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Chengtu, Sze.Ch.  
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Dear Mr. Evans;

I should write a word about Yenching University. You will have received my cable asking you to pay Mr. Franklin ten thousand and charge to Yen- ching University at the end of December. Usually the funds arrive from Mr. Ed- wards but for the month of December we were short to meet the salaries and I had to sell funds at once - there was not time to wait for a remittance from Mr. Edwards. We wrote him at once and he has approved the transaction, we are entering it on our records as if he had sent it to us. Ithas raised the whole question of remittances as we can receive better rates than to have the money sent through Chungking. He has to pay bank transfer fees each time - we avoid this by having the money sent directly here. As soon as this point is settled, we will let you know but for the present continue to consider the funds will go the way of Mr. Edwards.

Yenching University has their staff and students with most of their work in the city - some distance from the campus and I am finding it increasingly difficult to keep track of all the details for their accounts. It involves trips to their center which consume time and money and I simply have not the time or energy to attend all the meetings that should be attended to keep in close touch with their work. To date we have done all accounts for them and I was fortunate in find- ing a young lad who by November 1st was able to do most of their books with only oversight from me. It was a great blow to have him tell him twodays ago that he had been offered a better post - around 500. more per month that we could hop to pay, so the whole detailed accounting falls back on my desk.

Therefore we are trying to find a solution. Mr. Harold Robinson of the Am. Board Mission (congregational) is here without any definite work. He is a North China person, has had experience in administration work and the local group has agreed to the proposal that he should spend a considerable amount of his time in Yenching. I am asking him to take over the full responsibility as treasurer of Yenching in Chengtu - Dr. Mei is anxious to have me maintain some connection so Yenching shares in our common requests, reports etc. He feels there is great value in having one treasurer at this time who can put together in the same gen- eral way reports and statements for all five institutions. I see some value in this request, and if I can be relieved of the harrowing details it may be possible to work out some method of continuing this connection. As soon as we know how to manage it I will let you know.

Just a word about Cheeloo. I wish the whole matter was settled but it is still troublesome. The formal letter has finally arrived and we cannot see how the former president can continue to maintain connections but he seems able to do so and it is still a great confusion. His latest act was an attempt to tie up the bank account, but I was able to prevent serious consequences as one of my friends in the bank gave me an inkling before it was actually done. This kind of con- tinual annoyances is most trying. Mr. Tang is here now and we are hoping he will take over responsibility - so far the school has been running more or less on its own momentum with a bit of guiding behind the scenes but this cannot be continued. If so I shall have to resign! Some day you may hear all the de- tails of this great tragedy but for the moment let me simply say it is the most trying experience in the twenty-two years I have spent in China.

And of West China. We expect Mr. Harold Robertson to return to the campus today and hope he will be physically able to handle about three hours work a day. Mr. Small is giving help time to language study but he can manage the ledgers so I am only giving help occasionally on their books. I am continuing to manage the U.S. accounts for them. They have had hard luck in their staff for their cashier has been out for two months with pneumonia etc. but he ought to be back next week. We have our problems with staff these days.

I will write you in more detail about Nanking and Ginling. I appreciate very the very fine sympathetic attitude you have taken, and the board as well, of great need this year and feel sure you will help us out. Sincerely yours,  
Felix Mc...

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