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LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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June 21st, 1932.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, North China

My dear Dr. Stuart,

Referring to our previous correspondence with regard to the L.M.S. support of Yenching, I very much regret to say that our Board have found it absolutely imperative to make some further reductions in our China expenditure, which will affect Yenching. I am very sorry that we shall be obliged to cease the grant which we have been making for several years past in lieu of a salary for a successor to the late R.K. Evans, as from the 30th September next. I have already warned you that this might be a possibility. We are also compelled to discontinue the Yenching salary of Mr. J. B. Tayler as from the same date, but I imagine that this will not be such a serious matter for you as you have been able to dispense with his services at Yenching for the last two years. I have no doubt you are aware that Mr. Tayler has received an invitation from Nankai, which I believe he has recently discussed with you, although I do not know with what result. If he goes to Nankai they will provide for him, and I understand that he will still be able to carry on some of the work on which he has been engaged for the N.C.C. If he does not go to Nankai we shall probably find him a position to fill a vacancy in our China Mission, which might not, however, afford him so full an opportunity for continuing his special work.

I am exceedingly sorry that these reductions will be at the expense of Yenching, but I am glad to think that they are such that we could, later on, when better times permit, resume these contributions to the Yenching staff, if you desired us to do so. Miss Wood's position would not be affected, and of course you would continue to have the use of the house belonging to the Society on the Yenching Compound.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) F. H. Hawkins

P.S. - I ought to have mentioned that our Directors' action in this matter has the approval of our China Council. I shall let the Societies who are in partnership with us in Yenching know of the action that has been taken, in the hope that if they likewise have to make cuts in their China expenditure they may use their best endeavours not to do so at the expense of Yenching.

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London M. Society

July 28, 1932.

Mr. William G. Sewell
2 Eaton Gate
London

My dear Mr. Sewell:

I have had in mind for some time writing you regarding a practical aspect of the function of the "Christian Universities of China" which has been giving me quite a bit of concern. I have hesitated for fear of being misunderstood, and should like you to treat this letter as confidential, at least until further correspondence may have passed between us.

It may be well to state my problem in the concrete form in which it has affected Yenching. The L M S had undertaken according to the original agreement to maintain on our staff two foreign teachers and a cash contribution of \$1000 Gold per annum. After the death of Mr. R. K. Evans they supplied \$3000 L C per annum as an equivalent. The three constituent American societies meanwhile increased their respective contributions in staff and money contributions beyond these initial figures, but the L M S felt itself unable to promise anything more than had been originally agreed upon. Latterly, however, Mr. George B. Barbour was included among their quota, although he has always been on a self-supporting basis, with possibly some small allowances from the L M S. In recent years there have been further indications that further reductions might be expected in the L M S grant, and last month a decision was reached cancelling the appointment of Mr. Barbour and Mr. J. B. Taylor and the grant for cash \$3000 L C. This decision was reached without any consultation apparently with the other supporting bodies or with us, and purely because of financial difficulties and policy within the L M S itself. It raises in acute form the whole question of the extent to which institutions like ours can look forward to any adequate support from the missionary societies which have brought them into existence. As it is now, these four bodies have a predominant control in their representation on our Board of Trustees, and almost to the same extent on our field Board, whereas the amounts contributed are becoming relatively small in the total burden which we have to carry, and are becoming actually less than originally undertaken. I fear that sooner or later a Chinese

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successor to myself who lacks my understanding of the problems of these mission boards as well as of the advantages to all concerned in maintaining the present relationship, will protest against a control which hampers but only in a small and decreasing sense is of any help. Even now I am sure that an announcement of what the L M S has done will create a very unfavorable reaction among my Chinese and western colleagues alike, including those who are most in sympathy with the Christian purpose of the institution. I need not add that I am fully aware of the unfavorable conditions which have led the L M S to take so drastic an action. None the less, it precipitates an issue which I am coming to feel must sooner or later be faced, which is as to whether the old line missionary societies are after all the best agencies for maintaining any such financial support for an institution like ours as will tend to ensure its Christian character. Such treatment as the L M S has felt to be necessary in our case inevitably tends towards the secularization of the institution.

My recent trips to America have given me the impression that there is an increasing number of Christian people who are not supporting "foreign missions", but who are ready to respond to the claims of a Christian University in China. Whether this is true in Great Britain or not I can only surmise. If it is true, has the time come, in your judgment, when your organization might with the approval of the missionary societies undertake to be the body through which people in the churches, and perhaps outside of them, can be solicited for the support of Christian higher education in China, through some form of aggressive presentation of our needs and aims? Some such procedure both in the States and perhaps in Great Britain seems to me to be the constructive process for relating Christian constituencies in those two countries to Yenching in forms that will be welcomed by us, and will therefore reduce the necessity of turning elsewhere for the support we must have and freeing ourselves in the process from a control which is out of all proportion to the help which it can give. I am writing you very frankly because it is better to have such a matter faced by those of us who are most in sympathy with the existing agencies. I shall take no further steps in this matter until hearing from you.

Very sincerely yours,

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Yenching University
Staff Members Supported by Mission Boards
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YENCHING

13th December 1932

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B. A. Garside Esq.,
Yenching University,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York.

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Dear Mr Garside,

I am writing to enclose a draft for \$500
being our contributions for Yenching University to
June 30th, 1933.

The Anglo-American exchange position makes
it increasingly difficult to purchase American dollars
in this country. I should be glad if you would
kindly consider whether payment in sterling in this
country, or in Mexican dollars in China would suit
your purposes equally well, according to the locality
in which the money received has to be disbursed,
and let me have your advice.

Yours sincerely,

Howard Diamond
Asst. Treasurer

\$500.00 cheque encl.

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Yenching University

December 27, 1932

Howard Diamond, Esq.
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House, Broadway
Westminster, S.W.1, England

My dear Mr. Diamond:

Let me acknowledge with sincere thanks the receipt of your draft for \$500., covering the London Missionary Society appropriation toward the budget of Yenching University for the last half of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933.

We all appreciate the seriousness of the problem created by the present unfavorable exchange rate when our British friends make payments on appropriations for budgets set up on a gold dollar basis. From the standpoint of the finances of an institution like Yenching, this is a very difficult question to adjust equitably. Due to the reductions in appropriations from Mission Boards, the decline in income on endowment funds, and the decrease in gifts from individual donors, our institutions are having a terrific struggle to keep going at all. Fortunately, a part of this loss has been made up by the unusually favorable rate of exchange on Chinese currency, but much of this theoretical gain never materializes, partly because many expenditures of our universities have to be made in gold, and partly because of rapidly rising costs throughout China.

However, we recognize that all our supporting Mission Boards likewise have their urgent problems, and that it places a particularly heavy burden upon our British societies to continue paying contributions on a gold dollar basis when this involves a substantially larger cost in pounds sterling. Withing a short time we will be having a meeting of our Yenching Finance Committee, and I will then lay your inquiry before them for careful study.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Yenching University

February 3, 1933

Howard Diamond, Esq.
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House, Broadway
Westminster, S.W.1, England

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My dear Mr. Diamond:

Your letter of December 13 was presented for consideration at the last meeting of the Yenching Finance Committee. You will recall that this referred to the exchange situation and you asked whether the Board would consider payment in sterling in England or in Mexican Dollars in China in lieu of the remittances you are making in U. S. Dollars to our office.

The Committee gave most sympathetic and careful consideration to the situation fully recognizing the difficulties involved as related to the exchange, at the same time having in mind the decreasing income for the University from various sources. The Committee noted, however, that the contributions of the co-operating Boards all represent relatively small investments in what we all consider to be an exceedingly important and strategic enterprise in China. There was a very strong feeling that the interests of all the Boards should be conserved and that their interest should be maintained and even stimulated. We are conscious that these are trying and difficult times; but nevertheless, any lessening of the influence of our cooperating Boards is highly undesirable.

We are also facing a situation where some of our investments have defaulted on interest which, together with decrease in gifts for current purposes from living donors, has greatly lessened the income for budget purposes. This has been met by adjustments on the field, but a continuance of retrenchments will very seriously impair the work.

Both suggestions which you make for payment will mean a decrease in Local Currency to the University. If you mail us your sterling equivalent in gold dollars, it will mean that we will have less purchasing power for Local Currency. If paid on the field, surely the pound sterling will not purchase the Local Currency which we are able to secure from payments as made at the present time.

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Howard Diamond, Esq.

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The Committee is mindful of your loyal support during the past and most sincerely trusts that the Society will be able to carry on without decreasing its annual appropriation.

Very sincerely,

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Assistant Treasurer

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21st April 1933

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B.A. Garside Esq.,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY.

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Dear Mr. Garside,

It is quite a long time since I have had occasion to write to you, but I have been reading all the Yenching and the associated Boards' Minutes with deep interest, including the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Budget, held on 3rd instant, which I received this morning. I very sincerely sympathise with our Yenching friends in their financial difficulties

I have been speculating as to what will be the effect of America going off the Gold Standard, news of which has just reached us, upon the financial situation of Yenching. I find it difficult to form an opinion as to how this will affect the University during the immediate future, till the questions of exchange have been stabilised again. If you can find time to write and tell me what the impression in New York is as to what will be the effect of these most recent developments on the foreign missionary enterprise in the United States, I shall be very grateful.

We are trying to frame a policy for the British Boards working in China, especially in view of recent retrenchments, and

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of course that policy must to some extent be affected by retrenchments made by American Societies, and as I have said, it is not easy to realise what the result of the fall in the dollar will be as far as China is concerned. I shall, of course, keep anything you care to say on the subject confidential, but it will be a help to know what your views are.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

F.H. Hawkins

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Yenching University

May 1, 1933

Mr. F. H. Hawkins
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House, Broadway
Westminster, S. W. 1,
London, England

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Hawkins

Within a few days we will be mailing you the minutes of our Annual Meeting of the Yenching Trustees held on April 21. You will note that within these minutes, as well as within the minutes of meetings of the Associated Boards held on April 18 and 19, we have included memorial resolutions for Dr. Hodgkin. Copies of these resolutions are being sent to Mrs. Hodgkin.

Dr. Hodgkin's death leaves a vacancy in the representation of the London Missionary Society on our Yenching Board of Trustees. What is the best procedure to follow in filling this vacancy? Of course, our Yenching Trustees will be happy to welcome any one the London Missionary Society may designate, or if you wish the Trustees to make suggestions, as has been done heretofore, they will undoubtedly be glad to do so. Thus far I have not heard any definite suggestions as to a suitable successor. Dr. Hodgkin was such a splendid character that it will be exceedingly difficult to replace him.

It might also be mentioned incidentally that according to our records Dr. Warnshuis' term expired at the end of 1932. Has the London Missionary Society taken action reelecting him? Dr. Warnshuis has rendered extremely valuable service, both to Yenching, and to the whole group of colleges in the Associated Boards, so I know that our Yenching Trustees would be happy to have him reappointed.

Very cordially yours

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(London Missionary Society)

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Yenching University

May 9, 1933.

Mr. F. H. Hawkins
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House, Broadway
Westminster S.W.1
London, England

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Hawkins:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 21st.

We are glad to know that you have continued to keep the same warm interest in the work at Yenching, even though it has been some little time since we have corresponded regarding distinctively Yenching matters. You raise the question as to the probable effect upon the financial situation at Yenching of the action of the United States in going off the gold standard. We here in New York can probably make no better guess than can you in London. All sorts of conflicting rumors and predictions are flying about. Unquestionably, however, the ultimate effect upon Yenching of any long abandonment of the gold standard by the United States will be quite severe.

The immediate effect upon the exchange situation has been that the value of the Chinese dollar in terms of U. S. currency has risen from about 24 to 25¹/₄ that is to say from around 4.80 to 1, exchange has dropped to about 5.90 to 1. Silver still seems to be rising in comparison with the U. S. dollar.

Fortunately, the University entered into a contract some months ago by which it will be able to sell most of the gold it wishes to convert into Chinese currency during the next year at a figure comparable with the exchange rates prevailing when this contract was made. Whether, however, such a contract can be carried out if the current value of the American dollar drops too low, is a matter on which we dare not place too much reliance. If this contract should be abrogated, or only partially carried out, it would be a very severe blow to our finances for the coming year.

Putting the matter very briefly:- If our present exchange contract can be carried through, Yenching, in spite of all our severe losses of income from many sources, will be able to get through 1933-34 fairly well. If this contract should not be carried through, Yenching would be left in a very serious financial condition. At all events, we sincerely hope that it will

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Mr. F. H. Hawkins

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May 9, 1933.

be possible for the London Missionary Society to continue next year its grant to Yenching for the same amount as you have heretofore granted.

During the last few weeks we have had a very interesting series of meetings here in New York. You will be receiving copies of the Minutes of the Associated Boards, as well as of Yenching and Chesloo.

With warmest of good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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F. H. Hawkins

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9th May 1933.

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B.A. Garside, Esq.,
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150 Fifth Avenue,
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Dear Mr. Garside,

Many thanks for your letter of the 1st instant. I am looking forward to receiving the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Yenching Trustees.

At our China Committee next month I am sure our Directors will be very glad to reappoint Dr. Warnshuis as one of its Yenching Trustees, and you may reckon on this being done. I presume it is for a period of three years.

With regard to filling the vacancy occasioned by the lamented death of Dr. Hodgkin, we shall welcome any suggestions the Trustees have to make of someone in or near New York who could attend the Meetings, and if you can let me hear by the middle of next month I could bring any proposals before the Meeting of our China Committee on the 20th proximo. In the absence of any suggestion of a more suitable name, I think our Directors would probably nominate the Rev. Thomas Cocker Brown, B.A., B.D., at present the Secretary of our China Council in Shanghai, and a member of the Governing body in Peiping, as a Trustee. He is to succeed me as Foreign Secretary

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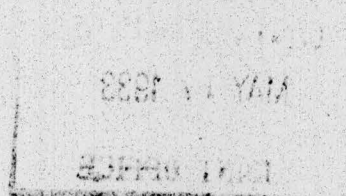
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of the L.M.S. for China in the early part of the New Year, and no doubt it would be appropriate that he should be one of the Society's representatives on the Yenching Board sooner or later. If our New York friends are able to make a suitable nomination I would resign my Trusteeship when I hand over my China work to Mr. Brown, and the Directors could appoint him in my place.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

J. H. Hawkins



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E. A. Gerstle, Esq.

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Yours very sincerely,

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19th May 1933.

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B.A. Garside, Esq.,
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue, NEW YORK CITY.

YENCHING

My dear Mr. Garside,

Many thanks for your letter of the 9th instant, which reached me yesterday. I am very grateful to you for writing to me at such length with regard to the probable operation of the China Exchange, as far as Yenching University is concerned. I was afraid that through America going off the Gold Standard Yenching might be hardly hit. I sincerely hope that the contract you have made with regard to Exchange will be carried through. It seems to have been a very wise move in the events that have happened.

We have been hearing a good deal about Yenching in recent months, as two members of the staff who are missionaries of our Society, Miss Myfanwy Wood and Miss Hancock, have been in this country on furlough and both of them have proved to be excellent advocates of Yenching.

We have a Meeting of the British Section of the Cheeloo Board this evening and I spent some hours last night in reading the Minutes of the North American Section and the Minutes of the Conference between the Executive Committee ~~and~~ of the Associated Boards and the Group of educational leaders, and other papers. We are very deeply indebted to our friends in America for supplying us

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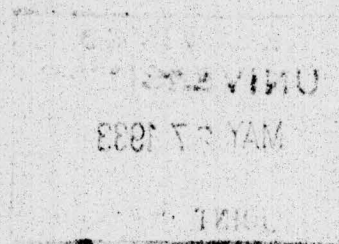
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With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

J H. Hawkins



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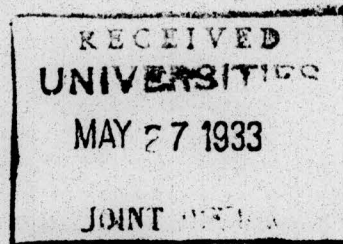
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Yours very sincerely,

W. H. H. H.



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May 31, 1935.

Mr. F. H. Hawkins
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House, Broadway
Westminster S.W.1,
London, England

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Hawkins:

We are enclosing herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Joint Committee meeting of our Yenching Trustees held on May 26th.

You will note on page 3 the summary of our informal discussion of the vacancy in the London Missionary Society representation caused by Dr. Hodgkin's death. A number of our Yenching Trustees know the Rev. Thomas Cocker Brown, and everyone is agreed that he would be a very welcome addition to our Yenching Board, even though he may not be able to attend in person many of our meetings. Everyone is very emphatic however, in their statements that we must not lose you from the Yenching Board when Mr. Brown is elected to membership. You have had such a long and active interest in the Yenching Board of Trustees that we must not let you go now.

Some of the other Mission Boards have adopted a plan of appointing alternates in addition to ~~the~~^{their} Regular representatives, so as to provide for full representation at meetings. For example, the Presbyterian Board has Dr. Fenn as its alternate on the Yenching Trustees, and several alternates on the Cheeloo Governors. If the London Missionary Society cared to do so, you might appoint two men living in or near New York as alternates for Mr. Brown and yourself. This would not only give us a better L. M. S. representation at meetings where you could not be present, but would have the added advantage of giving you an official spokesman through whom you could communicate to the Yenching Trustees your views on matters of major importance which might arise from time to time. How does this suggestion appeal to you? If it meets with your approval, who would be suitable nominees as alternates?

I should have written before this to verify the amount of the L.M.S. contribution to Yenching for the fiscal year 1933-34. I trust we are correct in our assumption that your Society is continuing during 1933-34 the contribution to the General University Budget of U.S.\$1,000. What staff salaries are you providing for next year? We have had various

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Mr. F. H. Hawkins

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May 31, 1933.

conflicting statements in regard to J. B. Taylor, so would welcome the correct information regarding his case.

Your letter of May 19th has just come in. I am glad to learn that Miss Wood and Miss Hancock have been proving themselves such excellent advocates of Yenching.

We have had no further word from Cheeloo since I last wrote you.

Very cordially yours,

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7th July 1933.

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B.A. Garside Esq.,
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside,

I must apologise for not replying earlier to your letter of 31st May which reached me on 9th June. I duly received the copy of the Minutes which I have read with much interest.

At our Board Meeting on the 21st ultimo, Rev. Thomas Cocker Brown, B.A., B.D., was appointed an L.M.S. trustee to fill the vacancy occasioned by Dr. Hodgkin's death.

I am gratified by what you say about your desire that I should remain a Trustee, and I will gladly do so for the present. I note what you say about the appointment of alternates and will consider the matter. If you have any suggestions to make as to suitable people within easy distance of New York who could act as alternates, would you kindly pass them on to me. Dr. Warnshuis has been very kind in acting as an alternate for me in the case of some of the other Boards.

Now as to the L.M.S. financial contribution to Yenching for the present year 1933 - 34. We are continuing

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Mr. B.A. Garside.

the contribution to the Yenching University Budget of U.S. \$1000 and we are providing the salary and expenses of Miss Myfanwy Wood. The position with regard to Mr. J.B. Tayler is as follows. He went off the L.M.S. salary list as one of its representatives on the Yenching staff in June of last year, and since then I understand his salary has been provided in China by Yenching up to the present time. He arrived in England last Wednesday, via New York, and is having a six months' furlough at the Society's expense. We have kept him on the Society's list of missionaries in case some day or other the way may open for his re-appointment by the Society to Yenching. I understand, however, that he is likely to be provided for by the Rockefeller Foundation on his return to China for directing some Research work in connection with Rural and Industrial conditions, but I do not know this for certain as I have not seen him since his return.

Miss E.M. Hancock is a missionary of the L.M.S., but her salary is paid by Yenching.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

J.H. Hawkins

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Mr. P. H. Hawkins
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House, Broadway
Westminster S.W.1,
London, England

My dear Mr. Hawkins:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 7th.

At the next meeting of our Yenching Executive Committee, we will ask for suggestions as to possible alternates for your London Missionary Society representation on our Yenching Board of Trustees. We trust, however, that you will not wait for any list of suggestions before appointing any alternates whom you find to be suitable.

We are grateful to you for the explanations you give as to the London Missionary Society financial contribution to Yenching for 1953-54.

Very cordially yours,

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11th October 1933.

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B.A. Garside, Esq.,
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue, NEW YORK.

Dear Mr. Garside,

Many thanks for your letter of the 4th August which reached me on the 15th of August, and which I ought to have acknowledged before now, but I have been out of London a good deal during the last two or three months. We shall probably deal with the question of alternates on the Yenching Board at the next Meeting of our China Committee on the 23rd November, and I hope that before then I shall have heard from you with any suggestions you may have to make.

In all probability we shall transfer the grant we have been making to the United Committee in New York to the similar body in London.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

F. H. Hawkins

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11th October 1933.

Rev. Mr. Garside,
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

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30th November 1933.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue. NEW YORK.

Dear Mr. Garside,

Referring to your letter of the 4th August and my reply of the 11th October, with regard to alternates in New York for Mr. Cocker Brown and myself, the Yenching Trustees who are resident in London, we discussed this matter at the Meeting of our China Committee held last week, and I was authorised to continue my enquiries with regard to the appointment of alternates, and I shall be very glad indeed to have any suggestions from you. Might I suggest that you should talk the matter over with Dr. Warnshuis. Of course we have two excellent Trustees in the persons of Dr. Warnshuis and Miss Margaret Burton, who are able to attend the Meetings, but it would be convenient to get alternates for the two other Trustees. I have no suggestion to make. Somebody at the Committee mentioned the name of "Dr. Buttrick," of New York. I am afraid I do not know to whom the suggestion referred, but you will probably know.

Mr. Cocker Brown, of Shanghai, my successor as Foreign Secretary of the L.M.S. for China, will be arriving in this country on the 22nd January. The Rev. Alexander Baxter, formerly of Canton,

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who has been appointed to succeed Mr. Brown as Secretary to our China Council, will be leaving for Shanghai on the 2nd February, and during the intervening ten days the three of us will be meeting in London to discuss various China matters. This will afford a very convenient opportunity for considering the question of alternates, and I should be very grateful if you could write to me on the subject in time for me to get the letter by the 22nd January.

The small grant we used to make to the Committee of the China Union Universities in New York has been transferred to the similar Committee in London.

I believe Mr. Harry Silcock has been in communication with you with regard to meetings of the West China University Trustees, the Cheeloo Trustees, and representatives of the New York and London China Universities' Committee, in Oxford, to be held in the last week of June, when it is expected that several people from the United States and Canada will be in this country. I sincerely trust it may be possible for you to come over to attend these meetings.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

J. H. Hawkins

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19th February 1934.

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B.A. Garside, Esq.,
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue. NEW YORK.

TRANSFER

My dear Garside,

I have heard this morning from Miss Dora Bent, who is on the staff of the College of Public Affairs in Yenching, and is now on furlough in this country, that she has just heard that there is some doubt as to whether they will be able to finance her position for another term, and that this depends to a great extent on the result of the application Yenching is making to the Rockefeller Foundation for a further grant, and that a decision will be arrived at by the Foundation in April. Miss Bent is provisionally booked to go back to Peiping in July, and it would be a very great convenience to her and to us if we could have the earliest possible information as to whether she is to go back. If she cannot return she will have to look out for another position. Might I ask you to be good enough to send me a cable as soon as you hear from the Rockefeller Foundation as to what action they have taken with regard to the grant. I very much hope it will go through, both for the sake of Yenching and Miss Bent.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

F H Hawkins

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27th February 1934.

B.A. Garside, Esq.,
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue. NEW YORK. **TRANSFER**

Recd 3/9/34

Dear Mr. Garside,

I write to thank you for your circular letter addressed to the Trustees of Yenching, dated the 13th instant, and the enclosures, which I have read with deep interest and concern and shall anxiously await the decision of the Trustees thereon.

I deeply sympathise with the difficulties with regard to the Budget for next year, which Dr. Leighton Stuart sets out so clearly, and the Trustees will no doubt be considering as to how they can be adequately met. As far as I am aware there are two reductions contemplated in the staff paid by the University; namely the dismissal of Miss Lucy Burt and of Miss Dora Bent. It is difficult to follow the figures in Dr. Stuart's suggested Budget for the College of Natural Sciences for 1934-35. He does not seem to bring into account, on the income side, the fees receivable. Surely they are not covered by the £450; they must amount to a very much larger sum. Probably, however, I am not sufficiently familiar with the figures to understand their true significance.

A much more difficult problem is involved in the questions Dr. Stuart raises as to the Correlated Programme, about which there seems to be no kind of finality. If Yenching does decide to withdraw

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It seems to me to be highly desirable that the opportunity of Mr. Kenneth MacLennan's visit to Yenching at the end of April or early in May, should be taken advantage of for him to discuss the whole situation with Dr. Stuart and his associates. If you have not already send a copy of the papers accompanying your letter to the Trustees of the 13th instant, to Mr. MacLennan to China, I shall be glad if you will mail them to him to C/o Mr. Adam Black, The Missions Building, 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Shanghai. I am writing to him on the subject. It would be valuable for him to talk the whole matter over with Dr. Stuart, especially as he will be travelling home in the fall via New York, and will no doubt have some opportunities of discussing the questions arising with you and other members of the Associated Boards.

I would suggest that Dr. Stuart's admirable letter to the Trustees, dated Christmas Day, should be given a wide circulation in the constituencies of the supporting Mission Boards. I feel sure it would prove to be valuable in arousing further interest and increased support for Yenching.

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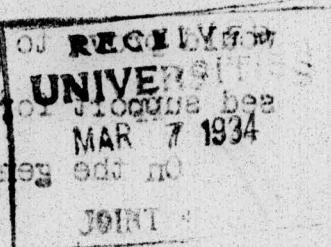
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A further question arises: In view of its present and prospective financial position, why should not Yenching boldly face the alternative of making some substantial reduction in expenditure by dropping one or more of its departments? Other Universities in China have had to do this, why should not Yenching face making some reduction on these lines? No University in China, which is so largely dependent on financial support from the West can expect to maintain all its activities in the face of the present situation, and the sooner Yenching realises this the better.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

F.H. A. Garside

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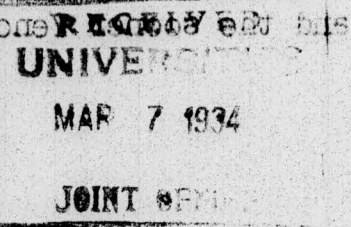
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7th March 1934.

Ad 3/16/34

B.A. Garside, Esq.,
Christian Colleges in China.
150 Fifth Avenue. NEW YORK.

My dear Garside,

Please regard this letter as entirely confidential. Referring to my letter of the 19th ultimo with regard to Miss Dora Bent, I have some news for you in reference to another British woman member of the Yenching staff, whose engagement was being terminated owing to the financial position, and I am glad to say that this news is more satisfactory. Miss Lucy Burt, a member of the Society of Friends, is at present home in this country on furlough, and we heard some weeks ago, from Peiping, that her return could not be financed. I am glad to let you know, in confidence, that the Friends' Service Council are prepared to finance her, so as to make her return to Peiping possible. I expect that Council is in communication with Yenching. Miss Burt has done most admirable work during her first period of service, and it would have been a very great loss to Yenching if she could not return.

This raises the question of the position of the Friends' Service Council with regard to Yenching. Of course their contribution of the passage and salary of a woman missionary does not en-

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them to any official representation on the Board. I am not quite sure what is the minimum contribution to constitute a full partnership and I shall be glad if you can tell me what it is. I am under the impression that it is a contribution of a minimum of two missionaries to the staff, with house accommodation for them and a minimum contribution of a thousand dollars mex. Will you please tell me if this is right? The Friends are not at all anxious for representation, but they are anxious for as close contacts as possible in respect of Miss Burt's rejoining the staff. An idea has occurred to me that it would be a good plan if I resigned my Trusteeship ^{and} ~~if~~ the L.M.S. nominated some distinguished friend in America as one of its four representatives. The man who has occurred to me as being most suitable is Dr. Rufus Jones, if he would undertake it for two or three years, and I imagine he would be very acceptable to the Trustees in New York. Before taking any steps in this direction I should like to have your views. I have marked this letter "Confidential" but I am sending a copy of it to Dr. Warnshuis and I should be grateful if you would arrange to see him and talk this suggestion over and let me know what you think. I enclose a copy of my letter to him. Please excuse my troubling you in this matter.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

F. H. Hawkins

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March 10, 1934
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Mr. F. E. Hawkins
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House, Broadway
Westminster, S.W.1 England

My dear Mr. Hawkins:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letters of February 19th and February 27th.

Your letter of February 13th discusses the question of whether Yenching will be able to finance the return of Miss Dora Bent to the field after her approaching furlough. We will be glad to pass on to you as promptly as possible the news of whatever decision the Rockefeller Foundation makes with reference to the continuation of its grant to the School of Public Affairs at Yenching. I have heard unofficially that Dr. Gunn, who has been spending something more than a year in China redrafting a program for the activities of the Rockefeller Foundation in the Orient, is favorably inclined toward the renewal of this grant. But this in itself is no assurance that the grant will be continued, because the Rockefeller Foundation is being compelled to reduce its appropriations quite substantially. I understand that the Foundation will be taking action some time in April.

Your letter of February 27th discusses the important problems raised by Dr. Stuart in the communications which I circulated with my letter of February 13th. We have already mailed you a copy of the minutes of the meeting of our Yenching Executive and Finance Committees on March 1st, at which these problems were discussed. I will comment briefly on the most important of these questions.

Support for College of Natural Sciences. The reason the student fees are not included in the estimated income for the College of Natural Sciences is that all student fees are applied toward the general costs of administration and maintenance of the University, and are not credited to the separate colleges. You will note that the Executive and Finance Committees indicated their willingness to recommend to the Trustees that U.S.\$35,000 be appropriated for the 1934-35 Natural Science budget instead of U.S.\$32,000 as originally proposed. If the larger amount is appropriated, it will probably take all the income available ~~this~~ year, and will leave us with only a small reserve laid aside to keep the work going forward after June 30th, 1935 if no new sources of income are developed in the meantime. Of course, \$3,000 more or less would not make any great difference in any event, since the College of Natural Sciences will be forced to reduce its program tremendously fifteen months hence unless new sources of income can be secured.

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Continuation of Yenching's Cooperation With the Other Colleges.

I am enclosing a copy of Dr. Stuart's letter of January 22nd, written from Shanghai after the meeting of the Council of Higher Education. The attitude of our Yenching Trustees is indicated in action EF-5287. I believe that the statement attached to the minutes as Appendix A, which I had prepared in advance of the meeting in consultation with various members of the Board, represents quite fairly the thinking of our Yenching Trustees on these problems. The whole matter can probably be summed up thus:- We all agree that our China Colleges are not going forward together as rapidly as we might desire. But we do believe that everything humanly possible is being done, and that substantial progress is being made. Yenching can best serve the cause of Christian higher education in China (and incidentally can best serve its own selfish interests) by going forward with the other colleges of the group than by refusing to cooperate. It is quite right and proper that we continue to press for greater unity, but this can be done within the group more effectively than without. The whole attitude of the Associated Boards has been that of seeking the best interests Christian higher education in China rather than maintaining the status quo of each participating institution, as those on the field have feared. Joint promotional efforts, instead of perpetuating the status quo will be our most powerful force for bringing about as radical changes as may be necessary.

Dr. Stuart's letter of Christmas Day. We have already given this fairly wide circulation here in North America and will probably use it more widely still. If you would like to have us send you additional copies of this letter for your use in Great Britain we will be glad to supply whatever quantity you desire.

General Financial Situation at Yenching. I am enclosing a copy of Dr. Stuart's letter of January 6th addressed to the Board of Trustees, discussing the whole problem of University finances somewhat more definitely than in the communications attached to my letter of February 13th. Your observations on the general situation at Yenching are so very pertinent and well-considered that I am taking the liberty of passing them on to Dr. Stuart. I hope that you will find an opportunity to write him somewhat more fully along these same lines.

Letters to Mr. MacLennan. I will be very glad to follow out your suggestion of sending Mr. MacLennan both a copy of my letter of February 13th and also of this present letter with its enclosures, together with a copy of the minutes of the March 1st meeting of our Yenching Executive and Finance Committees. I hope that it will be possible for Mr. MacLennan to talk all these matters over very thoroughly with Dr. Stuart.

I wish that it might be possible for you or Mr. Brown to be present at the Annual Meeting of our Yenching trustees the last week in April but I expect that is out of the question. I am enclosing a copy of the notice we are sending all members of our Associated Boards as to the schedule of meetings we will be holding that week. We could assure you of a very active four days.

Very cordially yours,

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March 16, 1934

Mr. F. H. Hawkins
London Missionary Society
Westminster, S.W.1, England

My dear Mr. Hawkins:

I have your letter of March 7th which you have marked "confidential". In accordance with your suggestion I talked with Dr. Warnshuis as to the possibility of bringing one of the outstanding Friends here in America on our Yenching Board of Trustees. Even before your letter arrived we were discussing Dr. Aydelotte as a possible member of the Yenching Board of Trustees, representing the London Missionary Society. Whether Dr. Aydelotte or Dr. Rufus Jones would be the better representative is a question which Dr. Warnshuis is raising with you in a letter which he is probably writing today. I believe that either of these two men would be able to render a very fine service.

You also raise the question as to whether you might not withdraw from the Yenching Board so as to leave one of the four L. M. S. places vacant for Dr. Jones or Dr. Aydelotte. I hope, very much, that you will not do this. It seems to me that under the circumstances either Dr. Jones or Dr. Aydelotte would be quite willing to serve on the Yenching Board as your alternate. If there were any embarrassment whatever in asking either of these men to serve as your alternate, I am quite sure that Dr. Warnshuis or Miss Burton would be quite willing to accept the position of an alternate representing either you or Mr. Brown, so as to leave their place vacant for Dr. Aydelotte or Dr. Jones. At all events, we ought to keep both you and Mr. Brown on our Yenching Board as regular Trustees.

For your information, provisions in the Yenching Constitution for the representation on the Yenching Board of Trustees read as follows:

" A minimum qualification for affiliation with the privilege of electing one Trustee shall be a contribution of (a) a missionary teacher with residence or rent and G\$1,000. annually for maintenance; or (b) G\$5,000. annually; or (c) G\$100,000. for capital purposes. "

Very cordially yours,

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My dear Garside,

Many thanks for your letters of the 7th and 10th ^{not in file} instant which reached me together on the 22nd instant, with the enclosures which I have read with deep interest.

I have no doubt Mr. MacLennan will talk over the Yenching situation with Dr. Stuart when he is in Peiping at the end of next month. You will no doubt be seeing him on his way home from China in the autumn.

I shall be very interested to see the Minutes of the Yenching Board next month. The situation is a very difficult one. I am afraid there is no prospect of providing funds for Miss Bent's return.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

F. H. Hawkins

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ENCLOSURE.

30th March 1934.

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B.A. Garside Esq.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK.

My dear Garside,

Many thanks for your letter of the 16th instant which reached me on 23rd instant with regard to the L.M.S. Trusteeship of Yenching and the suggestion with regard to the election of Dr. Rufus Jones or Dr. Aydelotte as Trustees representing the L.M.S.

I have brought the whole matter before our China Committee at its meeting last Tuesday and explained the situation. Our Directors felt that they would prefer Dr. Rufus Jones or Dr. Aydelotte to be elected a Trustee to represent the L.M.S. and at the same time to represent indirectly the Friends' Service Council. They therefore nominated Dr. Rufus Jones as a Trustee in my place, or, failing him Dr. Aydelotte. I have therefore written to Dr. Rufus Jones asking him whether he will accept the position of Trustee, and I enclose copy of my letter to him for your information. I think perhaps it is better that the first approach to Dr. Jones should come through me, and I earnestly hope he will accept the position. In view of the

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meeting of the Board next month I am asking Dr. Jones to let me know whether he will do so.

As you know, the Rev. T. Cocker Brown has been elected a Trustee in the place of the late Dr. Hodgkin.

I am much gratified at your suggestion that I should remain a Trustee in spite of the fact that I am ceasing to be Foreign Secretary of the L.M.S., and that this should be arranged by suggesting to Dr. Warnshuis or Miss Burton that they should vacate their position as Trustee in order that I may remain on the Board and appoint one of them as my alternate. I of course shall be very sorry to vacate my position as a Trustee, but I think it is not worth while for me to remain on the Board in view of the fact that it is unlikely that I shall be able in the future to attend the meetings. It is possible that I might be able to attend one more meeting on my way to or from China if I decide to pay a visit there during the next year or two, but probably there will be great difficulty in fixing a convenient date. If I go to China I must be present at the P.U.M.C. Annual Meeting on the second Wednesday in April, which is a statutory date. In all the circumstances therefore I think it will be better not to take advantage of your kind suggestion.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Warnshuis.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

J. L. Hawkins

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*Sent to Mr.
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30th March 1934.

Dr. Rufus Jones,
Haverford College,
Haverford PA.,
North America.

My dear Dr. Jones,

It is a great pleasure to have an opportunity of getting into correspondence with you again.

This time I want to write to you with regard to the Yenching University.

A Quaker lady, Miss Lucy Burtt, has for the last few years been on the staff at Yenching and has been rendering simply invaluable service. We were exceedingly sorry to find that for financial reasons Dr. Leighton Stuart, the Principal, has been unable to invite her back to Yenching, where her loss would be very greatly felt.

Fortunately, however, the Friends' Service Council have undertaken to provide her support and she will be returning to Yenching in the course of the next few months.

The support of one member of the staff does not qualify the Friends' Service Council to be represented on the Board of Trustees of the Yenching University. I am going off

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that Board in view of the fact that I cease to be Foreign Secretary of the L.M.S. at the end of next month, retiring under the Society's regulations with regard to the age limit for Secretaries (as a matter of fact I shall be nearly six years beyond the retiring age when I go at the end of next month).

I made the suggestion to the Friends that the L.M.S. should elect you as one of their four representatives on the Board. (The other three are my successor, Rev. T. Cocker Brown, Dr. Warnshuis and Miss Burton, both of New York. Miss Burton is the daughter of the late Dr. Burton, part author of the China Education Report of 1922). The Friends very gratefully accepted the suggestion, and at a meeting of our Directors held this week you were appointed an L.M.S. representative on the Yenching Board in my place. I had previously ascertained from New York that this appointment would be entirely acceptable to the Trustees.

I am now writing to you to urge you to accept the position and I shall be very glad to hear that you are able to do so. We all think that in view of Miss Hurr's return to China it would be a very satisfactory arrangement if you are able to serve and so identify the Friends' Service Council with the work of the University.

The demands on your time would be very small. All that it would be necessary for you to do would be to attend two or three meetings of the Trustees in New York in the course of the

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year.

Would you kindly let me hear from you if you can accept the position. The Annual Meeting of the Trustees is to be held in New York on Wednesday, 25th April. In view of this fact I shall be grateful if you would kindly communicate your decision to Mr. B.A. Garside, of 150 Fifth Avenue, New York so that if you accept the invitation, as I sincerely hope you will do, he may send you the docket for the forthcoming Meeting.

I may add that our Directors would be very gratified if you can comply with their request.

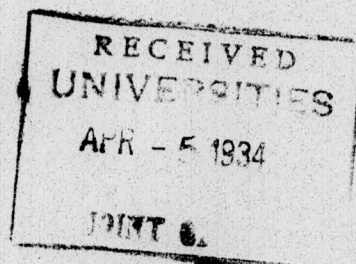
With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

F.H. HAWKINS

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April 10, 1934

TRANSFER

Mr. F. E. Hawkins
Livingstone House
Broadway
Westminster, S.W.1
England

My dear Mr. Hawkins:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 30th together with the letter you wrote Dr. Rufus Jones on that same date.

I had occasion to talk to Dr. Jones by long distance telephone a few days ago and found him very keenly interested in the request that he serve on our Board of Trustees. I gained the impression that he is willing to accept appointment as one of the L.M.S. representatives. I know that our Yenching Trustees will be very happy to welcome him in this relationship.

We regret very deeply that you are severing your formal connection with the Yenching Board. But in any event we will always be confident of the continuation of your warm and sympathetic interest in the University. If you can ever arrange your plans so that you can be present at any meetings of the Yenching Trustees, we hope that you will always do so. When your plans for your trip to China next year are more definitely settled, I hope you will come through New York, and that we can arrange for meetings of both our Yenching and our Cheeloo Boards at dates when you can be with us.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

BAG:MP

Cc: Dr. Warnshuis

P.S. Let me also acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 29th which has arrived since the above was dictated.

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20th April 1934.

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B.A. Garside Esq.,
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK.

My dear Garside,

Many thanks for your letter of the 10th instant which I received yesterday. The same mail brought me a letter from Dr. Rufus Jones accepting nomination as a Trustee representing the London Missionary Society on the Yenching Board, and for your information I enclose a copy of it. It is a great satisfaction to the L.M.S. that he will be serving as one of their representatives on the Board. Of course, he will unofficially represent the Friends' Service Council as well.

I thank you very warmly for your kind words with regard to my retirement, and can assure you that I am sorry to go. I shall still be deeply interested in Yenching and it will be a great delight if I am ever able to accept your kind suggestion that if I am in New York I should be present at any meeting which may be held, and I trust that occasionally this may be possible. Might I ask you if you will be kind enough to keep me on your mailing list for any Minutes or Reports that I have hitherto received so that I may keep in as close

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Mr. B.A. Garside.

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touch as possible with what is going on. For the present my address will be: 90 Burbage Road, London, S.E.24. I shall esteem it a great favour if you can comply with my request. I will make a point of letting you know well beforehand if and when I am likely to be in New York. I am being appointed an honorary director of the L.M.S. and on its China Committee.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you very warmly for your kindness and courtesy which you have shown me for many years past, and to send you my warmest good wishes for the onerous work you are carrying on for the Christian Colleges in China.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

F. H. Hawkins

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HAVERFORD COLLEGE

Haverford, Pa.

April 7, 1934.

Mr. F.H. Hawkins,
London Missionary Society,
Livingstone House,
Broadway, Westminster, S.W.1.
London, England.

My dear Friend:

It was a great pleasure to have your letter of March 30th. I am very much interested in Lucy Burt, and have just made a financial contribution toward her salary, of which American Friends have decided to subscribe a part to help the Friends Service Council.

I am very sorry to hear that you are retiring. It just happens that I am also retiring, and that I like you have gone six years beyond the retiring age.

I have just been talking over the long distance telephone with Mr. Garside today. I have decided that I will accept the invitation to become a representative of the Friends Service Council, or is it to represent I.M.S.?, on the Yenching University Board. I am very keen indeed about the University. I am not quite certain that I can attend the meeting on April 25th, but I shall do so if there is any possibility of making the arrangements to be there.

With warm regards,

Sincerely your friend,

(Signed) RUFUS M. JONES.

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May 4, 1934

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Mr. F. H. Hawkins
90 Burbage Road
London S.E.24, ENGLAND

My dear Mr. Hawkins:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 20th, commenting on Dr. Jones' acceptance of nomination as your successor on our Yenching Board of Trustees.

While our Yenching Trustees were very happy to add Dr. Jones to their number, they were profoundly regretful to learn of your withdrawal. This regret was expressed in the following resolution:-

"VOTED that the Trustees of Yenching University express to Mr. F. H. Hawkins their profound regret that, because of his withdrawal from the Foreign Secretaryship of the London Missionary Society, he has felt impelled to give up also his membership on the Yenching Board of Trustees. Since Yenching became a union institution in 1915, Mr. Hawkins has been constantly active in its behalf. He took the lead in bringing about, in 1917, the addition of the London Missionary Society to the group of boards participating in Yenching. He has served continuously as a trustee for more than sixteen years, during which time he has made numerous trips to America in order to attend the annual meetings of this Board. At all times he has shown clear judgment and given wise counsel on matters of University policy. The Trustees would assure Mr. Hawkins of their confident hope that the termination of his official relationship to this Board will not mean any diminution whatever in his warm and helpful interest in the continued welfare of the University."

We will be very glad indeed to keep you on our mailing list for Yenching material. I note that material should be addressed to 90 Burbage Road, London, S.E.24.

In anticipation of the pleasure of seeing you at Oxford in June, I am

Very cordially yours,

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Rev. T. Cocker Brown
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House, Broadway
Westminster S.W.1, London, England

My dear Mr. Brown:

I attach hereto an excerpt from the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Yenching University held on January 31st, together with the following additional documents: -

President Stuart's letter of June 25th, 1934
President Stuart's letter of December 17th, 1934
Proposed amendment of sections 1 and 2 of Article VII of the Constitution of Yenching University defining the composition of the Board of Managers

You will see from a study of the attached material that the Board of Managers in conformity with a recent ruling of the Ministry of Education of the Chinese Government have taken initial steps toward the reorganization of the Board of Managers reducing the total membership from twenty-one to fifteen. The Board of Managers heretofore has been made up of eight representatives of the cooperating missionary bodies, five representatives from the University and eight coopted members. It is proposed that the new Board shall be composed of four representatives of the cooperating mission bodies and eleven coopted members. You will note that in the provisions for the cooption of the new board as well as of the old, we find the following requirements:- "An essential and the sole religious qualification for membership shall be profession of evangelical faith and loyalty to Jesus Christ." The reasons for this proposed change are set forth in detail in the two communications from Dr. Stuart.

The Constitution of Yenching University requires that any amendment to Sections 1 and 2 of Article VII, defining the composition of the Board of Managers, shall become effective only with the approval of a majority of the four missionary bodies cooperating in the University. We request, therefore, that you bring this proposed amendment to the attention of the London Missionary Society or to whatever group within your Board has jurisdiction in the matter, for its consideration and action thereon.

Very sincerely yours,

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PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Committee gave consideration to the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Managers held June 23rd and December 10th, 1934, and to letters from President Stuart under date of June 25th and December 17th 1934. At the June meeting, the Board of Managers agreed to the necessity of constituting the Managers in harmony with the regulations of the Chinese Ministry of Education in such a way as to reduce the membership from twenty-one members to fifteen members. Heretofore the composition of the Board of ~~Managers~~ has consisted of eight representatives of the constituent mission boards (two from the field groups of each of the four constituent boards five representatives from the University faculty and administration, and eight coopted members. It has now been proposed that the Board of Managers consist of four representatives from the constituent mission boards (one from the field group of each constituent mission board) and eleven coopted members. It was noted by the Executive Committee that this reorganization of the Board of Managers calls for the amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of Yenching University and that such amendment would require the approval both of the Yenching Board of Trustees and also of a majority of the four mission boards cooperating in the University. After full discussion, it was

- E-3368 VOTED that the Executive Committee notify the Yenching Board of Trustees of the Proposed amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of Yenching University, as attached to these minutes as Appendix A.
- E-3369 VOTED that the Executive Committee request the Secretary to inform the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the London Missionary Society, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. of the proposed amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of Yenching University, supplying them with copies of the communications received from President Stuart with reference to these proposed changes, and that each of these mission boards be requested to express their approval or disapproval of this proposed amendment.
- E-3370 VOTED that the Chairman of the Executive Committee be requested to convey to President Stuart the substance of the Committee's discussion with reference to the proposed amendment of Article VII of the Constitution of the University and that copies of his communication be sent to Dr. George T. Scott and Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield with a request that they discuss these matters with the field authorities of the University.

The Committee also reviewed the proposed new Constitution of the Board of Managers of Yenching University, the By-laws of the Board of Managers of Yenching University, and a document drafted on the field under the title of "Tentative Revised Constitution" for submission to the Ministry of Education. It was noted that these documents had not yet been officially adopted by the Board of Managers and that, therefore, they are not yet ready for formal approval or disapproval by the Board of Trustees.

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1st April 1935.

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue, NEW YORK.

Dear Mr. Garside,

I have to acknowledge, with many thanks, your letter of March 5th re the proposed reorganisation of the Yenching Board of Managers, with various enclosures relating thereto. I submitted the point at issue to our China Committee at its recent Meeting, and that Committee approved of the proposed Amendment to Article VII of the Constitution of Yenching University, as set forth in E 3369, and Appendix A. attached thereto.

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Yours sincerely,

T. Cocker Brown

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May 28, 1935

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Rev. T. Cooker Brown
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House
Broadway, Westminster, S.W.1
England

My dear Brown:

Thank you for your letter of April 1st telling of the action of your China Committee with reference to the proposed reorganization of the Yenching Board of Managers.

I enclose, herewith, a copy of the minutes of the annual meeting of our Yenching trustees at which time this question was given very careful study. You will notice the recommendation of the trustees that the field continue to provide for eight representatives of the cooperating missions, and of the Chinese churches which we have founded, on our Yenching Board of Managers. While the trustees are in wholehearted agreement with the desirability of making the Board of Managers predominantly Chinese, they do have a conviction that, for the present at least, it would be wise to have a rather influential representative of these organized Christian forces on the body which is directly responsible for the administration and control of the University. I hope that the actions taken by the Yenching trustees are in full accord with the judgment of our British colleagues.

Is there any possibility of your coming over for the meetings here in New York during the latter part of September and the first of October? You could make a very valuable contribution to all these meetings, and we would be very happy to have the privilege of having you here.

Very cordially yours,

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7th June 1935.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue. NEW YORK.

My dear Garside,

Many thanks for your letter of May 28th enclosing the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Yenching Trustees. The general outlook in regard to Yenching appears to be very cheering as compared with what seemed very possible a few months ago. To have so far successfully weathered its financial crisis is a proof of the strength and stability of the University, but I can imagine the anxieties that fill the mind of those of you who are so deeply concerned in its affairs. I am not surprised at the action taken in regard to representation on the Field Board; we did not feel that we could take action of that kind, though we are quite conscious of the unsatisfactory position that we should be in under the revised Constitution. One sympathises very much with the desire of the administrative heads of the University to get the kind of people on the Field Board who are able to deal adequately with the complicated affairs of such an Institution, but I quite agree with the statement of the importance of Mission representation being maintained, especially in the case of Missions who have such a large stake in Yenching.

I have been very deeply interested in the developments that are taking place in the plans of Yenching for giving a wider service to the community in the rural field. I fought for years to get Cheeloo to take up the task that had been appointed to them along this very line. The Board of Directors was keen on the project, up to a point, but the later administrative heads of the University were entirely opposed to the scheme and have simply side-tracked by various means. It looks as if Cheeloo had lost its opportunity of rendering that particular line of service and that the privilege is passing over to Yenching. The whole situation at Cheeloo is deeply disturbing. We had a very frank discussion with Shields on the whole question last week, and the Board meets in a fortnight's time to take definite action. It seems to be pretty clear that some drastic reorganisation is called for, and it may well be that the temporary closure of the Arts & Science School, as at present organised, will be forced upon us. For myself I should regard such a development as a positive disaster,

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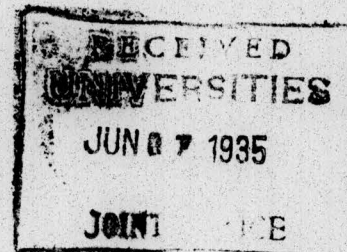
but I quite see the possibility of that line of policy being forced upon us. But that is a point which our Board will discuss at its forthcoming Meeting, I have no doubt. I am glad that some of our representatives will have the opportunity of discussing matters with you in person in September. I only wish that it had been possible for me to be present, but that is quite out of the question. Our General Secretary, Mr. Chirgwin, will be making the trip to the States to attend the Meeting of the I.M.C. and MacLennan will be with you, of course. May you be guided to a wise decision in what is an extraordinarily difficult situation.

With best wishes,

I am,

Yours truly,

T. Cocke Brown



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YENCHING

June 25, 1935

Rev. T. Cocker Brown
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House
Broadway, Westminster, S.W.1.
England

My dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your letter of June 7th commenting on both Yenching and Cheeloo matters.

We are glad that the actions taken by our Yenching Trustees with regard to representation of the Missions and Chinese churches on the field Board of Managers meets with your approval. We were sorry that we did not have an opportunity to consult fully and informally with our friends in the London Missionary Society before our meeting in May.

We are looking forward to Dr. Shields' arrival in America a few days hence. While it will be too late to get a satisfactory meeting of our North American Section before the end of the summer we will try to secure as representative a group as we can to talk matters over with him at least informally.

We are glad to have Dr. George T. Scott back in New York, and look forward to the return of Dr. E. H. Hume, Dr. W. C. Fairfield, Mr. F. T. Cartwright during the coming weeks. By the time our Cheeloo governors assemble for the Annual Meeting at the end of September we ought to have a very good general understanding of actual conditions and trends at the University. Whether we will have the wisdom to determine wise policies for the future remains to be seen. I have been particularly disappointed that most of those ^{with} whom I have talked or corresponded seem to be ardent advocates of some one or another of several widely divergent groups. It has been difficult to find anyone who sees all phases of the situation impartially. We regret that it does not seem possible for you to plan to attend the Annual Meeting of the Cheeloo Governors in September. We will, however, be happy to have Mr. Chirgwin and Mr. MacLennan with us.

Very cordially yours,

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14th October 1935.

B.A. Garside, Esq.,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK.

Dear Garside,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your note of September 10th enclosing the statement from President Stuart in regard to the Yenching School of Religion. Our China Council has recommended the appointment of one of our North China missionaries to the School of Religion and I am quite hopeful that that appointment will be approved by our Board, though that action has not yet been taken. The man in question is, I think, very suitable and I shall be glad when we again have an official representative on the staff of the College. To a large extent it is an act of faith; up to date the School of Religion does not seem to have achieved what is hoped of it in the way of attracting any significant body of students, but that there should be a School of that grade in China requires no demonstration, at least to me, and I suppose that sometime or other our Churches in China will realise the necessity of a ministry with some such training as Yenching gives.

I am looking forward with great interest to receiving reports of the various meetings that have been held while our British representatives were in the States for the I.M.C. Meetings.

With best wishes,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

T. Cocker Brown

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Yenching

October 28, 1935

Rev. T. Cocker Brown
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House
Broadway, Westminster, S.W.1

My dear Dr. Brown:

We are delighted to learn from your letter of October 14th that the China Council of the London Missionary Society has recommended the appointment of one of your North China missionaries to the Yenching School of Religion. We certainly hope that this recommendation will be carried through.

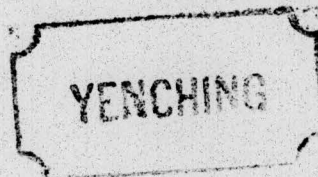
President Stuart is now on his way to America, and will be arriving in New York shortly after the middle of November. The whole problem of the support of the School of Religion is one of the most urgent matters he will be discussing with the Yenching Trustees. I will report to him and to our Trustees your letter of October 14th, and in particular will call their attention to your comment on the importance of the Yenching School of Religion taking an increasing part in the development of a ministry with such training as Yenching is able to give.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Hawkins



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February 19, 1936

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Mrs. F. H. Hawkins
90 Burbage Road
London, S.E.24, England

My dear Mrs. Hawkins:

The news of Mr. Hawkins' death has come as a great shock to all of his friends here in America. Those of us who have had the privilege of working with him in the interests of our Christian Colleges in China feel that we have lost a very dear friend, and that these Colleges have been deprived of one of their most faithful servants.

Our contacts with Mr. Hawkins have been chiefly through his connections with the Cheeloo Board of Governors, the Yenching Board of Trustees, and the Hua Chung Board of Trustees, but we always had the feeling that his knowledge of and interest in Christian higher education in China was nation-wide in its scope, and that he had a broad and statesmanlike grasp of the whole program of Christian service to the Chinese people.

I know that the members of the Cheeloo Board of Governors, the Yenching Board of Trustees, and the Hua Chung Board of Trustees will wish to express unitedly their sense of loss and sorrow. But since it will be a little time before these groups will be meeting, I am taking this opportunity of sending you this note of personal sympathy in this time of bereavement.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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CHELWOOD,

LEDBOROUGH LANE,

BEACONSFIELD.

February 27th 1936.

B. A. Garside Esq.

Dear Mr Garside,

I am writing on behalf
of my mother to thank you
for your letter of February 19th.
She deeply appreciates all the
kind things you say about
my Father; and also the
expression of your sympathy
with her at this time.

Although my Father
was so ill for many months
before his death, he

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maintained his interest
in missionary work right
up to the end; and we have
remarked more than once
on the way in which he
seemed to "become alive"
when one of his colleagues
from the L. M. S. called
and gave him the latest
news from the mission
field.

Since his death, it
has fallen to me to have
to go through his papers

and I can testify from
that how very keenly
interested he was in the
work of the Christian
Colleges in China which
you represent.

It was extremely
kind of you to write and
we greatly value your
sympathy.

Yours very sincerely,

Y. H. Hawkin.

L.M.S.

YENCHING

March 3, 1936

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Rev. Thomas Cocker Brown
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House
Broadway
Westminster, S.W.1,
London, England

My dear Mr. Brown:

We have already sent you a copy of the minutes of the February 21st meeting of the Trustees of Yenching University. May I now, as a matter of formal record, call to your attention, and request that you communicate in due course to the London Missionary Society, the following actions which were unanimously adopted by all those present at the meeting of the Yenching Trustees on February 21st:-

"VOTED (1) That the Trustees of Yenching University record their conviction that the time has now arrived when there should be one united Board of trustees (or Founders) for Christian higher education in China.

"(2) That the Secretary be requested to communicate to the boards of trustees of the other Christian universities and colleges of China the desire of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University to join with them in the formation of such a united board.

"(3) That we request the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China to appoint a committee which will present to the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards a plan upon which such a united board can be formed."

"VOTED that the above action be communicated to each of the Mission Boards participating in Yenching University."

As you know, this proposal for a united board of trustees for Christian Colleges in China is one which has long been carefully studied here in North America. In the fall of 1930 and the spring of 1931 the North American Section of our Cheeloo Governors went on record as favoring such a united board. the matter has been favorably discussed by several of our other Boards of Trustees also, and we hope that during the next few months there will be sufficient support for this proposal to justify our going forward.

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In all of our discussions here in North America, we have, however, tried to keep in mind the interests and attitudes of our British colleagues, and have been anxious that any step we take may be in accordance with your best judgment of what is wise and expedient. Our British colleagues have a very substantial interest in Cheeloo, West China, Hua Chung, and Yenching, and a somewhat smaller share in several of the other universities and colleges. We must be guided by your wishes in any steps we take here affecting the home base interests of these institutions.

We are anxious, therefore, to have the comments and criticisms of our British friends concerning this proposal. Would it be possible and desirable for the British groups having a share in Christian higher education in China to form some such unified group of their own - perhaps using the United Committee for Christian Universities of China as the basis for such an organization? If this were accomplished, we might then have a British Section and a North American Section of such a united board, working together in much the same manner that the British Section and the North American Section of our Cheeloo Board of Governors now function. Or would some other type of organization be better adapted to British conditions and preferences?

During the next fortnight we will be having a meeting of our Associated Boards Executive Committee. At that time a special committee will probably be appointed to give intensive study to this whole matter. I know that such a committee would heartily welcome the comments and suggestions from London.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Castleton for his information. I am also requesting Dr. Warnshuis to write you as one of the representatives of the London Missionary Society on the Yenching Board to give you his observations and recommendations.

Very sincerely yours,

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Encl.

Dr. Warnshuis
Mr. Castleton

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March 11, 1936

Rev. T. C. Brown
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House
Broadway
Westminster, S.W.1, London
England

Dear Mr. Brown:

The Promotional Committee by direction of the Board of Trustees is actively pushing the emergency campaign to stabilize our Yenching finances until the time when the greater needs of the University can be adequately provided. We have made real progress, as the attached report will show. Much remains to be done. Your sustained cooperation makes triumphant our hopes that our objectives will be fully realized.

The above is largely for your information. You have friends whom your persuasion could interest in aiding at this juncture. May we hope for a word of encouragement from you?

I am,

Very fraternally yours,

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Chairman, Promotion Committee

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
American Office,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK.

Dear Mr. Garside,

I have to thank you for the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Yenching and your letter of 3rd March re the proposal to form a United Board for Christian Higher Education in China. At this juncture I can only express my personal opinion as being quite decidedly in favour of this proposal. I shall bring it to our L.M.S. Committees next week and I have no doubt that they will refer it for favourable consideration to the United Committee for Christian Universities in China. It is not easy to see just how one Board would act as between the States and Britain but I have no doubt that some feasible scheme can be formulated.

I am glad to see that your vigorous promotional efforts in favour of Yenching are meeting at least with some encouragement. Similar efforts on this side get very little response.

With best wishes,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

T. Cocker Brown

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March 31, 1936

Rev. T. Cocker Brown
London Missionary Society
Livingstone House
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Westminster, S.W.1, England

My dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your letter of March 19th. We are glad that the recommendation of the Yenching Trustees with regard to a United Board impresses you favorably. My own personal feeling has been that this proposal of the Yenching Board was one of the most generous and statesmanlike actions taken by any of our College groups for a number of years. I sincerely hope that the other Boards of Trustees and the various participating Mission Boards will, after mature consideration, give their approval to the proposal, and that some practical plan of organizing such a Board can be worked out.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of our Associated Boards Executive Committee held on March 18th. You will note that the Committee appointed a special committee to explore the practical possibilities of such a United Board including both the working out of some practical plan for organizing such a group and also preparing an appraisal of the comparative advantages and disadvantages. This special committee has already begun its preliminary exploration and is holding its first meeting tomorrow.

I have been keeping Castleton informed of what we are doing and planning, and am leaving largely in his hands the dissemination of this information among the various groups in Great Britain.

I know we all recognize that in a matter of such great importance we must proceed deliberately and must study each step carefully. Furthermore, we must reckon with the fact that it takes a long time for all the groups concerned to give careful study to these matters and to reach definite decisions. On the other hand, we must be on guard against the fate which overtakes so many worthy proposals - that of becoming so involved in the complexities of institutional and denominational organizations that nothing is ever really accomplished.

Very sincerely yours,

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1st April 1936.

Mr. E. M. McBrier,
American Office,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK.

Dear Mr. McBrier,

I find that I have delayed a very long time in acknowledging with many thanks your letter of 7th February detailing the activities of your Promotional Committee, both for Yenching University and for the Associated Boards. You are very much to be congratulated on the results that you are achieving in these days of extreme difficulty and the vigour with which you are pressing your campaign makes one feel ashamed of our small efforts on this side. I regret to say that such efforts as we do make, for instance, our Indian Colleges appeal, meet with a very disappointing response on the part of our monied people. There is evidently a much more lukewarm faith in the value of education in Britain as compared with the U.S.A.

With best wishes for the success of your work,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

T. Cocker Brown

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14th September 1936.

Mr. George G. Barber,
President, Board of Trustees,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Barber,

Very many thanks for your letter of 27th August enclosing the very interesting account of the celebrations at Yenching in connection with Dr. Leighton Stuart's sixtieth birthday. It was certainly made a very notable occasion and is a splendid testimony to the great service that Dr. Stuart has rendered to Yenching, and indeed, to the whole Christian movement in China. I think we may equally regard it as a recognition of the great position that Yenching has made for itself in China, and congratulate ourselves that we have been privileged to have a small share in the building up of that work. I can heartily congratulate the Board of Trustees in the States for the splendid way in which you have backed up that great project and the sacrificial work which many of you have put into the whole scheme. We can sincerely thank God that He has so abundantly used that service in the building up of a fine piece of work like Yenching. Very many thanks too for the excellent snapshot of the Doctor.

With best wishes,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

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6th November 1936.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Assistant Treasurer,
Yenching University
American Office,
150 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I have to acknowledge with very many thanks your
note of 8th October enclosing the Annual Report of the
Yenching University for the year ending 30th June 1936.

I have studied it with great interest and some comfort even
since there are signs of some elasticity in the resources
of the University.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

T. Cocker Brown

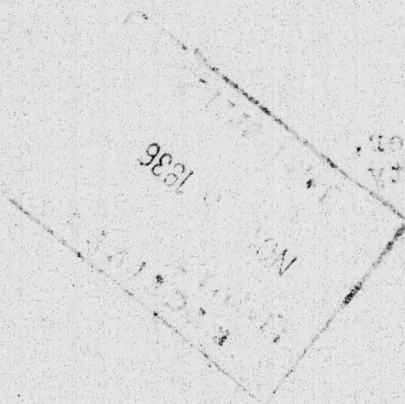
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