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## EDITORIAL

The University classrooms, laboratories and roads are alive with students. There is on every hand a spirit of earnest attention to study. It appears that the severe competition and widespread demand for entrance are influencing students to more attention to their classwork. Large classes and consequent overworking of the teaching staff has not as yet done any harm. We believe that realisation of the unexampled effort the University is making to meet the great demand for an opportunity to study is helping to produce better results than those of normal times.

The University Church's Christmas Service was marked by the baptism of eight students. Many more contemplate making open decision for Christianity.

It is always true that our staff should be more active in the presentation of Christianity to our students, but it is not true that there is on the campus a spirit of neglect or indifference to Christian ideals of life. Actually much positive witnessing is evidenced by a large proportion of our staff. No acceptance of dead formalities prevails. This should be said to offset the criticism which has been levelled at us by well-wishers who inadvertently draw too dark a picture. Having said this, we are only too glad to accept on our staff workers expressly trained to appeal to our students' desire for guidance in spiritual and religious emphasis.

A means whereby our students and staff can receive spiritual stimulus and be integrated with the life of western Christianity is that proposed by the W.C.U.U. Board of Directors. The Board commends to all supporting Churches the practice of advising their ministers of the possibility of spending a considerable portion of a sabbatical year on our campus where they will have a chance to see the Orient through the eyes of a Chinese University community and at the same time have the opportunity of passing on the experiences and inspirations of a home pastorate. Such a proposition would be of incalculable value both to our staff and to our students.

To our friends of the Churches in the West who contribute to our University we send greetings at this season of the New Year.

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Among those who have sent Christmas and New Year Greetings to their friends and colleagues in Chengtu are Mr. C. A. Evans of the ABCCC, Chancellor Joseph Beech, Dr. R. G. Agnew, Dr. Hou Pao-chang, Dr. Cheo Hai-fan, Mr. Harold D. Robertson, Dr. and Mrs. John E. Lenox, Mr. George Dsang, Miss Elsie Priest, Miss Eva Spicer, Miss Margaret Turner.

As usual the celebration of the Christmas Season has been characterised by much happy activity—special Christmas Services arranged by the University-Community Church as well as by the Churches of the city; the rendering of Handel's "Messiah" at Sze Shen Si; Dr. Marian Manly's Christmas Eve Service of special music, readings and a delightful little puppet play; carolling parties arranged by the University, the Theological College and other groups. On December 19th, 20th and 21st, the Student Association presented in the Gymnasium an old Chinese play to which were invited the complete staff and student body of the University.

On Friday evening, December 20th, the Woman's College held its annual White Christmas and Candle-Lighting Service in Hart College Chapel. Christmas music and Bible readings preceded the presentation of white gifts (i.e. gifts wrapped in white paper) for the poor of the neighbourhood. Then followed the Candle-Lighting Ceremony when one representative of each of the eighteen classes which have graduated since the inception of women's education in the University lighted her candle and set it in the white candle stand. The five 'readers' then passed the light along each row of the assembled company, until everyone present held a lighted candle in her hand ready to join in singing the gladsome carol-recessional, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come".

### DR. DAVID S. K. DAI

This year our joy in the celebration of Christmas has been mingled with sorrow. We have all been shocked by the news of the aeroplane crash which took from us our friend and colleague, David S. K. Dai.

For several months Dr. Dai had been in Nanking working out plans with the National Health Administration for a nation-wide scheme of oral public health and the establishment of hospital clinics in the capital and Shanghai—a task for which his special training in our University and in the United States had eminently fitted him. Recently the President's Council sent a special invitation to Dr. Dai to act as the University's official representative in Nanking. In Nanking he was the leader of our Alumni Association, just as he had been in Chengtu. Dr. Dai was a radiant person; a fine Christian; a man of boundless energy and enthusiasm; a willing helper of all good causes. His loss will be felt keenly in many circles, but at this time our heartfelt sympathy goes out most of all to his wife and children who had been so eagerly awaiting his return to Chengtu to celebrate Christmas with them. In his brief forty years Dr. Dai achieved much; he set many wheels in motion; shall we not pledge ourselves to support and develop the programmes and projects to which he gave so much.

### OUR STAFF

We are very pleased to report the arrival of Mrs. Thomson, wife of Prof. J. Claude Thomson of the University of Nanking who this year is on our faculty in the College of Medicine and Dentistry, undertaking special nutritional research and teaching. Mrs. Thomson will

join our Department of Western Languages. The College of Medicine and Dentistry is also glad to welcome back Dr. T. H. Lan as Head of its Department of Biochemistry. Dr. and Mrs. Dryden L. Phelps have returned to their old home. Dr. Phelps is expected to head up the religious activities of the University. Dr. and Mrs. Wilford and Dr. and Mrs. Arnold of the College of Medicine and Dentistry are already on their way to Shanghai. Mrs. H. J. Mullett and son Jack are travelling with this group.

Mr. Lo Chung-shu travelled by air to England where he is visiting a number of University centres; his trip has been made possible through a grant from the British Council.

Word just to hand indicates that Mr. George Dsang expects to sail on the S.S. "General Meigs" on January 3rd for San Francisco on his way to Toronto to take up his scholarship at Victoria University.

Congratulations to Dr. Bert G. L. Yang who has received his Diploma in Urological Surgery from McGill University, Toronto; also to Mr. Li Hsin-lung on the securing of a fellowship under the Burroughs Wellcome Trust to enable him to spend the year 1947-48 in England pursuing pharmaceutical studies.

For some months Dr. T'ang T'eng-han has been in Shanghai in an attempt to return to his home in Java. Most unfortunately his daughters were taken ill shortly after their arrival and they are still in hospital in Shanghai. The latest word is that as soon as they have recovered their health the family will return to Chengtu.

Three members of the faculty of Arts are attending the National Assembly in Nanking—Professors Ho Lu-chih, Shang Yang-seng and Chiang Wen-kang; the latter is in charge of the Eighth Group of the Assembly.

As Mr. Gordon Jones will be leaving shortly for Canada, the University is most grateful to the U. U. Middle School for making it possible for Mr. L. Earl Willmott to serve as Acting-Bursar until Mr. William Small returns from furlough in the spring. We take this opportunity to express sincere appreciation to Mr. Jones for coming to our rescue when Mr. Sie King-tsu left to become Vice-Director of the University Hospital, Nanking.

Dr. Liu Tsen-hen has been appointed Acting-Head of the Department of Oral Pathology and Histology, in place of Dr. Hwang Dwan-fang, resigned.

We are happy to learn that all our graduates who travelled abroad this year arrived safely and report that they are quickly entering into their work.

Dean Lindsay visited both Shanghai and Nanking between November 9th and 22nd. In Nanking he attended a meeting of the National Dental Health Board when plans were made to develop dental practice programmes in China.

On November 26th Dean Ho Wen-chun left for a trip to Chungking, Nanking and Shanghai in the interests of the University, preparing the way for making an appeal for a grant from Government surplus rice, and discussing plans for the inauguration of a financial campaign on behalf of the University. He brought back with him warm greetings from the Alumni Associations in these three cities.

Early in January Dr. Pearl Fosnot will be paying a brief visit to Chungking to attend the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church.

We rejoice with two of our western families in the birth of sons, and extend a hearty welcome to Michael Sargent and Bruce Fisher.

### FINANCE

The University has received a special grant of \$50,000,000.00 from the Ministry of Education for rehabilitation purposes, made in recognition of the University's acceptable contribution to higher education during the war years. Our increased grant from the U. S. C. amounts to \$35,000,000.00 per month. We have also received a supplementary re-outfitting grant which has been distributed with December salaries; and a special grant of \$55,900,000.00 from the Provincial Government towards the cost of teaching the extra students which the Bureau of Education urged us to accept this year.

Thank to the generosity of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China and the U. S. C., the University has been able to increase salaries by twenty percent of the total salary paid in November. This increase will be made retroactive as from October 1st.

Dr. Robert J. McMullen and Dr. William P. Penn of the ABCCC stress the need for the University to face the fact that there can be no further percentage increases in income from the Associated Boards; to plan to make drastic reductions in staff and student body next year; to raise tuition fees; to keep operational expenses within thirty percent of the total budget.

### OUR MUSEUM

In a lecture delivered before the West China Border Research Society, Dr. T. K. Cheng, Curator of the University's Archaeological Museum, gave an interesting and detailed account of the development of the plan which has been in operation during the past five years to organise the Museum into a working Museum and a reliable tool for the teaching and research work undertaken by the University. Dr. Cheng has been labouring under difficulty, for the Library Building in which the Museum has been housed for so long is not suitable for such a purpose; there is insufficient space for display or storage, the lighting is very poor, the display cases are far too large and take up too much floor space; financial stringency has made it possible to use only the cheapest materials for the display of exhibits. Because

of the limited-space available the exhibits have had to be re-arranged at least forty times during the past five years, consuming much valuable time and effort, which might have been put into other activities; is it any wonder that Dr. Cheng includes in his plan for the next five year period the building of a new Museum which shall be a model for museums in China? Already the Museum of our University has gained for itself both a national and an international reputation.

### FRONTIER RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Prof. Li An-che, Head of the Department of Sociology, reports that during the summer the West China Frontier Research Institute received an endowment from the Provincial Governments of Szechwan and Sikang, amounting to NC\$10,000,000.00. He reports further that Dr. Ferdinand D. Lessing of the Department of Oriental Languages of the University of California, one of the world's best authorities on Lamaism, is expected to arrive in Chengtu early in January to join the staff as a visiting professor. Prof. Li An-che, who has been serving on the Ministry of Education's Committee on Frontier Education for the past four years is participating in its sixth session in Nanking on December 23rd and 24th.

From its establishment in 1941 the West China Frontier Research Institute has been interested in organising cooperative activities with the Department of Sociology, the University Museum, the West China Border Research Society, the Border Service Department of the Church of Christ in China and various Government projects in a programme of research, training and service.

In a recent letter to Prof. Li, Prof. Raymond Firth of the London School of Economics and Political Science says: "I was very interested to have news of the progress of your Institute's frontier research work. In fact I took the liberty of mentioning it in my inaugural lecture at the School in March of this year as one of the promising pieces of modern anthropological research . . . I am indebted to you for the copy of your article on the "Sakya Sect of Lamaism" . . . But I do think it is important to have studies such as yours on the various modern forms of Buddhism. One of my criticisms of so many of the European scholars is that nearly all their contributions are made in terms of a classical literature and not in terms of living belief and practice. From this point of view then, especially, I think your Lamaistic studies are extremely useful. I hope that we shall see more of them, including some analysis if possible of variations in belief and behaviour between individual lamas, and also an analysis of the workings of a monastery from the point of view of economic and social organisation." In this connection Prof. Li reports that Mr. Huang Ming-hsin, our research assistant, who has been a regular lama for the past five years since his graduation from the National Tsinghua University, has written on "The Daily Life of Individual Lamas", and that Prof. Li's paper on "A Lamasery in Outline", published by the West China Border Research Society in its

1942 Journal is precisely "an analysis of the workings of a monastery from the point of view of economic and social organisation".

Prof. Li's paper on "Dege: Its History and Population" has been accepted for publication in the Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute.

### HODGKIN MEMORIAL LECTURES

On April 8th and 10th, 1946, Prof. P. M. Roxby of the British Council delivered two lectures under the auspices of the Hodgkin Memorial Fund, entitled "The Position of Nations and Peoples in a New World Order". Those lectures have now been published in both English and Chinese and are available on application to the President's Office, Administration Building.

### COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

The Biochemistry Department is preparing to move into its permanent quarters on the fourth floor of the central block of the College Building. It is hoped that the move may be made during the winter vacation, work having already commenced on furniture for the new quarters. Before leaving the States, Dr. T. H. Lan was able to secure a considerable amount of equipment for this Department, and when it arrives the University should have one of the best equipped Departments of Biochemistry in China.

During the year the College has received from the British Red Cross NC\$49,500,000.00 and for the Hospital £2,500 plus and additional £7,500 to be spent in England. Money received to date has been used for better maintenance of staff, social service work, extra expenses involved in installing the deep-X-ray therapy unit, more bedding and clothing for patients, installation of running water for a portion of the University hospital building, freight charges on CNRRA gifts of supplies. The international Relief Committee have also made generous gifts of supplies, including drugs, instruments, sheeting, patients' clothing, as have CNRRA and UNRRA through the Ministry of Education; part of this latter gift was a truck load of 100 hospital beds.

The Canadian Red Cross and Chinese War Relief Fund Committee have contributed funds to make possible additional accommodation for student nurses, for anaesthetic apparatus, radium, biochemistry supplies, books, surgical instruments; also the payment to the hospital resident staff of a grant in lieu of the rehabilitation grant made to the University staff.

The Insurance money together with the proceeds from the sale of material from the burned out Hospital for Women and Children, have been turned over by the Canadian Women's Missionary Society for the reconstruction of the nurses' residence.

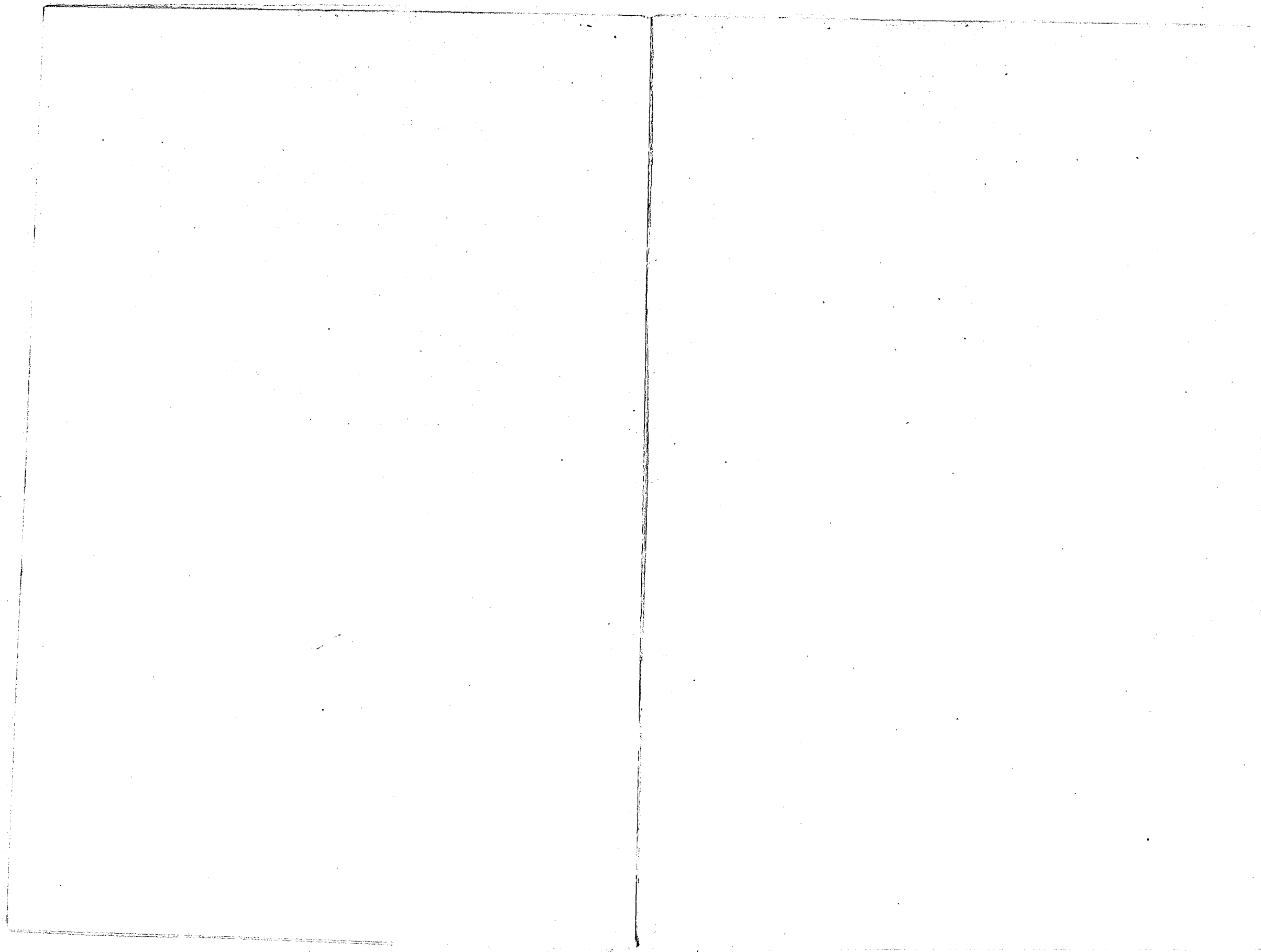
A gift from the family of the late Dr. Janet McClure Kilborn is making possible the redecoration and refurnishing of the College Library as a memorial for Dr. Janet Kilborn. The walls will be panelled in lan-mu, the ceilings beamed, the floors covered with imported flooring, and new lighting and furniture will be installed.

### STUDENT CENTRE

The editor apologizes for an omission from the last paragraph but one on page 5 of Bulletin Vol. 2, No. 2, November, 1946. Among the groups represented on the new Committee mention should have been made of the Y.W.C.A. who are generously supplying the Centre with a secretary—a much appreciated contribution.

A number of students are enquiring about the possibility of securing opportunities for earning some money during the winter vacation. Will anyone who can employ a student for writing, office work, translation, or any other type of service between January 18th when this term ends, and the opening of the spring term classes on February 10th, kindly get into touch with Mr. Dseo Yun-wen, Associate Dean of Discipline, who is in charge of extra-curricular activities.

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## FOREWORD

Should we as teachers continue to rationalise, in the interests of our economic aggrandisement, the present situation which permits our holding concurrently two or three full-time teaching positions?

Without argument we know that teachers in China have been and are today underpaid. The world over they are so imposed upon. But in no other country which prides itself on its respect for education and the scholar, can there be found the pernicious and morale-sapping custom which makes honourable the drawing of full salaries from two or more institutions, on the fictitious understanding that efficient and honest service is to be given to each.

If by chance our contracted teaching hours can be fulfilled our health is put into jeopardy by overwork; our teaching becomes stereotyped, there being too little time for preparation; our reading, a prized privilege, is almost eliminated; our contacts with students greatly abbreviated or totally lacking; and finally, we develop irritable and uncertain tempers which lead to criticism and contempt of the authorities who permit the operation of the questionable system.

Times without number we as professors have been advised to step out of our "ivory towers", to be practical, to consider this or that worldly project. We have here certainly stepped out of those towers and have stepped so far that there is grave danger of our missing the steps that will lead us back to our cherished traditions. The present system is divorcing us from any honest opportunity to assist our students in the pursuit of knowledge and adherence to proven fact and reason in the search for truth. A wage-price inflation spiral is feared by us all. A vicious spiral of hours-money inflation has tempted us to oversell our teaching hours without regard to the best interests of our teaching. Printing press dollars may keep a bankrupt economy running for a time, but there surely comes a day of reckoning. To us who are overselling ourselves there will also come a day of reckoning. When and how it will come—who knows? Before it is too late let us reassert our high ideals with which we began our pedagogical careers. Let us put our own houses in order rather than point our fingers at those who occupy high places in the political world.

The opinion expressed in the above paragraphs are those of many of us who are now caught in the web of unhappy circumstance. We hope a public statement will induce others to join in an attempt to rectify the lamentable system.

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Friends of the Dai Shu-ku family in China have raised a fund in aid of the education of the children. Missionaries have made their donations in Canadian or American currency, placing these in Toronto, in care of Dr. Jesse H. Arnup, United Church of Canada, 299 Queen St., W., Toronto, Ontario, or in New York in care of Mr. C. A. Evans, Associated Boards for Christian Colleges, 150 Fifth Ave., New York City 11, U. S. A.

It has been suggested that friends of the family now living in Canada, the United States or the United Kingdom, may also like to contribute to this fund. Those desiring to do so are requested to forward their cheques to either Dr. Arnup or Mr. Evans, ear-marking them for the David Dai Family Aid Fund.

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### OUR GUESTS

The University community has been happy to welcome Prof. Ferdinand D. Lessing, Ph.D., Professor of Oriental Languages of California. His weekly lectures under the auspices of the West China Border Research Society and the Frontier Research Institute have been greatly appreciated. These have centred around Lamaism under the following headings: The Study of Buddhism in the West, its history and methods; The Polygenesis of Lamaism; The Mental Process in the Buddhist Cult; The Place of Art in Lamaism (this lecture being delivered in the Museum); Services for the Dead in Chinese and Tibetan Buddhism; Buddhism and Christianity, indicating parallels and contrasts.

Sir Clutha Mackenzie, representative of the world-renowned St. Dunstan's Institute for the Blind, accompanied by Dr. W. S. Flowers of the British Red Cross, spent a short time in Chengtu investigating the work carried on by various blind institutions.

Later in the term it is expected that the University will receive visits from Dr. Robert Hightower, recently appointed American Assistant Director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute and from Dr. Kenneth Chen, Chinese Assistant Director and Executive Secretary located in Peiping.

Word has been received that on account of the difficulty of securing transportation from England the British Educators, Dr. Mary Clarke and Miss Lynda Grier, will be unable to visit West China as they had originally intended. Dr. John E. Skoglund of the American Baptist Mission is another who has had to change his plans; it is fortunate, however, for the cause of Christian education in China that they will be able to visit certain of the Universities in East and South China.

Apparently Dr. Kenneth Beaton and Rev. Anson Moorhouse of the Canadian Mission have arrived in Shanghai. While in Chengtu they plan to make movies of University campus life so that our friends in the west may not only learn about us through the ear gate, but also through the eye gate.

### OUR STAFF

We are very glad to welcome Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Wilford on their return from furlough; they have had a long trip from Shanghai due to the grounding of passenger planes and low water in the Yangtze at this time of the year; they travelled from Hankow to Ichang and from Chungking to Chengtu by road.

Dr. and Mrs. Meuser, and Dr. and Mrs. Moncrieff have arrived safely in Shanghai, and it is to be hoped that they will not be delayed too long in securing transportation to Chengtu. Mr. Walter Small is spending a few months of his furlough in Nanking assisting the Canadian Embassy with the erection of their new buildings to be located west of Ginling College. Word has just come that Mr. William Small expects to sail from San Francisco on March 28th.

Mr. William G. Sewell is already on his way back to China. He expects to arrive in Hongkong on April 1st, to spend about three weeks there, and then if travel facilities are available to visit as many of the Christian Universities as possible on his way from the coast to Chengtu.

Prof. Li Hen is attending a conference in Nanking called by the Ministry of Education; Prof. Chiang Chih-ang is also in Nanking on temporary loan to the Social Welfare Department of the Ministry of Education.

Since his arrival in England Prof. C. S. Lo has been busily occupied in London, Oxford and Cambridge; he is at present visiting all the provincial universities in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and during the latter part of March is to broadcast from B.B.C. London concerning this tour.

Mr. George Dsang writes of his happy settling into life in Emmanuel College, Toronto, where he is working for the degree of Ph.D.

Mr. Kan Shih-fu of the Department of Western Languages has already left for Nanking on his way to take up his fellowship in Paris.

May we take this opportunity to remind all those who hope to go abroad for study that before they can secure a letter of recommendation from the University they must pass a test in the English Language. The attempt to recommend only those who are proficient in English is intended not only to benefit those going abroad but also to uphold the honour of the West China Union University. It does not need much imagination to realise the uselessness of studying abroad without a foreign language. Those well prepared in this respect will be able to gain far more from their period of study than those who are not so well prepared.

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On the strength of an increased grant from U. S. C. in January and the raising of fees for the spring term, the University has adopted the 600 multiple in calculating salaries, thus bringing our salaries almost up to the level of those paid by the National Szechwan University. The salaries of part-time teachers for the spring term have been raised to \$3,500 to \$4,500 per hour for Professors; \$3,000 to \$3,500 for Associate Professors; \$2,500 to \$3,000 for Instructors; \$2,500 for Assistants.

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The Department of Hygiene and Public Health is offering to the staff and their dependents a health service. This will cover annual physical examination, service and medicines at the daily clinics, annual immunization, at a nominal charge for the spring term 1947 of \$1,000 per adult and \$500 per each additional member of the family over five years of age. Arrangements for hospitalization will be made in accordance with Hospital regulations for operations, laboratory service, out-calls and fluoroscopies.

The Spring Term Faculty Retreat took place on Sunday, March 23rd, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day commenced with the University Morning Service in Hart College, when Prof. Li An-che spoke on "Religion and the Modern University." In the discussion periods which followed Professors S. H. Fong, Lan T'ien-ho and Li An-che took the lead. Consideration was given to such questions as: What is the special contribution of Christianity to the life and work of this University? or What really is the purpose of a Christian University? How can we create a sense of fellowship in this University? What can the faculty and staff do to produce in the students a sense of responsibility after they graduate? What are the best methods to produce this type of Christian men and women graduates?

### GIFTS

Word has been received from the General Chemical and Pharmaceutical Company Ltd., Wembley, England, that they plan to make a series of donations to our University during the next four years: these will take the form of analytical reagents and laboratory chemicals weighing about 130 pounds.

Mr. Slater of the C. C. U. A. has delightfully surprised us by reporting that the British United Aid to China will undertake the transportation costs of supplies and equipment procured through the China Christian Universities Association. This is a very generous gift, especially in these days of phenomenal transportation costs.

In January the U. S. C. raised its monthly grant to \$44,500,000.

\$3,500,000 has come from the Ministry of Education as part of its regular grant to the University, together with \$2,000,000 for equipment and a special gift of \$40,000,000 to the College of Medicine and Dentistry for building purposes in the University Hospital; US\$300 from the American Women's Hospitals Association for the Hospital.

\$13,200,000 from the British Red Cross Society for the University Hospital.

Canadian \$500 from the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada for Occupational Therapy equipment.

From the British Council 86 books and 15 pamphlets for the Library; from the Chinese War Relief Fund of Canada 262 books; from the Church Missionary Society, through Dr. Frank Knights, 24 books; from Dr. L. G. Kilborn 342 books and 247 volumes of bound periodicals; from Dr. A. E. Best 64 books and 18 volumes of periodicals; from CNRRA about 600 pamphlets on a wide range of subjects.

\$1,000,000 from the Yuan family to establish scholarships in memory of their father Yuan Ch'iao-yuin.

For all these gifts and grants the University desires to place on record its sincere thanks and appreciation.

### UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT FUND

Announcement had already been made of the University's plan to launch a financial campaign to raise an endowment fund for the University, when word came from Shanghai of a projected campaign on behalf of the thirteen Christian Universities and Colleges. Naturally the Committee sponsoring this large project desires that all Universities should participate. A grand total of one hundred billion dollars is the aim. Consideration is being given to the merging of plans for the University's campaign into the large scheme.

### GENERAL NEWS

A short time ago the Child Welfare Committee secured permission from the Baptist Mission to erect a small building to house a Guidance Nursery on land adjacent to the former Ginling Gymnasium which had already been allocated for the use of the Nursery School for the children of the staff. However, building costs proved to be far beyond the amount of money available for this Guidance Nursery. Therefore another plan was suggested, with the result that the Nursery School is to be moved into the wool weaving building adjacent to the San Tai; this building is sufficiently commodious to take care of all the associated activities of the Nursery School. The cost of remodelling the building will be covered by funds granted by United Service to China for the University's Child Welfare Programme.

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About fifteen months ago the University entered into an agreement with Mr. Huang Hsi-cheng, whereby his art collection would be loaned permanently to the West China Union University Museum in exchange for a certain sum of money. However, the arrangement not having proved satisfactory, Mr. Huang has now agreed to sell part of his collection to the University. This comprises fifty articles, which have been chosen to fit into and to fill certain gaps in our Museum's collection. All of them are rare pieces; they comprise three statues and a dish of the T'ang Period; sixteen Buddhist statues of the Six Dynasties; Han and Chin bronze mirrors; other bronze objects, a hollow brick, a stone coffin and a pottery dragon, all of the Han Period; a Sung porcelain vase and pottery animal figures; atone and jade chisels (Chou).

Mr. Huang has also presented to the University a wooden statue of the T'ang period as an expression of his goodwill and desire to continue unofficial connections with our Museum.

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The West China Pharmaceutical Laboratories, operating in close conjunction with our Department of Pharmacy, have now entered into a scheme of cooperation with the Chinese Pharmaceutical Laboratories, the aim of such cooperation being the standardised manufacture of drugs and pharmaceutical research. Chinese Pharmaceutical Laboratories will provide all raw materials, fuel, packing etc. and subsidize the W.C.U.U. Pharmacal Laboratories on a sliding scale according to monthly costs, and in return the W.C.U.U. Pharmaceutical Laboratories will manufacture certain drugs for them free of charge.

The United Church of Canada West China Mission has given notice that it wishes to withdraw the City Dental Hospital from cooperation as a unit of the University Hospital. In accepting this decision the University has expressed regret that such action has been found necessary.

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For some years the College of Medicine and Dentistry has operated a School of Hospital Technology, which has played a useful role in the work of preparing technicians for the College and Hospitals. Attempts were made to register the School with the Ministry of Education, but not followed up because the University desired to admit students of college grade, whereas the Ministry only agreed to register the School of students of lower grade were accepted. It is understood that the Ministry may now be willing to consider registering a college grade School of Hospital Technology. Steps are therefore being taken to this end.

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Our Fine Arts Division is planning a series of recitals at the end of May:

Departmental Recital in the Faculty Common Room, Thursday, May 29th; Ensemble Programme given by the Glee Club and Ensemble Piano Class on Friday, May 30th; General Recital, representing the work of the Fine Arts Division for the year in Piano, organ and Glee Club, on Saturday, May 31st. The two latter recitals will be open to the public.

The results of recent matches are as follows:

**Basket Ball Team:** lost to Air Force Technical School; won against Szechwan University.

**Volley Ball Team:** won two matches against the Air Force Technical School.

**Football Team:** lost to Air Force Technical School.

Plans are now being made to hold a modified Athletic Meet for Goucher and Union Middle School and the University.

### SPRING TERM ENROLMENT

	Arts	Science	Med.	Dent.	Nursing	Tech. Hosp.	Total
1st year .....	263	256	71	48	12	9	659
2nd year .....	222	205	38	13		4	482
3rd year .....	229	83	28	15		2	357
4th year .....	150	64	34	12			260
5th year .....			46	11			57
6th year .....			34	12			46
7th year .....			59	12			71
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1932</b>

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In normal times the teacher in China has been the most venerated of persons. He was honoured and envied. He was classed amongst the most valued members of society. He earned a reasonable living and could continue a leisurely search after truth and contentment. Today, in theory he is still a very honoured member of society, but he has entered the ranks of frenzied business. He sells his time and skills as does a merchant.

During the transition from the days when there was a major emphasis on classical learning to the present reverence for modern philosophy and science, China has been undergoing a series of revolutions—political, industrial, social and educational. A couple of major wars, many minor ones, as well as revolutions have been spreading their seeds of destruction and enmity. Their deplorable effects on the morals and the morale of all classes of society have been disastrous to the nation. The teacher has not escaped the damaging consequences of these happenings and is deeply involved in the bankruptcy of ideals.

When choosing the teaching profession he was prepared to accept its rewards or its consequences. Even today the teacher knows that he should be embarking upon a crusade which entails sacrifice and service, but he is caught up in the press of inflation which in particular squeezes white-collared groups. He suffered horribly during the war years. He is now taking advantage of the lack of sufficient teaching personnel to sell himself for economic security.

Teaching—a vocation which should never at any time be entered into lightly—demands in these days of China's travail more than ever that upholding of the ideals of right and honour which made the teacher of memory "hew to the line" in spite of personal loss. His reward was an inner satisfaction, and a recognition that his service, though given at personal sacrifice of comfort, financial remuneration and worldly recognition, was absolutely necessary to the upbuilding of the coming generations of Chinese manhood. By their fruits were they known. The product of the West China Union University should be graduates who, emulating such teachers, shall build a Chinese society fit for the heroes of these difficult days of reconstruction, be they few or many.

### OUR GUESTS

We were glad that Dr. Kenneth Beaton and Rev. Anson Moorhouse arrived in time to attend the Spring Term Faculty Retreat in the Willmotts' garden on Sunday, March 23rd. Dr. Beaton gave a series of addresses to students and staff during Passion Week and both he and Mr. Moorhouse have kept themselves busy with speaking engagements and with their photographic work; they are making films of mission work in West China in which the University will play a prominent part.

Mr. F. W. Raetz of China's Children Fund, Inc., has been in Chengtu again to observe the progress made in the erection of the Orphanage connected with Dewey School. Canon Whittenbach of the C.M.S., who has worked for many years in South China, is visiting Chengtu before he proceeds to England to become General Secretary of the Church Missionary Society.

The community has been particularly happy to welcome Bishop Ralph A. Ward who has been spending a few weeks with his daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. D. N. Sargent. To the Bishop and his family we extend our sincere sympathy in the death of Mrs. Ward.

### STAFF NEWS

Shortly after the publication of our April issue a number of folk who were on the way from the coast have arrived safely and been warmly welcomed to our midst.

Dr. and Mrs. Meuser were fortunate enough to get through by special plane in one day. Dr. and Mrs. Moncrieff had rather a strenuous trip by river and road, though in one respect they were more fortunate than most, for they were able to bring with them a goodly portion of their baggage. Dr. Moncrieff has resumed the Directorship of the Missionary Training School, which this term is keeping him fully occupied, leaving little time for English teaching; however, it is hoped that in the fall he will be able to give a fair amount of time to the Department of Western Languages. Dr. and Mrs. Arnold, who travelled as far as Hankow with the Wilfords, took steamer to Chungking and completed their adventurous trip to Chengtu by jeep.

Dr. Wilford has resumed the headship of the Department of Surgery. In view of the early departure of Mr. Li Hsin-lung to take up his fellowship under the Wellcome Trust, and of the fact that Dr. Tang T'eng-han will not be returning this year, Dr. Meuser has been appointed Head of the Department of Pharmacy.

Dr. C. R. Pen having left for Canada to take up his studies under a Canadian Red Cross Society fellowship, Dr. D. S. Shen has become Superintendent of the E. E. N. T. Hospital at Shansi Kai and Dr. C. L. Cheng acting-Head of Otolaryngology. On his return to Chengtu in the near future Dr. C. L. Tsao will become Head of the Department of Internal Medicine.

Dr. P. C. Tung, our Hon. Professor of Surgery, has been appointed Director of Provincial Health Administration.

Congratulations are extended to Dr. C. R. Pen and other winners of Canadian Red Cross Fellowships: Dr. Ho Gwang-tsi will be proceeding to Canada to pursue studies in Anatomy, Dr. Ruth Dsang to study Pediatrics, and Dr. Chen Chin-tsai to study Pathology, after which he will take up a Cancer Research Scholarship in Boston for six months. Dr. Wu Ho-kwang is also leaving shortly to study Surgery abroad.

The University is honoured in having Mr. Robert Lin chosen as one of six leading Chinese scientists to attend the International Physiological Congress to be held in Oxford from July 22nd to 25th. Through the kind offices of Dr. Joseph Needham UNESCO has been persuaded to provide return air travel to England to enable these physiologists to attend this important gathering.

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For the benefit of all our staff going to abroad for study, we quote Dr. Robert J. McMullen's warning in a recent letter to the Christian Colleges in China:

"In no case will we hold ourselves responsible for any obligation incurred by any member of our faculty coming to America unless definite agreement has been made regarding it before the faculty member leaves China. Quite often our Chinese friends have come to America on much less than the amount needed to see them through the year and have then petitioned us for additional funds. Some come also with funds for one year and then decide they wish to stay an additional year or an additional semester and then request us to provide the funds. It is easy for you to understand that it would be impossible for us to formulate a budget on these uncertainties. We wish to have a definite program to help as many as possible as much as possible, but we cannot be responsible for the payment of any sum upon which we have not agreed and for which we have not set aside the money in advance of the recipient's leaving China."

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Mr. S. H. Fong and Dr. Lindsay were away for a couple of weeks attending the meeting of the Council of Higher Education and meetings connected with the inauguration of the financial campaign on behalf of the Christian Colleges in China. They also visited W.C.U.U. Alumni groups in Nanking and Chungking to further plans for W.C.U.U.'s share of this campaign.

Word has been received from Prof. William G. Sewell of his safe arrival in Hongkong where he spent two or three weeks contacting University and other friends; he is probably in Shanghai now and will shortly be proceeding to Nanking to visit the Universities there on his way to Chungking and Chengtu.

On health grounds Miss Hensman is advised not to return to Chengtu during the summer months; therefore we cannot expect her

much before the opening of the Fall Term. This is a severe blow to the Department of Western Languages, for Dr. Fosnot, present Head of the Department, is long overdue for furlough, and cannot continue after the close of this term. She plans to hand over the Deanship of Women to Miss Anne Ward until such time as it is possible to secure a Chinese Dean of Women.

The College of Medicine and Dentistry records sincere appreciation of the many years of faithful service rendered to the College and Hospital by Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Best who are now retiring from Mission work in Chengtu. Sincere thanks are also due to Mrs. Best for the valuable service she has given to the Department of Western Languages, particularly during the war years when the Department was seriously handicapped by shortage of staff. The good wishes of all their friends follow Dr. and Mrs. Best as they return to their family in Canada. Extracts from a letter just received from Mrs. Best are quoted in this Bulletin.

### WEDDING BELLS

Hearty congratulations and the best of wishes are extended to Mr. William W. Small who was married in Toronto on April 12th; and to Dr. Leslie G. Kilborn and Dr. Jean Millar who were married in Hongkong on April 28th. The Kilborns are attending the Chinese Medical Association meetings in Nanking, expecting to be back in Chengtu by May 20th. We hear that Mr. and Mrs. William Small will be sailing from San Francisco on May 15th.

### GRANTS AND GIFTS

Grateful acknowledgment is made of the following gifts:

The promised radio has arrived. It is a PYE and comes from the students of Queen Mary College, London, to the students of West China Union University. The Department of Physics is considering a plan for the operation of this radio under suitable supervision so that all who are interested may benefit from this welcome gift.

Regular February and March grants have been received from the U.S.C. for the current expenses of the University and for the support of the Child Welfare Training programme, together with supplementary grants to cover rising inflation for January; also, from the Mission to Lepers monthly grants of approximately two and a half million dollars for the Leper Hospital.

A special grant of \$12,419,600 has been received from the Provincial Bureau of Education towards the laboratory costs for 272 Loan Students accepted by our University this year.

The College of Medicine and Dentistry reports the receipt of \$2,145,924 from the Methodist Church, of which \$1,469,344 is to be used for Social Service work for the poor, and the remainder for the current

budget of the Hospital; from CNRRA a partial gift of thirty-one cases of eagerly welcomed dental supplies; from the American Mission to Lepers a generous supply of Promine, worth six million dollars.

The Anderson Drug Company, Shanghai, has presented a sum of \$1,000,000, the income from which is to be used for Pharmacy student scholarships.

In memory of his son-in-law, Chen Kang, who died in January, Dr. Luke Hsiao presented the University with \$1,000,000, the income from which is to be used to support one or two medical students through their course. The holders of these scholarships will be chosen according to character and ability by a special committee on which Dr. Hsiao will appoint three members.

During the year 49 students have received scholarships from the Dsen Shih-chuin Fund to a total value of five million dollars. Fourteen have received Syracuse-in-China scholarships at \$100,000 and fifty-six received regular "University" scholarships, totalling \$2,700,000. Scholarship funds have also been received from several Szechwan Hsiens, the Provincial Bureau of Education, Kansu Province, Kangu Hsien, the Chin Cheng Company, Messrs. Yoh Shang Chen, Hsu Chung-chi and Ngeo Sze-chin.

In 1945 the Trustees of Burroughs, Wellcome, made a grant of £1,000 for Wellcome research Studentships in our Department of Pharmacy. This was intended to be the first of three such grants. Research groups in Pharmacy have been making very good use of this money, and now that Dr. Meuser has returned, the Project will go ahead with greater impetus. The University is indeed grateful for this generous support of the research work of the Department.

### FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

Stern warnings have been received recently from Dr. William P. Fenn and Dr. Robert J. McMullen of the Associated Boards concerning the impossibility of continuing grants to the Christian Universities at present levels. Dr. McMullen writes:

"We cannot be too strong in our statement regarding the necessity of retrenchment during the coming college year 1947-48. The funds which may be available for this will be far less than those originally contemplated. The more optimistic of our friends think that possibly one-fourth may be received. Others think that not half this amount will be available. In any case we are going to find it impossible to pay the amounts which we had hoped to pay for the current expenses of our China Colleges. We will do everything we can to assist, but urge that you cooperate in cutting expenditures while we are striving to increase the income. . . . In spite of all handicaps, however, we are backing you as strongly as we can and hope to provide you with sufficient funds to carry on through this difficult year a radically cut program."

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Our Anatomy laboratory is well supplied with sets of bones sufficient for each table, a large collection of skulls from excavated graves in the neighbourhood, several mummies and the embalmed body of a man with a reversed viscera. Technicians are kept busy preparing and mounting skeletons for schools in various parts of China. During the war the Department supplied embalmed bodies to medical schools in Kweiyang, Kiangsu, Beh Beh (Chungking) and to the National Central University. It is interesting to note that apart from the dissection of cadavers brought from abroad the first legal dissection in China was made in our University. We are indebted to the late Dr. Reginald Norse for the collection and arrangement of the major part of our Anatomy Museum.

Our Department serves a number of hospitals in Chengtu, five or six in Chungking—in all over fifty spread over a vast area: as far as Lanchow in the northwest, Kunming in the southwest, Sian to the north, Wuhu to the east, Yuanlin and Kweilin to the south. Hospitals send in specimens of tissue for diagnosis. Careful records are made, of which one copy is sent to the hospital concerned and another is kept in our files for future reference.

Alas, most of our Pathological Museum was destroyed by fire eight years ago; gradually, however, specimens are being replaced. Dr. Harry Williams is collecting others in Canada to be sent out when transportation facilities are easier and less expensive.

Bacteriology has built a wooden incubating room with shavings insulation. Dr. Hsu Kwei-chin of Parasitology is kept busy investigating many varieties of parasites. Last summer he examined 160 dogs, and found as many as six kinds of parasites in one dog!

The College owns but seventy-five microscopes for loaning out to students of each class; they are collected and locked up afterwards. Students pay a rental for the use of these microscopes to cover break-ages. It is surprising how many things can go wrong with a microscope when it is not treated with the utmost care!

The College has had a lucky find—a skillful scientific glass blower. Through the employment of this man the University will save a great deal of money, for he is able to repair all kinds of delicate apparatus used in the laboratories. To purchase replacements abroad would cost a great deal, especially when one has to add the phenomenal cost of transportation to West China.

During the past three or four months Dr. and Mrs. Lan T'ien-ho have been moving the Department of Biochemistry from its original quarters in the Biology Building to the fourth floor of the central block

of the College of Medicine and Dentistry. Carpenters and painters have now completed their work in the laboratories, office and store rooms, and Dr. Lan is anxiously awaiting the arrival of US\$10,000 worth of new equipment purchased in the United States; half of this comes through the Associated Boards; the remainder through the Canadian Red Cross and Chinese War Relief of Canada.

In order to render better service and to facilitate the work of other Departments of the University and Hospital, the Department has been re-organised into three Divisions: Nutrition, Pathological Chemistry and Physiological Chemistry. Courses are offered by the Department for students not only of Medicine and Dentistry but also of Arts and Science.

The Department has had several "At Home" days when tea was fittingly served in the Foods and Nutrition laboratory!

The present Dental Clinic is a far cry from the clinic of only a few years back, which was crowded most uncomfortably into the room now used as Prosthodontology laboratory. Even the new Clinic with its 150 ft. long floor space has proved too small for the service demanded of it; therefore a south-extension has been added recently. Now that the walls have dried out, calcimining and painting are in process. Before long the Departments of Oral Surgery and Parodontology will be moving from their present locations into this new extension which will accommodate eight additional operating chairs, thus increasing the capacity of the Clinic to thirty operating units. Unfortunately it is still impossible to purchase standard dental operating chairs and units, and until such time as they can be secured from abroad the Clinic will make use of chairs manufactured by the lepers in their technical laboratories. All the old chairs and operating equipment are being re-enamelled by the spray method, and this reconditioning together with the calcimining and painting of the Clinic is very pleasing to the eye. The space over the new extension has been converted into a useful and unique room lighted from skylights, and seating over one hundred students. Having a good platform and a couple of green rooms, this hall will be most useful for all kinds of entertainment as well as for lectures and visual education.

In the medical out-patient section of the Hospital there is much activity from morning till night. Sometimes there are over five hundred out-patients to be seen in a day, medical cases in the morning and surgical in the afternoon. By making use of all possible attic space the Hospital now has 256 beds, of which 120 are for third class patients, i.e. those who pay less than operational costs. Some beds are quite free, some at considerably reduced rates. A small infirmary of fourteen beds has recently been opened for the staff of the University. There are four operating rooms in constant use, and all the usual rooms which are needed for the normal functioning of a hospital—rooms for supplies, sterilization, sewing, laundry, kitchen, registration, records, dispensary, etc., etc., as well as accommodation for the interns, residents, nurses, and the very necessary servants. Much could be written of other Departments of the College and Hospital, but this brief sketch will give to those who cannot visit it, some idea of the size and scope of the present medical and dental set-up.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Registration for the Entrance Examinations for the Fall Term takes place on July 15th for Medical and Dental Students; on July 16th for Science and on July 17th and 18th for Arts students. The examination will be given in two sections, the first in Chinese, English and Mathematics, being given from July 30th onwards; the idea being that only those who pass the first section will be permitted to take the examination in other required subjects.

Comprehensive examinations for the Graduating Class will be held from June 9th to 14th; examinations for the Preparatory Class from June 16th to 18th; for Freshmen and other classes from June 19th to 28th. Examinations for promotion in English take place on June 16th and 17th, and English examinations for other classes from June 19th onwards.

### ATHLETICS

The University's Field Day is set for Saturday, May 10th. This year it has been decided to hold a simple one-day Meet and not to invite any outside guests. Heats are to be run off during the preceding days after 4 o'clock, so as not to interfere with classes. The Woman's College is planning a special May Day Fete on Saturday afternoon, May 17th, to take the form of a physical education display. Throughout the term inter-dormitory matches are being played as are matches with other schools. Various Government organisations in the city have presented six challenge cups for the winners of these inter-dormitory competitions.

**Inter-College Matches:** During April the College of Arts won the Basket Ball Tournament; the College of Science the Volley Ball trophy, while Football has resulted in a draw.

**Outside Matches:** Our Basket Ball Team has won two matches against a team of westerners and lost one to the Military School. The Basket Ball team won one match with the Huang Pu Middle School and one with the Air Force Mechanics School. The Volley Ball match with the Air Force School resulted in a draw. The Football Team won matches against the Union Middle School and Szechwan University; another with the Middle School resulted in a draw.

### FINE ARTS PROGRAMMES

Students in the Division of Fine Arts will present two programmes on Friday and Saturday evenings, May 30th and 31st. That on Friday, May 30th, will be entirely a "group work" programme. It will be given jointly by the Girls' Glee Club, which will sing two, three and four-part songs, and by the Piano Ensemble Class which will present numbers in "two piano" work.

The programme on Saturday, May 31st, will include piano and organ solos given by students studying piano and organ. These will be assisted by the Girls' Glee Club which will sing a few numbers. On both evenings an art exhibit will be presented by the students of the Painting Class.

For these programmes the Fine Arts Division will sell tickets with the purpose of raising a fund to help in erecting a building to provide, in addition to the practice space now available, a room for choral, Glee Club and ensemble class work. The Division solicits the hearty support of all lovers of music and art and of everyone interested in advancing the work of this Division in the University.

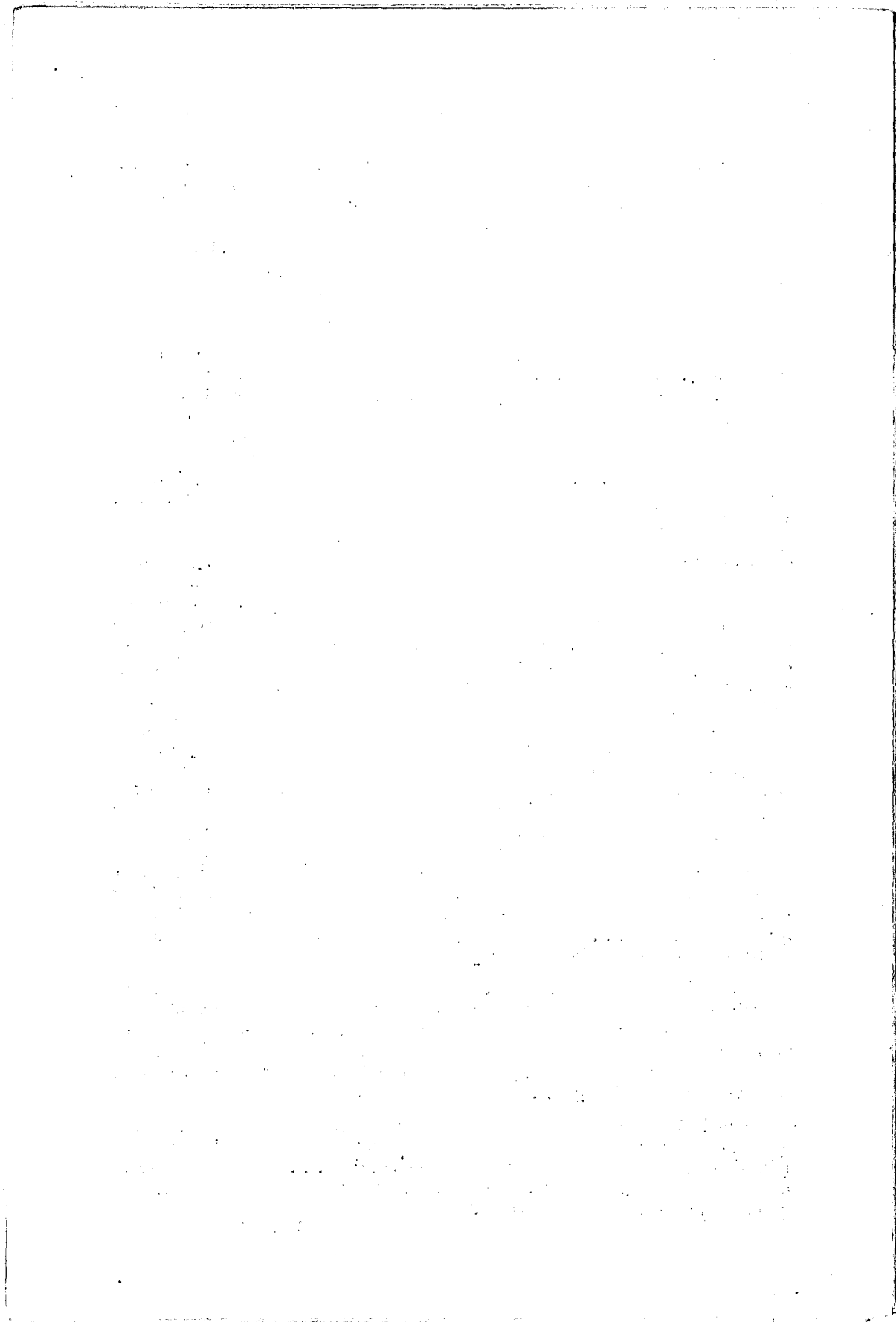
### CORRESPONDENCE

"We arrived at Nanking after a very smooth comfortable trip by AAF plane. Walter Small met us with the Canadian Embassy car, and with him was Dr. Kenneth Beaton. . . . We had been billeted at Ginling College, but preferred somewhere nearer and were fortunate to get a room at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Daniels. There we met Miss Beegle who is now in that Hospital helping, but who soon leaves for Canton. . . . We met various old friends, including Mr. Sie who so capably filled the post of Bursar in W.C.U.U. during the war. We were very much pleased and surprised to see all the beautiful buildings and residences standing and not apparently damaged. However, none of their foreign residences appealed to me as being so nice as our Chengtu houses, though they have many more modern conveniences. . . . The city is huge; we traversed it from one end to the other in the process of transferring freight from the airport godown to the railway station. The railway station was one grand jam of humanity coming or going on trains—several trains a day. Wednesday at 7.30 a.m. we took the fast express to Shanghai. It was to our unaccustomed experience just as good as any train trip we ever took in Canada. Meals en route, tea, comfortable arrangements, several hours of sheer enjoyment. We arrived at 3 p.m. and who should step off the train but an old student, now a doctor. He most kindly assisted us with our various small pieces of luggage and we easily transported it and ourselves to the C.I.M. Home. . . . Beautiful Swatow embroidered table linen of all sorts, dresser scarves, etc., but prices simply prohibitive. Sunday we walked to the Community Church in the French Concession; over half the audience in that packed auditorium were Chinese; choir partly of Chinese and assistant choir leader. . . . After Church we met a few we knew; Bruce Copland, Dr. Fenn, the Smythe girls, Bob Taylor. . . . The changing of the names of most streets makes it difficult to locate old familiar places.


"We boarded this steamer, a Canadian freighter, the Tribert, March 24th. We are having a good voyage; it is a most enjoyable way to cross the Pacific; northern route, haven't called anywhere. . . . The trip has been most health-giving and restful. . . . We have enjoyed seeing the Canadian boys doing all sorts of jobs that for years we have watched Chinese doing. . . .

April 14th, Vancouver. We got in here yesterday at 3 p.m. Because we have so much baggage and couldn't get it transferred yesterday (Sunday) we had to stay on the ship overnight. . . . I believe many of my former students will be glad to hear of me. I had no time to say goodbye properly to any of them."

Gertrude Best.



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## EDITORIAL

The publication of this number of the News Bulletin coincides with Chinese New Year. It is now fitting that we appraise the value of the work of the year just completed; that we make resolutions to better its past performances.

Should we be tempted to recount the achievements of 1947 with some degree of satisfaction, our shortcomings would loom before our vision for review and for examination. We are well aware that many areas of friction, waste, duplication and inefficiency in organisation have received considerable adjustment; that tightened academic controls are increasing a sensitiveness to our faults and a demand for higher standards and ideals. Much has been accomplished, visible and invisible, much more awaits our further efforts to reach our objectives. The realisation that a Christian University never should plan to excel in quantity production, never should attempt to equal the larger faculties and student bodies of national and provincial Universities, is now very definitely apparent.

Our program which is limited to a few Colleges must aim so to operate departments that students shall be exposed to the influence of teachers well-qualified to impart knowledge, to inspire a desire and provide the techniques for continued study. It must assure that every student shall recognise success in life to be more than acquisition of material rewards; that students in whatever sphere of society they may find themselves shall become positive influences for good and the supporters of those ideals which this country requires in order to lift it and its culture to a new high, proud level among the nations.

The imparting of knowledge is fundamental to our program, but to do this without adding character-building ideals is unjust to Chinese society and dangerous in this expanding world. Our charter requires us to emphasise the Christian virtues; and that truth sets free the human spirit. Thus all of us who accept a contract from the West China Union University must be prepared to give much more than teaching-by-the-hour, much more than the delivery of a series of lectures, much more than "the pound of flesh". From each of us in the classroom, or on the campus, must come inspiration for and stimulation of the spirit of willing service in our pursuit, as teachers, toward the development of a student body, happy, attentive, thoughtful, enthusiastic, honest and courageous. It is our duty as teachers to assure to the University, graduates of whom it will be proud and to China, citizens capable of occupying positions of trust and leadership. Beyond all our academic endeavours, if this "greater part" is not our aim, we fail—and fail lamentably. (AWL)

## GUESTS

We regret that only one of our expected Leper Hospital guests arrived. On account of the poor flying weather around Christmas time and the delay in plane service only Dr. Kellersberger of the American Mission to Lepers was able to reach Chengtu. We understand that he was duly impressed with the contribution which is being made by our Leper Hospital, and it is to be hoped that he will share his first-hand impressions with Mr. D. A. Miller and Dr. Neil Fraser who had planned to visit Chengtu with him.

Two of our cooperating Missions have been holding their annual conferences during January: The Methodist Episcopal Mission and the United Church of Canada. Chengtu residents have been very happy to welcome so many guests from out of town, mostly from stations in Szechwan.

The Canadian Mission is particularly fortunate in having the visit of a deputation from their Home Board composed of Rev. D. H. Gallagher, Associate Secretary of the Overseas Mission Board of the United Church of Canada; Mrs. H. D. Taylor, Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society; Dr. John Astbury of Montreal, Educationalist, and Dr. J. Y. Ferguson, of Toronto, Physician.

## GIFTS AND GRANTS

The University acknowledges with proper gratitude the following gifts and grants:

£125. from the British United Aid to China for our Nutritional Aid Programme for the Spring Term;

From the Friendship Class of St. Mark's Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, a gift of \$4,000,000 through Capt. George Parker of the A.A.G. for two scholarships for the spring term of two million dollars each. The fortunate holders of these scholarships are Miss Den Yü-chin, Medicine, and Mr. Chow Yu-ch'en, Dentistry.

Rev. Noel B. Slater of the China Christian Universities Association reports that he has paid into our London account the sum of £500 towards the support of the Birmingham Chair. We hear that the Birmingham Committee is a very enthusiastic one; among its ardent supporters are Dr. and Mrs. Whittington who were in Chengtu for a few years during the latter part of the war, and Mrs. W. G. Sewell who for the time being is remaining in England with the three children.

Dr. McMullen reported a contribution of US\$9,000 from the UBCCC Emergency Campaign, to be used towards the University's salary budget; this is a most welcome gift, especially in view of the fact that no general grant has been received from U. S. C. since August 1947. However, the Child Welfare Training Programme has received an emergency grant of NC\$88,267,630 for the five months August to December 1947.

The Ministry of Education has granted us \$61,650,000 as a supplementary grant for the Pharmacy Special Class to take care of the rise in salaries as from October 1st, 1947; for student aid the sum of \$34,506,145. has been received from the Ministry of Education and \$1,500,000 from the Provincial Government.

Incidentally it may be of interest to friends to know that during the Fall Term half our student body received from Government, University or private sources scholarships to take care of their tuition; many of them also received considerable assistance with living expenses.

Governor Liu Wen-huei has donated to the University the sum of \$1,000,000,000 towards the Finance Campaign, to complete the erection of the West Wing of the Education Building; not only will the completion of this building fill a long-felt need for more classroom accommodation for the Departments of Education and Rural Reconstruction and Western Languages, but the unbalance caused by an incomplete building will at long last be rectified. In making this gift Governor Liu has had in mind better provision for border students in whom he is particularly interested; permission has been received by cable from New York to proceed with the completion of this wing.

The W.M.S. of the United Church of Canada has made available the sum of Can. \$25,000 for the erection of the Nursing School. Work has already commenced on the A.B.F.M.S. Middle School Dormitory.

The sum of NC\$5,000,000 has been given by Dr. P. Y. Cheng (Cheng Pao-yuan) a former West China student, as a scholarship fund in memory of his father.

Through the kind offices of the China Christian Universities Association we have received for the College of Medicine and Dentistry a mobile X-ray; for the Department of Chemistry a case of organic reagents from Messrs. A. Boake Roberts & Co. of London; chemicals and reagents from the General Chemical and Pharmaceutical Company, Judex Works, Wembley, test books and indicator papers; and for the Department of Physics a case containing Weston Micro-Ammeters, Milliameters, Potentiometers, chokes, condensers and resistors. Another welcome gift from England is that of three Spencer Microscopes, allocated to Natural Science, Medicine and Dentistry. All these gifts fill a long-felt need. We are particularly grateful that the heavy transportation charges on them have been met by the British United Aid to China.

## FINANCE CAMPAIGN

Though the University's Finance Campaign was officially closed at the end of December, all subscription books have not yet been returned; it is therefore hoped that more money will come in shortly. To date we have received:

### Earmarked Contributions:

1. For Pediatrics beds in Hospital	US\$1,465.5+NC\$730,000
2. For Medical-Dental Library	2,000,000
3. For Chinese Department	2,970,000
4. College of Medicine and Dentistry	2,000,000
5. For Department of Biochemistry	40,000,000
6. For Department of Economics	10,000,000
7. For Department of Education	1,000,000
8. For General Scholarships	8,000,000
9. Yang Shao-chin Scholarship	45,000,000
10. Ch'in Chieh-deh Scholarship	8,375,000
11. Towards erection of Assembly Hall (promised)	\$1,000,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>US\$1,465.5 \$1,120,075,000</b>

### Contributions for General Purposes:

Can. \$100	US\$21.5	NC\$176,379,279.
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### Farms:

Kao Farm in Jenshow—302 Chinese acres, to form a scholarship fund.  
Government Farm, Chengtu—14,739 Chinese acres.

Naturally the University is most grateful for all these gifts but it has to be admitted that however useful earmarked funds do not help the general budget of the University very much. Also, as one of the thirteen Christian Universities we have to raise the large sum of \$800,000,000 as our share of the Campaign conducted by the Central Committee in Shanghai on behalf of the Christian Universities in China as a whole.

## STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to President and Mrs. Fong who celebrate their Silver Wedding on February 2nd. We extend to them our best wishes for many more years of happy married life.

Prof. Lo Chung-shu was appointed by the Ministry of Education as an adviser and technical expert attached to the Chinese delegation to the general conference of UNESCO, held in Mexico City; he is anxious to secure a fellowship to permit him to remain in the United States for a year; alternatively he may return to England to continue his studies at Oxford.

We are very glad to announce the return of Prof. P. C. Hou, Head of the Department of Pathology. He has spent a year and a half in the

United States and Great Britain; in the States as a guest of the State Department and in England as a distinguished visitor under the auspices of the British Council.

Dr. Stephen Yang is continuing post-graduate work in Chest Surgery in the University of Michigan. He is on a U. S. State Department Fellowship. Dr. Sadie Kiang is in Boston working in Pathology. Dr. Janet Wang is a volunteer worker at the Chicago Lying-In Hospital, and her husband Dr. C. J. Chen is at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, specialising in Neurology. Mrs. T. H. Lan (Beryl Chang) is working in the Department of Biochemistry at McGill on a fellowship provided by that University.

The British Council has taken two of our medical staff to England; Mr. C. Y. Lin is now in the Department of Physiology of Cambridge University and Dr. F. M. Li is working in the London Ophthalmic Hospital. The following hold Canadian Red Cross Fellowships: Dr. G. T. Ho, Department of Anatomy, University of Toronto; Dr. H. K. Wu, Department of Surgery, Toronto Western Hospital; Dr. Ruth Dsang, Pediatrics, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto; Dr. Winifred Mao, Post-graduate course in Ophthalmology, University of Toronto, with clinical work in Toronto General Hospital; Dr. C. R. Pen, Otolaryngology, Toronto General Hospital; Dr. H. T. Chow, Bacteriology, Connaught Laboratories, University of Toronto, and Dr. C. T. Chen is expecting before long to proceed to the Department of Pathology, University of Toronto; at present he is working in Boston, on a Cancer Research Foundation Fellowship; Dr. Leslie Hsia, Department of Oral Surgery, University of Michigan; Dr. William L. C. Hsü and Dr. Liu Wen-lan, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto; Dr. Neil Cheo, Illinois; Dr. Ronald R. Y. Sung and Dr. Stella C. C. Wang, Department of Anatomy, University of Pennsylvania.

Other members of the staff abroad are located as follows:

- Mr. Henry H. N. Li, Syracuse University, N.Y., U.S.A.
- Prof. and Mrs. H. L. Chang, Department of Mathematics, Columbia University, N.Y.
- Miss Mao Yu-dsang, Department of Pharmacy, University of Wisconsin.
- Mr. Liu Dsen-kang, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.
- Prof. Meng Su-ming, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
- Prof. Li An-che, c/o Department of Anthropology, Graduate School, Yale University.
- Miss Yü Shih-yü, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
- Prof. Chiang Chih-ang, c/o Prof. Li An-che.
- Dr. Lin Yao-pei, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania.
- Dr. Lu Yueh-han, Department of Surgery, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston.
- Dr. Lin Ju-kang, Department of X-ray, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston.
- Dr. Wang Yin-hwa, The American Hospital, 850 Erving Pk. Rd., Chicago.
- Dr. Kiang Te-huei, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.
- Dr. Liu Chien, Garfield Hospital, Washington.



Dr. Helen K. I. Den, Eastman Dental Dispensary, Rochester, N.Y.  
 Dr. Eugene Y.M. Chen, Eastman Dental Dispensary, Rochester, N.Y.  
 Mr. Pu Bao-min, Syracuse University, N.Y.  
 Mr. Hsieh Ch'en-k'o, Ontario College of Pharmacy, Toronto.  
 Mr. Djao-Er-hung, Department of Pharmacy, University of Nebraska.  
 Mr. Chou Shao-chia, Dept. of Pharmacy, University of Nebraska.  
 Dr. Charles C. Hsia, Children's Municipal Hospital, Chicago.  
 Dr. Chen Wu-hsiang, Eastman Dental Dispensary, Rochester, N.Y.  
 Dr. Raymond H. T. Chang, Forsyth Dental Infirmary, Boston.  
 Dr. Edna T. T. Wei, in Hospital in Toronto, returning as soon as fit.  
 Dr. Cheng Te-k'un, c/o British Council, 3, Hanover Street, London.  
 Mr. Li Hsin-lung, c/o China Christian Universities Association, 25, Charles Street, London.  
 Dr. Du Hsuen-fu, London Hospital, London.  
 Miss Hwang Su-yuin, Department of Pharmacy, University of Saskatchewan.  
 Miss Tsen Shang-lin, Toronto.  
 Rev. George Dsang, 89 Charles St. W., Toronto.  
 Dr. Tuan Yu-ching, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.  
 Dr. Ai Shih-hwa, Toronto East General Hospital, Toronto.  
 Dr. Dseo Li-liang, Department of Radiology, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal.

The College of Medicine and Dentistry is grateful to the Canadian Women's Missionary Society for the appointment of Miss Beatrice Pilon and two new nurses, Miss Lillian Taylor and Miss Margery Alexander; also to CORSO of New Zealand for appointing Miss Margaret Wallace, Medical nurse, and Miss Betty Bagge, Dental nurse, to our University for a period of two years.

A cordial welcome has been extended to Dr. Bertha Hensman on her return to take over the Headship of the Department of Western Languages. C.M.S. has also appointed Miss Una Nash to the University Hospital Business Office and Miss Annie Jones as Principal of the C.M.S. Dormitory.

We regret to announce that on account of ill-health Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Graham of the A.B.F.M.S. will be retiring this coming April. They will be greatly missed.

It will be of interest to many that Miss Pearl Chiang has consented to act as Head of the Department of Home Economics for the Spring Term. It is not expected that this will interfere with her work at the Child Study Centre, Bu Heo Kai, rather that her valuable experience in child study will be made available for the benefit of the whole Department.

On the completion of his work in the Department of Biochemistry for the fall term Dr. J. Claude Thomson will be leaving for Nanking. His contribution to our nutritional aid project has been much appreciated and our best wishes go with him as he resumes his service with the University of Nanking.

We learn that Dr. Jack Mullett who has been working in our Departments of Pedontology and Odontal Surgery this term, will be leaving shortly to set up in private practice in Shanghai.

Among a number of articles on Atomic Research in a recent number of the Chinese journal, "The Scientific World", there appears an article by Prof. Lan T'ien-ho on "The Physiological Effect and the Uses of Radio-active Materials."

Prof. Liu Ch'eng-chao has recently been appointed Research Associate of Chicago Natural History Museum; he is the first Asiatic honorary member of the American Society of Ichthyology and Herpetology; and one of the ten candidates of Zoology in Academia Sinica Yuan Shih. While in the United States under a State Department fellowship, Dr. Liu prepared a large manuscript, based on collections turned over to the Chicago Museum and on the remarkable series of illustrations and water colour paintings accumulated during his eight years in West China. With this, Dr. Liu takes his place as the principal authority in the world on the systematics and habits of Chinese amphibians. In addition to his teaching Dr. Liu is the Director of our Natural History Museum.

## SALARIES

The Government has this month announced not only an increase in salaries, but a new method of computing them. The new formula is, thirty times the cost of living index (at present 65,000) plus the basic salary minus thirty times one-tenth the index. This means an increase in the University's salary budget (excluding Hospital) of 125%, bringing our payroll up to almost \$1,000,000,000 per month.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Tuition and other Fees for the Spring Term are to be raised. To poor students \$800,000 may sound a lot of money for tuition fees, but when translated into rice at the present price it is worth less than five teo. It can easily be seen that our fees are by no means exorbitant especially when one realises that before the war fees could buy nearly a tan and a half of rice.

As from January 1948 the University's charge for the Diploma of the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York has been set at US\$2.50 at the market rate prevailing on the date of issue.

The Experimental Nursery School formerly supported by the Provincial Government finds itself in a serious financial situation for without warning the Government's grant has ceased—this is the result of the Provincial Government's policy of making an overall cut of 25% in its programme.

The University has entered into an agreement with the Friends College Committee whereby the Department of Education is permitted the use of the Friends old Middle School Dormitory for a period of two years.

so that they may operate a Practice School which, in effect, is an extension of Goucher School, this School having outgrown its premises.

By the time this Bulletin is off the press it is to be hoped that the campus will be much better lighted than it has been for many years. The Missions and the University are sharing the cost of installing extra lights. Of course at present this means light only two nights out of three. Everyone looks forward to the Spring when it is anticipated that a new power line will be brought to Chengtu from Kwansien; then we dare to hope we shall be favoured with light most nights of the week. Naturally the whole community suffers from the poor lighting, but it is safe to say that the most serious handicap is felt in the General and Branch Libraries which have to remain closed on lightless nights. We wonder how Universities in the West would care to suffer such inconvenience!

At present the administrative section of the College of Medicine and Dentistry is disrupted while two new offices are being added. This change has become necessary to house the Director of the College, the two Deans of Medicine and Dentistry and their staff.

Readers may be interested in the following statistics regarding Educational Institutions in Chengtu:

Government Middle Schools .....	10
Private Middle Schools .....	35
Technical Schools .....	9
Technical Colleges .....	3
Universities and Colleges of University grade .....	5

### RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

It may be of interest to note that out of our regular University enrolment of 1,726 nearly one thousand students are members of fellowship groups of one kind and another, practically all of which are Christian in attitude and direction, being led by Christian members of the faculty. The approximate numbers of students attending the various groups are listed as follows:

Student Christian Movement .....	220
English fellowships .....	72
Church fellowships .....	150
Bible Classes .....	60
Pharmacy fellowships .....	85
Inter-varsity fellowship .....	100
Oxford Groups .....	40
Little Flock .....	say, 50
Laboratory Technicians Fellowship .....	30
Women's College Groups, .....	say, 100

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At the opening of the fall term 466 students indicated that they were Christians. At the Christmas Service twenty-seven students and faculty members were baptised and joined the University Church.

Sunday Services are well attended and during the week chapel services are held in the Dormitories: every morning at Women's College, the Nurses' Training School and the Theological College; twice a week at Hart College, Methodist, C.M.S. and Friends Dormitories; once a week at Vandeman Hall.

Within the regular curriculum of the University there are eight classes attended by 217 students studying the life of Christ; six follow the discussion group method and two are lecture courses.

### LEPER HOSPITAL

At the close of 1947 there were thirty-nine lepers resident in our Leper Hospital; within the next few months three or four of these are likely to improve sufficiently to be declared free of the disease and fit to re-enter society. Advance has been made in the method of treatment, diasone proving more effective than promin and a great improvement over chaulmoogra oil and its derivatives. Progress has also been made in the development of the occupational therapy department. "Finger ladders" are used to stretch the fingers of atrophied hands; iron balls are also used to straighten, strengthen and increase the flexibility of fingers; dumb bells are used for exercise, and weight-lifting is encouraged in some groups; a Chinese adaptation of Badminton, with a wooden bat, has also been introduced. Some of the patients who formerly were mechanics find useful work in the machine shop. A group of nine patients has been making yarn from yak's wool, and knitting it up into clothes for themselves.

The general work of the hospital continues to be done by the patients themselves. There are nine working committees and the patients are assigned to one or other of these.

The religious activities of the hospital have continued much as usual, the patients being able to carry the services themselves with the help of several lay preachers. Paul Hsü, one of the patients, is a very active Christian; he carries on regular Bible classes and discussion groups. During the fall three patients were baptised, so that there are now twelve Christians among the patients. Several others are preparing for baptism at a later date.

On more than one occasion the patients have expressed their gratitude to the London Mission to Lepers for their continued support of this Hospital on our campus, which is meeting a very real need and achieving much for these outcasts from society; not only relieving their sufferings but also training them to take their place in society when a cure has been effected.

### NUTRITIONAL AID

Our Public Health Department reports that seven hundred and ten bean cakes, fortified with Haliver Oil, 60,000 units of Vitamin A and 500 units of Vitamin D, with several hundred cups of bean milk, are distributed daily to T.B. patients, T.B. suspects and students suffering from

malnutrition. Middle schools, hospitals and private individuals are also able to purchase the cakes and milk, which are sold at or below cost. This nutritional aid scheme has been made possible through grants furnished by the British United Aid to China. Dr. Crawford reports that so great is the desire to obtain this supplementary food that the Department cannot keep up with the demand.

### ATHLETICS

Since Mr. Wang Da-yao became the Physical Director more activity has been displayed by the men students in athletic affairs; also improvement has been noted in athletic achievement. Results of recent matches are reported below:

Football:	Mechanics v. W.C.U.U.	2:6	W.C.U.U.
	Mechanics v. W.C.U.U.	2:4	W.C.U.U.
	U.U. Middle v. W.C.U.C.	0:2	W.C.U.U.
	Chi Yu v. W.C.U.C.	2:5	W.C.U.U.
Baseball:	Westerners v. W.C.U.U.	9:8	Westerners
	A.A.G. v. W.C.U.U.	15:9	A.A.G.
	Shih Shih v. W.C.U.U.	6:14	W.C.U.U.
	Mechanics v. W.C.U.U.	8:12	W.C.U.U.
	Shu Teh v. W.C.U.U.	8:15	W.C.U.U.
	A.A.G. v. W.C.U.U.	8:16	W.C.U.U.
	Mechanics v. W.C.U.U.	10:12	W.C.U.U.
	Shih Shih v. W.C.U.U.	8:14	W.C.U.U.
	Westerners v. W.C.U.U.	7:9	W.C.U.U.
	Shu Teh v. W.C.U.U.	9:13	W.C.U.U.
Westerners v. W.C.U.U.	6:4	Westerners	
Basketball:	Westerners v. W.C.U.U.	18:17	Westerners
	Westerners v. W.C.U.U.	30:23	Westerners
	Chi Chwan v. W.C.U.U.	20:36	W.C.U.U.
	Nan Hung v. W.C.U.U.	22:50	W.C.U.U.
	Chwan Ta v. W.C.U.U.	24:25	W.C.U.U.
	Peh Lung v. W.C.U.U.	18:28	W.C.U.U.
	Tung Hsiao v. W.C.U.U.	31:29	Tung Hsiao
Volleyball:	Chwan Ta v. W.C.U.U.	2:3	W.C.U.U.
	Westerners v. W.C.U.U.	2:3	W.C.U.U.
	Shih Shih v. W.C.U.U.	1:2	W.C.U.U.

College Games: College of Medicine and Dentistry the winner.

### HODGKIN MEMORIAL LECTURES

Dr. Usang Ly of the National Y.M.C.A., Shanghai, will be in Chengtu during the early part of March to attend the Friends Yearly Meeting and to deliver two lectures under the auspices of the Hodgkin Memorial Committee; on Wednesday and Friday, March 6th and 10th. His subjects will be: "Some Aspects of the Problem of Peace" and "Possible Causes and Effects of International Culture."

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## EDITORIAL

Rumours and threats disturb our daily lives; moral restraints fail to operate; uncertainties foster loose thinking; unconsidered actions rule the day; punishment fails to deter evil-doers; correction does not produce effects; right is indistinguishable from wrong; blame does not shame corruption; criticism does not better conditions; logic loses against emotional appeals; Demagoguery is the esteemed tool. Merchants profit by all the traffic will bear; officials squeeze to the limit of their opportunity; soldiers sell their services to the highest bidder; teachers become slaves of two masters.

In times such as these will China's educational system survive? Will there be a debacle in education? Will the West China Union University survive? Will high endeavour be lost in wreckage? The answer—yes or no—rests with ourselves. Scholars have always been known for sacrificial service, it is their hall-mark. Are they fools or idealists?

To the pessimist hope is dead, to the idealist hope never dies. We need to remind ourselves that

'There is a tide in the affairs of men,  
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;  
Omitted, all the voyage of their life  
Is bound in shallows, and in miseries.  
On such a full sea are we now afloat;  
And we must take the current when it serves,  
Or lose our ventures.'

We shall not pass this way again. Are we each making the contribution which will live? (AWL.)

## HODGKIN MEMORIAL LECTURES

On March 10th and 12th, Dr. J. Usang Ly of the National Y.M.C.A. of China and former President of Chaot'ung University delivered two very well prepared and stimulating lectures under the auspices of the Hodgkin Memorial Fund, under the titles: "Some Aspects of the Problem of Peace" and "Possible Causes and Effects of International Culture". Copies of these lectures may be had for the asking.

## FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION

Opportunity was taken of the concurrent visits of Mr. Harry T. Silcock, Dr. J. Usang Ly and Miss Florence Pierce (of the Y.W.C.A.) to hold a general meeting of those interested in the F.O.R. The meeting

was well attended and it is hoped that sufficient interest was aroused to set the F.O.R. in Chengtu on its feet again and stimulate it to enter once again upon a programme of regular meetings.

### GUESTS

Other guests during the past two months have included Mr. Raetz of the China's Children Fund, Inc., who has been responsible for providing the funds which have made possible an extension at Dewey School to take care of about eighty orphans. These orphans live with other boarders in a fine new dormitory; Mr. Chiu's experiment of taking these orphans into his already well-run school, instead of running a special segregated orphanage for them seems to be proving a great success. Though Mr. Chiu has never been abroad he keeps abreast of the times and introduces into his school many of the latest methods, based on the principle of learning by doing.

The school museum contains many interesting exhibits, which are the result of cooperative work on the part of the teachers and pupils; models of different types of industrial plants, a country panorama demonstrating the various crops produced in the province; another scenic model illustrating the many types of transportation employed throughout the province. Mr. Chiu Chi-t'sai is to be congratulated on his school with its provision for both education and recreation.

Dr. E. S. Drake of the British Council and Dr. T'an Jen-mei of the China Christian Educational Association, Shanghai, are in Chengtu for a week in connection with a Western Language Institute which is being sponsored by the Szechwan Christian Council for Middle School and University teachers of English. Dr. Robert Hightower and Dr. Kenneth Chen, Assistant Directors of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, China Office, are touring the Christian Universities, and we are very fortunate to have Dr. Hightower with us for a few days. Dr. Hightower is also in charge of the American Institute for Asiatic Studies in Peiping.

### STAFF NEWS

Everyone is sad to learn that the time has come for the Grahams to retire from active service in West China. Over a long period Dr. Graham has made many notable contributions to knowledge through his active interest in research along the lines of the archaeology and natural history of West China; he has done much to build up our Archaeological Museum which has in recent years become world famous; his name is perpetuated in the naming of certain West China flora and fauna which he has discovered. It is not only from the point of view of scholarship that Dr. and Mrs. Graham will be missed; throughout the years their home has been open to all and sundry; scientists, missionaries, officers and privates of the army and navy and air services, travellers, invalids who have needed nursing back to health, adults, children, in fact folk in all walks of life; they would all join in our feeling of regret at saying goodbye to the Grahams this spring.

This year Dr. Graham has been acting-Curator of the Archaeological Museum during the absence of Dr. Cheng Te-k'un in England on a British Council travelling fellowship. To make it possible for the Grahams to get home to America before the hot weather sets in, Dr. Lewis C. Watmsley, Principal of the Canadian School, has kindly consented to act as Curator of the Museum until Dr. Cheng's return in the autumn.

Miss Pearl Chiang expects to be away for three or four weeks during March-April in order to attend the National Children's Workers Conference in Shanghai and a National Home Committee in Nanking.

Word has just come that on account of financial difficulty Prof. Lo Chung-shu has not found it possible to remain in the United States, but is already on his way back to Chengtu; he has been given permission to complete his thesis in China for his D.Phil. Oxon.

Dr. Ronald Sung has secured the degree of M.Sc. (Med.) from the University of Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Dr. Wang Chao-chang, expect to be back in Chengtu in July to resume their work in Oral Surgery and Pedontology respectively.

Dr. Cheo Shao-wu is to be in Chengtu two or three months this Spring to give his courses in Oral Morphology and Physiology.

### UNITED STATES EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION IN CHINA

Our readers may be interested to know something of the USEFC's programme which permits Chinese Universities to invite American professors for longer or shorter periods of service, with a view to strengthening the teaching of English and the humanities; the foundation hopes to encourage American graduate students to come to China to work in special fields of research; to encourage applicants for undergraduate study in Chinese Universities prepared to accept American students; to extend assistance through grants-in-aid to worthy Chinese students of high scholastic attainment in American-supported institutions in China, who because of present economic conditions cannot continue their studies without special assistance; and also to extend aid to American institutions of learning in China to assist them during the present emergency period in recovering their pre-war status through the strengthening of their American and Chinese teaching staffs. Learning that twenty visiting professors will be appointed to China in 1948, our University has sent in applications for professors in the fields of sociology, archaeology, entomology, home economics, ophthalmology and other medical specialties. We hope to profit by having on our staff many short-time teachers provided by the Foundation.

### GIFTS

The College of Medicine desires to express sincere thanks for the following gifts received during the past couple of months:

From Dr. Charles H. Arnold a transformer; the Ministry of Health subscriptions for one year to forty-seven Journals; CNRRA-UNRRA 42

cases of dental equipment and supplies; the Women's Discussion Club, Rossland, B.C. the sum of Can\$10.00 for the School of Nursing; the Methodist Mission NC\$19,168,000; the United Church of Canada \$50,000,000; the Canadian Red Cross 5 cases of Surgical equipment; United Service to China 43 cases of drugs; the Church Missionary Society £400 for Library books and periodicals; the Commission on Medical Education 76 books purchased with C.M.B. funds; Dr. J. C. Thomson for securing funds to make possible vitamin distribution to poor patients, valued at US\$450.

Shortly after the last Bulletin was issued word came that Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cadbury of Birmingham have made a gift of £400 towards the erection of the West Wing of the Educational Building; since Governor Liu Wen-hwei has guaranteed to complete the building, we are hoping that the Cadburys will permit us to use their gift to furnish the West Wing, and to refurnish the main building, for the old furniture has fallen into very serious disrepair. It is anticipated that the Educational Building will be completed and furnished in time for the opening of the fall term.

Grants for the months of January and February 1948 have been received from USC of \$75,733,628 for our Child Welfare Training project and from the Ministry of Education of \$33,345,000 for Pharmacy Special Class.

Word has been received from Rev. Noel B. Slater of the China Christian Universities Association that funds will be available to support another Chair in the University. The Department of Chemistry has been selected to hold this Chair, particularly in view of the interest which already exists in England in the work which Prof. W. G. Sewell has been and still is doing as Head of the Department of Chemistry. This Chair is a valuable contribution to our budget and also provides at some future date for a sabbatical year in England for a member of the Chemistry Department.

We understand that despite serious handicaps on account of the illness of several who were to take active part in the UBCCC campaign for US\$600,000, last autumn, signal success has crowned the efforts of Dr. McMullen and his colleagues. We are awaiting definite word as to how near they got to their goal, and as to the share of the proceeds which will be coming to our University. It will be recalled that earlier in the autumn we received from this campaign the sum of \$9,000 towards our salary budget.

### COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

A new entrance pavement and doorway have been provided to the College of Medicine and Dentistry main block. The money for this came from Mrs. W. R. Morse, who has been very generous in her support of the College since the death of her husband who was for many years Dean of Medicine. Running water has been installed in the Hospital and centrally generated steam is now available for sterilising instruments. A furnace has been installed and before too long we hope to

have the operating rooms and a number of the first class wards steam heated. Similarly in the College Library and administrative sections of the central block steam heating is now being installed. Work has commenced on the west wall of the College area.

Six months have now passed since the College opened its Department of Occupational Therapy in the University Hospital. Three types of work are included under such a Department (a) Diversional or recreational therapy for patients who must be bedridden for any length of time; (b) functional therapy, in which a craft is prescribed to force the patient to use certain muscles in order to regain the use and flexibility of muscles injured through some accident or functional disease; (c) industrial therapy which gives the patient necessary vocational training whereby he may again fit himself to earn a livelihood after having been deprived of this means through an injury. Unfortunately it is not possible to adopt this third method because of the tremendous expense involved.

Unfortunately Miss Burwell of the Canadian WMS who has been appointed to the Department of Occupational Therapy was unable to bring with her from Canada in 1945 very necessary equipment, this because of baggage restrictions then in force. She has therefore been forced to make use of local products, some of which quite often are not as satisfactory as she could wish; for instance, local embroidery threads are not necessarily fast in colour; leather work has to be limited because the only skins available locally are water-buffalo and goat; table-looms and floor-looms must be constructed locally on a foreign model. Despite such handicaps the Department is making good progress. A table-loom has been set up and is being used by a number of patients; good use is being made of the gift of an excellent set of carpenter's tools; a bicycle jig-saw is being made; in due course such supplies as paints, plastic wood, lucite or plexy-glass, a silk screen painting set, and a soldering iron will be arriving from abroad. Miss Burwell's immediate needs are a sewing machine, not necessarily new, but in good condition; and a walker which would enable a good many patients to learn to walk again. It would also be very beneficial if a physiotherapist could be appointed to work with her.

To those who have been hoarding precious oddments which may "come in useful some day" and for which they have not yet found a use, we would suggest that they be passed on to the Department of Occupational Therapy, where fertile brains are sure to discover some way of turning them into channels of blessing.

### STUDENT AID

During the New Year holiday period a group of students organised themselves into a Finance Campaign Committee, and set out by various means to raise funds to assist students in financial difficulty. They organised concerts and lectures, secured permission to charge entrance to our Archaeological and Natural History Museums, made appeals to wealthy individuals and finally raised the sum of \$150,000,000.

When the Provincial Government authorities discovered that students from our University and National Szechwan University were making themselves a nuisance to families in the city, they requested that these University campaigns be called off; the students protested because they had not raised sufficient to give the assistance they hoped to all who had signed up for such. The Government authorities formed a special committee to go into the matter and finally agreed to grant scholarships averaging \$1,800,000 each, to ten per cent of the students of the various Universities and Colleges, apart from those already receiving Government aid. Our University received 152 such scholarships which have already been allocated to students of the various Colleges. The proceeds of the students' campaign provided assistance for another 187 students. The University has also granted two hundred free tuition bursaries. The Sun Yat Sen Memorial Committee has made available to our University ten scholarships worth \$2,000,000 each.

This term more than half our student body are receiving financial assistance; some with tuition and a goodly number with part of their living expenses; a few receive complete aid.

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Now that our campus roads are being put into good condition we hope to keep them in repair. Residents have therefore been requested to do their utmost to ensure that no flat carts come into the campus unless they are equipped with balloon tires.

The Landscaping Committee is busily engaged in planting trees, shrubs and hedges about the campus. We appeal to all to assist us to protect them so that our grounds may indeed become a place of beauty for all to enjoy. The campus belongs to all of us, staff and students alike, so it is to the interest of all that its beauty and order be preserved.

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Prof. Liu Chih-chai, the local 'Bao Chang', wishes to express to the members and families of the western and Chinese staff sincere thanks for their contributions in money and hospitality to the members of the community who have patrolled our property from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. during the autumn and winter months.

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The Executive of the Board of Directors has approved in general the plan to erect the University Church on the site now occupied by faculty tennis courts and the Baptist playing field. New plans are being drawn and estimates secured for presentation to the West China Committee in New York before a campaign for raising more funds can be set up. At present we have in hand the sum of US\$22,500 towards the building. There is a hope that foundations may be put down before the onset of summer rains.

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## OUR GUESTS

During the past month or so a large number of guests have visited our University. Among them mention is made of H. E. Sir Ralph S. Stevenson, British Ambassador, and Lady Stevenson, together with their party of whom we were specially happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Derek Bryan (née Liao Hung-ying) who was for many years a member of the staff of our Chemistry Department); Dr. Wilford S. Flowers of the Council of Christian Medical Work of the Chinese Medical Association and related bodies; Squadron Leader Howard Williams and Col. Fawcett.

Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Silow of the Science Office of the British Council.

Dean Ava B. Milam of the Home Economics Department of Oregon State College.

Dr. Mary Sweeny of Merrill Palmer School, Iowa.

Mr. Arthur H. Hopkins, Jr., United States Information Service Attaché, Chungking.

Mr. and Mrs. McConeghey, American Vice-Consul, Chungking.

Miss Florence Pierce, Chinese National Y.W.C.A.

Rev. Verent J. R. Mills, Executive Director, North China and Japan, China's Children Fund, Incorporated.

Mr. A. G. Morkill, Secretary of the Universities' China Committee, London.

Mr. McConkey of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation.

Mr. A. E. Meager, formerly of the International Red Cross, who was here on behalf of the China Relief Mission.

Dr. and Mrs. Hans Lewy who have been living on our campus for several months. While Dr. Lewy's main work has been with the National Szechwan University and the National College of Science in Chengtu, he has also given lectures to our College of Science.

Commander J. V. Niiranen, Dentist, skilled in the manufacture of acrylic eyes.

Dr. Kiang Wen-han of the National Y.M.C.A.

At present there are in Chengtu many C.I.M., Mennonite, Lutheran, Scandinavian Alliance and other missionaries who have been forced to flee from their stations in Communist occupied territory in Shensi. Some have hopes of being able to return before long; others may work in Szechwan for a while; their plans are entirely dependent upon the development of circumstances. To them all we express our sympathy in the disruption of their work and the personal suffering and loss many of them have sustained and pray for them wise guidance in the making of plans for their immediate future.



### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

On May 15th the Women's College held Physical Education Display. Fancy marching and physical exercises constituted but a small part of the colourful programme which included a Maypole Dance, several rollicking Country Dances and an enjoyable little operetta, "Snow White". Congratulations to Miss Shen Dzu-shih on this event which completes her service with our University before she flies to Hongkong a married woman. The women students will miss her greatly, for through physical education she has provided them not only with a healthy outlet for their energies, but one in which it is quite evident they all find much pleasure. The best wishes of her many friends go with Miss Shen as she enters upon her new life.

Through one cause and another the Athletic Meet planned to take place in April did not materialise. Instead, a large part of our winning Football Team went with Mr. Wang Da-yao, Athletics Director, to Shanghai to take part in the National Athletic Meet.

Towards the end of May the Division of Fine Arts presented two musical programmes which were enjoyed by crowded audiences. It is most encouraging to compare these performances with those we used to endure not so very many years ago! Progress is most marked; students have developed a real sense of musical appreciation. It was interesting to note that the stars were medical students who have a fuller curriculum than do students in other colleges. Piano duets, duets for piano and organ, provide useful training in team work as well as affording pleasure to the performers. The men's triple quartet is to be congratulated on its fine performance. Our thanks go to Miss Ward and her colleagues of the Fine Arts Division for two enjoyable evenings.

At a meeting of the Administrative Council and the Dormitory Principals Drs. Liljestrang and Dye presented a coloured portrait of Dr. Harry L. Canright. In fitting words Dr. Liljestrang recalled to memory Dr. Canright's years spent in Chengtu and his interest in the organisation of the Faculty of Medicine. On behalf of the University President Fong accepted the portrait which will be hung in the College of Medicine and Dentistry.

DO YOU KNOW that the West China Union University Hospital medical units had 4,500 in-patients during the year 1946-47; 144,939 OPD visits; performed 1,458 major operations 9,282 minor ones; 445 deliveries; 1696 X-ray examinations? The Hospital has in its various units 491 beds, and a staff of 729 made up as follows:

Medical doctors (visiting 47, resident 43, interns 27) .....	117
Nurses (including 113 pupil nurses) .....	184
Technicians (including 21 pupils) .....	31
Business staff .....	33
Other Employees .....	28
Attendants and Servants .....	326

At long last a satisfactory agreement has been signed between National Szechwan University and the WCUU settling the north boundary

of our Hospital property over which there has been periodic dispute. A new wall now marks the boundary.

On April 23rd the West China Union Theological College celebrated its tenth Anniversary. There was a programme of speeches and music; the College buildings were open for inspection and a large group enjoyed tea on Principal Wang's lawn. At present there are 51 students in residence, three of whom are also registered for the University's B. A. course.

At the call of the President a goodly number of staff gathered for a profitable Retreat in the Chin Yuan on the river-side near the South Gate Bridge to discuss the following problems: Is the function of the University limited to scientific investigation? Are there unique contributions which Christian Universities can make towards professional training, character development, scientific research? How can a Christian University fulfil its mission as a spiritual power in a new integration of knowledge, faith in the goodness of man, search for values, leadership for the new age? Lecture and discussion periods were interspersed with musical interludes and country dancing, and a picnic supper. Such occasions for group discussion and happy fellowship have untold value in the life of a University community as large as ours.

This year Baccalaureate Service will be held on Sunday, June 27th; Dr. George W. Sparling will preach. Graduation Exercises follow on Monday, June 28th, when Dr. R. A. Silow will deliver the main address, and nearly three hundred students will receive their degrees. Enthusiasm for "Farewell Gatherings" in honour of the graduating class seems no less than in former years. The University Student Association arranged for the presentation on three consecutive evenings in May of Peking Drama College Associations, Classes and every other type of group imaginable made the most of the opportunity for some kind of celebration. Such gatherings provide a useful safety valve and, it is to be hoped, more zest for the facing of final examinations!

PLEASE NOTE: Friends are requested to discontinue the use of the term "Hwa Hsi Ba" as the University's address, instead to use the old and more dignified term "Hwa Hsi Da Hsueh".

### PERSONALIA

President Fong paid a flying visit to Shanghai to attend a special meeting of the Council of Higher Education at which Dr. Earl H. Cressy presented a review of the achievements of past years. Preliminary consideration was given to a constitution and future policy for the Association in regard to its responsibility in the field of higher education in China. Most regretfully the Council received Dr. Cressy's resignation, the time having arrived for him to retire from active service in China. It is hoped that an energetic Chinese Secretary may be found to succeed him, and that the Council may move forward into spheres of increasing usefulness. During the war years Dr. Cressy was often in Szechwan; all of their Chengtu friends extend to Dr. and Mrs. Cressy their best wishes for the days of retirement that lie ahead.

Congratulations to Bishop C. T. Song who has received an honorary D.D. from Wycliffe College, Toronto; and to Dr. Pearl B. Fosnot upon whom Nebraska Wesleyan University is conferring the degree of LL.D.

Congratulations to our Dean of Studies, Dr. Li Hen, who through the kind efforts of Dr. Joseph Beech has been awarded a fellowship in Astronomy at Princeton University; to Mr. Den Gwang-lu, holder of a UBCCC fellowship for Librarians also to the following members of the College of Medicine and Dentistry who are shortly proceeding abroad for graduate study: Dr. Lei Hai-pung (Physiology and Pharmacology) to the University of Toronto; Mr. Li Si-o (Biochemistry) to the University of Copenhagen; Dr. Kao Feng-t'ien (Pathology) to Chicago Wesleyan Memorial Hospital; Dr. Ho Ch'uen-yung (Hospital Obstetrics and Gynecology); Dr. Liu Ch'ang-yuin (Neuro-psychiatry) to Montreal; Dr. Ch'en Kwan-hsi (Radiology) ABMAC fellowship; Dr. Hsü Kweh-ch'in (Pathology) British Council scholarship, at the London School of Tropical Medicine.

Prof. Lo Chung-shu has returned to Chengtu and is now teaching a course in "The Philosophy of Plato". He expects to be very busy this coming year writing his doctoral thesis which he had planned to write in England; however owing to problems of exchange he found himself unable to return there after attending UNESCO in Mexico.

As Dr. Lewis Walmsley, who has been most kindly acting as Curator of the University's Archaeological Museum, is leaving unexpectedly for Toronto, Dr. D. S. Dye has graciously consented to become acting-Curator until Dr. Cheng Te-k'un returns in the fall.

A letter just in from Dr. Cheng reports his visit to Paris to represent WCUU at the International Association of University Professors and Lecturers. After the meeting he was entertained by Prof. and Mrs. Vadime Elisseeff, son of Dr. Serge Elisseeff of Harvard-Yenching Institute, and was able to visit all the museums and libraries as well as some of the private collections in the city. His trip took him also to the Netherland and Scandinavian countries. In Leiden, Stockholm and Copenhagen he delivered lectures as well as visiting their museums and libraries. His tour ended in Upsala, reputed to be the cradle of Chinese archaeology, where he addressed the Swedish Archaeological Society annual meeting, presided over by HRH the Crown Prince of Sweden, President of the International Archaeological Association.

This term Prof. Cheng is giving a course of lectures at the London School of Oriental Studies, and if time permits he will visit Oxford, Edinburgh, Birmingham and Bristol before leaving for the United States on his return to China. He and his family expect to be back in Chengtu in November.

Miss Pearl Chiang, Head of our Home Economics Department, was away for three weeks attending conferences and committees—the National Children's Workers' Conference in Soochow, and the National Homes Committee in Nanking.

On the departure of Dr. C. Y. Liu for study abroad Dr. G. L. Yang will succeed him as Superintendent of Sze Shen Tsi Hospital.

Prof. Chiang Chih-an was one of the Chinese delegates to the Fourth International Conference on Social work, meetings of which were held in Atlantic City, New York City and Lake Success. He plans to leave early in July so as to have a few months in England on his way back to China. Prof. Li An-che hopes to leave in July, though there is some possibility that he may proceed to England for a year. Mrs. Li is recovering from an illness of several months duration.

Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Graham appear to have thoroughly enjoyed their river trip to Kiating, Suifu and Chungking where they had several days to wait before they could secure passage down river to Shanghai. Letters of June 3rd report their safe arrival in that city. In July they should be enjoying family reunions.

## UNIVERSITY CHURCH

As the University has grown the need for a University Church has become more and more apparent. Transportation has become so expensive that very few make the long trip into the city to attend the Churches of the cooperating Missions. Several years ago a University Church Board, composed of faculty, students and members of the community, was set up with Committees in charge of different aspects of Church life. However, it has been found impossible to have real cohesion and to function as a Church when the Sunday morning and evening services in Chinese, the afternoon service in English and the week-night gatherings are held in many different buildings and run by different Committees. The need for a special Church Building and a Pastor is keenly felt on the campus, and recognised by our Boards of Directors and Founders. Word has just come from our West China Committee and the United Board for Christian Colleges in China that we may proceed with the erection of a Church as soon as we have sufficient funds in hand to assure the completion of the central unit.

It is planned to erect the Church on the property to the north of the University's main East-West Road, donated by the Baptists for this particular purpose. The Church will face south as do all Chinese religious buildings, and will follow the traditional Chinese style of architecture, with red lacquer columns, carved lattice windows, green tiled up-curving roofs. Its lattice chancel screens will be made to open outwards to an outdoor amphitheatre for special religious services of music and drama. The Church with its courts and covered walks will be surrounded by lovely Chinese gardens, where faculty and student retreats may be held. Thus the Church and its gardens will symbolise the finest Chinese religious tradition. We hope it may become a kind of Chinese Westminster Abbey, the Christian "T'ai Miao" or Holy Temple of West China, where faculty, students and community may unite in Christian fellowship and service and gain practical experience to pass on to churches in towns and cities in other parts of the country.

The Church Finance Committee already has in hand the sum of US\$24,000.00. We need another US\$40,000.00. Building cannot commence until we have sufficient money in hand to ensure the completion of the

first unit of the Church. We are counting on you to do your utmost to interest all your friends in this project. Earmarked contributions may be sent to

Mr. W. W. Small, Bursar, WCUU, Chengtu; Mr. C. A. Evans, UBCCC, 150, Fifth Avenue, New York City, 11; Rev. Noel B. Slater, China Christian Universities Association, 25, Charles Street, London, W. 1., England.

### GRANTS AND GIFTS

The University acknowledges with sincere gratitude the following gifts:

Ministry of Education—CN\$100,000,000 towards the general budget of the University; CN\$40,000,000 for free patients; CN\$20,000,000 towards research projects of the Frontier Research Institute, 1948; CN\$33,345,000 for March, \$133,380,000 for April-May for the Pharmacy Special Class.

Mrs. C. H. Arnold—US\$50 for post-graduate nursing scholarship; Dr. C. H. Arnold—Fellowship in Surgery; Dr. E. C. Wilford—Fellowship in Surgery; Rev. Floyd and Mrs. Honey—Can.\$50 for Hospital Social Service Work; Chengtu Rotary Club—one free bed in Hospital.

United Board for Christian Colleges in China—48 cases of drugs and chemicals of which 41 have arrived.

Medical and Surgical Supply Committee—10 cases dental supplies.

UNNRA-CNRRRA—large X-ray plant.

Methodist Mission—CN\$50,000,000, less \$18,000,000 for rent of Shensi Kai Hospital.

Dean Sage Jr.—Cine Kodak Camera.

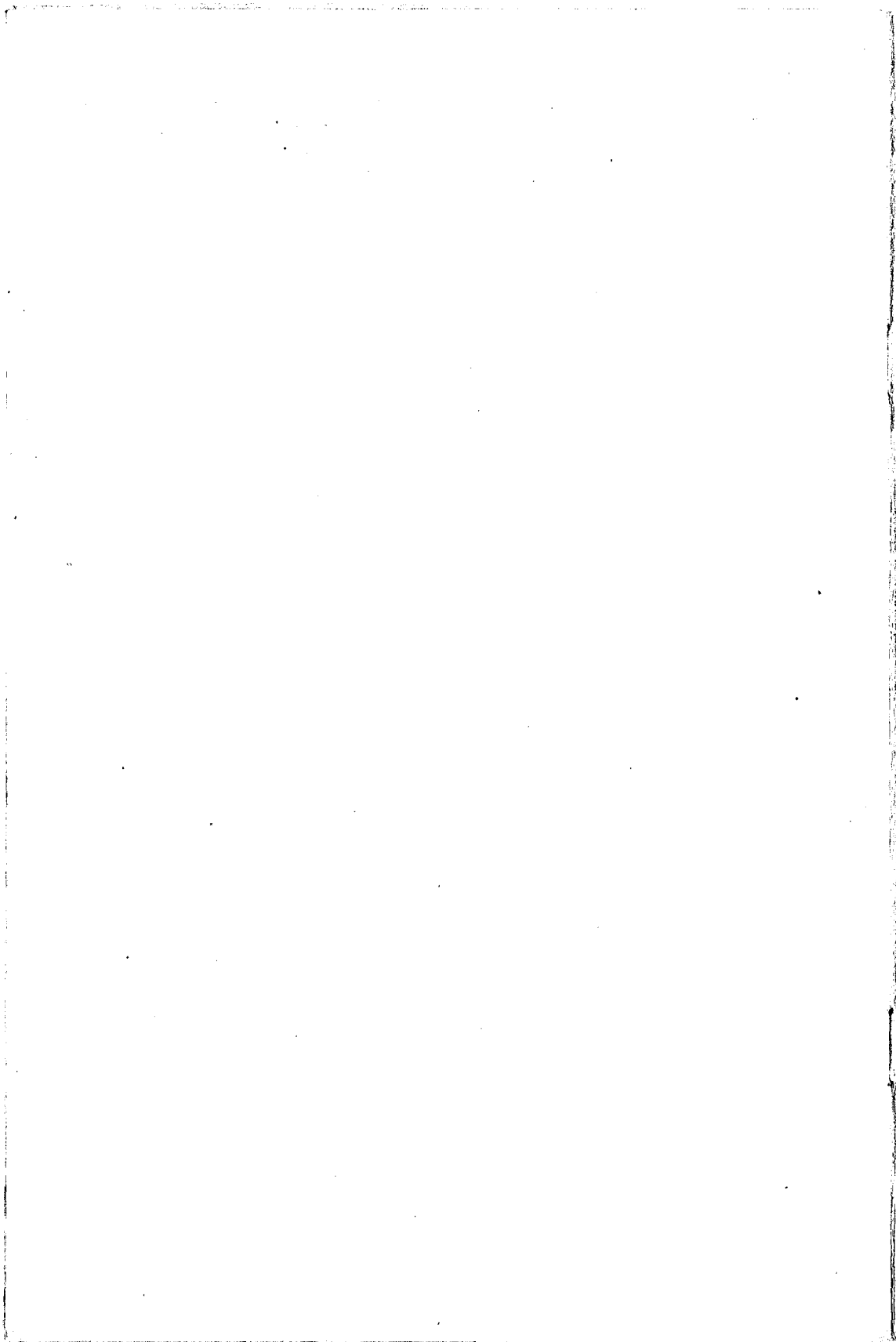
Dr. Fred Williams—3 volumes for Library; China Medical Board through Commission on Medical Education—88 volumes.

United Service to China (China Relief Mission) for Child Welfare Training Programme for March and April CN\$143,571,937, together with an inflation balance on the first four months of the year amounting to \$28,477,987.


## WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY ENROLMENT

April 16th, 1948

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Pharmacy	31	18	46	29	16	18	12	16													105	81	186
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"You have now completed four years or more of study on this campus—some of you have been here for as many as seven years. During this time you have worked hard at your studies, and you are now taking away with you a well-deserved degree or diploma in recognition of the efforts which you and your teachers have devoted to your education. The strain of examinations is now over, and perhaps you can spare a few minutes for consideration of the real value to you of the years which you have spent on this campus.

"Many of you will believe that you have now completed your education. Actually, this is far from the truth. If your University education has been successful, it should have given you a taste for exploring further the paths of knowledge, not only in your own particular speciality, but in the whole rich cultural heritage of your own and other nations. The greatest value of your years in this University lies in the indications which your studies have given you of the opportunities for further learning which still lie ahead of you in uncountably diverse directions. Now, as you begin to feel freedom from the pressure of learning, it will not be long before you realise that your education is still in its very early stages.

"Actually, the greatest value of your University education should lie, not in the solid facts which you have learned, useful though they will be, but in the influence which it has had on your way of thinking. It should have developed your critical faculties; it should have taught you to question and to analyse all statements that are put before you. You should have developed the habit of gathering together all the facts, for and against, before accepting a statement or expressing an opinion. You should have learned that a statement should not be accepted as fact merely because you have heard it repeated and repeated on the radio, or in the newspapers, or amongst groups of your fellow students. You should have learned to sift out superstition and political dogma. You should have learned to base your conclusions on an unbiassed and unemotional consideration of all the relevant facts which it is in your power to assemble. You should have learned to recognise that there are some subjects on which, because of your lack of experience or knowledge of them, you restrain yourself from expressing an opinion because you are not able at present to express an opinion which is of any real value.

"If, as a result of your University training, you have come to realise your own limitations, and have developed the general manner of thinking which I have described, then you have learned something far more important than the facts, the philosophies, and the technical skills which

you have acquired. You are able to think for yourselves, and this ability will be of supreme value to you in the difficult years which lie ahead of you, for you will be in no danger of being led by the crowd into primitive, unreasoning, mass psychology. Clear, reasoned, dispassionate thinking is the essential working mechanism of a successfully functioning democracy, and if you have developed this habit, as I am sure you have, then you have gathered something well worth-while from your sojourn on this campus, and you have repaid the generosity of your benefactors who established this University in the only way in which they would wish to be repaid.

"You who are graduating today are doing so in a dark period in the history of China, and of the world. At present there is so much in the news to make us despondent that we are apt to forget the bright spots. Yet there are bright spots, and I think that one of the brightest of them is that there is evidence that there is, in the world today, a higher level of social conscience than has ever before existed on this earth. One highly significant example can be drawn from my own country, Britain, where capital punishment of murderers, by hanging, has recently been abolished. A few centuries ago even common theft was punishable by hanging, but gradually through the ages the penalty of death has become restricted to fewer and fewer crimes, until only murder remained as a capital offence. Now the state of social conscience in Britain is such that the State no longer feels able to condone murder by the State in retaliation for murder by the individual. Whether, from the social standpoint, this is a wise decision time alone will show, but there can be no doubt that this is an experiment which could only be attempted in a society which, as a whole, has reached a high level of social responsibility and awareness.

"In the international field the rising level of social conscience is also increasingly apparent. Long before the last war many of the more advanced countries extended liberal assistance, both economic and technical, to the less developed countries, without assuming political control of them. For example Britain extended such aid to the Dominions, which have now grown to the status of full and equivalent partnership in the British Commonwealth of Nations. Both the United States, in their friendly attitude towards the Philippine Islands, and Britain, in her recent policy towards India, have shown an enlightened conception of their responsibilities in the promotion of world harmony. That mistakes have been made in the past is now genuinely admitted, and with regrets, but recent events show that when an enlightened public opinion is aroused on moral issues, as it is now, then statesmen rapidly come to realise that those moral concepts must be observed.



"More recently the United States has undertaken a vast programme of economic and technical assistance to the war-devastated countries. This is being done on a scale which far exceeds that which any nation has ever before contemplated in times of peace. The stupendous sum of money involved comes in the first place from the pocket of each and every citizen of that country. Under their democratic system of government those citizens could, if they wished, successfully resist such expenditure. That they do not do so shows that the majority of them approve that expenditure in principle, and there can be little doubt that the ordinary man in the street, who voluntarily accepts the burden of this taxation, does so, not because he sees it as a means to political and economic domination, but because he regards it as an investment in future peace. As such, the individual looks for no tangible returns in the immediate future, and probably has little real expectation that they will be forthcoming at any time. He is, in fact, financing an ideal.

"An example of a different kind of idealistic contribution towards future peace and international understanding is seen in the programme of international cultural cooperation which is financed voluntarily by the citizens of my own country, through the organisation known as the British Council, which I represent. I am happy to say that several graduates and members of the faculty of this University have been invited by the British Council to continue their advanced post-graduate studies in British universities during recent years. Some have recently returned to China, and others of them are still in England. Two others from Chengtu have recently been invited to go to England next month. One from Ch'uan-Ta will study English Literature; the other, from this University, will study Medical Parasitology. From other parts of China, eighteen other scholars have also been invited this year, and when they get to England they will study a wide variety of subjects including chemistry, physics, marine biology, agriculture, surgery, philosophy, economics, and educational administration. Most of my countrymen, who make these invitations to your scholars possible, have never in their lives spoken to a Chinese person. Clearly, to them, such a programme of invitations cannot possibly be regarded as an economic investment. Very many of them cannot afford to send their own children to our Universities, yet, as a contribution to international understanding, as a gesture of goodwill, and as a contribution towards the development of education, nutrition, health, and material well-being in this your country which they have never seen, my countrymen willingly and voluntarily extend their hospitality to you.

"The whole conception of UNESCO, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation, is a similar indication of the willing-

ness of the ordinary peoples of the world to make their financial as well as moral contribution to an ideal—the ideal of equal educational opportunity for the children of all nations.

"A further and striking example of the idealism of which I am speaking is provided by the Christian Universities in China. It so happened that one of the first University functions which I and my wife attended when we arrived in your country a year ago, was the Graduation Ceremony at your sister University, Yen-ching. Since that time we have visited very many Universities and schools all over this great country of yours, and have seen for ourselves the immense value of the educational work which the missionary institutions are doing for China. This work also is financed by contributions which are made purely voluntarily by people in the Western countries who ask for no material returns, and it is only made possible by your teachers who, inspired by their spiritual convictions, have been willing to give up the comfort and security of their own countries, and to leave their families whom they love, and all of their friends, to come, in a spirit of service, to a people whom they did not know. I wonder if you have sometimes devoted some consideration to the source and to the nature of the privileges which have been extended to you whilst you have lived and learned on this campus. Your foreign teachers are, of course, guests in your country, but whilst you have studied in this University, you also have, in a very real sense, been their guests. I feel that I can say this to you, because I am just an interested observer, with no connection whatsoever with the missionaries. I—like you—am their guest, just as I am also your guest. I wonder if you have fully realised the implication of the fact that, although you have enjoyed the privileges of living and learning on this campus, you have never been compelled to become a Christian. You have merely been invited to partake of the benefits of the education available here, and to partake of the spiritual life and moral guidance only if you so desire. The moral implications of such a liberal and generous policy deserve your very serious consideration.

"Such a Christian University as this is an inspiring example of what is possible through international cooperation, when men of different nations come together and work together for constructive instead of destructive ends. Here you have men and women of several Christian denominations, and from many different countries—Canada, America, Australia, New Zealand, Britain and Denmark—all cooperating with your Chinese teachers in that immense task of building a modern, a happier and a greater China. By their efforts these pioneers have built up one of the finest universities in this country, and in it they have made

advanced education available to all, in a country where, by tradition, education was previously largely restricted to the rich. These people have agreed to subordinate their religious differences and their national differences in order to cooperate together in the greater cause of bringing the benefits of modern education to you. This subordination of personal interests to the common cause is the very essence of democracy.

"Far too often in modern societies which claim to be democratic, the primary concern of the individual appears to be the preservation of what he regards as his own particular rights. The first reaction to any projected legislation or suggestion is too often "what do I get out of this?" This is quite the wrong attitude, and indicates a total misconception of the true democratic spirit. The key to a successfully functioning democracy lies in the preservation of the rights, not of oneself, but of all men. So far as one's own self is concerned, the keynotes of democracy should be, not my rights, but my responsibilities to the society in which I live. If this philosophy were more extensively cultivated—the recognition of one's own responsibilities and the rights of others—it would be found that one's own rights were automatically safeguarded. This true democratic spirit is not only essential for social harmony within a nation—exactly the same spirit is essential to harmony between nations. In spite of protracted bickering at the international conference tables, there is abundant evidence in the world today of the willingness of some nations to subordinate their own immediate interests to the long-range interest of the peace of the world. They show their willingness to cooperate with other nations in economic, political and cultural spheres, but successful cooperation requires a two-sided willingness to work together. Its very essence requires a willingness on the part of nations to meet one another at least half way. Suspicion between nations, based largely on ignorance and exploitation of national susceptibilities, can only be replaced by cooperation between nations when their populations are well-informed, and sufficiently educated to be able to form their own opinion, with the ability to recognise and reject false propaganda. Your country, and the world, look to you young men and women here today for that quality of leadership which is needed in the affairs of all great nations—not only in the internal affairs, but in the external relations as well. The Western countries have a genuine and sincere sympathy with you, the progressive elements in this country. The examples which I have quoted to you this morning show you that the ordinary people of the West—working people and educators—have a very real and practical sympathy with you in your problems, and an interest in your welfare. It would be a tragedy indeed, not only for the peace of the world, but also for the prospects for the advancement of

your own country, if the goodwill of the masses in foreign countries were destroyed by the actions of thoughtless and irresponsible elements here. It is always possible to achieve much more by cooperative and soft-tempered discussion than by antagonism and challenge. You, the educated and enlightened ones of your country, must, by your example and leadership, help those who have not yet got the generosity of spirit and tolerance of outlook which come from knowledge and education, and which are needed today in all countries of the world to soften the intolerances of extreme political ideologies. It is in this way that you young graduates will be able to make your contribution to the welfare of your country. Social progress in China requires long-continued internal peace and stability. Peace within China cannot be separated from World peace and harmony.

"Some of you graduates who are now passing out from this campus into the affairs of your country will become teachers; others of you will eventually become leaders in the professional and administrative life of this country. You must not be too disappointed if progress appears to be slow. Modern education is still new and young in this country. As you yourselves establish more homes and families with a background of modern education, so you will find that your children will more easily absorb the new way of life and thought. We in the West always maintain that the home environment is at least as important as the school in the education of the child. One very important factor in the home environment is the habit of reading for pleasure, as distinct from reading for specific information, which is, I believe, considerably more common in the West than in China. I look forward to the day when you will have more books at your disposal in more easily-accessible libraries, or better, when you will be able to develop your own personal collections of books in your own homes. When this has become commonplace in your country, as it is in mine, you will find that your children will develop a broader and firmer foundation of general knowledge and experience on which your schools can build. It is, I believe, only with the widespread development of the custom of reading good books of all sorts as a relaxation, as a pleasure, not only in the libraries but in your own homes at any time of the day, that culture will become diffused throughout the population and grow stronger in each generation.


"The expansion of educational and social services in your country is dependent upon the development of a much higher level of technical and industrial achievement. Educational and social services cost a great deal of money. Government, which is expected to provide these services, has no hidden or magic source of wealth from which to finance them. Foreign governments and friends cannot be expected to finance

them on the colossal scale which is necessary in such a vast country as China, though, as in the case of the Missionary universities and schools, they have shown themselves ready to help you. It is you yourselves, the citizens of your country, who will have to pay, through your Government, for the improved social services which you require. You cannot expect to have them on a full scale before you have an economic system which will support them. Both educational services and technical achievement must grow alongside one another. To make these social services possible you must be prepared to pay, not lower, but higher taxes to your government, and you will have to ensure that these taxes are collected efficiently, and from the whole of your population. Of course higher and adequate taxation will only be possible if your average real income is raised, and this can only be done by increasing the technical efficiency of the country. It is here that those of you have been trained in the sciences and technology will be able to make your invaluable contribution to the progress of your country. Some of you will make your direct contribution to industrialisation, others of you must exert your influence for the extension of scientific and technical education which is required to train the thousands of technicians which your country needs. Education in your country still unduly favours studies in language, literature, history, philosophy, political science and economics to the disadvantage of pure and applied science. With the record of your Departments of Medicine and Dentistry in this University, which are as progressive as any in the world, it cannot be said that the Missionary Universities have failed you in this respect. Now it is your responsibility, when you go out into the world, to do all that you can to elevate the respect for science and scientific method as a means of raising the technical efficiency of industry and agriculture. Remember that without a much greater application of science and technology, no widespread expansion of educational and social services will be possible.

"But the future improvement of your social services is not only an economic problem. It is also an ethical problem. Only by the recognition of human and spiritual values, and by attention to the code of morals and conduct such as you have seen exemplified in this Christian University, will you be able to obtain the full benefits of Western culture. Without these ameliorating influences you will have absorbed only the materialistic hardness of Western culture. Humanism and ethics are of course the very essence of your own classical literature, but unfortunately these concepts remained a philosophy rather than a universal reality under the feudal system of China before the days of the Republic, and now, in the struggle for economic advancement, there is a real danger they will be forgotten.

"Confucius had a lofty conception of the ideal state and the 'Age of Grand Harmony in a Great Commonwealth'—To T'ung Shih Chieh. Your own National Anthem exhorts you 'to build the Republic and to promote Grand Harmony in the world'—'I Chien Min Kuo; I Chin Ta T'ung'. I have shown you by the examples which I have discussed that there are many men of goodwill in other countries of the world who are willing and anxious to join all others with the same ideals who are ready to strive for a more enlightened and a happier more peaceful world. They are ready to join with you in helping your country in its present troubles, but you—the men on the spot—are the men on whom China must rely for the practical work which needs to be done now in this country. You graduates are now going out into the world equipped with all of the intellectual learning and technical skill that this University can give you. I and my wife join with your teachers in wishing you courage and strength for the great tasks which lie ahead of you, and we sincerely hope that you will soon enjoy the peace and stability which are so necessary for the progress and prosperity of your country."

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## FOREWORD

The summer holidays have come and gone. For the administrative staff of the University there has never been a busier time; for teachers it has proved a much appreciated break in the routine of teaching. Many western members took trips, some longer, some shorter. Manila, Hongkong, cities in East and North China, and Kangting (Tachienlu) in the West were some of the places visited; mountain resorts had their full share of missionary families. The summer was more than usually rainy and cool. For those who stayed in Chengtu this was a blessing. Two exceptionally heavy rainy periods, added to last year's torrential storm, have set records for this part of the country. Never have we seen so much water on the campus and in the valleys leading from the hills about the Chengtu Plain. Many travellers spent a week or more in making a two days' trip.

The University's Administrative Council did not miss a meeting and week of the holiday. Much useful work has gone into tightening up and formulating regulations for the administration of departmental controls both in the matter of teaching loads and of the quality of teaching. In consequence, there is great expectation that this year higher standards will be attained.

The reorganisation of the general administrative offices which began last year has been continued and is resulting in many needed improvements. The organisation of the Office of Student Activities to take the place of the former Office of Discipline will, we hope, take adequate care of the extra-curricular activities of the students, and place emphasis where it belongs, i.e. welfare rather than punishment. Further changes are contemplated in other offices and these we hope before the year is out to be able to report in the Bulletin.

The WCUU as a Christian University should

ATTEND to the building of Christian character  
ENCOURAGE the training of Christian leaders  
BE RESPONSIVE to students' needs and problems  
ANTICIPATE social progress and change  
ENCOURAGE growth of knowledge and development of scholarship  
STRESS sterling quality and high standards  
SEEK to cooperate with every other institution of learning in the building  
of a better China.

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## GUESTS

We have been honored to welcome visits from H. E. The Canadian Ambassador T. C. Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Dunlop of the Voice of China; Rev. J. Verent Mills of China's Children Fund Inc.; Mr. Burnett, son of the former National Y.M.C.A. Secretary in Shanghai; Mr. Valdes, acting American Vice-Consul, Shanghai; Mr. Hopkins, C.R.M.; Mr. Obrai, Indian representative of UNESCO; Mr. Frederick Linger, Director of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Extension Station; Advisor to the Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry of UNESCO; and others.

It is good to learn that the United States Educational Foundation in China has appointed Prof. Thomas D. Eliot to our Department of Sociology for the year; and Miss Margaret Portia Mickey (already known to some of us) to pursue research work in the Museum, and to assist in our Sociology Department or the West China Frontier Research Institute. It is not yet known just when these two will reach Chengtu; in all probability Miss Mickey will spend a short while in Kweiling on her way to Chengtu.

Two Swedes, Mr. Olle Anderson and Mr. Goeran Malmquist who have been studying Chinese in Stockholm under Prof. Bernhard Karlgren hold a Rockefeller Foundation Scholarship and are now on their way to Chengtu to continue their sinological studies in Szechwan. They expect to be studying in our University during November and December, working under Prof. Wen Tsai-yu; later they plan to live in a village where they feel they will hear more pure Szechwanese spoken than in Chengtu.

## STUDENT ENROLMENT

From the accompanying table it will be seen that up to October 10th the enrolment is below fifteen hundred, some three hundred less than last year and nearly six hundred less than two years ago. Ever since the war the UBCCC has been urging us to reduce the student body to the number we can handle while at the same time raising standards. Perhaps by next year we shall have reduced to twelve hundred, the figure UBCCC considers should be our maximum.

## WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

## Enrolment

Fall Term, 1948.

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Common Course	70	30	4	5	6	7	8	8							3	2	73	32	105
Chinese			5	1	9	5	2	2									18	20	38
West. Lang.			9	9	26	16	3	3									16	9	25
Rural Recon.			39	27	9	17	7	7									68	32	100
Education			16	27	9	17	41	10									25	44	69
Economics			33	11	33	17	41	10									107	38	145
Sociology			8	9	34	12	29	18									71	39	110
Phil. & Hist.			18	12	16	9	14	6									48	27	75
TOTAL	70	30	123	74	133	83	97	52							3	2	426	241	667
SCIENCE																			
Common Course	39	36	6	6	4	2	1	2							2	1	41	37	78
Biology			4	13	4	4	5	2									11	10	21
Chemistry			7	2	5	1	10	2									25	19	35
Maths-Phys.			7	2	5	1	10	1									22	4	26
Pharmacy			30	19	36	30	15	16									81	65	146
Home Economics			6	6	16	16	21	21									81	65	146
Agromony			15	7	20	12	7	3									42	22	64
TOTAL	39	36	65	44	78	65	38	45							2	1	222	191	413
MED. & DEN.																			
Common Course	46	40	26	32	20	20	16	8									46	40	86
Medicine	10	5	4	6	9	9	5	7									124	99	223
Dentistry	7	10	23	6	9	7	5	7									68	42	110
Nursing			1	9	9	7	9	4									8	17	17
Hospital Tech.	3	4	1	6	4	2	2	3									8	12	20
TOTAL	66	60	50	53	33	38	21	15									246	210	456
GRAND TOTAL	175	126	238	171	244	186	156	112							5	3	894	642	1536

This year we have made an innovation, that is, in each College we have a Common Freshman Year; this will give students a chance to be quite sure which Department they desire to enter as Sophomores and thus avoid a great deal of transferring from one College or Department to another, which is unsettling for both students and teachers.

## TUITION FEES

This year we have had less trouble in collecting tuition and other fees than in former years—which is a welcome relief to the administration. Some of our readers may be interested in seeing the list of fees given below.

Tuition for old students .....	GY	\$25.00
Tuition for new students .....		35.00
Laboratory .....		5.00
Health .....		3.00
Library .....		3.00
English materials .....		1.50
Athletics .....		1.50
Microscope .....		2.00
College fee .....		1.00
Student Association .....		1.00
Supplemental Examinations .....		3.00
		per course

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

For the first time in many a long year we have no Dean of Discipline. Instead, we have an Office of Student Activities headed by Deans of Men and Women, and under this office function the following Committee: General Student Activities; Religious Life; Athletics; Student Welfare; Discipline; Dormitory Principals. This year we plan to place more emphasis on welfare in hopes that by so doing there will be no need to stress discipline.

As in former years we have general Student Associations, College Associations and SCM groups; each of the Churches associated with the University has its own Church Fellowship Groups. Rev. John Stinson is our Director of Religious Life. The University Church is run by a Church Board composed of staff and students and this year Dr. Dryden L. Phelps is the Pastor. It is hoped that before long work can commence on the erection of the main building of the new University Church. To date US\$25,000 has been raised for this project; a Finance Committee is doing its best to increase the building fund so that the completion of the building project may not be too long delayed.

## OUR STAFF

Alongside the reduction of the student body we have been trying to make a reduction in faculty, this because UBCCC has criticised us many times for having too large a staff. Despite many months of study and consultation we have not been able to reduce by more than ten per cent; this year our total staff numbers 331; 253 full-time, 78 part-time, being equivalent to 287  $9/12$  full-time members; of these 216 are paid from regular budget funds 34  $11/12$  from Special Funds and 36 are contributed by Missions. A major reason for such a large number of part-time teachers is the inflation of currency and the decreased buying power of salaries which necessitate those with heavy family responsibilities accepting positions in several institutions; we have done our best to raise salaries, but even so we have too many teachers who lack the time to become acquainted with their students.

We still have a large number of our staff taking graduate work abroad, which is of course to the ultimate benefit of our University, but in the meantime many Departments suffer through the work having to be carried by too junior staff or by seniors already overburdened with their own duties. This is particularly true in General Pathology, Physiology, Oral Surgery, Public Health, Bacteriology, Sociology, History, Mathematics and Archaeology.

On August 11th Dr. Pearl Fosnot wrote:

"I spent the latter part of June in Indiana in a missionary conference of eight days. The Crusade Scholars from many lands were in the same place for a conference of 4½ days, some sessions being held with the missionaries and some separately. At least half of the crusade scholars were from China—more than 40 of them. China has had more than her share during the years when it has been impossible to get many out of Korea and none from Germany and Japan. West China folk at the conference were Liu Dsen-gang, Pu Bao-min, Chen Shang-ling, George Dsang, and Hung Ngen-pu. Enroute from Indiana, Shang-ling and I had a short visit with Daisy Pen-Liu and her husband in Lansing, Michigan. Dr. Hsia Liang-tsai came down from Ann Arbor for the day. Stephen Yang has been having an enforced rest. Ruth Chang—his wife—was coming from Toronto to visit him, and Stephen and Dr. Hsia had planned for her to accompany the latter to Lansing; however, she was delayed and we did not get to see her. Another friend in Lansing was Mr. Chen—the agriculturalist who is married to the dental doctor, Dsang Ch'uin-hsien. We are about ready to leave for a trip through central and eastern Canada, enroute to our respective schools in the East. Chen Shang-ling will be at Radcliffe, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, while I am to be at Union and Columbia. I expect to study for just the fall term; my present plans point toward sailing fairly early in 1949."

Encouraging letters of commendation have recently been received by the Department of Pharmacy concerning the good work done by its graduates who went abroad for post-graduate study and work in 1947.

From the Ontario College of Pharmacy, Toronto, Canada, where Mr. Hsieh Chen-ko has held the position of Demonstrator during the past year, comes the word that 'because of his splendid service, and because of the contribution he has made to our College life' he has been invited to accept the position for a second year.

Mr. Lee Hsin-lung, who has been studying at the College of Pharmacy, University of London, England, during the past year, has just returned to Chengtu. His work in England has been commended as mutually helpful.

From a letter received from the Dean of the College of Pharmacy, University of Nebraska, U.S.A. comes the news that both Mr. Djao Erhung and Mr. Chou Shao-chia have done 'excellent work since their arrival there last December', and on the basis of their records a research fellowship and an assistantship, respectively, have been granted them for the year 1948-49.

Prof. and Mrs. Cheng Te-k'un hope to be back in Chengtu in November or December; at present he is awaiting the lifting of the shipping strike on the Pacific Coast.

Prof. Chiang Chih-ang of the Department of Sociology is also on his way back to Chengtu. He has spent three months in England following his study in the States.

Prof. Li Hen reports his safe arrival in Princeton on September 20th where he is now installed in the Graduate College as a Senior Visiting Fellow.

Dr. T. H. Lan has become Dean of Studies and is vigorously carrying out a none-too-popular job and Mr. Horace Holder of Friends Mission is helping in his office as well as teaching English; Mr. Li Hwai-ni has returned from a year at Syracuse to resume the office of General Superintendent of Business; Mr. Dseo Yun-wen has been appointed Dean of Men; Mr. Li Yung-tseng is acting Librarian in the absence of Mr. G. L. Den who holds a UBCCC Fellowship in Library Science at the University of Southern California; Prof. C. S. Lo has resumed the Deanship of Arts in place of Dr. Paul Fugh who is away on sabbatical leave in Sikang; Prof. W. G. Sewell has been appointed Associate Dean of the College of Science and Dr. D. S. Dye has become Head of the Department of Mathematics and Physics. In the College of Medicine and Dentistry there have been many changes: Dr. Hou Pao-chang has left to join the staff of Hongkong University and Dr. Hwang K'e-wei has succeeded him as acting-Head of the Department of Pathology; Dr. S. H. Liljestrand having become Head of our Department of Physical Medicine is passing on the Headship of Obstetrics and Gynecology to Dr. Gladys S. Cunningham; Dr. Sung Ru-yao, now a specialist in Maxillo-Facial Surgery, is Head of Oral Surgery; his wife, Dr. Wang Chiao-chang, has returned to Preventive Dentistry; Dr. Hsü Lo-chuan to Prosthodontology; after four years' absence Dr. Ralph Outerbridge has returned to the Department of Surgery.

During the summer some have left for post-graduate study abroad: Dr. Eunice Liao Hsia is now at the Eastman Dental Clinic, Rochester, N.Y.; Dr. Lo Tsung-lai, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto; Dr. C. Y. Liu, Psychiatry, McGill University, Montreal; Dr. K. H. Chen, Radiology, Presbyterian Medical Center, New York; Dr. H. P. Lei, Physiology, University of Toronto; Dr. K. C. Hsü, Parasitology, London School of Tropical Medicine; Mr. S. O. Li, Biochemistry, Copenhagen, Denmark; Mr. John Yen, Pharmacy, the University of Saskatchewan.

The Fall Term Faculty Retreat took place on September 25th, being held in a hall connected with Marshal Liu Hsiang's tomb. Pastor Lee of the Methodist Church and President Fong gave addresses on "The Contribution of a Christian University to China during the present Crisis". Group discussion and tea followed, with musical interludes. All declare it to have been a most helpful gathering.

### NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

As the result of many months of hard work reclassifying the specimens belonging to the Natural History Museum Prof. C. C. Liu is able to report the following details regarding Zoological specimens:

*Entomology*—13,349 specimens belonging to 14 orders and 66 families; 4,615 of these specimens are in their original condition. From March to June 782 local specimens were added to the collection.

*Fishes*—127 species, belonging to 80 genera and 32 families; we have a total 930 specimens including both fresh water and marine forms.

*Amphibians*—330 specimens, covering 40 species belonging to two orders and 17 families.

*Birds*—About 800 research specimens, belonging to 128 known species; 218 specimens for exhibition; in all, these comprise 9 orders and more than 30 families. From February to July 120 local birds were added.

*Mammals*—This collection is rather poor; only 20 species are identified; 387 species have skulls, 1389 are without.

In collecting trips from February to July many local specimens were collected; 782 insects, 150 amphibians, 50 reptiles, 120 birds, 4 mammals; this work of collection is rather important for the study of living organisms in Szechwan.

Though exhibition is one of the minor purposes of the Natural History Museum from February to June sixteen schools of different grades visited our Museum for general biological knowledge and many individuals came out of personal interest.

### GENERAL NEWS

Throughout the rainy season Chengtu inhabitants were nervous lest there should be another flood, and this despite the fact that much work had been put into the improvement of the drainage system on the campus and neighbouring irrigation systems, and that the large dyke which collapsed last year had been repaired. All seemed to be well, when towards the middle of September there were three or four days of almost continuous rain; on September 15th the campus was flooded, some sections being many feet deep in water; our roads which had but recently been put into good condition after many years of neglect became river beds, and though the waters subsided quite rapidly once the rain stopped, roads suffered considerable damage to their surfacing; it will be quite an expensive business putting them to rights. Most fortunately very little damage was done to buildings, and because of our experience of last year very few cases of supplies were caught on the floors of basements where they might suffer water damage.

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The Theological College welcomes the appointment of Rev. Brynmor F. Price of the English Baptist Mission, Sian, to join their staff for the next few years. ABFMS report the appointment of Rev. David Gunn, also of the English Baptist Mission, to Chengtu for four or five years; Mr. Gunn will assist with the oversight of Vandeman Dormitory, teach in our Division of Religious Studies, take his share in our Office of Student Activities, and give one course in the Theological College. We extend a cordial welcome to these friends as they assume new responsibilities in Chengtu.

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The West Wing of the Education Building has been handed over to President Fong by Governor Liu Wen-hwei's Secretary; thanks to the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cadbury classroom furniture has been made and the five new classrooms are already being put to good use. No longer is it necessary to turn Hart College Chapel into a classroom during the week.

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To the west of the Clock Tower is the former Youth Corps Building which has recently become the property of the University. The transaction cost us just over US\$2,500. The building has been allocated to the Department of Home Economics under the headship of Dr. Stella Cheng who is busily remodelling the building to provide classrooms, needlework and cookery rooms, and other facilities for the training of home-makers.

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The Student Centre is very happy to welcome Miss Wang Yuan-chao and Mr. Hua Ch'ang-chi appointees of the National Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. as Secretaries for work in Chengtu centred on our campus. They are working alongside our Office of Student Activities as members of our Religious Life Committee.



To our dismay United Service to China (U.S.A.) has fallen on hard times and been forced to curtail very severely its grants to our Child Welfare Training Programme. This has meant the closing of the Hsiao T'ien Chu Kindergarten and its appreciated service to under-privileged children of the neighbourhood; at one time it was feared that the Experimental Nursery School south of the Clock Tower would have to be closed, but the keenness of the parents and their willingness to pay higher fees, together with the energetic interest of Miss Pearl Chiang, made it possible to open the School this fall term in a simplified form and for a smaller number of children.

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Housing of the staff is a constant problem; the Committee always has a long waiting list of those desiring accommodation or seeking a chance to move to a better house. To meet the present serious shortage, with the cooperation of the Alumni Association the University is remodeling the Alumni Section or the Single Men's Residence to provide a large family suite and four rooms for single men. For some years Women's College has housed a number of single members of the staff but this year this staff residence is needed for senior students; the University has therefore had to make other arrangements. A new one storey residence containing twenty single rooms has been erected in the Lin Tsen area.

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It has unfortunately been discovered that 250 students from Sophomores up lack credits in Freshman English; in order to avoid overburdening the Department of Western Languages with the problem of provide special teaching for these students, the Dean of Studies is making arrangements for their teaching. This will be their last chance to make up the English credits they lack; and woe betide those who cannot pass the examinations set by the Department of Western Languages either at the close of the fall term or in June next for they will be unable to continue their studies in our University.

The Night Extension School formerly organised by Dr. Paul Fugh is during his absence being run by Mr. Henry Li. Two hundred students have registered and are applying themselves assiduously to their studies.


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China changed her currency over-night by the expedient of dividing prices in the old national currency by three million to produce one gold yuan, equal to US\$.25. A reading of the Shanghai papers would seem to imply that the change-over had gone reasonably well and that prices had been fixed according to rates in operation on August 18th; Szechwan, however, and Chengtu in particular, has gone its own pace, leaving us all somewhat bewildered, for after a difficult period of rather feeble attempt to control prices, when shops were closed and it was practically impossible to purchase rice, meat, flour and other essential supplies,

shopping centres are flourishing with prices at wild levels while the official exchange rate remains at 4:1 for American dollars and 12:1 for English pounds; it may be interesting to note that in Chengtu knitting wool is fetching the equivalent of L5. (or US\$15.00) per pound; two small batteries for an electric torch cost 5/—(US\$.75.)

## GIFTS

Through the kindness of the Provincial Agricultural Improvement Institute our University received some 140 pounds of 5% DDT powder for distribution amongst the staff. The University is grateful to UBCCC for ex-Army supplies of stationery and mosquito netting; the Hospital for a splendid gift of over forty cases of drugs. The Department of Agronomy has received a Canning Outfit from CNRRA and the College of Medicine and Dentistry several cases of useful supplies. USC has presented powdered milk, vitamins and books to our Child Welfare Project, and through the American Book Centre in Shanghai our Library has received several cases of books. To all these friendly agencies we express our sincere thanks.

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## FOREWORD

Our readers are due an apology for the late appearance of this number of the Bulletin, which is due to a number of causes—extra meetings and correspondence consequent upon disturbed political conditions, the compiling of voluminous reports, statistical and otherwise, for the home constituency, as well as time-consuming preparations for the celebration of Christmas.

Christmas has come and gone—it seems to have been more festively observed in Chengtu than formerly. Many more parties were given by and for the students; more took part in the all-night carolling programme. Christmas Services were well attended both before and after the actual Day. Hundreds of staff and students listened appreciatively to the enlarged Choir of the University Church rendering selections from Handel's "The Messiah". The conductor Miss Anne Ward, and her accompanists, Mrs. E. C. Wilford and Miss S. B. Downer at the organ, and Miss Marjory Alexander at the piano, are to be congratulated on the fine achievement of this all-Chinese Choir of one hundred voices. This annual Service of Worship has become a prominent feature in our Christmas programme, as has also the Women's College Annual Gift Service and Candle-Lighting Ceremony.

Congratulations also to the Male Choir and its leader, Rev. John Stinson, on the most successful and enjoyable New Year Musical Service in Hart College.

## POLITICAL SITUATION

The focus of attention during the past weeks has been on political changes in the north and east and how such changes may affect us in West China. Serious consideration has been given by the Council, General Faculty and Board of Directors as to whether the University can expect to carry on under changed conditions. The general consensus of opinion is that whatever happens the University must plan to carry on so long as it is possible to maintain the Christian character of the institution.

Faced with the possibility that Communism may overrun most of China it is up to each Christian member of our staff to think out his position. There is much of despair and disillusion in the present situation, and the responsibility of the members of the Christian Church to demonstrate that they have kept their faith and courage and believe firmly that a new day will come out of the present chaos and suffering.

Doubtless this is a period during which our Christian faith and testimony are being challenged; all around us lie opportunities for practical Christian service in fellowship and love. The question is shall we make the most of these opportunities or allow them to pass us by?

The University's Administrative Council has appointed an Extension Committee to consider ways and means of fostering happier relationships with the immediate neighbourhood.

Once again China is in the grip of the inflation spiral with prices of commodities soaring all the time. Life for everybody is hard, and will be harder as the situation deteriorates. As a result of disturbed conditions several students have come to us from Christian Universities in the north and east; only those fully recommended by their University and whose homes are in Szechwan are being accepted.

### OUR GUESTS

Among noted guests to our University we have welcomed Mr. Roger D. Lapham, Chief of ECA's China Mission; Mr. Charles L. Stillman, Chief of ECA's Reconstruction Survey Team, and Mr. R. Allen Griffin, deputy for Mr. Lapham; Mr. Chang Chuin-mai, well-known philosopher, Dr. Laurie of the World Health Organisation and Rev. Noel B. Slater of the China Christian Universities Association.

Our readers may be interested in Canadian Ambassador T. C. Davis' comment on his visit to our University early in the Fall.

"I came away completely enthralled with your University and very pleased with the wonderful work in which all of you are engaged. Your campus is simply beautiful, your buildings are excellent, your staff is a most efficient one, and from what I could see, your students are going to be fine and useful citizens of China, consequent upon the splendid education which you are providing for them. I cannot commend you all too much."

For a few weeks we had with us three Swedish students undertaking research in Chinese Linguistics under the guidance of Prof. Wen Tsai-yu; these were Messrs. Olle B. Anderson, Goeran Malmqvist and Broman, who have now left for further study in Si Chang, Leshan and Kunming respectively.

Mr. Slater spent five over-crowded days in Chengtu. He was much impressed by the size of our University set-up in West China and most appreciative of hospitality afforded him. On his return to Shanghai he wrote: "Will you please convey my thanks to everyone who helped to make my visit so thoroughly enjoyable and profitable to myself."

### FULBRIGHT GRANTEES

We have with us three Americans holding fellowships under the USEFC supported by funds granted under the Fulbright Act; Prof. Rudolph of California University is interested in Archaeology and is making good use of some of the valuable material in our Archaeological Museum; Mr. David Gridman is specialising in Linguistics and Mr. Michael Rogers in the History of Early Buddhism in China.

Miss Margaret Portia Mickey, USEFC appointee to our West China Frontier Research Institute, paid a flying visit to Chengtu on her way to Kweiyang where she will be undertaking most of her research work.

Prof. Thomas D. Eliot whom we have been expecting to join the staff of our Department of Sociology, because of the disturbed conditions in this country has had to postpone his appointment until the fall term.

### STAFF NEWS

Much to our deep regret Dr. Liljestrand has had to take an enforced rest on account of a serious physical condition. Though he has made fair progress it has been found necessary to advise him to leave Chengtu while travelling is easy. Dr. and Mrs. Liljestrand will be greatly missed after their three decades of service for our University; his interests have been many and varied, and through his pioneering spirit he has initiated and fostered studies in Biochemistry, Physiology, Gynecology and Physio-therapy. Since his last return from furlough he has spent considerable time pursuing research into various aspects of cancer prevention; the gift of a deep X-ray machine from his son, Howard, has proved a great asset in this investigation. Many will miss the hospitality of the Liljestrand home and will join with us in sincere regrets at their leaving at this time and the best of wishes for many happy and useful years in the homeland.

The campus community misses another Methodist family—Dr. and Mrs. Fritz Fisher who came to us during the war years from East China and have been making repeated attempts to secure passports to the United States and Canada; at last they are in Hongkong on their way to Canada where they hope to settle for the next few years. Dr. Fisher has filled a gap in our understaffed Department of Internal Medicine and it is to be hoped that it will not be long before someone else can step into the breach in this important Department of the College. Our good wishes go with Dr. and Mrs. Fisher and their three children as they make their home in Canada.

Dr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Kilborn will be leaving before the end of January for a six months furlough; to them we extend our best wishes for a restful and profitable time in Canada.

Congratulations to Mr. Pu Bao-min who within the brief period of a year has secured his M. S. degree in Mathematics at Syracuse University; he is now working towards his Ph.D.

Prof. Chiang Chih-ang has returned from his year in the States and England to take up the Headship of the Department of Sociology and is already busily at work. We shall be hearing more from him later.

Dr. Hwang K'e-wei having left the University in November, Dr. Lee Ch'ang-lin has become acting-head of the Department of Pathology.

Dr. Liu Tsen-hen, acting-Head of Oral Histology and Pathology, has been raised to the rank of Associate Professor, and Dr. Yoh Sung-lin of the same Department has been raised to the rank of Instructor.

We are happy to welcome Rev. David Gunn of the English Baptist Mission in Sian as a new member of the University staff, in the Division of Religious Studies.

Before long Mr. Walter Small will be giving half-time service to the United Church of Canada West China Mission, during the absence on furlough of the Rev. Howard Veals.

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

It is a great disappointment to learn that Prof. Cheng Te-k'un does not plan to return to the University at this time, partly on account of disturbed conditions and partly of the exorbitant cost of transporting his family from Hongkong. This is a serious loss because the University had been expecting to benefit considerably from the very profitable time Prof. Cheng spent in Great Britain and on the Continent, under a British Council travelling fellowship.

The Museum, limping along during his absence, has been grateful for the general oversight given respectively by Dr. D. C. Graham, Dr. Lewis C. Walmsley and Dr. D. S. Dye who have followed each other as acting-curators. It is hoped that the Church of the Brethren Mission will consent to appoint Rev. Calvin Bright to the University so that he may act as Curator to the Archaeological Museum. He is particularly interested in Chinese Art, his wife in Textiles. Having been born in China and for many years been interested in various phases of art and archaeology he should be able to make a worthwhile contribution to the care and growth of the Museum.

We are happy to report that Mr. Yang Shao-ku has presented his collection of porcelains to the Museum. Through his gift some of the gaps in our collection will be filled; his generosity in this matter is much appreciated. It has also been possible to purchase a valuable collection of rubbings which Mr. Yang has spent years acquiring.

### JANET MCCLURE KILBORN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

On Saturday afternoon, December 11th, under the chairmanship of acting-Librarian Y. T. Li, the Janet McClure Kilborn Memorial Library was officially declared open.

In presenting this refurnished Branch Library on behalf of Dr. McClure and himself, Dr. Leslie G. Kilborn expressed his belief that nothing more fitting could have been chosen to commemorate the life of Dr. Janet than such a Library where Medical and Dental students and staff may study in beautiful, harmonious and peaceful surroundings to prepare themselves in the healing art.

Dr. Kilborn outlined the growth of this Branch Library from its inception in a ground-floor room of the Hospital, whence it moved to slightly larger quarters in the so-called Isolation Block and later to three rooms on the second floor of the Central Block of the College, with unplastered brick walls and crude furniture. These refurnished rooms provide accommodation for a student reading room seating ninety, an office for the Librarian and for the accommodation of new and research books as well as a room for current periodicals and staff reading. The walls have been beautifully panelled in *Lan mu*, the furniture has been entirely remodelled; beams have been added to the ceilings, and attractive "lattice" windows installed, together with the newest type of rubber flooring and fluorescent lighting. New equipment includes an office typewriter, the *Encyclopedia Britannica* and several other important reference books.

Dr. Kilborn paid tribute to Mr. Canning Young's work in designing the panels, windows and doors and much of the furniture; to Carpenter Liu and his assistants who made the furniture and panelling, to painter Chen for the careful work of oiling and polishing the woodwork, to the electricians and to a number of others who made possible this beautifully finished Library which he felt might easily become the best Medical Library in China, West of the Yangtse Gorges.

President Fong in a suitable speech received the Library for the University, and expressed the hope that those who use it will always remember the long and devoted service rendered to this University by Dr. Janet McClure Kilborn, and carry her spirit into their daily life and work.

In her speech (read in absentia) Mrs. Lindsay, Chairman of the Library Committee, reminded us that in receiving again into the hands of the University this Library, now refurnished and regarnished in beauty we are honouring the memory of one of the University's most gracious members, one whose entire life was devoted to the expending of her knowledge, her personality and her love for the benefit of all who dwelt upon this campus, of high or of low degree. Into this lovely place of peace, hallowed by her serenity may many teachers and students come to study, and stay to fit themselves for the service of healing to which she surrendered her entire powers. As Dr. Janet so truly exemplified, may they find in this "temple of learning" the jewel of all wisdom, that the best in life is forgetfulness of oneself and unselfish service to suffering humanity.

## UNIVERSITY BOOK CLUB

Another happy event of the Fall Term was the Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the University Book Club. Mrs. Lindsay presented the Secretary-Treasurer's report and expressed the sincere thanks of all to Mrs. Wheeler in Winnipeg and Mrs. Carscallen in Whitby, the Club's two buyers who for many years have selected and purchased new books for our shelves, as well as to many others who have contributed books, time or thought to make the Club of real service to its members.

Membership fees for the year 1948-49 are as follows:

For individual members US\$2.50; for Husband and Wife Membership US\$4.00; and for the newly instituted "Single Book Membership" US\$1.00 (accessible to members of the University Staff on application to and consideration by the President and Secretary-Treasurer).

In addition to the regular service of the Club there is an Out-of-Town Section under the charge of Dr. Gladys Cunningham. The Post Office not being very reliable, packages of 'Duplicates' are escorted personally to and from certain nearby centres according to desire and availability.

The Committee of the Book Club Committee for the year 1948-49 was elected as follows:

President—Mrs. Willmott  
 Vice-President—Mr. Van Meter  
 Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Lindsay  
 Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. William Small

Other members of the Executive, Miss Ellen Chu, Mr. Y. T. Li, Dr. Marian Manly, Miss Pilon and Prof. Sewell.

Following the speech of the retiring President, Prof. W. G. Sewell, Scientist and specialist in colour, gave an interesting and clever talk on that subject, linking it to books and humourously suggesting that the Club plan its reading by the spectrum.

Then followed the reviewers who each in his or her own way charmed us with their presentations:

Mrs. D. S. Dye taking *Driftwood Valley*, a study of Nature;  
 Dr. E. R. Cunningham, the *Biography of Sir Frederic Banting*;  
 Mrs. Van Meter, a tale of *Victorian Life*, *Red Plush*;  
 Miss Downer sketched a *Detective Omnibus* of reading.

In accordance with tradition, the Annual Meeting of the Book Club closed with a sumptuous and attractively served Tea.

## LEPER HOSPITAL

The Leper Hospital reports a successful year and expresses gratitude for generous gifts from the International Relief Committee which have made it possible to increase the usefulness of their Machine Shop and made the work of occupational therapy much more valuable,—dumbbells, iron balls, croquet, shuttlecock all help to develop atrophied muscles. Adequate supplies of medicines and other materials have been donated by the American Mission to Lepers and IRC.

The Leper Hospital would welcome a new pump for its water system, a drill, twist drills, an emery wheel, and numbers of small tools such as files, hacksaw blades etc. The whole hospital needs repainting as soon as good paint is obtainable at reasonable cost.

## BIRMINGHAM CHAIR

On November 25th, 1948 an announcement appeared in a local paper of a Chinese Art Exhibit being opened in Birmingham by the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Cheng T'ien-hsi. The Exhibition was held under the auspices of the local China Christian Universities Association to raise funds for West China's Chair in Biochemistry, held by Dr. T. H. Lan.

The exhibition comprised Chinese pictures illustrating Chinese life and art. Among the exhibits were the brushes and ink, 500 years old, formerly in the possession of the Emperor Ch'ien Lung.

## DO YOU KNOW?

THAT of our total enrolment of 1536 this Fall Term 173 men and 157 women recorded themselves members of the Christian Church. On Christmas Sunday another 85 were baptised either at Hart College or in City Churches, making a total of 27% of our student body.

THAT the present attendance of staff and students at Sunday Services numbers about 125 in the morning, 75-100 in the evening and about 125 at the afternoon service in English.

THAT there are fifty extra-curricular fellowship groups—twenty religious, nineteen Social, eleven literary and one student welfare.

THAT under the Division of Religious Studies there are eight Jesus Study Seminars, two courses in the Life of Christ, two in Ethics, and one in Mental Hygiene.

THAT we have the equivalent of 328 1/6 full time persons on our staff, 202 2/3 of whom are on the regular University payroll, 39 1/2 paid from Special Funds and 36 supported by the Cooperating Missions. On the teaching staff we have 204 giving full-time service, and 99 part-time teachers are equivalent to 41 2/3 full-time; Administrative staff is divided as follows: 35 in General Administration, 15 1/2 in Library and

Museum and 11 in the Academic Colleges; 13 part-time people are equivalent to 7 full-time; 14 are supported by Special Funds.

THAT this year the University is paying a full-service allowance to all members of the staff who honestly give their full service and interest to the University.

THAT about twenty years ago the WCUU was called (Wu Yang Hsueh Hsiao) "Five foreign missions school" because it was maintained by five Christian Missions. Now it is recognised by the Chinese Government as one of its Private Universities and no longer as a foreign institution. It is certainly international in its faculty and student body, and there is no reason why it cannot be made truly international in spirit as are other Christian Universities throughout the world.

WHAT is our University's main contribution to China? It has been a source of inspiration and guidance to all Government and Private educational institutions in West China. It has held to high standards and honesty of administration. Our students are sought after by all classes of society, and in the case of some our graduates their service is nation-wide. We have founded Dental Education and have stimulated and assisted all subsequent organisation of dental schools and colleges.

WHAT is our contribution to the Church in China? We have graduated a group of men and women who understand what the Church is and who are favourably disposed towards Christianity. Undoubtedly leaders in the Christian Church are our graduates.

### GIFTS

The University acknowledges with sincere gratitude the following gifts.

From the family of the late Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin £40 sterling toward the erection of the University Church;

Through the good offices of the Ministry of Education 86 medical books and two cases of back numbers of important periodicals;

From UNESCO a case of United Nations publications;

From Messrs. Baird & Tatlock, London, an Overseer Microscope for the Machine Shop;

From a group of American friends 50 Gramophone Records;

Rosslund, B.C. Ladies' Discussion Club—Can\$11.00;

Deep River, Ontario, Community Church—Can\$62.50;

China Relief Mission for Indigent Patients for March, April, May (received in August)—NC\$1,250,000,000.00  
for June and July (received in September)—GY\$450.00;

China Relief Mission for		
Morgue and Autopsy Building .....	NC\$1,200,000,000.00	
Equipment for Sze Shen Tsi .....	2,500,000,000.00	
Staff Dormitory .....	5,000,000,000.00	8,700,000,000.00
American Methodist Mission		240,000,000.00 GY\$1,818.64
United Church of Canada Mission for Hospital work for Sze Shen Tsi Hosp. Building		Can\$2,000.00 1,000.00
ABMAC for purchase of equipment for Pre-clinical Dept.		US\$3,000.00
Mr. Lan Wen-bin for Biochemistry Institute		GY\$2000.00

It is a great relief to us to know that the UBCCC has made us a grant of US\$8,000; this we are allocating to the purchase of much needed equipment and the transportation thereof; this latter item a very expensive one, being considerably more than the cost of the supplies themselves.

We are also glad to learn that the following gifts are on the way: Laboratory Grinder from Messrs. Christy & Norris of Chelmsford, England;

Tools for use in our Machine Shop, valued at £10, from Messrs. Samuel Osborn & Company, Sheffield, England;

Epidiascope from Messrs. Ross Limited, The Optical Works, London; Chemicals from Messrs. A. Bocke, Roberts & Company, London.

