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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY.

July 10th, '44

Mr. C. A. Evans,  
150 Fifth Ave.  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your cable re insurance of University buildings and equipment, also the cable asking for information about Dr. Cheo Shao-wu. Our reply was sent at once indicating the difficulty now met in getting a passport for any one going abroad to study; that word must not be used and instead the person must be going to do a job of work. Another of our staff Dr. Clifford Tsao is having the same difficulty and we hope to get over it by stressing the hospital appointment which Dr. Kilborn has secured for him. Both men wish very much to get away this summer and everything will be done to help them.

Church Missionary Society Grant of £200.

Some months ago notification was received by the Mission here that a grant of £200. had been made to the University out of the medical funds of the Society. Believing this to be a direct gift to the medical work of the university the information was passed on to the College of Medicine and the faculty agreed that the best possible use for the money would be the purchase in England of recent medical textbooks. There is great need for such books and a way has been arranged to have them brought out to China.

However a further letter has been received from the Society which makes it clear that the money was to be paid to the Board of Governors. I quote from the letter.. 'It is a token payment which brings up our existing general fund payment of \$500 to that Board to the minimum required to constitute a missionary society as a full co-operating body in the University, and gives some recognition to them of our predominant interest in the Medical School'. The money is still in England and at the disposal of the Board of Governors. The College of Medicine has prepared a list of books and would like to order them at once, if permission is given by the Board of Governors to do so. Would you please take up this question at the earliest possible date and cable us if you do not think it too expensive. We shall very much appreciate favourable action on the part of the Board in view of the importance of our medical teaching and the fact that no books have been purchased or received over a period of years. I might add that the whole of the annual budget appropriation for books for the medical library is used up in the subscriptions for medical periodicals and this is the third year that books and periodicals have not been reaching us.

Grant of Books from the Department of State.

While on this question of BOOKS I must acknowledge the delivery to us of four books which were 'selected by the ABCCC N.Y. office and donated by the Department of State as a small evidence of the continuance of the longtime cultural exchanges between our two countries'. It was a most thoughtful gesture on your part and that of the Department to send these books by the party accompanying the Vice-President and we appreciate it very much indeed. Would you please express through the proper channels our appreciation and sincere thanks. We were disappointed that

Vice-President Wallace was not able to accept our invitation to give the address on Graduation Day but he was the guest of the universities for a short time and many of us were invited to be present at the dinner given by the Governor in his honour. I understand the impression he left in agricultural circles was one that will not be forgotten.

Board of Directors. Executive Committee:

Unfortunately it did not prove possible for us to arrange a meeting of the Board in June or July because so many members were unable to be present. In order to deal with the budget or rather estimates for 1944-45 the Executive Committee met on July 4th and listened to the statements of the President and the Bursar. You are familiar with the way the estimates were prepared; allowing for an increase in the cost of living of three times that of last year and estimating our gold at the exchange rate of 100 to 1; thus our estimated income is just over thirty-two million and our expenditure just over forty-four million leaving just over twelve million to be found. The Presidents had been considering this problem for weeks and attempting to find a way to reduce the expenditure of each institution by cutting down staff and arranging wider cooperation; in the end difficulties proved too great and the staff was not reduced to the extent we had hoped might be possible. Each institution is now trying to find a way to balance its own budget and it is not yet clear how successful we shall be. Along some lines we are cooperating to the fullest possible extent but in other departments not much progress has been made. I shall not go into the many reasons for this as I am sure Dr. Fern has already informed you of the efforts being made to arrive at a more realistic form of cooperation. While expressing disappointment at this failure to do what seems the only wise thing I think I should add that only a person on the spot can realize what the real difficulties of the administration are and I am still hopeful that lessons are being learned which will be in the interests of the institutions in the future.

The other matter dealt with by the Executive Committee was the reorganization of the Union Middle School. The Principal has been in the position since the summer of 1938 and had done well in some respects but in matters of finance and discipline has been weak. Finally in June there was evidence of the faculty and students getting out of hand and when we looked into the situation it seemed clear that the Principal was not equal to the conditions of the present time. The committee of management of the school recommended to the Board of Directors that a larger committee should be appointed and that a new Principal, Mr. Liu Chih-chai of the U.U. Department of Education, should be appointed; the former Principal Mr. Wu Sien-yiu had indicated his desire to resign. We are increasingly conscious of the importance of this school and it is our hope that with a thorough reorganization we shall succeed in improving conditions and in building up a new spirit. In these war years it is too easy to get students and almost impossible to secure a satisfactory staff. It is thought that bringing the dormitories under the school administration through the proctors, formerly appointed by the missions concerned and not responsible to the Principal, will mean that the necessary discipline of the school in the dormitories can be maintained.

Graduation Day.

Fortunately it was possible for us to secure as Guest Speaker Mr. Wang Yun-wu, managing director and editor in chief of the Commercial Press, and member of the Chinese good will mission to England last winter. He gave an intensely interesting address on the English people in war time and expressed his confidence in the future of China if her leaders learned the lessons of this war. The Baccalaureate sermon had been preached by one of the chaplains. The figures for those graduating are, Cheeloo 49, Yenching 51, Ginling 39, Nanking 153, West China 121, a total of 413. Only the Presidents and Deans are able to appear in academic dress and a shower of rain rather spoiled the procession but visitors who had not been present before on a similar occasion seemed to be impressed.

Dr. David Dai is hard at work and undertaking at least two men's work which is as it should be I suppose. We are very happy indeed to have him with us again and there is no doubt about his being one of the men his country can depend on in the difficult days before us. I think we shall be able to satisfy all his ambitions.

Salary of David Dai.

Please let us have your understanding of how Dr. Dai was to be paid. From what he tells me there is no question in his mind as to what he should receive up to the end of 1943. But from that time on he is in doubt as to what you intended him to have. Our thought was to put him on the payroll as from the date of his arrival in China and in that case he would be charged to the 1943-44 budget as from May 1st. It is in reference to the months January to April that the question arises. If you have a fund from which he could be paid up to July 31st that would be so much the better. But please at your earliest convenience let us have a statement of your arrangement with him and the amounts advanced and for what purpose. He tells me he is preparing a detailed statement of their expenses while en route to send to you and I have urged him to waste no time in doing this. He speaks in the warmest terms of the kindness shown him by yourself and others. In all his remarks he shows himself to have been a keen observer and he will put into his activities here the lessons he learned while abroad. He has been given the rank of Professor, is appointed Associate Dean of Dentistry, Dr. Gordon Agnew is Acting Dean and is also Superintendent of the Dental Clinic which is a unit in the United Hospital. In addition to this he has agreed to give some time to the duties of secretary of the Committee of the National Health Administration appointed to carry out the scheme of dental education, which is supported by ABMAC and in which our college is cooperating.

With kindest regards to all friends,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) H. D. Robertson

August 29th, 1944

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

To: Mr. C. A. Evans  
Secretary, A.B.C.C.C.  
150 - 5th Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans,

I wish to acknowledge your letters of July 18th, 3rd, June 29th, June 26th, and June 20th. I have no record of letters received between April 27th and June 20th. I have had one letter from Mr. Meng Ssu-ming after his arrival in New York. He did not then know whether or not he could get permission to travel to Canada. My letter of Nov. 18th referred to in yours of July 18th dealt with a "partial report on retrenchment effected by Chengtu universities, summer 1943", giving some explanations and personal comments. However that is ancient history now and perhaps has lost any value it may have had. It was the last letter written by Miss Robertson before she left Chengtu. It is a great relief to know that our buildings are insured in New York.

COVERING LETTER W.C.E.C. JULY 17th. Your report of the remarks made by Bishop Chen and Dr. Kilborn made very excellent reading. I would like to take some credit for urging you to take advantage of these West China people. I am sure their presence made all the difference and the value of their comments shows clearly the difference between letters from the field and personalities. I do not understand however your reference to the Harvard-Yenching Institute and hope to hear more in future letters; I had not heard that appropriations had been withheld from two of our institutions. It is true that the presidents have found it difficult to secure the coordination desired by Dr. Eliesseeff. The Kilborn Memorial Library Fund is a splendid expression of the loyalty and devotion of that family. Dr. Leslie Kilborn's father was a first member of our mission to come to Chengtu and the first dean of the Medical College. The staff and Board of the Woman's College will be gratified and pleased with your report of the interest in their work. They are succeeding in keeping up certain standards which in other directions seem to be disappearing. Mr. J. H. Endicott is in India and we expect him here very shortly. His rejoining our English Department will be a great relief to the very much over-worked staff. The plan for consolidation of Trustee Boards was circulated among the presidents and studied with much interest. The advantages are evident and one is anxious only that such consolidation should not result in further separation of Christian higher education from the wider program of Christian work in China. I shall make sure that the President's report is mailed by the middle of September in order to reach you well before Nov. 2nd. He is at present enjoying a well earned two weeks' rest on a mountain range not far from Chengtu. We have had a number of special problems this summer which took a good bit of his nervous and physical strength.

THE BUDGET ESTIMATES. I am enclosing printed copy of Board of Directors Executive Committee minutes including the budget estimates. Since I wrote you in July the situation here in regard to the selling of gold by the Chungking Committee has entirely changed, but as you will have heard from Miss Priest and from Mr. Edwards the details concerning this, I shall not cover the same ground again. However we are still in the position of not knowing what our income for the year 1944-45 will be. I understand that the decision of the U. C. R. Committee is to be made early in September and we shall be anxious to hear what is decided at that time. I am not well

informed of the prospects and plans of the institutions not in Chengtu, and I do not know how their financial needs will affect the budgets of the five universities here. As you know one of our biggest items is that for rice for the staff and we are disappointed up to the present, in not being successful in persuading the authorities to reduce the announced price for the coming academic year. The present crop is a bumper one but of course there are other considerations which enter in and which help to determine the price of rice. So we find ourselves once again entering a new year without any clear idea as to whether our income will meet the contracted expenditures. There has been some reduction of staff and some cutting down of running expenses but our difficulties in these matters have been greater than our capacity for dealing with them.

FURLOUGHS. I am enclosing a page of our printed General Faculty minutes covering the departure for furlough of staff members. This will serve to bring home to you the severe depreciation of our staff which has been taking place. We shall look for some action to be taken at the November meeting of the Board of Governors dealing with future policy in regard to appointments to the staff. And that reminds me that we have had no acknowledgements of the letter sent you by the President dated May 5th and dealing with this matter.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY. We sadly miss Dr. Phelps as the driving force and the organizer of much of the religious life in this university community. This summer it was possible to hold two seminars at the mountain resort where a building was erected several years ago for this special purpose. These are reported to have been quite successful. The summer services and the regular Sunday Services were continued at the university this summer and we have been a little surprised at the large attendance. It is certainly an inspiration to meet in the services several hundred of these young students. In this connection the going on furlough of Miss Ward and Miss Downer leaves a gap which will be hard to fill, because of their faithful work in connection with the music of the religious services. Miss Ward had succeeded in training a choir which would compare very favorably with those of churches in Canada or the U. S. A.

You will be interested in a series of lectures which the university community church has arranged for the opening of the term. The purpose is a better understanding of Christianity and these are the subjects and speakers: "Background of the New Testament" by Mr. Wallace Wang and Dr. Cheo Pin-yi, "The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ" by Dr. Chang Peh-huai, "The History of the Church" by Bishop T. K. Shen, "What it means to be a christian" by Dr. Y. T. Wu and Dr. Luther Shao. You will know most of these men and we are hoping for real results from this effort.

More students even than last year took the entrance examinations of the universities here. Arrangement was made for students in Chungking to write these examinations at the same time. In all we have 2600 students taking the examinations. Our plan is to admit about 200. Recently we received from the government a request to admit a special class of students wishing to study pharmacy; this is in connection with the government scheme to provide a large number of pharmacists. We are now entering on our third year of cooperating with the government in the training of dentists. It seems right and proper that we should cooperate in this kind of special training but under present-time war conditions, when it is not possible to erect buildings because of the excessive cost, our problems connected with dormitory accommodation become greater with each year.

The war news of recent weeks has caused most people to wonder whether

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or not we may look for the ending of the war in Europe within a matter of months. And of course we all hope that it may not be too long after before we can expect conditions in China to change from those of war to peace. We cannot see very clearly what the course of events will be and we know that all our problems will not disappear; but it will be a great day when we can begin to plan for our university in the New China that is to be.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

(signed) H. D. Robertson

*Mr. Evans*

West China Union University  
Sept. 21st, 1944

To the Board of Governors  
West China Union University

Dear Friends:

Once again I have to write to you under conditions directly connected with this long-drawn-out war. A year ago we hoped that our next report might be sent with the end of the war not far off, but at this very moment we are again wondering what the next months have in store for our country at the hands of the enemy. By next June two generations of students will have passed through our halls since the beginning of the war with Japan. For all the inspiration and help you have given us during these difficult years we are deeply grateful.

During the year we welcomed to Chengtu and to the University a number of visitors from abroad; - Dr. Penfield of McGill University, who has since shown his friendship for our University by arranging for fellowships at McGill for our junior medical staff; Dr. George B. Cressey, who gave a number of extremely suggestive addresses; Mr. Lenig Sweet, who spent some time getting acquainted with our work and our people here and informing us of the United China Relief organization and activities; Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, who was invited to give the address on graduation day but was unable to accept, much to our disappointment; when he arrived a few days later the University joined with other organizations in welcoming him. This week we hope to have Dr. McConaughy, the President of the U.C.R., as our guest. These distinguished visitors and others brought us new light on conditions and problems at home and abroad and served, we believe, to widen the interest in the work being done by the Christian universities in China.

The minutes of your Executive Committee, meeting in May, have reached us recently and it gave us much pleasure to note the presence of Bishop W. Y. Chen and Dr. L. G. Kilborn and to hear of the very special contribution which they made to your discussions. We hope it will be possible for others of our staff now on furlough to attend the annual meeting and so bring closer to you than any letter possibly can, the problems and the opportunities facing us today.

The report of the Planning Committee has been studied with interest by all our associates here. We still think it most desirable that an educationist, representing the Associated Boards, should visit China before final decisions are taken; meanwhile the visit of Dr. William Fenn to the U.S.A. this autumn will afford an opportunity for consultation and perhaps lead to the appointment of some person to accompany him on his return. This should result in the most effective co-operation between the committee in China and that in the U.S.A.

This spring we spent much thought and time planning how to coordinate more successfully the work of the departments of the several institutions here. We were informed that if inflation continued and our budgets expanded proportionately there was no hope of securing the necessary amount from the U.C.R. Fund. Our efforts did not meet with the success hoped for and we met difficulties that we were not able to overcome. In certain departments all possible co-operation has been attained and in almost all, something is being done to profit by the outstanding ability of individual staff members of any institution.

You will have received our budget estimates forwarded by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and I have no doubt you were a little startled by the figures presented. We are to learn this week the exact amount we can expect from

the U.C.R. and we shall then have to place the matter before the Board of Directors to make the necessary decisions. The uncertain factor which is responsible for all our troubles is the steady increase in the cost of living. If prices should prove to be more steady than we have feared, our position will improve accordingly. From past experience we are inclined to think that belief in the approaching end of the war in Europe will tend to bring down prices and so help us to meet the living cost of the members of our staff. It is something to know that in each previous year we have managed somehow to secure the funds necessary to balance the budget.

As reported last year the proper housing of our staff has been a difficult problem as local conditions have made it almost impossible for rooms or houses to be rented at rates within the reach of our teachers but some improvement can be noted in the operations this year of a Housing Committee which represents all three of our colleges and enforces a set of regulations adopted after many discussions. Also a Joint Mission-University Committee has been organized and takes the responsibility of allocating mission houses on the campus which are put at the disposal of the Committee by the Missions concerned. We fully recognize the fact that present conditions are due to many factors most of which will disappear when the war ends and we are doing what we can to make the best possible use of the housing accommodation available.

Before the end of last term a special committee was appointed by the meeting of the five presidents to consider the matter of courses in religion which would be offered by teachers specially qualified in their particular subject, and open to the students of all the universities. This resulted in over twenty courses being offered this term by members of the staffs of the five universities and the two theological schools. This plan, it is hoped, will reach a wider range of students and supplement the courses in Christian ethics. The Board of the University Community Church has been functioning for some time now and has plans for a year of increased activity. The three services on Sunday were continued throughout the summer months and the attendance proved that each met a definite need. We are expecting Dr. Phelps to be at the meeting of the Board to discuss with you, plans for the building which will be the center of the church life of this community when the war is over and peace time conditions once again prevail. We believe that many people will be interested in the vision Dr. Phelps and the group here have, for the future of this religious center.

The Union Middle School re-organization was set out clearly in the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, held in July. Under the direction of Mr. Liu Chih-chai, for some years head of the Department of Education and later Dean of Freshman, we feel sure the School will again rank with the best in the province. The co-operating missions are taking a re-newed interest in this School and we hope that among the new missionaries who come to China after the war, there may be some whose interest and training qualify them for work in our Christian middle schools. As principal, Mr. Liu is giving his personal attention to the social and religious life of this School and intends to set up high standards of conduct as well as academic work.

In March Dr. Li Ting-an took over the superintendency of the University Hospital from Dr. Best. In addition to the general Hospital administration he has overseen the completion of certain building operations and the provision of necessary equipment and supplies. There has been an average of one hundred twenty out-patients daily and about seventy in-patients. The number of in-patients is increasing and is expected to reach 120-130 this year. The PUMC School of Nursing re-opened in our Hospital last autumn. The faculty consists of about twelve full time, well-trained nurses. They are responsible for the nursing service of the Hospital. The first

class of students was admitted a year ago with an enrollment of about twenty students. A second class is being admitted this September. The nursing service rendered has been of the highest quality. The Hospital is now in a position to provide the teaching facilities our College of Medicine and Dentistry requires and also to render useful service to the community.

This spring and summer many missionary members of our staff left on furlough after their term service and next spring more plan to leave. As indicated in my May letter this creates a situation which I hope will receive your consideration at the annual meeting. We are glad to be able to report the safe arrival of Mr. J. G. Endicott whose coming will greatly relieve the pressure on our English Department.

You may be interested in the number of students who have graduated from the university during the years of the war - 379 men and 237 women, a total of 616 who have received degrees. It is our confident hope that each one of these will live fuller lives and be of greater service to their community and their country because of their training received while at the university. We know that the problems of the years following the war will be a test for us all and we believe that the University together with all who have passed through its halls during these years, will have a share in the common effort towards a new understanding that must be made by all men of good will, if there is to be peace among the nations.

I pray for God's blessing upon your meeting and upon all your deliberations. And may this terrible war with all its suffering and disillusionments soon be followed by an era of lasting peace.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Lincoln Dsang  
President

Note: Incomplete registration figures: Freshman: 246; Transfers: 76; and Old Students of other years: 736. Total: 1,058.

Dear Sirs:

It is a pleasure to make a brief report to you about my trip back to China from America and my recent activities since I arrived at my destination.

It was a long journey indeed! However, it was pleasant, educational and beneficial. The more strange countries I visited the more I became convinced that Wilkie's point of view is true -- "This is one World."

I left America sometime in January and safely arrived in India on Easter Day. We had a very pleasant voyage with a group of very fine companions. Most of the passengers were professors in India and China. We enjoyed our fellowship as well as various activities on board. We had group discussions on the subjects of international, economical, political, racial and religious problems. We also had concerts and social meetings. The service offered by the ship was as usual. Each passenger gained at least a bit of weight.

We had a three weeks stop at Durban, South Africa and ten days stay at East Africa. We really enjoyed our contacts in those countries. We five Chinese among the group took the opportunity to do propaganda for China and it was inspiring for us to be warmly welcomed by internationally minded friends such as we met at Rotary Club, and International Clubs and by University educators in those countries. We thought sincerely that such an educational propaganda might serve as a way to improve further friendship between our countries. I also took the opportunity to make a survey of dental situations. I had the pleasure of meeting the leading dentists of various countries, and discussing the dental health problems of their own communities.

I stayed in India for three weeks in order to have a glance at that old Oriental country. In Calcutta, I met Dr. A.W.Lindsay, Dean of the Dental School of West China Union University and Mrs. Lindsay and a number of old friends. They were on their way to America from West China.

I flew from Calcutta to Kuming, China on the twelfth of April. I stayed there for two weeks. There I had the pleasure of treating the provincial Governor's tooth trouble, and of meeting a number of leading people of that community. They admired American dentistry very much.

I intended to fly directly to Chengtu from Kuming, but changed my mind due to a call to Chungking for the meeting of the National Dental Health Board.

I flew to the war capital of China on the twenty-sixth day of April and had a pleasant trip of over two hours.

The meeting of the National Dental Health Board was held on May 31, 1944. This Board is the only dental organization of the Chinese Government. First of all, I was asked to make a brief report to the meeting with regard to dentistry in the United States and Canada, and my contacts during my three years' stay in America. The members of the Board were impressed with the keen interest and friendly sympathy on the part of the American Dental Association, American Bureau for Medical Aid to China and of the leading American dentists in regard to Chinese dental health problems. They sincerely thought that dental aid to China from American friends at this time will be of strategic importance in enabling dentistry to assume its rightful place in a comprehensive National Health Program. On behalf of the Chinese Government, Dr. P.Z.King had written the American Bureau for Medical Aid to China, and Dr. James Shen, Vice Director-General wrote to Dr. Lynch, Chairman of the International Committee of the American Dental Association to express their deep appreciation for the intense interest of those institutions in America in our Dental Health Program, as conveyed by me.

I was approached with offers to work for the Government. However, since I could not completely divorce myself from the West China Union University, a compromise was arranged. I promised to go to Chungking twice a year to assist in setting up the organization of the National Dental Health Board.

I am now working at Chengtu. I serve as the Associate Dean of the Dental School and superintendent of the University Dental Clinic. I have been busy organizing the China Dental Association. I hope a Chinese National Dental Association can

be organized before the end of the year.

I am preparing to go to Chungking this fall for the immediate dental program. the six months' course for the training of suitable existing unqualified dental practitioners, is to be commenced. This is urgently needed since, first, the public frequently suffers harm from the malpractice of the individuals; second, since qualified dentists are few in numbers, and qualified dental technicians as yet unavailable, it is essential that capable members of the unqualified practitioner group be trained as dental technicians to perform definite functions under the supervision of trained dentists. Thus, training of unqualified dental practitioners will at the same time help to protect the health of the people and will provide personnel for immediate State Service. My suggested program for a demonstration and teaching center to train public health personnel, including public health dentists, dental nurses and technicians will be put into effect when the funds are available.

I sincerely think that my three years' training in America will be most helpful for the challenge that lies ahead of me. Probably the lack of personnel and shortage of facilities, including dental supplies and teaching material are the most acute problems. However, I believe that my American and Canadian friends will give me encouragement and instruction from time to time.

May I take this opportunity to express my hearty appreciation and sincere thanks for all your kindness and friendly interest in me.

You can hardly realize the depth of joy of my family reunion. My wife is charming as usual. The children have been growing quite a bit. The little girl almost could not recognize me and was shy to come and kiss her Dad. We have a Chinese poem describing the situation for a person returning home from a long absence. This poem says "..... The children meet the dad, know not who he is, smiling to ask, Where does this stanger come from?....." My condition was exactly like that on my return.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Davud S. K. Dai

Dear Dr. Lobenstine:-

It was kind of you to write, and I am sorry that I left in your mind an idea that I felt that West China had been discriminated against in the granting of fellowships and that Cheeloo had been favored at our expense. I have no idea whether Cheeloo has received many or few fellowships.

However, most West China people do feel that the constant criticism of our institution for lack of progress in turning over administration to Chinese is neither applicable nor fair. Why it is so constantly repeated I do not know. For years now we have had a Chinese administration in which the authority of any "foreigners" had been less than in some other Christian Colleges in China which are not so criticised. Of our three colleges, two are under Chinese deans, and in Arts all heads of departments, except English, are Chinese. In Science the heads of three out of the five departments are Chinese (Biology; Physics and Mathematics; Home Economics). In Medicine and Dentistry the majority of the department heads are Chinese, as are all our various hospital unit superintendents. Our administration conforms to that required by the Chinese Government, so when we are asked to reform I doubt if we would be permitted to do so.

We all admit that West China, in medicine, is handicapped by lack of a sufficient number of well-trained Chinese professors. However, until the war, it was almost impossible to persuade men from eastern China to go west. So we were forced to rely upon our own graduates. We feel very sensitive about criticism for failure to develop more of them, especially from persons connected with the Rockefeller Foundation, for no assistance has ever been received from the Foundation to send a medical graduate of the W.C.U.U. abroad for advanced study, whereas we have believed (perhaps mistakenly) that such aid to medical schools in the preparation of their staffs was a part of the Foundation's program, and had been liberally extended to nearly all other medical schools in China. The only fellowship for study abroad ever given by the Foundation to any Chinese member of our staff was given to Mr. T.H. Lan in 1940, and he was a Cheeloo graduate.

On the other hand we have secured support from other agencies and have succeeded in sending the following members of our medical staff (I do not include the dental) abroad for advanced work:-

Dr. T.R. Lu to Toronto for Pediatrics. He died there.  
Dr. C.L. Lii to London, England for Ophthalmology.  
Dr. H.H. Hsie to Toronto and Los Angeles for Surgery.  
Dr. Helen Yoh to Toronto and Los Angeles for Obstetrics & Gynecology  
Mr. D.F. Pen to Toronto for Physiology.  
Dr. S.T. Du to Philadelphia & Toronto for Pediatrics.  
Dr. Y.T. Beh to Toronto for Histology and Embryology.  
Dr. C.L. Yang to Montreal for Surgery.  
Dr. Janet Wang to Toronto for Obstetrics & Gynecology.  
Dr. C.J. Chen to Montreal for Neurology. (A Cheeloo graduate).

We have two more fellowships (medicine and X-ray) awarded in McGill and two in pathology in Winnipeg, but the recipients have not yet left China.

The last four named came to Canada only this year, and the four immediately preceding returned to China since the outbreak of war. The first two were pre-war. In no case has any of our graduates remained abroad for a longer period than three years, and all but one were over here for only two years.

In view of the meager help we have received from organizations regarded as promoters of medical education in China, it is not unnatural that we should feel sensitive when we are told that we have failed to develop qualified Chinese leadership or that our men when they get over here are slackers and fail to return to China.

On the other hand we have added to our staff a number of men trained elsewhere, such as Dr. Eugen Chen (Ophthalmology) -- a graduate of Boston U., with further training in Johns Hopkins and a former member of the staff of Cheeloo; Dr. Leslie Ch'ang, a graduate of P.U.M.C. and a former professor in National Central, (Neurology & Psychiatry); Dr. T.A.Li (Public Health) about whom you are well informed; Mr. C.Y. Lin (Yenching) for Physiology -- with former experience in P.U.M.C., Lester Institute, National Central & National Wuhan; Dr. Sadie Kiang (Cheeloo); Mr. T.H. Lan (Cheeloo and Yenching), and others. The salary of Dr. Stephen Ch'eng, Li Ting-an and part time salary of Stephen Chang, Associate Prof. of Medicine were borne by the CMB beginning with Sep. 1, 1943 and extending to June 30, 1945.

We do our best to cooperate with others. When the National Central University was with us we made Dr. Cheer director of our hospital and also put him in complete charge of our curriculum in the clinical years. Dr. C.C.Chen, director of the Provincial Health Administration, is an honorary member of our staff, and is in charge of our public health training (along with T.A.Li). We have not asked either National Central or Cheeloo for rent, although when the former left they secured for us \$10,000 (Chinese currency) toward our building funds and the latter have given us \$50,000 (Chinese currency - paid in 1943) towards hospital furnishings.

I am anxious to discover and to remedy if possible, the causes of the frequent criticisms of West China. Even since coming to New York this week I saw a letter written to Dr. Hume by Dr. Curran in which he referred to the fact that West China is being criticised. I should very much appreciate a frank statement from you as to what we can do, that we are not already trying to do, to remove the causes for this critical attitude. I know that the appointment of a Chinese dean might be one such action. The man we had picked for this position was recommended for a fellowship in 1940 to Dr. Balfour but was turned down and a science graduate of another university who obviously could not be made dean of medicine in the W.C.U.U. was appointed. I later secured a fellowship for him in McGill, but the Chinese Gov't has not yet made it possible for him to leave China. I approached Dr. Lambert last spring with the request for a fellowship, but was turned down because Mr. Lan was still in the U.S.A.

Of the few W.C.U.U. medical graduates who have been abroad it is unfortunate that not one is qualified for an administrative post, and I feel that the president would not appoint a man whose training was limited to China, or who was a graduate of another university. Perhaps we should accept as dean a graduate of the P.U.M.C. or another university, but I fear that even if the president agreed the alumni would object.

Pardon me for having written at such great length, but I frequently get a feeling of frustration as I try to unravel the threads of this tangled skein. Please let me know what we can do to obtain the confidence, which I feel our institution justifies, of those who are now so critical of us.

Very sincerely yours  
/s/ Leslie G. Kilborn

February 8th, '45

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have to acknowledge your letters of Nov. 17 and 27th. In this I am enclosing the printed copies of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, Oct. 21st, and the Executive Meeting, Oct. 28th, as it is possible that the earlier copies did not reach you. I have not received acknowledgement of the receipt of my covering letter sent Oct. 31st and up to the present we have no report of the Meeting of the Board of Governors in November nor has a copy of the Minutes been received. Some weeks ago Mr. Small forwarded to you a full statement of the finances for the year 1943-44. I have received a letter from Dr. Elisseoff reporting the receipt of our annual report and expressing his appreciation of the work being done by the departments using Harvard-Yenching funds.

President Dsang was away during the months of November and December and returned looking much better for his rest; at present Mr. Fong who always acts in the absence of the President is having a much needed rest but has not left the city. The last months have been a very considerable strain on all who hold responsibility connected with educational institutions. The dissatisfaction and criticism which has received such wide publicity manifested itself in many different ways in student circles and affected seriously the attitude and work of a good many students. Then there was added the reaction of the students to the appeals for volunteers and the excitement connected with so many going off to join different branches of the fighting forces, all of which affected the regular work. From all the institutions students went to join the air force and the special troops being trained in India and the class of interpreters and later the educated youth army; I should think that including the class of internes who were conscripted the total number involved would be twenty or twenty five percent of the registration. I think most people are agreed that this development is all to the good in that it has made real to this particular class of people the necessity for sharing in the struggle for the ideals on which the new world order must be based.

Union Middle School. Our hopes for the school after the reorganization and the appointment of the new Principal have not yet been fulfilled. The new administration never succeeded in carrying out the plans decided upon because of the opposition of the student body, or rather of that section of the students which determined what the school as a whole should do. Under the conditions prevailing discipline was almost impossible to maintain and school matters could not be kept separate and distinct from politics of one kind or another. It seemed as if a small number of students were in the school for the purpose of causing trouble and under the circumstances of those months this was an easy matter. To a certain extent use was made of the former principal and of certain members of the staff who were continued and in short the result was that the new principal never succeeded in satisfactorily establishing his authority. However we did get through the term and the Board and its committee are busy over plans which we hope will work out successfully in the new term; one cannot but feel that the new principal never had a chance to prove his worth because of conditions created by forces beyond his control.

Cheeloo Difficulties Matters had been going along fairly smoothly although it was well known that different groups of alumni and others interested had never quite ceased their plotting. The immediate occasion of the present trouble arose in connection with student enlistment and was quite unexpected. This affair could have been quite easily settled had it not been the purpose of certain parties to use it as a pretext to bring all kinds of charges against President Tang and apparently to make it impossible for the present administration to continue.

I am not sufficiently well informed to go into details but the feeling is that every kind of politics, school, alumni and even national, has been involved in the trouble and because conditions are as they are it was not possible to put

any restraint on the actions of a comparatively small group of students who were determined to go to any length to force the situation. It seems unfortunate that the faculty has not been able to take a united and firm stand but here again it appears that politics are to blame. After a month of disturbances the outcome cannot be seen; only the students in medicine took the regular term exams. I only refer to this matter because we all are very much concerned and I expect that full reports are going to you through the proper channels.

Finances This morning I am told that the cost of living index had risen to 105000 as compared with 100 in the summer of 1937, which means that over a thousand dollars are needed now to do what one did then. The factor we shall have to use in determining salaries this month is 42 as compared with 35 last month, the biggest increase we have experienced. At the same time the unsettled conditions and the threatened attack on this area by the Japanese in December has made difficulties for the united clearing board in that the demand for gold exchange has not been up to expectations and the rate rather lower than anticipated. But one of our greatest worries is that even now we are uninformed of any action by the associated boards or by our individual boards in relation to the finances for this present year. This is perhaps partly the result to Dr. Fenn's not having returned to new york as was expected last fall but whatever the explanation both the universities and the committee in chungking of the united china relief, have been to an extent working in the dark. Miss Priest and Mrs. Sweet of the UCR have worked together and made what decisions they could but the indefiniteness and uncertainty have been very trying indeed; this I think should be evident to those who know the difficulties of our position in the matter of financial requirements which have to be met each month. We have been very fortunate in being able to sell considerable gold to merchants and others here in Chengtu and so to carry our share of the responsibility of the United Clearing Board but the market is subject to so many influences all out of our control that there is always a certain amount of anxiety about the future of this side of the business. The amounts which have come to us from the Aid to China Fund in England have been of the greatest possible help and have carried us over many difficult places. If the cost of living continues to increase at the present rate and if the amount available for this year continues to be an uncertain quantity the future seems dark indeed. In addition to the amount needed for rice our monthly payroll amounts to over three million dollars and each month will require an increase over that.

Since early in December the missionary body has been under pressure to send out of the country a proportion of its number; this advice is based on the possibility of a situation developing as a result to a drive against the main centres of West China. A good many have gone and others are leaving; the effect is to reduce in a very short period of time the already depleted ranks of missionaries and to cause those remaining to realize in a more acute manner what is happening to the work of Christian agencies during these times. At the university the furloughs of Drs. Cunningham and Wilford were advance a few months and Dr. Hansing left partly because she had not been in good health; but these added to those already on furlough makes our missionary staff look very small indeed. Mr. Spooner, Chemistry, is taking his family to India but plans to return for the term's work if permitted. Despite all that is taking place on other battle fronts our concern is that until the objectives of the invader become clear as far as this country is concerned, our position here cannot be other than uncertain for some time to come. It is with this feeling that even more difficult days than we have yet known are before us that this letter is written and we shall need to draw up on the understanding and confidence of our friends everywhere.

Sincerely,

(signed) H. D. Robertson

C O P Y

Chengtu, 2/28/45

Letter from Lincoln Dsang, West China U., to EHB

Dear Mr. Ballou:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of Oct. 30th inclosing the letter from Syracuse University and to explain that the delay in writing is due to my having been away on leave of absence because of illness. A letter to the student organization is inclosed which I would like you to forward. Thank you.

We are delighted and grateful for this expression of the interest of the student organization of Syracuse in China and for the recommendation of Dr. George Cressy that the Scholarship Fund be made available for students of our university. The money arrived in good time and the committee suggested by the student organization has met and agreed upon the necessary actions. We shall of course always be careful to act in accord with the suggestions of the donors of the gift and see that reports covering the use of the funds and letters from the students who benefit, are sent to the officers of the student organization.

As Mr. Andrew Roy is leaving shortly on furlough we are suggesting the name of Dr. Liljestrand of the Methodist Mission and on the staff of our College of Medicine and Dentistry as his successor on the committee. Until Dr. Liljestrand's return from furlough Mr. Stockwell of the same mission will act for him. This is the mission to which Mrs. McCurdy belongs and she will no doubt approve of our suggestion; there is no one in sight to succeed Mr. Roy in his present activities.

This generous gift of the students of Syracuse University opens up possibilities for the future which we shall endeavor to make of interest and value to both our institutions and especially to the students concerned. And if it leads to some closer connection between the two universities we shall be very happy indeed.

With kindest personal regards,

very sincerely yours,

/s/ Lincoln Dsang  
President

Inclosure.

C O P Y

Chengtu, 2/28/45

Letter from Lincoln Dsang, West China U., to  
Student Organization of Syracuse-in China  
and Mrs. E. W. McCurdy, Executive Secretary

Dear Friends,

We have received a copy of your letter addressed to Rev. Earle H. Ballou, Exec. Sec'y of the ABCCC intimating that you were sending to our university the sum of \$1600 to be known as the Syracuse University in China Scholarship Fund and wish to express of appreciation and thanks for this very generous gift. We shall do all we can to help make this gift the beginning of an association which will grow stronger and more important to both institutions in the years to come.

The money has been remitted to us and is in the charge of our university Bursar. The committee suggested in your communication has met and taken certain action in accord with the suggestions made in the second paragraph of your letter. It was decided at this time to grant one full scholarship for the Spring Term 1945 and the college year 1945-1946, covering the entire expenses for a student; this will probably be a third year student. Also to grant four partial scholarships for the Spring Term, 1945, of ten thousand local dollars each, to be renewed if funds are sufficient for such period and for such amounts as may be possible according to available funds. The Scholarship Committee of the University will present names and recommendations before the middle of this month. It is the intention that special attention shall be given to students who are interested in the field of study for which Syracuse University is well known.

As Mr. Andrew Roy is leaving on furlough shortly and as there is no one to succeed him in his present position, the committee recommends that Dr. S. H. Liljestrand of the Methodist Mission, now in the United States on furlough, be invited to take his place on the Committee. Dr. Liljestrand is on the staff of our College of Medicine and Dentistry and is well known to Mrs. McCurdy. Mr. Olin Stockwell of the same mission is being asked to act meanwhile and to consult with the students who secure the scholarships in the matter of their letters to you.

At a later date we shall be sending you full information about the scholarship students and at the end of the term a financial statement. With you we hope that this beginning may lead to the two universities being drawn together for mutual development and in time to our having graduate students enrolled at Syracuse. We shall always welcome suggestions from you looking towards closer and more helpful relations in the future. And we would like to express our thanks to Dr. Cressy for his report to you.

Again thanking you and anticipating your further correspondence,

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Lincoln Dsang

CHC

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

With best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Wallace Wang  
Acting President

C H C

I want to use the opportunity I have to write you through the kindness of Dr. Claude E. Forkner about a very critical situation which exists in the medical school of West China Union University, and in the hospitals attached thereto. I do so realizing fully that I have no official mandate to do so, and that I write in my personal capacity, and as a very interested member of the West China Board of Governors. I have discussed these matters with Dr. Best, who is now the superintendent, or the title may be director - I am not sure -, of the United Hospitals. He called in Mr. Robertson, the Vice-Chancellor, and we three went over them together. I have discussed them very briefly with Dr. Forkner and with others.

The sudden loss of the services of Drs. Wilford, Cunningham and Lennox hit the medical school and the hospitals a very serious blow. Dr. Best, who is first to acknowledge that his gifts are not administrative, had to take over from Dr. Wilford, with little warning, and with no adequate opportunity to review things with Dr. Wilford. There is an acute shortage of personnel, which coupled with the almost overwhelming difficulties due to inflation, threaten a disaster. Competent Chinese doctors are in such short supply, and their salaries under present conditions such a burden, as to make that solution impossible. Those of us who were in on the history of the building of the new University Hospital are aware that there never was any adequate plan to finance its current operations. The present attempt to run all three hospitals threatens one or more of them with bankruptcy - deficits are growing at an alarming rate. The situation would be infinitely worse but for the fact that a substantial part of the University Hospital has been rented out to other parties. With so little medical mission work left to us in Free China it seems unthinkable that any one of the hospitals should be closed, especially when so many people who need medical service so desperately are concentrated in this area.

I have not had the time to go into the teaching situation in the school, were I competent to do so, but Dr. Forkner assures me that it is no less serious, and my general knowledge of the situation would confirm this. I would urge that you go over these matters at your earliest possible opportunity with Dr. Forkner, and so far as possible arrange for him to meet other interested parties and groups.

It is my understanding that in accordance with my suggestion ~~that~~ the University will shortly be cabling you, setting forth their desperate need, and this letter is in support of such a message when and if it arrives. My hope is that it may be possible to pry loose some competent missionary doctors, who wish to resume their work in China at some early opportunity. I can think of no better circumstances for their entering in time what is now occupied China than to come from wartime emergency service in Free China. To be here in Chengtu serving is not only to meet a desperate current need, but also to be placed where they can hope to make the quickest possible return to their former posts where they hope to resume service. As to getting them to and into China at the present time, the position when they might be ready to come cannot be forecast accurately, but it is a known fact that it is easier to get passage and passport for medical personnel than for any other class of workers. I believe it can be done short of some development in this part of the world not now anticipated.

The cable will set forth the type of men most needed, and Dr. Forkner can supplement. I do know, however, that among those most needed would be a man for hospital administration to relieve Dr. Best, and to get the affairs of the three hospitals on a better basis. Please share this letter with whomever is now responsible for the Committee on East Asia, with Slater and Dixon in London, and with the secretaries of the three North American boards cooperating here - Arnup, Cartwright and Fridell. Of course the question of denomination will not enter into the choice of men to respond to this appeal; what is wanted is competent and immediate help on a temporary basis. I hate to think of what may happen if such help is not forthcoming. ~~xxxx~~

P.S. Please share with Albright also.

C O P YFrom Wallace Wang to E. H. BallouWest China Union  
Theological College  
Chengt'u, China  
April 14, 1945

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

With best regards to you,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Wallace Wang

Copies to Staff.

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NEWS FROM WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N.Y.

April 1945

Last summer Dr. E. C. Wilford, Professor of Surgery in the West China Union University Medical School, celebrated his sixtieth birthday. A number of Chinese friends gave him a party in Chengtu, and announced the inauguration of a campaign to raise money for the purchase of radium. Up to the first of January about N.C.\$1,000,000 had been contributed. Then the mayor, with the approval of the moving picture theaters, imposed a small tax on all theatre tickets, which brought in an additional \$4,000,000. Representations have been made to the Ministry of Finance to permit the sending of this money abroad at official exchange rates. If this request is granted, about U.S.\$250,000 will be available for the purchase of the precious element.

Dr. Chow Hsu-teh is a member of the Department of Bacteriology, in the College of Medicine and Dentistry. Recently his father celebrated his sixtieth birthday, and friends in their home town raised \$200,000 (Chinese currency) as a birthday present to old Mr. Chow. He promptly gave a party in Chengtu, to which he invited the president of the University and the acting dean of medicine. He then announced that he was presenting the entire sum of \$200,000 to the University to be used for the creation of an endowment fund for the Department of Bacteriology. The income was to be used each year, one half for equipment in the department and the other half for student assistance.

Dr. Cunningham has written from Chengtu that the entire intern class of the College of Medicine went to Chungking about the end of November to enter government service. Many other students were also enlisting in the armed services and a number of them were being sent to India for training.

Dr. Howard Liljestrand, son of Dr. S. H. Liljestrand of the College of Medicine, was the chief contributor to a fund raised by friends to purchase a deep therapy X-ray machine. Dr. Liljestrand has already placed the order and has applied for a priority for its shipment to China.

Professor K. C. Wu (Wu Kwei-chang), head of the Department of Physics, is coming to Toronto to carry on advanced work in radio-physics under Professor E. F. Burton. He has been granted an assistantship by the University of Toronto.

Acknowledging a check for \$25.00 Canadian currency, Dr. E. C. Wilford writes: "Please tell the donors that this money is enough to pay for a patient in our public wards for about a week. It would pay for fees of about seven patients at the Out-Patient Department for one visit. About a year ago it would have gone three or four times as far, and before the war, much farther still. But inflation is hitting us hard."

Miss Margaret H. Brown writes: "I have had to learn to talk in hundreds and thousands, where formerly I spoke in ones and tens. 'What is \$10,000.00 - it goes nowhere,' a missionary exclaimed, when I told her a student wanted an advance of that sum to go to school in Chungking. 'It won't cover the fees for the autumn term!'

"Every fourth night the lights in our section of the city are off. We do not even have coal-oil lamps to substitute, but tiny vegetable oil lamps, much like those the virgins must have carried in Bible times. Then during the three precious nights when the electric lights are supposed to be on, there is often one when the lights break down entirely. Add to that the number of times we have air raids and a total blackout of the city, when lights are entirely turned off, and you will see the struggle we have to get anything done at night. More often than not I give up and go to bed. In the summer I used to get up about 5:30 in the morning to make up for lost time, but it isn't so pleasant to do this in the dark chill mornings of autumn."

From Dr. Leslie Kilborn we have the following items of news about members of the medical faculty:

Dr. Bert Yang (Yang Gia-liang), who holds a McGill Fellowship, is now in the Department of Urology in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. His chief, Dr. Emerson Smith, reports that he intends to make Dr. Yang resident after the first of September.

Dr. Y. T. Beh (Beh Yin-tsai) has had one year's work in histology in the University of Toronto. He plans to spend his second year in Montreal, where he will work in hematology.

Dr. Janet Wang is an intern in the Women's College Hospital, Toronto. As her husband, Dr. Ch'en Chao-jen, is a McGill Fellow in the Montreal Neurological Institute, she hopes to transfer to one of the Montreal hospitals this summer.

Dr. Dzo Li-liang, the third of the McGill Fellows to arrive, reached New York in February. He proceeded to Montreal, where he will work in the Department of Radiology.

Dr. Clifford Tsao (Tsao Chong-liang) is the fourth of the McGill Fellows. He will work in medicine under Dr. J. C. Meakens, the Dean of McGill University Faculty of Medicine.

A cable, signed by Dr. J. W. Decker, Dr. Lincoln Dsang, President of West China, and Mr. Robertson, Vice-Chancellor, has just been received expressing the very urgent need for reinforcements for the medical faculty. Many of the western staff have had to leave for health and other reasons. It has been exceedingly difficult for those on furlough to get back to China, and the result is that at present there are practically no western doctors left on the faculty.

WEST CHINA UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE

ACTIONS OF SUPPORTING MISSIONARY BOARDS RELATING TO

VOTES PASSED AT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 1, 1945

WCUC - 3 Study of Christian Work in Szechwan.

ABFMS: "We will take up with the field the question of a joint study of the West China area including the University and the amount of support for the entire program of personnel and funds which we would be prepared to give, and make recommendations later."

WABFMS: "We are very favorable toward this action and will correspond with our West China Mission in regard to it and make a recommendation regarding support in personnel and funds at a later date."

CMS: "This would seem to be a recommendation to the Societies' Missions in West China rather than to us here, i.e., asking the Missions on the field to frame an integrated programme in the West China area."

METHODIST: "Approval of a joint study of the West China area by responsible Secretaries of Mission Boards cooperating in the West China Union University, with a view to framing an integrated program for Christian work in that area, including the University and amount of support for the entire program in personnel and funds."

UCC: "It was agreed that this Board should participate in whatever joint study is made with regard to the Christian program in Szechwan."

UCC, WMS: "Our Board has given approval to item No. WCUC-3 regarding the joint study in Szechwan Province. This means, I take it, that our Board would be willing to share in any expenses involved."

WCUC - 7 Restoration of Grants to pre-depression level.

ABFMS: "The request for the restoration of appropriations to the pre-depression level will be considered in the light of the needs from all fields."

WABFMS: "We are glad to say that the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society restored its appropriation to pre-depression level beginning with the appropriation for 1942-43."

CMS: "As regards finance we have not reduced our appropriation; as regards staff I am afraid we have done so, but we are doing our utmost to restore the position, and have actually found a very well qualified doctor to go out to the Mission staff, and he will be sailing for China as soon as we can get him a passage."

METHODIST: Held until Dr. Cartwright's return.

UCC: Held until Annual Meeting, April 30th - May 3rd.

UCC, WMS: "For the past three years our Society has restored our annual grant to the West China Union University to the figure of \$2,000 (Can. Currency) per annum. This was our original grant when we first became a cooperating Board."

COPY OF LETTER FROM DR. LINCOLN DSANG, WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY, TO MR. BALLOU

Chengtu, May 3, 1946.

You have received from our Board of Directors and from the University information concerning the request for my sabbatical year. As the end of the term draws near and I must start my period of rest, I will write to you myself.

As you know during these twenty years in the University I have never had one month's holiday without interruption, except for the couple of years spent in America. Specially during the war years we have been faced with all sorts of problems of a transition period, which have worried me a great deal and broken down my health. Right at the outset of the war my asthma trouble started, and it has been getting worse each year until last year I pretty nearly could carry on no longer. This caused me to approach the Board of Directors and the University to consider my resignation from my duties. After consideration both the Board of Directors and the University found it very difficult to make any other arrangement during war time, and so they decided to grant me a year for rest and medical care, so that I might regain my health and cure my asthma trouble to enable me to render more service in the future. According to the doctors' advice I must take at least a year off for complete rest and medical treatment in some other climate; otherwise none of the remedies will be effective, except for a short period.

Concerning my financial situation, probably you know that our University has never given adequate salaries to the staff, specially during the war years. The . . . ordinary salary is not sufficient to cover family living expenses. My plan for next year, as I stated to the Board of Directors, is for the University to give me the ordinary salary for my family. I shall have to find some way to make up the shortage. I told Dr. Cartwright when he was here that I expect the Associated Boards to make a special grant to cover my travel, living expenses and medical treatment during this sabbatical year. According to the doctors' advice I plan to go to some place like Kunming, Peiping or Hongkong. You will know from experience what travel to such places costs. I have not sufficient money saved to cover this expense. Dr. Cartwright told me that the Associated Boards might be able to help out. This is all I can say to you.

Will you kindly present this matter to the Associated Boards to see whether they will be kind enough to help me with some finance. As indicated in the request from Minister Chang Kia-ngau, chairman of our Board, I figure it will cost me something like US\$1,500 for travel, living and medical treatment. If the Associated Boards find it too difficult, please wire me at latest by the first part of June, so that I can make some other arrangement. If by that time I hear nothing from the Associated Boards I shall take it that my request has been turned down.

I am very sorry to trouble like this. It is a matter of life and death to me and to my family. At present I feel dizzy in the early morning and late evening. I still have a cough which interrupts my sleep in the early hours of the morning and spoils my appetite. This is something I cannot help myself. Both for my own sake and for the sake of my family I must follow the doctors' advice.

A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held during the latter part of this month, and we shall then try to make all arrangements for carrying on during my absence. We are doing our best to keep all our key personnel, our own graduates or those from outside this province. It is very fortunate that most of them are very loyal and still willing to struggle through this difficult period.

COPY OF LETTER FROM DR. ASHLEY W. LINDSAY, VICE CHANCELLOR, WEST CHINA UNION  
UNIVERSITY, TO REV. EARLE H. BALLOU

Chengtu, May 3, 1946.

You will find enclosed a letter from the President. He writes this after a great deal of thought and questioning. He has come to a clear decision that he should not take his year abroad. Some of us feel that he should leave China for a time; that for the University's sake he should meet men and women who are vital to our program; that he have a chance to imbibe spiritual as well as material and bodily benefits from his year's rest and change. Realizing all this, he nevertheless feels that he is making the wiser choice for himself. He is tired and the daily worries of his office loom larger than they should. It may be that six months change will bring him to the place where he will wish to take the trip to U.S.A., but we dare not predict this with certainty.

I trust that Dr. Dsang's request for financial assistance in order to make his holiday possible will be granted and that he may receive an early reply.

I trust that you will see my letter of May 2nd to Mr. Corbett stating our willingness to do all within our power to fit into the Planning Committee's recommendations for the China Colleges. We shall be faced with our own special problems when our guests all leave our campus. We have lived many phases of our lives in common. We cannot but miss the benefit of close associations. Now we shall have to support the many programs, projects and institutions which have been shared as a group. We ourselves shall have to pay for all the maintenance and operating expenses of the campus; electric light, police protection, road upkeep and campus cleanliness, etc. etc. have to be kept up by our budget which is not expandable! Our buildings are sadly in need of repair and refurbishing. The wear and tear of the many feet and hands leave us with big bills to meet if we are to have respectable buildings. Again, the group of teachers who have taught associated groups of students have left us lacking a sufficient number of teachers to meet departmental needs. Heads of Departments are pleading for additional staff to meet the minimum requirements of the curriculum. Any addition will increase our budget!! This we hope not to do this year.

There are some situations arising which call for some recognition in the budget. What have been considered "Special Projects" supported by funds outside the budget today should be included in the regular budget. For instance, the West China Frontier Research Institute has been functioning as a research project of the Department of Sociology. Again, our Natural History Museum must be recognised as an integral part of our Museum set-up, not as a special project.

We are hoping that it will be possible for the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges or the United China Relief to help us meet our ever mounting costs. When the exchange rate is increased at some future date we shall have more adequate funds to carry our program.

We greatly appreciate the work of those of you who plan the financial campaigns. May you be given the wisdom and guidance needed.

With the advent of the civil mission, this university, which was a haven for all sorts of religious refugees, still remains a haven. Before the civil war, there were many heartily thanks to the civil mission, which helped and helped to establish this university. The mission of the civil mission is to help the people of the country to live better and to live better.

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5. The understanding between the Chinese and the foreigners had been started to cultivate before the Chinese soldiers came to China. Many C.I. found cooperation and understanding with the Chinese people in many places where had been church buildings. The government official says that we have to work to the

Christian missionaries for they have already done a lot for these two cultures.

3. One of the great efforts made by the missionaries before the war and during the war, the indifferent attitude of the Chinese people, even the anti-Christian efforts have been absolutely ruled out or excluded. The missionaries have been old saying as the Chinese say, "Don't - forget...".

Such statements could give both the outsiders and the inside the university a general picture of the present and outlook of the future. Then, let us examine our actual record:

#### 1. Religious Life Activities.

A Religious Life Committee is appointed by the university General Faculty and composed of members who are prominent in student activities. These interested in religious program. This committee functions not only to take care of all the religious life plans and back up all the student Christian projects, but also maintain the general policies of the university Christian education. Recently, the members have been working to find out the needs of the student body and their environments and try to set up many fellowship groups for them. The committee has been giving special thought to the drafting of a concrete religious plan for the pre-war reconstruction situation. The former chairman of this committee, Mr. J. L. Kuser, always counts the committee deep seriously thinking through this sort of problems and asked people to make practical outlines. Besides the ordinary programs which he carry out in cooperation with the other institutions, as students center, prayers, services and other works, he would point some of our main efforts in order to arouse our interests.

#### 2. Known Christianity projects.

The National Student Christian Conference was stressing the point that we Christians have our best teaching in Jesus' life of which, with deliberate thought and actual practice, we are able to build the firm ground on the earth. Bible studies out of the curriculum are organized. Especially, we pay attention to the method that the Bible says, "ask for yourself without giving our prejudices." Still, the two general Christian projects are more than Christians in these Bible groups.

#### 3. Fellowship program.

Fellowship groups among faculties and students have been regular and spontaneously holding their own meetings. It has been a tradition in our university that every Thursday evening would be used for fellowship groups. In this evening, the Christian teachers' homes are open and every student is welcome to pay a visit. No classes are held and no secular meetings are called. This night is kept sacred for developing student-faculty relationships. Besides this kind of informal and personal arrangement, there are regular groups organized. We have ten well organized fellowship groups. The advisers of the groups are chosen by students themselves. The total number of the groups now is about 100 students; that occupies one fourth of the university student body. It is also surprising to see that two third of the students are non-Christians. Young men and young women both feel at home to open their hearts. Dr. J. L. Kuser said to us: "The fellowship group is the most valuable work in Christian education, both teachers and students are, through this means, entering into a deeper sense of fellowship." Our

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Dr. ... asked Dr. ... : "Why do sn't your Christian  
university teach religion to your students now?" ... seem to be  
... ; this question has given a great challenge  
to our university administrators.

Of course, it has become very apparent that the trend in  
university education is towards science, and the scientific  
method; and that students are losing interest in the conven-  
tional lectures in religious courses. To meet this situation,  
... of professors on our faculty, ten and seven of various  
departments (arts, science, medicine, dentistry and religion)  
... in a seminar of research on the question of  
visual, social religion and the teaching of Jesus. The result  
of that seminar was the book "Jesus as teacher" which is com-  
posed of the most authentic records of Jesus' life and teaching.  
... using the improved scientific pedagogy of modern science,  
the process of re-thinking and research, were organized as  
one of the seminars under the title of "Scientific study of the  
life and religion of Jesus." There have proved at the text and  
the method were acceptable to the students, so that the study of  
religion is concerned. Dr. ... said once that students of  
... know more about Jesus than many of the other Christian  
institutions. Dr. ... said: "It seems that every student  
of East China Union University is studying the life of Jesus."  
When Dr. Jones came to open the Hankin Theological Post-graduate  
course here, he, in the first class of new Postgraduates, asked one of  
the ... graduates: "Have you used to seminar method of stud-  
ying the religion of Jesus?" "I only heard about it," replied the  
student. "That is great pity! I have heard that this is one of the  
special features in East China Union University." Year after year we ha-  
ve had large numbers of students registering for this course.  
This year we have 353 students among all faculties; it covers  
one third of the whole student body. Besides this, we are also  
... some other religious courses as Christian Survey, Mental  
Science and Church work, Christianity and Social Theology etc.

Among the students in the religious courses, we also found  
that a very percent of them are non-Christians. They seem to  
be more demanding for religious truth. As a very student  
who chooses to be a student in name of this Christian university  
to have the privilege of being introduced to the Christian  
religion.

#### III. University religious extension program.

Besides our help of the outside churches and communities,  
the university has its own extension program for the outsiders.  
During every summer, we have seminars open in three seminar  
places: one in Mt. Omei, one in Balizhi, one in Long Faine Hills.  
These places are sacred mountains, high and beautiful, and having  
religious associations too. We used to have young people coming  
from all parts of China and living in faithful search of the  
truth of Jesus. We may quote one of the seminar leaders' poem  
for the seminar's opening address in describing the nature of  
these seminars:

"On the coast of the hills above Lin Chuan-I, beside  
an old Han Dynasty temple and fortress, is the Long Faine where  
young people are gathering to study the mind and personality  
of Jesus....."

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Since the program will be air, the program will  
... is aimed at the experience of Christians as a whole.  
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...of Christian leaders, we have been  
also been with all social demonstrations. But this is not  
kind of social movement which initiative religious  
... Mr. Hopper wanted to know that we would like to have  
... professors with their profound religious living  
characteristics. One theological teacher inquired Prof. J. T. Fan,  
the chairman of religious life committee, "Why don't you have  
theological teachers to teach religion as you would have dental  
professionists to teach dentistry?" "If the dentist can teach  
religion beside his dental course, wouldn't that be grand?"  
Prof. Fan replied him very tolerantly: Now, we are planting a  
kind of seed, leaders and so, certainly, need all sorts of people's  
... is remaining the unity in diversities.

### Conclusion

After all, what are we trying to do for the next? Are we out  
remaking the liberal university with Christians inside it? Has  
the Christian university any idea of what it stands for the  
... world? Should we not contemplate having a Christian  
... in the university and supplying the curriculum definite  
Christian teaching? Lay our problem, in its heart, not be the  
Christian university but the governmental ideological university?  
There is no question that we should have thinking through these  
problems but how we can work out a program to fit them. In this  
time we are lack of real energy as well as we lack of financial  
... .

One day, a teacher was showing the book of "China's Destiny"  
by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, to the class students; he said that  
the greatest gift from the Western friends is to help us to produce  
such number of scientists. "You are wrong, sir!" a student stood  
to question the teacher, "the best thing from my observation of the  
Western friends, is the spirit of personal life and a life focused in  
God and his fellow persons". Japan copied the European and American  
education of stressing material and scientific achievements and  
completely ignoring the religious side which is needed if you want  
the material growth in a creative way without destroying yourself.

Then people have suffered at the climax the great age of elimination  
... . Then, what will help them the most? "The inextinguishable religious  
truth!" This is uttered by a national university professor of arts,  
who was invited to address to a large group of students in a Christian  
conference. "It is just as valuable to send missionaries to China  
as the support of the United Nations," he continued, "I believe that the  
truth is out, the winner of all human struggles."

We were engaged in a war not merely military and political  
fighting each other, but morally and religiously, too. We might lose  
many thousands of young soldiers' life it doesn't mean that we lost  
the battle. We could not win the war and reconstruct our new China  
unless we are well preserved with our high morale and religious  
spirit of our people. Religion, especially, the teaching of Jesus,  
is extremely in need of the Chinese society.

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

Dr. Earle H. Ballou  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N.Y.

November 23, 1945

Dear Dr. Ballou:

I wish to bring to your attention the name of Dr. and Mrs. Gressitt to be added to the list which is already in your hands, of the missionary staff of this University. Dr. Gressitt was born in Japan where his father was a leading Baptist missionary. He and Mrs. Gressitt were at Lingnan and were interned and later repatriated. His line is entomology and he has traveled in Szechwan as well as in Kwangtung in connection with his studies. He has, I believe, a Ph. D. from University of California.

Originally, that is in 1939, he had a desire to come to West China and join the staff of this University and he is related to Dr. Dryden L. Phelps of our staff who is now in the USA and studying in Chicago University. The American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, West China Mission has this year requested their Board to appoint Dr. and Mrs. Gressitt to the work of the West China Union University but no reply has been received to date.

The College of Science has invited and is very anxious to have appointed this Dr. and Mrs. Gressitt and Dr. James Stewart, Junior, Biophysics, whose name has already gone forward to you and to the Board of the United Church of Canada. As we consider the future and the Departments of Biology and Physics need these two men if they can be appointed. At present we have no westerners in the Department of Biology and Dr. D. S. Dye of the Baptist Mission who is the only westerner in the Department of Math-Physics would be retiring in a year or two.

I do not know the procedure to be followed now in the appointment of new members on our staff. It seems likely, however, that the Mission Boards supporting the university will be consulted and if possible appointments will come as members of the Boards concerned. I therefore am sending on these names in order they may be given consideration when the western members of the staff of Christian Colleges in China are first given consideration.

I have already written Mr. Evans of the receipt of your cablegram and of our plans to get you the information you would like to have to be used in connection with the campaign for funds. It is likely that Dr. Gordon Agnew of the Faculty of Dentistry will be leaving here for Canada the last of this month. He is acting as Chairman of our Publicity Committee and will take with him copies of all material available including negatives of pictures taken recently. He is well known to the Office and will be available for consultation in Toronto, I hope. We are still waiting for news of the arrival in India, of Drs. Kilborn and Lindsay.

Thank you very much for the copies of the minutes of the United Board and for your letter of October 26th. We all hope the United Board may prove to be the organization needed to enable the Christian Universities to live up to their opportunities during the years before us.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

H.D. Robertson

THE ROLE OF THE EAST AND WEST CULTURAL ASSOCIATION  
FOR INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CO-OPERATION

A report given at a tea given by the East and West Cultural Association held in the headquarters of the Sino-British Cultural Association, Chungking, on November 28th, 1945, by Chung-shu Lo, M.A., B. Litt. (Oxon), President of the East and West Cultural Association, Dean of Arts and Professor of Philosophy, West China Union University, Chengtu.

"It is a great pleasure to me to witness a gathering of this nature in the war-time capital of China this afternoon. When I came to Chungking ten days ago on a special mission, from my University, the West China Union University, I thought I would try to call on all those in Chungking who are either members of the East and West Cultural Association or who are interested in International Cultural Co-operation.

"The war is over. The capital will soon move to Nanking. And our government has made a very appropriate move in planning to make Szechwan a model province in China, and also to make Chengtu one of the chief cultural centres in China. I consulted, Dr. Sun Fo, the Honorary President of our Association, Dr. Quo Tai-chi and Vice-Minister Han Li-wu, the Honorary members of the Executive Committee, and Bishop Yu Pin and Dr. Ren Hung-chuin, the members of our Board of Directors, where and when we should meet to discuss the affairs of our Association. They all agreed that we should meet here this afternoon; and I have been asked to report on the activities of the East and West Cultural Association.

"I was very pleased to see that so many of you have been able to come. This certainly indicates your interest in the work of our Association, and shows that you are very much concerned about International Co-operation. Some of you here have either visited the Headquarters of our Association in Chengtu, or have stayed with us, or have lectured for us, or have taken part in our discussions. There are others here who know little or nothing about our Association. I would therefore like, if I may, to describe briefly how the Association came to be formed.

"When I was in Europe between 1937 and 1940, I had the opportunity of attending several International Conferences where I met a number of scholars from many countries, with whom I had the pleasure of exchanging opinions and ideas about Cultural Co-operation. I discovered one thing; that they knew little or nothing about China.

"In the summer of 1937, I attended the Geneva School of International Studies which was under the directorship of Professor Sir Alfred Zimmern of Oxford. After I had given a lecture on Chinese culture, discussion took place on the Far Eastern situation. A European student was perplexed by the different ways of looking at things. He stood up and said, quoting Kipling's word, "East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet". I immediately challenged his quotation by saying that East is West, West is East, and that the two have to

meet at every point, since we are living on a globe. On the earth's surface what is East of one place is always West of another. Thanks to science, the world has shrunk in recent years, and we have all become close neighbours. What we want to do is to live as good neighbours not as neighbours who often quarrel and are suspicious of each other. How can we achieve this end?

"Only if we have mutual respect and mutual confidence. Only if we strive for close co-operation. We have to exchange commercial commodities; why can we not import more of the spiritual heritage from the culture of other countries and peoples, and export to others more of what is best in our own culture? It is in the field of culture, and probably only in the field of culture, that we can realize the great principle enunciated by the great Chinese philosopher, Laotze: 'The more we work for others, the more we gain; the more we give to others, the more we possess'. It is in this belief that we feel we should start a movement to work for international Cultural Co-operation.

"While I was in England, I constantly discussed the problems of cultural co-operation with educators, scientists and leading scholars in different fields of study. After staying at Oxford almost three years, I noticed a gradually increasing interest in Chinese culture among the Senior members of the university. Just about the time I left England, we felt we should start an organization to promote cultural co-operation between Great Britain and China.

"On November 19th, 1939, a committee was formed in Oxford, to work on cultural relations between British and Chinese universities. The committee was composed of the Master of Balliol, Dr. A.D. Lindsay; the Provost of Oriel, Sir David Ross; the Warden of All Souls, Dr. W. C.S. Adams; the Warden of New College, the late Rt. Hon. B.A.L. Fischer; the President of Corpus Christi, Sir Richard Livingstone, now the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford; the late Professor E.C. Collingwood, Prof. H.J. Paton, Prof. H.H. Price, Prof. E.R. Dodds, who came to China a little over two years ago; Prof. Sir Alfred E. Zimmern; Mr. K.J. Salding, and the Rev. E.R. Hughes. The last named was elected to act as Secretary.

"A statement was drafted to send to Chinese universities. Later, a similar Committee was formed at Cambridge. The President of Queen's was elected as Chairman, and Dr. Joseph Needham was elected as Secretary. A statement was drafted by him expressing the desire for cultural co-operation between Cambridge and Chinese universities. Dr. Needham from the very beginning gave full support to our work and what he has done and is doing to work for international intellectual co-operation is always an inspiration to us.

"After I returned from Europe in 1940, we gradually found more and more people in China and other countries interested in promoting cultural co-operation between the nations. The East and West Cultural Association was then officially established.

"The object of the Association is clearly defined by our constitution: it exists to promote cultural relations and good will between peoples of the East and of the West; especially to bring about a better understanding between the scholars and leaders of China and of other democratic

peoples, by exchange of opinion and free discussion of cultural values.

"In the summer of 1943, we secured as our headquarters a good building on the campus of West China Union University, Chengtu. The members often meet there and discuss international problems and cultural relations. We often give expression to the result of our collective thinking on important international issues.

"For example, the Memorandum addressed by our Association to the members of the Chinese Delegation to the San Francisco Conference was well received. Peoples of different countries sent us their very favourable comments. We also made proposals to the International Conference of Education and Culture which was held in London from November 1-16. In recent years the Headquarters of our Association at Chengtu have become a guest house for scholars and distinguished visitors from various countries. We always enjoy the international intellectual fellowship which their visits bring us. At our last Annual Conference, we decided to start a Roosevelt Memorial Library at our Headquarters, with the object of collecting books on International affairs, and on the culture of different nations; and of collecting reports and proceedings of learned societies of the different countries. Some of you have clearly expressed your willingness to help us to build up this library.

"Owing to financial difficulties, and shortage of staff able to give time to our Association, we have not as yet published our journal "East and West", which we intend to be used as an organ for scholars of different countries to discuss cultural problems and international relations. Now that the war is over, it will be easier to publish this. We hope that the first issue of our Journal will appear at the beginning of next year. We have already received quite a few articles from leading scholars of different countries for our Journal.

"There are many things we can do, if we constantly adhere to our ideals and earnestly work toward our goal. We are quite sure our Association has an important role and a great contribution to make towards international cultural co-operation. When the universities which were evacuated to this province during the war, move back to their original campuses, our members will be scattered to different parts of China. Branch Associations will start in the different cultural centres of China and, indeed, in the important centres of other countries. The growth of the Association depends on your support and your constant interest. Thank you"

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The following is a newspaper report on the first meeting of the East and West Cultural Association held at Chungking, appearing in the "National Herald", for November 29th, 1945.

#### EAST AND WEST CULTURAL ASSOCIATION HOLDS FIRST MEETING

To import more of the spiritual heritage from the culture of other countries and export to others more of what is best in our own country, Chinese and foreign educationalists, scientists and scholars met at the

Sino-British Institute of Cultural Relations at the invitation of the East and West Cultural Association, which held its first meeting here at 4 p.m. yesterday.

Introducing the Association and its president to the gathering Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan said, "An Association of such nature should receive sympathy and support from all of us, especially at such a time when the war is over and a world peace organization is being set up."

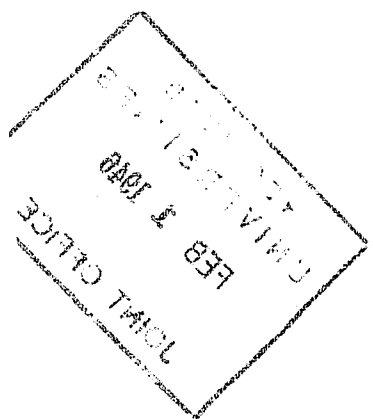
Following Dr. Sun Fo, Prof. Lo Chung-shu, President of the East and West Association, spoke, describing the circumstances leading to the formation of such an organization four years ago in Chengtu, and how he challenged the traditional notion that East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet. "Thanks to science, the world has shrunk in recent years and we all have become closer neighbours," he said.

Among other speakers were Dr. Joseph Needham, Director of the Sino-British Science Co-operation Office, Prof. Roxby, Representative of the British Council in China, Mr. N. Fedorenko, first Secretary, Soviet Embassy, and Mrs. Wilma Fairbank, US Cultural Attache.

Many high Chinese officials were present at the party, including Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, Dr. Quo Tai-chi, former Chinese Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, Dr. Han Lih-wu, Vice Minister of Education, Mr. Shao Li-tse, member of the Central Executive Committee, Mr. Kan Nai-kuang and Dr. Liu Chieh, Vice-Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Tang Yun-shan, Chinese authority on Indian Philosophy, Major-General Victor W. Odlum, Canadian Ambassador, Jacques Delavux de Fanffe, Belgian Ambassador, L.M. Miklashevsky, Russian Counsellor, N.R. Fedorenko, Premier Secrétaire of the Soviet Embassy, Patrick Shaw, Australian Chargé d'Affaires, Prof. G.C. Gangoly, famous Indian educationalist, Mr. Jean A. Kiem, Chef des Services Français d'Information en Chine.

The East and West Cultural Association originated from a committee formed in Nov. 19, 1939, in Oxford to work on cultural relations between British and Chinese universities. Later a similar committee was formed in Cambridge. The President of Queen's College was elected as chairman and Dr. Joseph Needham as secretary. Immediately after Prof. Lo's return to China from Europe, the East and West Cultural Association was established.

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West and East Cultural Association, which held its first meeting here  
at 4 p.m. yesterday.

Introduced the association and its president to the gathering Dr.  
Sun Fo, president of the Legislative Yuan said, "An occasion of such  
nature should receive sympathy and support from all of us, especially  
at such a time when the war is over and a world peace organization is being  
set up."

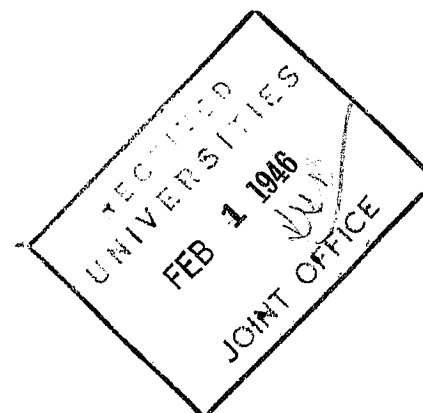
Following Dr. Sun Fo, first, Ho Guang-shan, president of the West and  
East Association, spoke, describing the circumstances leading to the  
formation of such an organization four years ago in Chungking, and how he  
challenged the traditional notion that East and West should meet  
and never the twain shall meet. "There is no science, the world has sprung  
in recent years and we all have become closer neighbors," he said.

Among other speakers were Mr. Joseph Needham, Director of the  
Sino-British Science Co-operation Office, Prof. Kung, Representative  
of the British Council in China, Mr. H. Robinson, First Secretary,  
Soviet Embassy, and Mr. Hime Fairbank, in Cultural Relations.

Many high Chinese officials were present at the party, including  
Dr. Sun Fo, president of the Legislative Yuan, Dr. Liu Tai-chi, former  
Chinese Ambassador to the Court of St. James, Dr. Hu Shih-wu, Vice  
Minister of Education, Mr. Shao Hsiang-shan, member of the Central Executive  
Committee, Mr. Fan Hsiang-shan and Mr. Han Qian, Vice-Minister of Foreign  
Affairs, Tang Yung-shan, Chinese Ambassador to India, Mr. Hsiang-shan, Major-  
General Victor J. Quinn, Canadian Ambassador, Jacques Delors de Tonnay,  
Belgian Ambassador, G. L. Hildebrandt, British Ambassador, A. H. Freeman,  
President Representative of the Soviet Embassy, Patrick Abercrombie,  
Charge d'affaires, Prof. C. C. Ho, Chinese Journalist Association,  
Mr. Jean A. Kien, Chief of Services French Information in China.

The West and East Cultural Association, originating from a committee  
formed in Nov. 12, 1939, in order to work on Chinese relations between  
British and Chinese universities. The association was formed  
in Cambridge. The President of Queen's College was elected as chairman  
and Dr. Joseph Needham as secretary. In 1941, after Dr. Lo's return  
to China from Europe, the West and East Cultural Association was established.

The purpose of the association is to promote cultural relations  
and good will between peoples of the East and West, especially to bring  
about a better understanding between the sciences and leaders of China  
and other democratic peoples, by exchange of opinion and free discussion  
of cultural values.



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*Ms. Corbett*

Dec. 14th, 1945

Mr. C. A. Evans  
Associated Boards C. C. C.  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I have already acknowledged your letter of Oct. 24th enclosing General Suggestions, Information for Publicity, in my letter to you of Nov. 21st. I have had no acknowledgment from you of my letter of September 4th enclosing copy of our annual report to the Harvard-Yenching Institute. In that letter I also asked for further information about the drugs or medicines supposedly sent to us by Drs. Fung of California. We are looking for more information about the plans of Dr. Arnold. Letters were sent to you on Nov. 13th and 21st.

Our publicity Committee did some intensive concentration on securing information and placing it in the hands of Dr. Gordon Agnew who left by plane yesterday and hopes to sail from Shanghai without too much delay. He has special capacity in the matter of publicity and I think, it would be a splendid thing if he could be associated, immediately upon his arrival, with the New York Committee responsible for Publicity. He is carrying negatives of film strips and special camera shots which we believe you will be glad to have.

I hope you have had time to study the statement which we sent home in response to the China Planning Committee report. As you will realize the term Graduate University and Undergraduate University caused more discussion than anything suggested by the terms Type I and Type II of the Associated Boards Planning Committee report. Previous to China Planning Committee's report we had not realized how we might be affected by being placed in a category different from that of Yenching, Nanking and Lingnan. My Canadian correspondence also suggests uneasiness in the minds of our friends and supporters and I think it likely our request to be included with the other three institutions in our future planning will be given serious and favorable consideration. As you will note in the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, enclosed, a special committee has been appointed to express their views. The Alumni Association also is sufficiently interested to be taking up the matter and preparing a statement. Dr. Fenn has reported to the Presidents your cable requesting reactions before Feb. 1st. The time is short but we shall try to meet this request if we have further information to send.

Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Dec. 5th. Despite numerous and persistent efforts we never succeeded in arranging a meeting of the Board of Directors. Minister Chang, the Chairman, was engaged in Government affairs immediately on his return to Chungking and later was appointed Chairman of the Economic Council for Manchuria and so has not been available. Governor Chang Chuin has been in Chungking for several months as the chief representative of the Government in negotiations with the representatives of the Yen-an group. Bishop Chen was very ill with dysentery and was a long time recovering. He did not manage to get to Chengtu until this month when he arranged to hold his church meetings here.

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He was able to give us part of an afternoon. We decided to hold what we called an enlarged meeting of the Executive Committee.

E.253. As I have reported in my letters, Dr. Dsang has been in anything but good health for sometime and despite short leaves of absence at different times is still much bothered by his asthma. He is the only one of the presidents who has carried on through the war years without a change in the form of an extended absence from Chengtu. I think the decision to grant him a leave of absence for one year is fully justified. Both Bishop Chen and the President expressed their feeling that the strongest possible representations should be made supporting the action already taken by the University administration in response to the report of the China Planning Committee. The committee appointed in E255 will be glad to have the advice of Drs. Kilborn and Lindsay in making their report. We have not yet had the resolutions adopted by the West China Committee in Toronto at its meeting in November.

A copy of the audited statement of accounts for 43-44 and 44-45 has already been forwarded to you and I trust they are satisfactory. Mr. Small explained the present situation with regard to the 45-46 budget and you are familiar with the present arrangement with the UCR office in Chungking. At the moment we are again seriously concerned about future arrangements and Dr. Fenn plans to go to Chungking next week.

E259. This action was taken pending the receipt of the forms which you ought to send to us as per Minute E1928 of the Board of Governors minutes, May '45.

E260. I have already called your attention to this proposed amendment to the Constitution and nothing more could be done here until the meeting of the Board of Directors in March. The feeling is quite general that some such change in the membership of the Board is overdue. I think there is no other action of the meeting which calls for comment.

At the moment we have with us Mr. Howard and Miss Lewis of UNRRA and recently Dr. Ryan of the UCR spent a week in Chengtu. There is a little confusion and uncertainty because of the sudden speeding up of Government and other organizations plans to move from Chungking to Nanking or Shanghai. In the press it is reported that the Government would like to hold its first meeting in Nanking tomorrow, the 15th, and every possible plane is being used to transfer the Departmental personnel. Dr. Han Li-wu, one of the two Vice Ministers of Education, came up to consult the presidents of the universities and other educational authorities and in his outline of the policies of the Ministry made it clear that the Christian Colleges would be given every possible consideration.

You may have been concerned over the press report of the student demonstrations in Kuming and the repercussions here in Chengtu. The demonstration here confined itself to open air meetings and procession through the streets without any threat of the stopping of classes and it seems now that the excitement is over for a time at least. It is expected that the conference with the Yen-an representatives will be resumed in the very near future but unfortunately it is also true that severe fighting between the Communist and Government troops continues in many areas. Many of us hope that the Moscow meeting and the coming of General Marshall may have

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definite results in preventing civil war.

Drs. Kilborn and Lindsay arrived in Chungking last week and are expected here on Sunday. Miss Robertson had a fast trip and reached Chungking with the others; she will probably come here by next week's plane. I hope to leave before the end of the month after having talked things over and it certainly will be good to look forward to being in Canada after eight years' absence.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

/S/ H. D. Robertson

H. D. Robertson

P. S. I am enclosing for your information, letter to the Colorado State College of Education. These three applications were made last year and are now being renewed for next year. All are our graduates but they are not promised any financial support if these scholarships are secured.

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Executive Committee of the Board of Directors Minutes of an enlarged meeting held on Dec. 5, 1945 in the home of President Dsang.

Present: Bishop Chen Wen-yuan, Messrs. Yang, Hwang Dou-chin, Chen Hsu-ping, D. S. Dye, D. N. Sargent.

Ex officio: President Dsang, Messrs. S. H. Fang, H. D. Robertson, W. W. Small.

The Meeting was opened with prayer by Bishop Chen.

Elections: Acting Chairman...Bishop Chen  
Nominating Committee...Dr. Hwang Dou-chin, Messrs. D. S. Dye, D. N. Sargent.

E. 252. Mr. H. D. Robertson gave a summary of the minutes of the Nov. 2, 1944 meeting of the Board of Governors, the May 9, 1945 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors, the May 1945 meeting of the Associated Boards, the June 20, 1945 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards, the June 29, 1945 meeting of the Trustees of the newly-organized United Board for Christian Universities in China and the full meeting held on September 29, 1945 of the United Board.

E. 253. President's Report

The President stressed two main subjects: 1. The state of his own health, which prevents him from having sufficient energy to deal with the problems of the University, and 2. his complete disagreement and that of the University staff with the report on Post-War Planning for the Christian Universities.

E. 254. Resolved: To grant to President Lincoln Dsang a year's leave of absence, as from June 1946.

E. 255. Post-War Planning: Resolved that a meeting of the Board of Directors be held before April 1, 1946 to discuss the various reports on Post-War Planning and to report back to the United Board before its meeting in May, and that the secretaries in consultation with the administration be asked to prepare material for the meeting.

Election: As Bishop Chen had to leave the meeting, Dr. Chen Hsu-ping was elected acting chairman.

E. 256. Audited Statements of Accounts 1943-1944 and 1944-1945.

The Bursar presented the audited statements of accounts for the years 1943-44, and 1944-1945.

Resolved: That these statements be accepted.

E. 257. Statement on Special Funds. The Bursar and the President gave reports on special funds.

E. 258. Budget 1945-1946. The Bursar presented the Budget for 1945-46 indicating that it was essentially the same as the one which had been prepared for the meeting of the General Faculty in June - with an addition to take care of the increase made in staff

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Minutes of enlarged meeting of Ex. Committee of the Board of Directors.  
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subsidies starting in September. The total budget amounted to CN\$217,200,000.00. Ordinarily a revised budget would have been prepared but due to the particular conditions prevailing since the close of the war (i.e. the cost of living index and the rate of foreign exchange) there was no way of determining more accurately the needs for the current year.

E. 259. Hart College Property

Resolved: That we accept with grateful thanks the control of the Hart College property, together with the dormitory, gymnasium, playing fields and roads from the United Church of Canada Mission, and that, appreciating the great value to the University of a close link between the U. U. students and the members of the UCC Mission we request their College committee to continue to act as the University Hwa-yin College Committee responsible for the care of the students living in that college.

E. 260. Amendment to the Constitution.

Resolved: To re-affirm our agreement with resolution E. 248 and to place the proposed amendment to the Constitution before the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

E. 261. Vice-Chancellor.

Resolved: That with the departure of Mr. H. D. Robertson on furlough, we invite Dr. A. W. Lindsay to act as Vice-Chancellor, pending the meeting of the Board of Directors in March.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. Sargent

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Ballou  
Mr. Corbett  
Mrs. Mills

FROM: Mr. Evans

The following cable has just been received from  
West China:

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December 26, 1945