proved impossible for a number of their staff and over two hundred students to return to Tsinan in time for the opening of the fall term, and that scheme of cooperation has been entered into between Cheeloo and West China whereby these guest students and staff members become an integral part of West China Union University for the academic year 1946-47. The men students will live in part of the former Cheeloo Dormitory under the principalship of Mr. Yü Hung-ao, and the women will be under Dr. Luan's supervision in part of the Canadian School.

Robert L. and Margaret T. Simkin to West China Friends, July 25, 1946.

"And now we, the Simkin family, are starting on our own account a new project, an interracial, cooperative house for girls on the same lines as is Friends House for boys. With the approval of the American Friends Service Committee we have brought a house at 1,032 West 36th Street, Los Angeles 7, California, which will accommodate our family and about ten girls. We have named it Woolman House. It is three or four city blocks from our Friends House and is nearer than Friends

House to the University of Southern California, branch public library, bank, post office and a good market. . . . Robert Simkin has almost completely recovered from the broken bones after being struck by an automobile last October. In general the family enjoys good health. Dorothy will continue at Whittier College next year as a junior, and Margaret Ruth will live at home and take her final year at Manual Arts High School."

Extract from a Report by His Excellency Dr. Copland, Australian Minister to China, Spring 1946.

"Chengtú was by far the most interesting city I have visited so far in China. Not that Peiping has not got far greater glories, but for the moment they are in the past and one felt a certain air of tension and economic disorder there. In Chengtú there was vigour, some of the primitive vigour, but a great wealth of industry and handcraft, as well as the most intensive agriculture I have ever seen. It was a great experience to drive on the road from Chungking to Chengtú, an unforgettable experience. I called it "the toiling road", for never have I seen such a work and labour on a road.

"My visit was primarily to go to the West China Union University to lecture and to meet the academic men from the guest universities that had migrated there during the war. The magnificent site of this University was one of the most pleasant surprises of the trip. The broad lawns, the water channel and the graceful weeping willow trees reminded me of my student days. The young students coming and going, or sitting on the lawn reading and knitting adorned the general picture, and it seemed to me almost fantastic that one should come across such a scene right in the heart of China. But why not? The University, and especially the College of Medicine and Dentistry, is a great achievement, and the embodiment of the spirit and courage of the missionary pioneers who first gained the confidence of the people of Chengtú. They are still pioneers, and the war has set them back, but it hasn't discouraged them. I came away thinking of men like Drs. Lindsay and Kilborn, and the many of their kind who have spent so much of their vigorous lives in China over the past fifty years, and wondering how it would be possible to estimate their contribution to the development of religious faith and education in China. And now they have many trained and devoted Chinese to carry on with all the faith and courage of their predecessors. China needs the Christian faith more than ever today when a reaction has set in after the first great burst of enthusiasm for reform in the early days of the revolution, and after long years of war and growing disorder. The Universities can still remain the great centres of progress, and the outward expression of the contribution of Christianity to China. West China Union University will always occupy a leading position."

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For busy people time passes very quickly. So preoccupied has everyone been with the extra work involved in caring for our unprecedentedly large student body that it seems incredible that already the fall term is half through and that the winter is almost with us.

OUR GUESTS

It has been a real pleasure to welcome to our University Lady Cripps, President of the British United Aid to China Fund, and a number of other friends who travelled with her; Mrs. Millar, Secretary of the B.U.A.C., Mr. Michael Harris, Secretary of the Shanghai office of the Fund. During the past several years Huata has received generous support from the B.U.A.C. and is most grateful to learn that the support will be continued for the time being at any rate. It is realised that the Christian Universities are dependent upon their own resources and therefore are in special need of assistance during this period of post-war inflation.

Lady Cripps presented to the Library two of Sir Stafford Cripps' books: "Towards Christian Democracy" and "Democracy Alive".

More recently the British Trade Mission under the leadership of Sir Leslie Boyce, during their very hurried visit to Chengtu, spent a few hours on our campus.

OUR STAFF

A warm welcome was extended to the western members of staff who have returned from furlough on the 'missionary' ship SS. "Marine Lynx": Dr. Gladys Cunningham, Miss S. D. Downer, Dr. Ovidia Hansing, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Stockwell, Miss Anne Ward and Mrs. Willmott. The eagerness with which their arrival was anticipated has been demonstrated by the fact that they have been set to work immediately to take over courses and duties which they had been expected to assume at the opening of the fall term. Dr. Ed. Cunningham and Mr. Earl Willmott are escorting the heavy baggage up-river.

Miss Cheng Shang-lin of our Chinese Department has started on her way to West Virginia University to undertake preparatory language study, prior to entering some other American University for advanced training in the field of Philology and Comparative Literature.

Mr. Kan Shih-fu, an English graduate of our English Department, who has for the past two years been teaching in the Department of Western Languages, has passed the Government examination for study abroad, being a successful candidate in phonetics. He expects to be

assigned to the University of Paris for two or three years, where he plans to study international law with a view to fitting himself for work in the diplomatic service. For some time Mr. Kan has been chairman of the International Relations Club.

In view of the stress being laid by the Associated Boards on full-time service for full-time salaries, it is interesting to note that a communication has been received from the Ministry of Education emphasising its regulation that all the chief administrative officers of universities and colleges must give full-time to the institution in which they are employed. They are not permitted to undertake any outside work, because this would affect the efficiency of their service.

Dean Lindsay is expected to return shortly from a brief trip to Nanking to attend the National Dental Health Board and to confer with Dr. Fenn and other friends in Shanghai and the capital on University matters.

Miss Yü Hsi-hsuan, Head of the Department of Home Economics, has also been in Nanking, attending a national conference.

Dr. Ho Wen-chuin is about to leave for a business trip in Nanking.

OUR STUDENTS

Enrolment Figures, Fall Term 1946

	Arts		Science		Medicine		Dentistry		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1st year	189	98	173	114	51	30	36	19	449	261
2nd year	150	82	148	83	22	30	4	8	324	203
3rd year	159	82	41	49	21	13	10	5	231	149
4th year	109	62	33	38	26	11	8	4	176	115
5th year					26	18	6	5	32	23
6th year					21	13	11	2	32	15
7th year					40	19	8	4	48	23
TOTALS	607	324	395	284	207	134	83	47	1,292	789
	931		679		341		130		2,081	

Among this total of 2,081 there are 1,028 old students, 43 new, 170 transfer and 400 loan students. In addition the preparatory class number 297 men and 244 women, 541 in all.

In order to take care of the extra number of new students registered this year in excess of last, and of the loan and transfer students, it has been found necessary to open nine additional classes, in English, Chinese, Mathematics and Statistics. Not only does the acceptance of these extra students call for more teachers, but the provision of more supplies:

apparatus, chemicals, books, classroom furniture, etc., as well as increased maintenance costs for certain administrative departments of the University. In order to assist the University to yield to the urge from the Bureau of Education to take in several hundred extra students this year, a generous grant is being provided by the Bureau, something over fifty million with the promise of a further grant for laboratory equipment and supplies.

GRANTS AND GIFTS

We are glad to be able to announce a grant of US\$15,000 from the Associated Boards towards the cost of repairing and putting into usable condition certain of our buildings and some of our campus roads. They have also made an approach to the U. S. C. (United Service to China, formerly U. C. R.) for increased monthly grants to take care of the double salaries which have been paid as from August 1st. Unfortunately U. S. C. was not able to increase its grant until October 1st, therefore some other means must be found to make up this amount expended on August and September salaries.

NC\$8,171,787.52 has been received from the Ministry of Education on account of Loan Scholarships granted during the year 1945-46.

It is good news to learn that the American Council of Education has granted us US\$4,000 for the purchase of supplies in America. As voluminous lists of urgently needed supplies have already been sent to the New York Office, they should have no difficulty in putting this gift to good use.

Word has come from Vice-Minister Han Li-wu that the W.C.U.U. may very soon be the proud possessor of a radio receiving set. Through the instrumentality of the British Branch of the International Students Service Association, ten radio sets are being presented to Chinese Universities. We may well count ourselves to be fortunate to be chosen as one of the recipients.

The Library has been kept busy unpacking twenty boxes of books and back numbers of periodicals and magazines which during the war years accumulated in the New York Office. Two more boxes of books from America are on their way to us through the kindness of the Ministry of Education.

The cost of transportation these days is a very heavy item for a Chinese University, particularly for one so far inland as Chengtu. No wonder the Deans of the Colleges are urging that their budgets for supplies be increased considerably. It takes several million dollars to bring a few crates of books or chemicals from Shanghai to Chengtu.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

To facilitate the arranging of the Assembly Hall in time for Monday morning Assembly it has been decided to transfer the Sunday Evening Service to Hart College Chapel, thus breaking a long tradition. It is to be hoped that the change will be of real benefit to all, for at present lighting facilities in Hart College are considerably better than in the Administration Building.

The Dean of Discipline's Office is in process of putting into effect new regulations regarding the organisation of student associations and clubs, and procedure to be followed in arranging meetings in public buildings of the University; the intention being that such student gatherings shall be held on Friday and Saturday evenings only, so as to preserve the earlier part of the week for more concentrated study. An attempt is also being made to provide suitable facilities for the display of posters and leaflets, thus removing the temptation to post such on trees and walls of buildings.

At its November meeting the General Faculty appointed a committee representative of different sections of University life to make suggestions and to carry into effect plans for the improvement of the appearance of the University campus.

On the departure of the guest Universities the Student Centre to the north of the Administration Building became the property of the West China Union University. During the summer it was under the charge of the S. C. M., but a new Committee has now been formed, representative of the University, S.C.M., Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., to take charge of the building and to make it a truly effective centre for the social and religious life of the University.

During recent weeks there has been considerable happy activity in the field of athletics. Mr. Wang Da-yao has returned after two or three years absence to become Physical Director. We hope that he will be able to create and sustain a much keener interest in physical education than has been apparent for some years.

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