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CIRCULATION VOTE
McBRIER FOUNDATION COMMITTEE
YENCHING UNIVERSITY

January 5, 1945

List of Members:

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield
Dr. Sidney D. Gamble
Dr. Eric M. North

The above listed members have approved the action regarding Dr. Yung Ch'ing Wei as set forth in Mr. Evans' letter of January 5, 1945.

MODIFICATION OF BUDGET FOR WORK AT CHENG TU

The following was presented to the Committee for consideration as a request had been received from Dr. Yung Ch'ing Wei for additional funds to carry on the work:

"You will recall that the Committee approved the budget of \$1,300 which was submitted last fall and suggested that it would be given sympathetic consideration for any broadening of the Religious Program, but that it would be responsible for only that part of salary which could be assigned to the religious budget.

Dr. Wei states that it is impossible from the limited budget to pay the ricksha fare between the various places where his work takes him. This means between Yenching University, West China campus, Y.M.C.A. in the city, as well as several churches in the city. The situation was submitted to the Federated Committee which has charge of the religious activities of the various institutions and they approved the expenditure of LC\$51,450 which, at the present rate of exchange, is equivalent to \$150.00

Dr. Wei further states that the \$1,300 is totally inadequate under present conditions -- the budget having been set up early in July -- and requests \$600.00 additional to make up the difference and at the same time buy some text books for the use of the religious discussion group. This also includes some mimeographing for some of the religious classes."

As a result of the foregoing explanation, it was unanimously

MF-3867 VOTED that the equivalent of \$51,450 local currency be appropriated to pay for a bicycle for Dr. Yung Ch'ing Wei and that \$600.00 be added to the original budget of \$1,300.00

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. EVANS

CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF INCOME FROM THEMcBRIER FOUNDATION FOR BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION AND CHRISTIAN WORK.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Yenching University held June 19, 1929 at 3:30 P.M. at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, the following action was taken:

ACTION

- "E - 2623, VOTED that the Executive Committee on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University, records the profound gratitude of the University for the generous and wisely planned gift of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McBrier to be known as the "McBrier Foundation for Biblical Instruction and Christian Work"; and hereby approves the following resolution:
- "(a) "The Trustees of Peking University (Yenching University) agree to accept this gift of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) on the understanding that same is to be known as the "McBRIER FOUNDATION FOR BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION AND CHRISTIAN WORK", the principal sum to be maintained intact as a permanent fund, and the income therefrom to be used as indicated in the manner hereinafter described. The Trustees may, if they so desire, consolidate the investment of this fund with the investment of other endowment funds similarly to be held in perpetuity, but the accounting of this fund is to be kept administered separately from the income from other funds."
- "(b) "We understand that the purpose of the donors in creating this Fund is to provide an annual income which is to be used outside of the regular budget items of the University to promote and carry on such types of Christian work and Bible study among the students as will be instrumental in leading them into a personal experience of faith in and obedience to Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord; that the object to be attained by the use of the income from this Fund is to make the University more decidedly a Christian Institution by increasing the distinctly Christian Work among the students; that no part of said income is to be used for salaries or expenses of the regular teaching staff or the regular curriculum work in any department, but is to be used exclusively for supplementary and special types of distinctly Christian work which the regular teaching staff may not find it possible to undertake; all this in order to enlarge and emphasize the distinctly Christian character of the University."
- "In accepting this gift the Trustees do hereby obligate themselves to insure that the income accruing therefrom be continuously and entirely devoted to the purposes designated by the donors and that definitely Christian work be carried on among the students in the form of evangelistic or other public meetings, lectures, personal evangelism, personal interviews, Bible study, and other activities, all of which shall have as their object the relating of individual students to the Lord Jesus Christ and leading them to adopt His program of life; this work to be done by men and women selected because of their special fitness and equipment for this type of service; and that this work shall be conducted in conformity with those beliefs which in the history of the Christian Church have always been recognized as Evangelical, and with the express intention of leading to or strengthening faith in our Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Saviour of the world. It is understood that this action does not commit the University to the defense of any particular

school of Bible criticism or of theological thought, but it does provide for the preaching of the gospel and teaching of the Bible upon this Foundation as the abiding source and stimulus of vital Christianity."

- "(c) "The Trustees agree, that in the event that future conditions should be such, that work could not be conducted in the Peking University (Yenching University) then the principal of this foundation and any unused income therefrom shall be paid over to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, incorporated by the legislature of the State of New York, or its successors, on the condition that the Board will assume the responsibility of teaching the Bible and conducting such work as is herein described, in any of the fields in which it works, and will conduct such teachings according to the principles and conditions mentioned in this resolution."
- "(d) "The Trustees further agree to provide a committee of three of their members upon whom shall devolve the responsibility of seeing that the terms and conditions of this trust shall be fulfilled."

"Mr. McBrier spoke of his earnest desire that the conditions set forth in the above resolutions be carefully observed at all times."

The present Committee of three members provided under "(d)" above are as follows:

Dr. Eric M. North
Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield
Dr. Sidney D. Gamble.

February 9, 1946

Memorandum to: Dr. Y. P. Mei
From: Mr. E. M. McBrier

I note copy of your letter of February 7th addressed to Dean J. D. Messick of the New Jersey State Teachers College at Montclair. I may not be around these parts on March 26th. I am not sure about it at present; but plans now formulated call for my being away after March 5th for the balance of the month.

There is one very important matter that I wish to discuss with you. After a period of over fifteen years I have come to the conclusion that it is apparently impossible for the income from the McBrier Endowment for Religious Education, established for the purpose of personal evangelical and biblical work with Yenching University, to ever accomplish its desired objective. Therefore the question arises as to whether the time has not arrived to transfer this entire fund where it will serve the purpose intended.

I learned with great surprise only recently that Dr. Y. C. Wei has for some months not been functioning at Chengtu as I was led to believe he would when an appropriation was made from income from this fund for his support. Whether there is any balance from the appropriation remaining in the field treasury or not we do not know as no report has ever been made from the treasurer of "Yenching-in-exile".

I should like to confer with you in regard to this matter at as early a date as possible because I intend to take it up with Dr. Stuart when he returns and give him my conclusion in regard to the entire matter.

Ever since this fund was established for the specific purpose as set forth in the Resolution which was accepted by the Board of Trustees of Yenching University, the income has been used for various and sundry activities and there has never been established any continuing policy on the field for carrying on the character of work designated in the deed of gift.

I have therefore concluded that the present administration on the field has no settled policy for conducting effective religious work among the student body and I feel that the time has come when definite action should be taken as above indicated.

I am sending a copy of this memorandum to Dr. Stuart.

(Signed) E. M. McBrier

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McBRIER FUND - INCOME ANALYSISAcct. 175.2-B

PRINCIPAL - \$120,000.00

INCOME

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Total Income - \$55,035.24

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Accrued interest on purchases 287.33

Transferred to Principal account 20,000.00

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Total Field budget 1929-1946 17,596.12

Y. C. Wei expenses and travel 3,003.43

Income Balance on hand Mar. 12, 1946 2,121.22

(After transfer of \$5,000 from
Income Balance to Principal)

\$55,035.24

February 11, 1946

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
c/o International House
1414 East 59th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Inasmuch as Dr. Mei is here and he and I have had correspondence during your enforced detention in Peiping regarding the McBrier Foundation for Biblical Instruction, I thought it wise to take up this matter with him as well as yourself; and inasmuch as both of you expect to return to China soon, and particularly as I have arrived at the conclusion indicated in the enclosed memorandum that Yenching has never had any settled policy as to the use of the proceeds from this fund, I have felt that this is the time to determine the future use of this fund as herein indicated.

It has always been a source of regret to me that the time never seemed to be ripe to employ the income in a definite and forthright manner for the objective indicated in the Deed of Trust. The correspondence I have had with you through the years, when recommendations were made for various and sundry portions of the income to be used for part-time service for this and that individual who was expected to give half time or some fraction of his time to distinctly religious work, has never resulted in a satisfactory arrangement.

Provision was made at the time that this fund was set up to the effect that "in the event that future conditions should be such that such work could not be conducted in the Peking (Yenching) University, then the principal of this Foundation and any unused income therefrom should be paid over to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church or to its successors, on the condition that the Board will assume the responsibility of teaching the Bible and conducting such work as is herein described, in any of the fields in which it works, and will conduct such teaching according to the principles and conditions mentioned in this Resolution."

Now that the Yenching University has already been merged into the United Board, and its Board of Trustees will soon cease to function as heretofore, I feel that the time has arrived when a final determination of this matter should be concluded while you are here. I realize the difficulties involved. We have had much correspondence in regard to the use of the income from this fund through the years. The Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees has conceded to your desires on many occasions when they and I realized that the employment of the income in the direction you suggested did not strictly conform to the provisions of the Deed of Trust, but all such actions as were taken were taken with my approval at the time. This was done in order to comply so far as possible with your request for such use of funds.

My sole object in setting apart this fund was that Yenching might be more of a "Christian" university.

I hope you may find time to confer with Dr. Mei and myself about this matter before your return.

Sincerely yours,

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MINNEAPOLIS CLUB

Feb. 14, 1946

Dear Mr. McBrier,

Replying to your letter about transferring the McBrier Foundation let me say first of all that I am very deeply distressed by the proposal. It hurts me to know that I have disappointed you whom I so love and respect. For I must accept the blame for this failure.

In defense, however, the past eight years have been under war conditions, and those preceding more or less a period of political turmoil and of rapid changes of student interest.

The suggestions made - while not acceptable to you and perhaps faulty otherwise - were at least an attempt to increase the Christian influence of the institution. Meanwhile we were trying to discover what was the right solution.

As my own connection with Yenching is drawing to its close I am more concerned in preserving its Christian character than in any other single factor. May I plead therefore that you defer your decision until you and I - with any one else you would wish to have present - have a chance for an unhurried discussion as to the best use of this money for the purpose we both share.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. Leighton Stuart

EDWIN MERTON MCBRIER
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

TEL. WATKINS 9-8703

March 12, 1946

Re: MCBRIER FOUNDATION FOR BIBLICAL
INSTRUCTION AND CHRISTIAN WORK.

To Members of the
Committee for above Foundation:

Dr. Eric M. North
Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield
Dr. Sidney D. Gamble
Mr. C. A. Evans, Secretary

Gentlemen:

Attached please find the following documents:-

Document "A" - Copy of Action taken by the Executive Committee
of the Trustees of Yenching University at meet-
ing held June 19, 1929.

" "B" - Copy of Memorandum to Dr. Y.P.Mei from E.M.McBrier,
dated Feb. 9, 1946.

" "C" - Copy of letter from E.M.McBrier to Dr. Stuart,
dated Feb. 11, 1946.

" "D" - Copy of Dr. Stuart's letter to E.M.McBrier,
dated Feb. 14, 1946.

" "E" - Statement of present condition of McBrier Fund.

It is scarcely necessary for me in this letter to supplement these documents. I will simply summarize the history of the use of the income from this fund by stating that never since the fund was established has the income been employed for any continuing period for the purpose for which it was intended. Dr. Stuart never found it possible to do more than suggest immediate use of certain sums for some particular project he had in view which he thought might in some way contribute to the Christian influence of the University.

You are conversant with the list of recommendations or suggestions which he made for the use of the income from time to time. Some of these suggestions very definitely did not comply with the Deed of Trust and were not approved by the Committee. Even some of the suggestions or requests for appropriations, while definitely not conforming to the conditions, were accepted because it was hoped that the funds appropriated might have some useful Christian purpose.

I strongly feel that the time has come to transfer this fund to an organization that will see that it is employed for the purpose intended. I do not know that there is any one of the so-called "Christian" Colleges in China that is prepared to undertake a forthright piece of Christian work of "Biblical instruction and Christian work" among the students on its campus that will definitely "be instrumental in leading

them (the students) into a personal experience of faith in and obedience to Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord."

The percentage of devoted Christians in nearly all the so-called "Christian" Colleges in China is depressingly small.

It is well that in setting up this fund, provision was made for the transfer of the fund to an organization whose main purpose was more in line with my intention in setting up this fund for use in Yenching University.

I feel that definite action should be taken before this fund is transferred to the United Board.

I am requesting Mr. Evans to call this Committee together at the earliest possible moment so that we may consider this matter before Dr. Stuart arrives from the west.

Sincerely yours,



EWMcB.A

Encs.

MINUTES OF MEETING

McBRIER FOUNDATION FOR BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION AND CHRISTIAN WORK

12:00 Noon - March 29, 1946
Aldine Club, 200 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Members of Committee:

- * Dr. Eric M. North
- * Dr. Sidney D. Gamble
- Dr. Wynn Fairfield

Those whose names are starred were present also Mr. E. M. McBrier, Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, and C. A. Evans.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

Mr. McBrier opened the discussion by stating the purposes and intent of the Foundation and his sense of responsibility as a Trustee of the original fund. He referred to a letter dated March 12th written to the Committee and Dr. Stuart summarizing his attitude. That letter had been accompanied by the following documents:

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Copy of Document "E" is attached herewith.

Briefly, the main points for consideration were:

- (a) Never since the Fund was established has the income been employed for any continuing period for the purposes for which it was intended.
- (b) Some recommendations for use of income did not comply with the Deed of Trust while others were accepted in the hope that some useful Christian purpose might be served.
- (c) The time has arrived to see that income is employed for the purpose intended.

Dr. Stuart accepted full responsibility for the success or failure to use the entire amount of income and called attention to the past nine years of war in China when emphasis seemed to be in just keeping going, until Pearl Harbor when Yenching closed. There was, however, a strong feeling that ^{with} Yenching or any other college in the Christian group in China could rightfully use the entire income according to the Deed of Trust.

Dr. Stuart referred to a theological student at Yale about to secure his B.D. and very much interested in going to Yenching for religious work among the students, while assembling data for post graduate work. It was revealed that the applicant (Mr. Malcolm McAfee) had contacted other Christian Colleges but was more interested in Yenching.

There was, however, an insistent return to the idea that the use of the income must apply to other Christian Colleges in China.

After a study of the income received on principal as attached herewith, it was agreed that before any action be taken, a study would be made of possible ways to use the entire income by broadening the Deed of Trust to permit other Christian Colleges to participate in the use of income.

After further discussion on possible application of the funds in this manner it was left to Dr. Eric North to prepare a suitable action to cover the proposed change.

Upon motion adjourned.

C. A. EVANS.

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May 15, 1946

To the Yenching University Committee and
the Corporation or Trustees of the
United Board for Christian Colleges in China

Dear Friends:

The operation of the "McBrier Foundation for Biblical Instruction and Christian Work" has recently been the subject of discussion by Mr. McBrier, the donor, President Stuart, and the Special Committee thereon (E. M. North, Wynn C. Fairfield, and Sidney D. Gamble). For a number of years it has been apparent that the income of the Fund was larger than Yenching University was requiring at the then current rates of exchange and than was felt to be needed by President Stuart under the conditions existing at the University.

Because of Mr. McBrier's desire to adapt the Foundation more fully to the fulfillment of his hopes for it and because of the opportunity afforded therefor by the consolidation of the Trustee Boards of a number of the Christian Colleges, proposals supported by all of the persons above named are herein presented, with Mr. McBrier's endorsement indicated by his signature hereon, for the approval (1) of the Yenching University Committee and (2) the Corporation or Trustees of the United Board.

The purpose of the Foundation as set forth in the resolution of acceptance of the Yenching Trustees June 19, 1929 is essentially to aid carrying on Christian work among the students, outside of the curriculum, by meetings, lectures, personal evangelism, extracurriculum Bible study etc., with a view to relating the individual student to Christ. No change in the purpose or in limitations upon the use of the income is proposed except that which restricts it to Yenching University.

The undersigned accordingly recommend that the following resolution be approved by the Yenching University Committee and adopted by the Corporation:

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1929 the Trustees of Yenching University accepted a gift of \$100,000 from Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McBrier, to be known as the McBrier Foundation for Biblical Instruction and Christian Work and to be administered in accordance with terms set forth in the action of acceptance of the Executive Committee of said Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the United Board for Christian Colleges in China is the successor of said Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. E. M. McBrier and the McBrier Foundation Committee recommend the amendment of the terms as hereinafter stated, (Add, after the Yenching University Committee has acted: "and Whereas the amendment has been approved by the Yenching University Committee of the United Board")

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Action E-2623 of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Yenching University, June 19, 1929 being the terms of acceptance of the fund of the McBrier Foundation, be and hereby are amended as follows:

- (1) Add, after section "(b)" the following:
- (c) In the event that the income of the Fund shall be more than may be usefully expended at Yenching University, the income may be applied under the same conditions at any of the other colleges related to the United Board for Christian Colleges in China.

May 15, 1946

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(2) Re-letter the succeeding paragraphs "(d)" and "(e)" respectively, and amend the paragraph now to be numbered "(d)" by striking out "the Peking University (Yenching University)" and inserting "any of the colleges related to the United Board for Christian Colleges in China" so that the first clause shall read, "The Trustees agree, that in the event that future conditions should be such that work could be conducted in none of the colleges related to the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, then" etc.

Signer:

Dated: May 15, 1946

McBrier Foundation Committee

(signed) Wynn G. Fairfield

(signed) E. M. McBrier

(signed) Sidney D. Gamble

(signed) Eric M. North

MINUTES OF MEETING

MCBRIER FOUNDATION FOR BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION AND CHRISTIAN WORK.

HELD 11.00 A.M. - May 21st, 1948

150 Fifth Ave., New York.

Members of Committee:

- * Dr. Eric M. North
- * Dr. Sidney D. Gamble
- Dr. Wynn Fairfield

Those whose names are starred were present; also C.A. Evans.

Consideration was given to the application of Rev. L. Malcolm McAfee to head up Christian Religious work on the Yenching campus. Various recommendations were presented, including letters and a statement from himself.

There was considerable discussion as to how the work on the Yenching campus was to be supervised, as it was realized that Dr. Stuart would be too much involved in administration duties to undertake such a task. It was felt that if a suitable group could be organized for such a purpose at Yenching, the committee would be willing to approve the appointment of Mr. McAfee for a three year period, it being imperative, however, to reach a definite decision. It was -

VOTED that Mr. L. Malcolm McAfee be offered a contract with Yenching University for a period of three years to work under the guidance of a Committee to be appointed by the field, and that salary be according to the schedule arranged with Yenching and travel be arranged for the most direct route to Yenching University.

Consideration was given to the need for language study and it was stated that Mr. McAfee would continue work at Yale until he arrived in Chicago when his work in language would continue until sailing, and that as much time as possible en route be devoted to language.

The committee, therefore,

VOTED to approve a language allowance of \$100 and that outfit and travel allowance be according to the usual arrangements made by Yenching University.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

C.A. EVANS.

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MINUTES OF MEETING

McBRIER COMMITTEE

YENCHING UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE

12:30 P. M. Allerton Hotel, May 23, 1947

Members:

Dr. Eric M. North
Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield
Dr. Sidney D. Gamble

All members of the committee were present also Dr. T. C. Chao of Yenching University, and the secretary.

REVIEW OF WORK AT YENCHING

The committee had in hand a letter dated March 22nd from Mrs. R. C. Sailer written in behalf of the Yenching Committee on the Yenching campus in Peiping. There was also a letter from Mr. Malcolm McAfee dated March 24th from Peiping and a letter from Mr. E. M. McBrier dated February 21st, 1947 to Mr. Malcolm McAfee. It was felt that Mrs. Sailer had clarified many points and had given a new picture of the conditions on the Yenching campus and as they have existed during the early part of the current year.

Mr. McAfee's letter revealed that early in the school year he discovered the hinderance to personal work through the lack of having adequate Chinese language preparation and lack of scholastic standing. Two years more of educational work in the United States for a doctor's degree would supply the latter deficiency. It seemed definite that he had decided during the middle of the year that it would be best to return to America for further preparation, and the McBrier Committee and Acting President Adolph concurred. The committee had agreed that Mr. McAfee should be free to make future plans.

There was a consensus of opinion that Mr. McBrier's letter while stating concretely the provisions in the Deed of Trust of the McBrier Foundation still needed an interpretation in the light of existing circumstances and the changing demands of the present day. Dr. T. C. Chao gave an excellent picture of conditions on the Yenching campus at the present time, stressing the need of using student work and the need of the students to work.

There was no lack of information to give the committee a comparatively clear idea as to the possibilities of the use of the McBrier fund as well as the activities of the present year.

COMPLETION OF 1946-47 PROGRAM

The communications in hand stated that Mr. Huang Juang-yao had been secured to undertake full-time work on the Peiping campus beginning the 1st of March and continuing for the rest of the academic year. It was stated that he is a graduate in Psychology from West China Union University and received his B. D. degree last June from Hanking Theological Seminary. He came to the committee highly recommended.

The committee in China was also looking forward to the cooperation of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lee-wolfe, a young British couple appointed by the London Missionary Society to work among the students of Tsing Hua, and who may find time to do some work among Yenching students. Mr. Lee-wolfe has had two years experience in student work, one in England and one in Peking, and has unusual facility in the use of the Chinese language. While he is paid by the London Missionary Society it is quite possible some additional expense will be involved in the use of his services at Yenching.

All the entire amount of money appropriated for the present year's work had been drawn by the field it was

VOTED to approve in general the program for the completion of the work for the present year by the use of Mr. Huang Juang-yao and Mr. and Mrs. Lee-wolfe, in the hope that the program can be continued within appropriations already drawn, the secretary to ascertain the exact facts.

FUTURE PROGRAM

The committee was convinced that there should be a clarification of the thinking in relation to the provisions of the Beed of Trust and the practical results to be accomplished.

It was recognized that there must be a salaried director of the work, Chinese or otherwise, as the future seemed to warrant. This director should feel free to secure student help if the employment of such help would relieve the director for other duties. This has been a part of the program in the past and should be continued especially in the light of the needs of all students for additional sustenance.

Printed material should be used wherever it could multiply or amplify the effectiveness of the director. While it is recognized that some literature could be produced at the present time to better effect when done in cooperation with some other religious body, and a limited amount is not objectionable, yet it should be recognized as a temporary expedient and one to be curtailed as soon as conditions permit.

The securing the services of outstanding religious leaders for lectures and preaching services seemed to be permissible within a limited scope and the expenses of students doing evangelistic work in the nearby area or attending student conferences of religious work might be permissible.

The purchase of any equipment should be curtailed as it should be the duty of the University to purchase such material for its own use and the McBrier Committee could have access to this equipment.

In the purchase of books, the committee felt that a limited number for the personal use of the director or passing about or loaning to students who are definitely interested in religious life would be permissible. The distribution of a few Bibles or Testaments by the director might be done in a personal way, to students having a direct interest in a changed religious life.

On the other hand the committee ruled out anything which had the nature of social personal work or any way encroaching upon the obligation of the University in providing a certain amount of equipment and room for meetings, which in effect are to maintain the Christian character of the institution. The main emphasis of the work is to be upon personal religious work on the Yenching campus.

REPORT FOR 1947-48

No definite figures were available for the committee to consider for 1947-48 but having in mind the use of personnel as outlined for the closing months of the current year and also the fact that the committee in China had been told to keep within the range of \$1,500.00 aside from the salary of the director, it was

VOIED that the secretary call attention to the previous action of the committee indicating that the work on the field should be kept within a range of \$1,500.00 aside from the salary of the director and request that the McBrier Committee in China furnish a tentative budget for 1947-1948 for the consideration of the committee in America.

It was felt that a word of encouragement and appreciation should be passed on to Mr. McBrier, also an indication of the feelings of the committee that barring the return of Mr. McFee it was felt that the general purposes of the McBrier Fund are being conserved and that as conditions in China become settled a still clearer concept of the work could be worked out.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

C. A. KWAKS, Secretary

"RESOLUTIONS

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 "endowment funds similarly to be held in perpetuity, but the accounting of
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 "items of the University to promote and carry on such types of Christian
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 "the use of the income from this Fund is to make the University more
 "decidedly a Christian Institution by increasing the distinctly Christian
 "work among the students; that no part of said income is to be used for
 "salaries or expenses of the regular teaching staff or the regular curric-
 "ulum work in any department, but is to be used exclusively for supplement-
 "ary and special types of distinctly Christian work which the regular teach-
 "ing staff may not find it possible to undertake; all this in order to en-
 "large and emphasize the distinctly Christian character of the University."
 "In accepting this gift the Trustees do hereby obligate themselves to
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 "voted to the purposes designated by the donors and that definite Christian
 "work be carried on among the student body in the form of evangelistic or
 "other public meetings, lectures, personal evangelism, personal interviews,
 "Bible study and other activities, all of which shall have as their object
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 "selected because of their special fitness and equipment for this type of
 "service; and that this work shall be conducted in conformity with those
 "beliefs which in the history of the Christian Church have always been re-
 "cognized as Evangelical, and with the express intention of leading to or
 "strengthening faith in our Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Saviour
 "of the world. It is understood that this action does not commit the Univ-
 "ersity to the defense of any particular school of Bible criticism or of
 "theological thought, but it does provide for the preaching of the gospel
 "and teaching of the Bible upon this Foundation as the abiding source and
 "stimulus of vital Christianity."
- " (c) "The Trustees agree, that in the event that future conditions should
 "be such, that such work could not be conducted in the Peking University
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 "State of New York, or to its successors, on the condition that the Board
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"Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Peking University (Yenching Uni-
"versity) and delivered to the Trustees will be the required evidence for
"the payment of this gift. The Trustees shall not be bound to see to the
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"payment in reliance upon such certificate believed by it to be genuine.

United Board for Christian Colleges in China

One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue . . . New York 11, N. Y.

June 25, 1949

McBrier Found

To the Members of the
Committee on McBrier Foundation

Gentlemen:

There has been no meeting of the McBrier Foundation during the present fiscal year, and no budget has been received covering the anticipated requirements for 1949-50.

You will recall that each of you received a letter from Lucy Burttt dated September 29, 1948, containing a budget for the current year. That amounted to \$1500.00 plus a grant for a foreign director (Philip Lee Woolf) amounting to \$360. The total budget, therefore, for the year amounted to \$1860.00. This, however, was never formally approved by the Committee, although Miss Burttt's letter was distributed November 8, 1948.

At least two letters have been received from staff members at Yenching since January first, telling of the general work which is being carried on, and one, also from Miss Lucy Burttt, told something of the spiritual atmosphere being created through the use of special funds. Naturally this was the McBrier Fund appropriation.

In view of what we have heard it would appear that the religious work and Christian atmosphere on the campus has been maintained in spite of difficulties involved.

A cable signed by Bliss Wiant and dated June 10th stated that an Administrative committee had been appointed, and gave a list of the names. It indicated that academic freedom was fully protected, and called for foreign staff replacements.

At least three attempts have been made to call a meeting of the McBrier committee since last November. On those occasions we ran up against unsurmountable obstacles, and no meeting has been held. Time is running out, however, on the fiscal year, and it is our desire to clear from the income account of the McBrier Foundation the funds which undoubtedly have been spent for the work during 1948-49. I have conferred with Miss Mary Cookingham, who is now in the United States, and who left the field the last part of November, and she states that the money which was requested by Miss Lucy Burttt in October has been advanced from University funds and should be replaced. I am therefore enclosing a proposed resolution upon which we are asking for your vote by return mail. You will note that it includes authorization to continue expenditures from the fund so long as the University continues to carry out the purposes for which it was founded.

For your guidance in voting upon this proposition, I am giving you the following figures from the McBrier Fund principal and income account:

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Income received during 1948-49	4,301.45
TOTAL	<u>8,414.00</u>

July 25, 1949


Actually the second figure above is for eleven months of 1948-49, and approximately \$500 will be received during June, which will give nearly \$9,000 in the Income Account of the McBrier Foundation.

The principal of the account, as you know, is \$120,000.00.

Along with the ballot enclosed I am including a stamped envelope in the hope that you will use it immediately, as we would like to adjust the 1948-49 payments before June 30th.

A meeting of this committee should be held in the not too distant future, but presumably this cannot be done before the early fall. Mr. Seaman will then be in charge and will make the effort to set up the meeting. If it is desirable, I shall be glad to cooperate at that time.

Sincerely yours,



C. A. EVANS

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Members of the Committee:

Dr. Eric M. North, Chm.
Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield
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MINUTES OF CORRESPONDENCE VOTE

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Yenching University
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Dear Mr. Evans,

Mr. Porter we hope will be in New York early this fall and can give you a full account of the situation here and we are also preparing a more general account of the religious activities during the past year which should be in your hands before the meeting of the McBrier Committee. This is limited to a business statement on budget estimates for next year. The Field Committee makes the following suggestions:

Budget Estimates for the session 1949-1950

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Salaries

It is clear now that we have sufficient foreign help coming from our splendid young missionaries who have full time support from their own Mission Boards so that the grant from the McBrier Fund will meet the cost of one full time and one half time Chinese secretary. Sun Yu Yun continues her good work but as her husband is a full time teacher in the University she is only permitted to take a half time post. The Fellowship has chosen a recent graduate Yang An Feng as her full time assistant and we think the two of them will make a strong combination. Philip Lee Wolf is now appointed by the London Mission as a full time Professor in the School of Religion so we shall still have the benefit of his help, but shall not be drawing on the McBrier Fund for his partial support as we did last year.

Leadership Training and Speakers

Our experience during the past six months suggests that we can still hope to arrange conferences and special training groups for Christian students. It is also possible now to get speakers from Shanghai and other parts of China so we are hoping that the McBrier Fund can make a considerable contribution to our Christian work in this way during the coming session.

Publications

So far we have had no difficulty in issuing pamphlets and En Yu, the students Christian Monthly paper has been allowed to register as a recognized publication so we plan to make the most of this freedom while it remains.

Visual Aids

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There is a chance to send this out by hand today and I am hoping another traveler a week hence can carry the longer report of our work.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Lucy M. Burt

MINUTES OF MEETING

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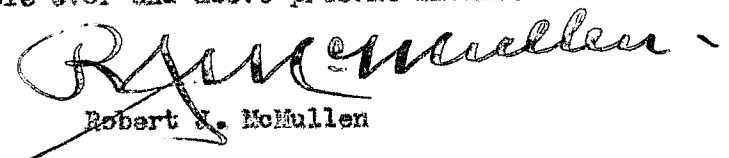
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Yenching University
Peiping, China
August 28th 1949

Dear Mr. Evans,

Mr. Porter we hope will be in New York early this fall and can give you a full account of the situation here and we are also preparing a more general account of the religious activities during the past year which should be in your hands before the meeting of the McBrier Committee. This is limited to a business statement on budget estimates for next year. The Field Committee makes the following suggestions:

Budget Estimates for the session 1949-1950

Salaries	U.S.\$400.00
Leadership Training	450.00
Speakers	200.00
Publications	350.00
Visual Aids	100.00
Contingent	50.00
	<u>\$ 1550.00</u>

Salaries

It is clear now that we have sufficient foreign help coming from our splendid young missionaries who have full time support from their own Mission Boards so that the grant from the McBrier Fund will meet the cost of one full time and one half time Chinese secretary. Sun Yu Yun continues her good work but as her husband is a full time teacher in the University she is only permitted to take a half time post. The Fellowship has chosen a recent graduate Yang An Feng as her full time assistant and we think the two of them will make a strong combination. Philip Lee Wolf is now appointed by the London Mission as a full time Professor in the School of Religion so we shall still have the benefit of his help, but shall not be drawing on the McBrier Fund for his partial support as we did last year.

Leadership Training and Speakers

Our experience during the past six months suggests that we can still hope to arrange conferences and special training groups for Christian students. It is also possible now to get speakers from Shanghai and other parts of China so we are hoping that the McBrier Fund can make a considerable contribution to our Christian work in this way during the coming session.

Publications

So far we have had no difficulty in issuing pamphlets and En Yu, the students Christian Monthly paper has been allowed to register as a recognized publication so we plan to make the most of this freedom while it remains.

Visual Aids

Jim Crothers, a young missionary working under the Presbyterian Board is now full time with us and is a specialist on audio-visual aids to Christian work so we are hoping to develop this work under his guidance.

There is a chance to send this out by hand today and I am hoping another traveler a week hence can carry the longer report of our work.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Lucy M. Burt

UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

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October 28, 1949

The Presidents of the
Christian Colleges in China.

Dear Friends:

As all of us so well know, the Christian Colleges in China are largely supported by gifts of individual Christians in America. These are transmitted to you either through the various Mission Boards or through the United Board. Our donors are especially interested in these institutions, not so much because they are universities but because they are Christian universities. Daily letters are received from donors or prospective donors inquiring as to the essential Christian program of these institutions. Unless assured that they are Christian in spirit, in purpose and in method and have a vigorous Christian program on the campus many of these gifts would not be made.

Unfortunately the grants made possible by gifts of these earnest Christian people have frequently been thought of as providing for the payment of expenses of all phases of the university program except the Christian work on the campus. I believe that if the wishes of the donors were carried out priorities would be reversed and the expense of an efficient, vigorous program of Christian worship and activities would have first claim upon such funds. How far the use of this money would be helpful rather than harmful must be determined on the field. The important factor in making this decision should be the health and vigor of the Christian program and not the importance of other phases of the university work and the need for funds to pay other bills.

So interested are some of our staunchest supporters in the Christian program in these colleges that special funds have been provided to support a more vigorous and efficient program of Christian worship and activity on the campus than they have had in the past. Enclosed you will find the type of work for which this gift is made. It is this type of work, over and above what is now being done, for which this money is to be used.

There is a committee appointed to determine what institutions should be given such funds as are available. It is not enough to meet the needs of all the colleges. In order that this committee might have the facts before it in making its decision we ask that each of you send us full statements as follows:

- (1) A statement of the program which you are now carrying out on your campus. How is it organized? What is its program? Who is responsible for its work? How much is expended upon it? What is the source of this money?
- (2) If in addition to your present appropriations you were to be handed \$500 annually, what program over and above your present program would you plan to carry on? Give detailed plan and budget.
- (3) If you annually had \$2,000 over and above your regular appropriation, what program would you plan to carry out over and above what is now being done on your campus? Give detailed plan and budget.

In making the above statements you will please bear in mind the type of work which the givers of these funds have in mind, as shown on the enclosed statement. The details asked for are necessary to enable the committee to get a clear conception of what you have in mind.

This should give each of you and those associated with you in your university a chance to make a real study of the religious life and program on your campus. It should also give you an opportunity to form a carefully made program for the future. We urge that this be done, not only in order that you might receive additional funds for this important work but in order that you may give proper emphasis to the Christian side of the university's program and plan to make it more effective. Not only will this committee be interested in your reports but your Trustees are constantly discussing this matter and are vitally interested in it.

I have written you at great length about this matter. It gives me pleasure to emphasize its importance in every way possible. You will recall that during my visit to your campus in 1946 I spoke as earnestly as I could regarding this matter. The friends of the Christian Colleges in China are more concerned about it and are more convinced of its importance than ever before.

Looking forward to receiving replies from you as soon as this matter can be adequately considered and with warmest personal regards, I am,

Yours cordially,

Robert J. McMullen
Executive Secretary

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Encl.

"We understand that the purpose of the donors in creating this fund is to provide an annual income which is to be used outside of the regular budget items of the University to promote and carry on such types of Christian work and Bible study among the students as will be instrumental in leading them into a personal experience of faith in and obedience to Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord; that the object to be attained by the use of the income from this Fund is to make the University more decidedly a Christian institution by increasing the distinctly Christian work among the students; that no part of said income is to be used for salaries or expenses of the regular teaching staff or the regular curriculum work in any department, but is to be used exclusively for supplementary and special types of distinctly Christian work which the regular teaching staff may not find it possible to undertake; all this in order to enlarge and emphasize the distinctly Christian character of the University."

HUACHUNG UNIVERSITY
Wuchang, China

December 10, 1949

Dr. Robert J. McMullen, Executive Secretary
United Board for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Ave.
New York 11, N. Y., United States of Amer.

Dear Bob:

I was very happy to receive yesterday, December 9, your letter of November 2, addressed especially to me, and then your letter of October 28, addressed to the Presidents of the Christian Colleges in China, with a statement enclosed. In the same mail I received also Dr. Fenn's letter to the Presidents, dated November 1. Also in the same mail came a letter from Earl Fowler, dated November 7; one from Bishop Bentley of 281 Fourth Avenue, dated November 17; and a personal letter from Dr. Thayer Addison in Boston, dated November 14; as well as one from George T. Cobbett, Secretary-Treasurer of the Berkeley Missionary Society, dated November 14, in which he says that the Berkeley Missionary Society had voted to send US\$150 to me for an Anglican student preparing for the ministry of the Chung Hwa Sheng Kung Hui. All these letters were most cheering.

I have not been able to write you during the last ten days because during the last week my time was practically all occupied in attending a meeting of the Municipal Assembly, of which I had been designated a representative. The meetings took fully six days with other meetings for the Presidentium, of which I was chosen a member. I took the chair in the first meeting when the Mayor of the Wuhan cities made his report to the Assembly. I enjoyed all these meetings, although they took far too much of my time away from my office and classes. An Interim Committee of Fifty-one has been appointed, and I have been elected one of them to represent the Christians in this city. I really do not have time to attend all the meetings of this committee, which may be frequent, but for the sake of the Christian churches I ought to serve.

On top of all these meetings a deputation from Shanghai came to visit us, consisting of the Rev. George Wu, General Secretary of the National Christian Council, Dr. Y. C. Tu, formerly President of St. John's University and now General Secretary of the National "Y", and the Rev. Ai Nien-sen of the Lutheran Church in Shanghai. They have been very helpful in making connections of the churches in this center with the government. They addressed different churches. During the last two days they were on this side of the river, spending a great deal of time with our students, fellowships, and faculty groups. Yesterday I had a lunch for all five of them with the four deans and three faculty representatives, and they had every good thing to say about our work here, which was really very complimentary. They are leaving for Honan tomorrow, and then take the train to Hsuechow and Nanking on their way back to Shanghai. All of them are my old friends, except Mr. Liu who is younger, and therefore it was a real joy for me personally to have had this chance to talk over so many problems with them. I am afraid they found the Huachung people a pretty difficult group to handle; both the faculty and students put to them so many questions, some of which I fear were beyond their depth.

Last year in October I gave two theological lectures at the General Assembly of the Church of Christ in China in Soochow, and those lectures have been printed in the report of the Assembly. Y. T. Wu is taking them down to have them reprinted in pamphlet form by the Association Press. It has been suggested to me that I should have some more of my manuscripts published in pamphlet form since there is such a demand for that kind of material, but the thing I would really like to see is a series of pamphlets on Christian

and theological subjects prepared by our theological faculty here. We ought to be able to do that.

In this letter I shall not be able to take up all the questions raised in your two letters of October 28 and November 2, because I am going to a lunch in Hankow at twelve o'clock, given by the Buddhists and Mohammedans, so as to talk over our common problems concerning religious liberty and other similar questions. In the evening there is another party given by the government, and so I am spending the greater part of today on the other side of the river. I must, however, mention briefly the matter of our religious program on the campus.

That part of your letter of October 28 concerning the religious program on the campus has been read to most of the members of our Chapel Committee, and they are thinking about it, but until a meeting of the committee has been held, I cannot make any official report in that connection.

With regard to your first set of questions, i.e., concerning the program which we are now carrying out on our campus, I may say the following:

(1). For the last twenty years we have had a Chapel Committee, representing all the churches cooperating in Huachung, to be responsible for the religious activities participated in by all the cooperating churches in Huachung, such as the Chapel Services in the middle of the morning five days in the week (the sixth morning being set aside for College Assembly), a College Sunday Service every Sunday evening, discussion groups and casual lectures on religious topics either by our own people or by distinguished people from outside, and finally by such social service as mass education, Sunday School, and the like.

(2). The Chapel Committee is responsible for all this work, and the Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors to see to it that all the different churches cooperating in Huachung are represented, with the President always as a member *ex officio*. Three student members of each of the four denominational fellowships are also members of this committee.

(3). For our religious work, such as services, etc., there is very little expenditure except for our share of the wages for the sexton in the Church of the Holy Nativity on the campus, which is a Sheng Kung Hwei Church, its light bill, and its minor repairs. We take up a collection every Sunday evening, and on such special occasions as Christmas and Easter, we appeal to all the Christian faculty members and students for the special collection. Aside from the regular current expenses in the church, we spend the balance of our income from collections on our social service activities, and as a contribution to other church organizations.

(4). Outside of this program, the student fellowships, of which there are four, representing the Sheng Kung Hwei, the Church of Christ in China, the Methodist Church, and the Lutheran Church, have their activities on Friday evenings. Two Fridays out of four the four fellowships join together in their activities, and on the other two Fridays the denominational fellowships break up into separate groups to meet in faculty houses to discuss religious subjects, which are of special interest to that particular denomination. Whenever necessary, the four fellowships join together to represent the Christian students in outside connections.

(5). We could easily spend US\$2,000 on religious activities, if the money should come to us. For instance, the Fellowship of Religious Workers among Students, representing all the Christian middle schools in the Wuhan Center and Huachung, had its last meeting on Saturday, December 3. Among other things, they decided to ask a committee, consisting largely of Huachung faculty members, to prepare a guide book for Christian students in the

middle schools, which is intended to help them in the understanding of their faith and in private devotion and public worship, as well as in Christian Social Service. This guide book would cost money to publish. If we should get a series of pamphlets on religious and theological subjects prepared, the publication of the series would probably cost money, but some of the Christian publishers would probably accept them for publication without any cost on our part. We would like to have a social center, and that would cost money to set up. Our Child Welfare Center for the faculty children, as well as for the neighborhood, needs more support; but above all, I am very much concerned over the training of candidates for the Ministry in the various churches in the Central China region and other types of religious workers. At present we have about twenty students taking the theological course combined with another major subject in the university. Three-fourths of them are Sheng Kung Hui, with practically none from the Church of Christ in China, and none from the Methodist Church. There are various reasons for this disproportionately small number of non-Episcopal students taking the theological course, but one of them is that we do not have enough money for scholarships designated for theological students.

If you should give us US\$1,500 a year for this purpose, and increase it to US\$3,000 a year when our plan gets underway, we would be able to help more students to get trained for church work in the next generation. If the money should come, the Chapel Committee might not want to administer it within the university, neither would the university administration wish to handle it. We would get a committee set up outside in order to select the candidates for the theological scholarships, and send them to Huachung for theological training. All these, however, are just my own opinions, and until they have been approved by our Chapel Committee, my report is unofficial.

I have been writing, however, to some private friends in America and in England, as well as in China, to get support for the theological students. What the Berkeley Missionary Society has decided to do by sending us US\$150 is only a harbinger, but "one swallow does not make a spring." I am sure, however, that friends will be willing to help when they know that there is such a need in Huachung University. To my mind, there is nothing more important in these days than to get more young people trained in church work. We must have a large number of them and give them better training. Some of them thus trained may not join the ministry, nor even work in the church, but I am sure out of every ten we train, seven or eight will stick through. One of our principles in theological training is to give absolute liberty to the theological students. No string is tied to the scholarship award, and I believe this is a sound principle.

It is time for to close this letter, and next week I shall write again to you and to other friends.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

FCMW/MRC

(signed) Francis

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

Canton, China

December 16, 1949

Dr. R. J. McMullen, Executive Secretary
United Board of Christian Colleges in China
160 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. McMullen:

On November 29 I wrote in preliminary reply to your letter of November 2, on the subject of assistance the United Board might be able to furnish toward strengthening the religious work on our campus, and promised to write again after Chaplain Lee Shing-Wah had drafted the statements called for in your letter. I am glad now to be able to forward the documents which Mr. Lee has prepared.

In sending these statements and projects, I should like to add my strong endorsement of the proposals they contain. These are "good" projects from the administrative point of view since they are logical and needed extensions and successful work now being carried on, and the other factors necessary for successful growth are already at work. They are doubly good in that the aspect of University life they are designed to strengthen is so central to the purpose and traditions of the institution.

In this connection I should like to repeat also that Mr. Lee is doing excellent work as Chaplain. Having a capable man in charge of this work is an additional reason for doing everything possible to support it, and I hope you can see your way clear to providing the larger budget which would make it possible for him to have the staff assistance which he needs. I am sure he will make excellent use of it, and that the results will be far-reaching.

With best wishes as always,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) S. C. Chen
President

1 PRESENT CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY ON THE LINGNAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

A The Programme

Present Christian work in Lingnan University may be considered under four headings, viz:

i Worship

Three Sunday services are held. There is a Children's Service and Sunday School with a very regular attendance by about two hundred children both from the schools and from all the various families living here. There is a service primarily intended for the college and high school students and staff with their families; at this the numbers of those who come are less regular than with the Children's Service, but have been increasing since the liberation. The average is about two hundred and thirty. The third service is mainly for the servants and workmen on the campus and the farmers from the nearby villages. This congregation, founded twenty years ago, has recently been making progress and its numbers have doubled from twenty to forty.

Morning and evening prayers for students are held daily from Monday to Friday inclusive, and the number of those coming has doubled since the liberation; the average attendance is about forty. The Chinese-speaking staff and their families have a prayer-meeting on Tuesday evenings, and there is a corresponding devotional meeting in English on Wednesdays, which is commonly followed by a talk on a religious subject, on some current need or any other matter of special interest.

ii Fellowship Groups

Under the leadership of the Lingnan Christian Association (i.e. the Student Christian Movement here) and various Christian members of the teaching staff, sixteen "Fellowship Groups", mainly composed of students, meet every week for a devotional meeting and a time of social activity. Each group has an advisor who is usually one of the professors, and the meeting takes place in his home. The very intimate friendship existing within each group has led them to prefer the name,

"Families". Elected representatives form a central committee responsible for the inter-relationship of the families, who all meet together twice a term. Altogether the families include about two hundred and eighty students. It is members of these families who are the most active and energetic members of the L.C.A. (Lingnan Christian Association) and the Student Union.

However, as the families include both Christians and non-Christians, the Christian students are feeling the need of an organization of their own and have been working hard to this end. Formation has just been achieved, and now they are considering how they can meet the challenge of the new age in China.

iii Social Service

Under the leadership of the L.C.A. there are free day and night schools which serve a total of four hundred poor children here. A medical corps of twenty students goes out to the sick on neighbouring farms. A Christian Women's Club is always ready to help those in need on the campus and in the neighbouring villages, and there is a Biblewoman appointed to visit the Christian workers and farmers. These activities have not only provided an outlet for such students as wished to give their service but have also helped to win them to the church.

iv The Chaplaincy

So far as any chaplain's work is definable, and so far as one man's time allows, the functions of the university chaplain may be said to include:

Co-operation in, and the co-ordination of, the various religious activities of the university, the middle school, the primary school, the industrial school and the Lingnan Christian Association;

Responsibility for the work of the Community Church and its relationship to the religious activities in Lingnan University;

Responsibility for the conducting of all three Sunday Services which have already been described;

Giving help, guidance and friendship to all the Fellowship Groups;

Arranging the devotional and prayer-meetings;

Personal Counselling.

In relation to the last of these it may be noted that the presence of a chaplain ready to give individual help is still a new feature in the university, and that therefore in spite of the fact that the need for this had been felt for some time the work is not yet far beyond a beginning. It is too early for most of the students who need someone to consult about their personal problems to feel that confidence of approach which springs readily from an established tradition of trust.

B The Organization

The President of the University appoints a committee of thirteen people, of whom the Dean of the Theological College is the chairman, the Chaplain to the University is the secretary, and the chairman of the L.C.A. is one of the members, to be responsible for religious work. The other members are chosen from various colleges and departments, so that every side of the university is represented, and the committee is able to consider all the main religious needs of the people living on and around the campus. From this group sub-committees take charge of the various branches of religious work involved.

C The Expenses

Income this year has been an allowance which in American money would be equivalent to \$285 from the university, and \$200 received from contributions and weekly collections. This total of \$485 is less than sufficient for the expenditure involved in the present programme. The chief items in the budget are:

Social service and help to individuals in special need

Religious education

Christmas, Easter and Holy Communion services

The Salary of the Biblewoman

Printing

The choir

Outside speakers, posters, etc.

Expenses of social gatherings

2 ADDITIONAL WORK WHICH \$500 ANNUALLY WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE

A The Plan

The imperative need of the present moment is a strong religious center which could serve both staff and students. The Christian students, who are about a quarter of the whole student body, and those non-Christian students who have joined with them in the social programmes, are very conscious of the need of such a center; they want a base from which they could go out, and invite other students to come and join in with them in the work or worship of small groups. Though the chaplain's office has been fully used, financial difficulties have left it poorly equipped. Available money, indeed, is insufficient for the programme quite apart from this. Such religious books as are to be found in the main university library are either too technical or else gravely out of date. The center should therefore provide its own library of books carefully selected for their value in expounding Christian teaching or commenting on social and personal problems for the interested, but not necessarily expert, reader. Again the community life of the "Families" would be greatly helped by some provision for refreshments or for recreational facilities.

B The Budget

Furniture and equipment for the center	50
Religious books and choir music	250
Help to fellowship groups	<u>200</u>
	<u>\$500</u>

3 ADDITIONAL WORK WHICH \$2,000 ANNUALLY WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE

A The Plan

The first claim on any additional funds would still be the building up of a strong religious center, as described in section 2. But the effectiveness of this and all Christian work will depend chiefly on the personal power behind it, and not only is there already more than sufficient scope for another full-time chaplain.

in the university but as the fellowships, the center, and the personal contacts grow the work is likely to increase. That the present chaplain is also on the staff of the Theological College increases his powers of co-ordinating Christian activities, but it also increases the work to be fitted into his time.

Beyond this it is also desirable to strengthen the social services offered. The intimate connection between joining in Christian service of this kind and beginning to understand and become interested in the Christian way has already been mentioned. Among schemes proposed months ago, immediately recognized as meeting urgent needs, but lacking funds even for a beginning, were:

- i Providing proper equipment for the medical corps
- ii Helping the free schools, which are at present handicapped by lack of textbooks for the pupils, of reference books for the staff, and of money to employ further teachers
- iii Training students for leadership, alike for the Sunday School and for the social service programmes.

B The Budget

Religious center, as in previous budget	500
Salary for extending the chaplaincy	1,000
Help to free schools	300
Training leaders . for the work	100
Equipment of medical corps	<u>100</u>
	<u>\$2,000</u>

Canton, China
December 16, 1949

HANGCHOW UNIVERSITY
Hangchow, Chekiang
China

HANGCHOW UNIVERSITY CHURCH PRESENT and PROPOSED EXPANSION BUDGETS

Items (Fall Term:--Sept.'49 to Jan.'50) JMP	Present U.S. Cy	With U.S.\$500 additional U.S. Cy	With \$2000 additional U.S. Cy
<u>INCOME:</u> -- Sunday Collections--	300,000		
Personal Pledges -	700,000		
Christmas Contrib.--	250,000		
Bank Interest -	500,000		
Total	1,800,000	\$250	

EXPENDITURES:

Fellowships Expense	500,000	
Village Evangelism	250,000	
Gift to Preachers	200,000	
Campus S.S.	100,000	
Christmas Celebr'ns	300,000	
Preacher, etc, Travel	100,000	
Zakow Com'ty Center	150,000	
Miscellaneous	200,000	
Total	1,800,000	\$250

EXPANDED PROGRAM:

Student Book Center (Christian Lit.)	\$ 100	\$ 200
Choir Music and Robes	150	
" "		100
Sunday-School Materials	50	100
Zakow Clinic Equipment & Supplies	100	150
Chapel Tower-Rooms Furnishings	100	
	\$ 500	
College Pastor & Rel. Wrk. Director		720
Assistant Director & Zakow Secretary		420
Rural & Village Evangelism		100
Retreats & Summer & Winter Conferences		150
2 Bicycles for Zakow Workers		50
		\$2000

ADDITIONAL NEEDS:

Repair of Tucker Memorial Chapel (See estimate)	U.S.\$500
Stage enlargement & lighting, curtain, etc.(Chapel)	150
New Piano for Chapel; Organ for Social Hall	350
Freight & Installation Hammond Elec. Organ (See Note)	200
Audio-visual Equipment (Projector, record-player, etc.)	300
Religious and Social Center Bldg. (& Equipment)	50,000
TsUn-dang Rural Center Bldg. (& Equipment)	5,000
Repair of Zakow Community Center (& Addition)	750
Residence for Secretary of Zakow Com'ty Center	2,500

Note: A Hammond organ was donated by the Presbyterian church of Washington, Pa. but, on account of Civil War here, was never purchased or shipped. We hope to get it later.

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HANGCHOW UNIVERSITY
Hangchow, Chekiang
China

I. REPAIR ON TOCKER MEMORIAL CHAPEL:-

(1) Roof Repair (90 ft. long)	JMP 3,000,000
(2) Gallery Repair (5 joists & 1 sq. flooring)	1,500,000
(3) Varnishing ceiling & woodwork	2,800,000
(4) (70 "fang" @ 40,000 a fang)	
Repair of Tower (roof & floors)	3,680,000
(5) Miscellaneous repair (gutters)	500,000
	<u>JMP 11,480,000</u>

@ rate 23,000 - U.S. \$499 Or \$500

II. REPAIR ON ZAKOW COMMUNITY CENTER:-

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(1) Exterior surface (stucco 50 fang @ 45,000)	2,250,000
(2) Interior surface (plaster 110 sq. @ 25,000)	2,750,000
(3) Minor floor repairs	360,000
(4) Hardware for windows and doors	500,000
(5) Iron rods for windows (12 @ 240,000)	2,400,000
(6) Repairing doors & windows	1,000,000
(7) Repair rear earth wall of compound	1,500,000
(8) Painting woodwork	2,000,000
(9) Repair gutters and downpipes	1,000,000
(10) Repair servant's house at rear	1,000,000
(11) Making sump and yard drains	500,000
(12) New stairway & Door at rear of bldg.	2,000,000
	<u>JMP 17,260,000</u>

@ rate 23,000 - U.S. \$750

Note: These are rough estimates made by C. Y. Dong, our University engineer in charge of buildings and repairs.

C.B.D.

I include them because any effective religious work on the campus and in Zakow is very dependent on these repairs to put our religious work buildings into good condition.

C. B. D.

EXCERPT FROM LETTER

DR. WU YI FANG - 12/27/49

P.S. 12/28/49

I wish to add a few words in regard to our preliminary thinking on how to strengthen the Christian work in the college. It seems to us the one important need is to secure a strong Chinese chaplain for the college and the university. Reverend Kwoh is doing his best but is not able to meet the demands of the new times. Yet this is the time when we should be helping the Christian faculty and students more than usual. Because of his faithful service in the past, it does not seem fair to merely drop him so perhaps what we can do is to invite an additional person with this additional grant for the Christian work in the institutions.

I have already written to Dr. T. C. Chao in regard to the possibility of recommending a well qualified person for this position. I hardly need to write more about it because even when you were in China, we had realized this need; in fact last year we even invited a possible person to come up to Nanking and preach one Sunday morning. With the additional activities during Christmas week we have not yet spent enough time on our consideration so I am not yet ready to present a formal project and hope to be writing to you again soon about it.

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
Nanking 5, China

December 30, 1949

Dr. Robert J. McMullen
United Board for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Ave., New York City 11

Dear Dr. McMullen;

We deeply appreciated your letter of October 28th and were glad to hear of the move to strengthen the distinctively Christian character and contribution of the Christian Colleges in China. The University of Nanking welcomes the suggestions made and will be grateful for any help offered.

Upon receipt of your letter, copies were made and given to the Religious Committee of the University and a few of the Christian staff members. Small groups were called together in several homes for informal discussion of the letter. These groups sent their suggestions to the Religious Committee, which then met and thoroughly examined all of the proposals made. They covered a wide range including such things as the purchase of Christian books, Bibles and Hymn books (particularly Hymn books with musical notation in order to improve the congregational singing/the University Sunday morning service), subscriptions to Christian magazines, the purchase of Sunday School materials for University students to use in teaching faculty children, a fund for printing, mimeographing, and making of posters for religious activities and conferences, music and equipment for the church choir, the securing of more records of sacred music for record concerts, broadcasts, and Fellowship use, the purchase of good examples of religious art for subsidized sale for dormitory rooms, the rental of original production of religious film-strips, the provision of a tape recorder of two for bringing back first hand reports of conferences, etc., help to faculty families for entertainment of student fellowships in their homes, a fund for the unusual expenses at Christian festival seasons... Christmas, Easter, etc., the bringing of pastors to the University for short specialized training courses (thus bringing the churches and the University in closer contact, and giving pastors more opportunity to touch student lives), a fund for the expenses of holding conferences, retreats, special campaigns, etc., provision for the bringing of the best Christian speakers in China to the campus, for short of long stays, the securing of an able young Christian worker to act as student counselor and secretary for religious activities, etc. The Religious Committee felt that the most urgent needs were those listed below, in reply to your second and third questions.

(1) The present religious program at the University of Nanking includes the following: A Chaplain, Rev. Gwoh Chung-i, who is in charge of the morning Union service of Ginling College and the University, chairs the weekly Tuesday afternoon Faculty Christian Fellowship, and teaches several elective curriculum courses in the field of Religious Studies, as well as offering pastoral care to the University community. Each term he also invites one or two pastors or missionaries to offer elective courses on the Life of Jesus, Introduction to the New Testament, etc. Among the faculty there is a Religious Committee whose present co-chairmen are Dr. Tai An-pang of the Department of Chemistry and Dr. Andrew T. Roy of the Department of Philosophy. The Committee has sub-committees on Faculty-student relationships, Worship and Fellowship, Religious Reading, Music, Social Life, Graduate Relationships, Family Visiting, and Social Welfare. Each Tuesday afternoon some thirty or forty Christian Faculty members meet for worship, tea, fellowship, announcements, and a brief address or a led discussion. The Committee on Religious Reading has organized five Faculty Reading and Discussion groups, one on the Christian Family, one on International Relations, one on Social Questions, one, largely of Scientists, on "What a Modern Man can Believe", and one on "Problems of Christian Higher Education". The Religious Committee arranges a Faculty Student Retreat each term, invites special speakers (this term Dr. Kiang Wen-han, head of the Student Department of the National Committee, Y.M.C.A. and Vice-chairman of the Worlds Student Christian Federation, gave a very effective and well-attended series of addresses on the Christian Faith in relation to the present currents of thought in China),

has meetings of welcome for new students and farewell meetings for the graduating class, hold an annual Christmas gathering for the whole University, etc.

Among the students, the chief Christian organization is the Young People's Christian Association. At present it has 9 officers, and has organized three fellowships; the Salt and Light Fellowship of about 24 members, the Canterbury Club of Episcopal students, numbering about 22 members, and the Sea and Ocean Fellowship with 28 members. The Y.P.C.A. is in charge of the program of the University of Nanking Student Center, gives daily brief broadcasts of religious music over the University radio, and sponsors other Christian and service activities. The Student Center is a residence near the entrance of the University, financed by a memorial fund, to provide a center for student Christian activities, social life, self-help projects, etc.

There are other Christian student organizations in and around the University. An Intervarsity Fellowship meets once a week. A University of Nanking fellowship meets every Sunday for breakfast, and has met consistently for over twenty years. Another student group meets once a week in Dr. Steward's home for singing, Bible Study and discussion, and recreation. There is an organization of Nanking Songsters (who did some excellent Christmas carolling this year) and a combined choir of Ginling and Nanking students who provide special music for the service on Sunday morning. (This year the choir, on the Sunday before Christmas, led a crowded auditorium in a beautiful candle-light service of music and worship. Students from the University are active members of Youth Fellowships in the nearer city churches, particularly the Disciples and Methodist churches and an Episcopal chapel. The Twinem Memorial Chapel on the campus is used for an English service on Sunday afternoons, and for occasional special services and retreats. According to the registration cards there are 117 students in the University this term who list themselves as Christians.

Many of the above groups and activities are spontaneous and not coordinated, financed or directed by any one person or organization. The main responsible bodies are the Religious Committee and the Y.P.C.A. The two individuals most directly responsible are the Reverend Gwoh Chung-i, who gives full time to religious work and teaching, and Prof. Andrew T. Roy, who gives ~~full time to religious work and teaching~~ half-time to student Christian activities, the Student Center, self-help projects, etc. However, the real nerve center of the Christian program is the group of Christian professors and administrative officers who attend the Tuesday afternoon Fellowship meetings. Some funds are made available by the University when needed, but by and large most aspects of the program are financed by voluntary contributions from those most directly concerned. When the University directly helps, it is usually from special gifts received outside of the regular budget. Students can no longer provide much in the way of voluntary contributions, but the Christian faculty give generously out of very meagre incomes.

(2) If we were given US\$500 annually in addition to present appropriations, the Religious Committee advises that it be spent as follows: US\$300 (or more if necessary) to provide for travel and entertainment for a few of the ablest spokesmen and leaders in the Christian churches and Universities of China, who would be asked to spend some time (say, two to four months) here and in other University centers, giving special addresses and sharing their faith and understanding of the Christian witness in the present situation, with both faculty and students. Being less in contact with the Christian mind of the West, there is all the more reason for drawing upon the reservoir of Christian experience and wisdom available in China. Recent conditions have made travel difficult, and voices and personalities which should have influenced the nation have had little opportunity to do so. Travel should now become easier, and we greatly need an exchange of insight and inspiration. Particularly do we need to hear those men who have been able to think their way through the present problems to a positive and constructive faith expressed in words the new generation of students can understand. The other \$200 we would use to provide for more student fellowships and study groups in faculty homes, and for the purchase of

Christian literature, magazines, records and other materials, and for conferences and retreat expenses.

(3) If we were given US\$2000 annually in addition to present appropriations, the Religious Committee would suggest the two uses mentioned above, plus the use of about \$1000 to secure an able young Chinese University and Seminary graduate (preferably married to an active Christian wife) who could do student counselling, maintain a constant personal contact with the students, and be a friend, adviser and secretary for student Christian groups and activities. The remainder of the money would be used to provide him with a working budget. He and his wife could live in the Student Center and increase its usefulness and influence. Having his office just outside the University campus, and being employed in no official teaching, nor financed through the regular University budget, his work would probably face no serious obstacles under present conditions.

The Religious Committee suggests that if funds are made available, it might be well to arrange for them to be handled entirely separately from the usual funds in order that there may be no misunderstanding. In this way it would give greater freedom to carry on the work to be financed by these special grants.

Again let me assure you of our thorough accord with the views expressed in your letter, and of our desire to strengthen this aspect of our work.

Cordially yours,

(signed) Yu-gwan Chen.

January 10th, 1950

Dr. Robt. McMullen
United Board for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Dr. McMullen:

This letter is occasioned by the fact that I have just seen a copy of a draft prepared by Andy Roy as to how an additional grant to the university for religious work might be spent, in the context of religious activities as they are now. It seems to me Dr. Roy's draft calls for a number of interpretations, in order to make our need at Nanking University stand out in its true perspective. Perhaps others could interpret better than I, since I am only a recently arrived part time teacher. But I find that often things which are left for others to say, do not get said, so I hope these comments of mine may be of some value.

The basic thing which I have to say is by way of bringing out more clearly than the draft report which I have read, the problems and the need of religious work on the campus. I think the trend of the report, while on the whole accurate, is misleading in that it does not (in the nature of the personalities involved I suppose it cannot) certain difficulties which may seriously undermine the religious life of the university unless we succeed in attracting to the campus more professional Chinese Christian leadership. I would put the problems this way:

1. Pastor Gwo Chung I is not performing effectively the functions assigned to him by his position as University Pastor, and teacher of Religion. This is not to say that he does not work hard at it. But he apparently lacks consciousness of the religious problems around him, and especially lacks appeal to the students. The results are:

a. Religion courses, all taught by him, are decreasing in enrollment.

b. The University Church lacks coordination and appeal in its worship, despite an occasional good preacher, a faithful attendance (rather few students) and good music. And the religious activities of the university are not church-centered. The University Church which is the primary church home of many of the faculty and students is nothing in itself, but a service.

c. The students are not getting the pastoral help they need. This is the most serious problem under this heading. I have heard that Pastor Gwo has pastoral contacts with some of the faculty families. But on the whole his relationships to the student community are neither pastoral nor evangelistic.

2. Because Andy Roy has too much to do, and because he is the kind of a man who allows himself to be used endlessly in acts of practical service to others, the religious activities of the students in their fellowships lack the guidance which they need. Dr. Roy's Christian witness is one of personal character more than positive leadership on the religious side. Most of his time is absorbed in student self-help programs which are rigorously separated from Christian fellowships, while half time is given of course, to teaching.

3. The problem of religious division is serious as everywhere in China and is perhaps less serious at the University of Nanking than elsewhere. Still it is a serious weakening factor. Despite the number of students who are active in neighboring churches, there is also a large group, centered in the Inter-Varsity Fellowship has the guidance of two missionaries from the China Inland Mission, who are fine people and not unco-operative. But the effect of their work is to separate out a group of Christians who should be mixing with the whole, and because the C.I.M. does not stress churchmanship, the Church is weakened. There is a golden opportunity here, where religious tensions are not high at the moment, for the proper leadership to integrate Christians of all types into a constructive fellowship and program. But at the moment we lack the integrating leader.

This letter should not by any means stand alone. It has been written to emphasize problems neglected in the report which you will receive, and is only a footnote to that, on the whole accurate and encouraging picture. I hope it is of some use in helping you to understand our needs more fully.

Sincerely yours

(signed) Charles C. West

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
FOOCHOW, CHINA

January 7, 1950

Dr. Robert J. McMullen
United Board for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Dr. McMullen:

Your letter of 28th October to the College Presidents was handed to me by Dr. David Cheng for consultation and recommendation. The letter arrived just as the Christmas season was on us, and so this reply has been delayed longer than would otherwise have been the case. All the questions involved in your letter have been discussed by our Religious Activities Committee, and the following comes with the full support and agreement of all of the members of the committee.

This term has found us working under changed conditions, and a very different atmosphere. We began in September not knowing what was ahead. The change is fundamental, although there are as yet few startling outward manifestations. As a Christian College we are faced with the necessity of justifying our existence on two very different fronts: we must remain unequivocally Christian while at the same time showing willingness to co-operate with the government in its programme of reconstruction. Indications so far are that the government will not put unnecessary obstacles in the way.

In answer to your questions, - in general we would wish to assure the many supporters of F.C.U. that we are confident that their trust in F. C. U. as a Christian College is not misplaced. Their concern for the fundamental nature of the Christian contribution to Chinese education in a context in which students shall come to a personal knowledge of Christ is our concern.

The Christian work in F.C.U. is organised by two independent groups: The University Union Church, and the Student Christian Association; the two groups are organised independently, but their work is closely knit together.

F.C.U. is ten miles down river from Foochow and the present state of communications make any effective participation in the church life of the city quite impossible. Our Church exists to bring together Christian students and faculty into one church community.

In 1946 the Rev. T. H. Wilkinson was appointed to the University as Chaplain, and he has been pastor of the church.

The Student Christian Association is affiliated with the Student Division of the National Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. It is a voluntary student organization of the familiar type. It has non-Christian members as well as Christians. Its officers are elected each term by the members. Various members of the faculty are invited to act as advisors to the S.C.A., and there is every degree of understanding and co-operation in the planning and carrying out of the Christian Activities on the campus.

The following is a summary of our present activities:

1. The University Service on Sunday mornings:

A Sunday School is held for children during the time of the sermon.

2. A chapel service every morning during the term.

3. Student Fellowship Groups. The S.C.A. organises Fellowship Groups of 15-25 members each. These have a member of the faculty as advisor. Meetings are held every week or two weeks for devotions, discussions, and Bible Study. One Fellowship of those students preparing for the work of the ministry meets weekly with the Chaplain.
4. During the past two years several students have been prepared for Baptism.
5. The S.C.A. organises lectures on special topics either by members of the faculty, or visiting speakers.
6. This term the S.C.A. service projects have included a Sunday School in the village adjoining the campus; voluntary teachers in the village primary school which is temporarily without its government subsidy, and special visiting and help at Christmas time.
7. A Faculty Fellowship meets every two weeks.

All of this work is self supporting; through Church collections, and special contributions, from the faculty and students for special objects. There is no appropriation from the regular university budget.

Owing to the rapidly changing currencies during the past three years it would be difficult to estimate what is expended during the course of a year in a stable currency. During the last six months it is perhaps about US\$85.00. The unreliability of such an estimate may be judged from the fact that within this time the general cost of living in terms of foreign currency has halved. We may well expect similar fluctuations in the future.

Our general plan is to make short term estimates of our needs for specific objects and to collect and use the money immediately.

The suggestion of your letter of a possible regular income from special funds for the strengthening of our work is certainly one to touch the imagination. But, in F.C.U. the single largest obstacle to the religious work is the lack of buildings.

We have a Chapel cut off from the Library and part of an office for the Chaplain in the Arts Hall. In view of the general congestion this is quite a generous allocation, but it does not give the independence and privacy which is essential.

The greatest contribution which could be made to the religious life in F. C. U. would be to have funds made available for the building of a chapel. This would need to include space for a library and reading room, a room for small meetings, and office for the Chaplain, and a room for the S.C.A. committee. The S.C.A. at present have no rooms at all available for their own use.

We have, off hand, no idea what the cost of such a building would be, and I think it is better to give no estimate than a wild and probable inaccurate one. Mr. Paul Wiant who has been responsible for much of the F.C.U. building plans to come to Foochow very shortly. We have written to him and he should be able to give some reasonable idea of what would be involved in what we need.

I think I may say that the whole cost of a building would not necessarily have to come from what you could grant. There is a small sum already collected which could most probable be made available for this purpose, and once we had a project under way we could undoubtedly raise a further sum.

The possibility of an income of, say, \$500 a year would mean that many immediate needs could be met, and that our work could be planned with greater confidence in many ways. The following are some of the things we have in mind:

- The building up of a library of current religious books.
- The printing of original or translated material (here we could make good use of our own printing press).
- The acquiring of suitable religious films and slides.
- The arranging of student conferences and retreats; the payment of speakers, etc.
- The securing of suitable student secretarial help.

From what has been said before you will realise the difficulty of making anything of a realistic budget for any of these things. A promised income would open up possibilities which we should not be slow to explore. We are at present more or less blockaded, letters from Shanghai are slow and uncertain and it is not possible to make enquiries on many lines without considerably delaying a reply.

Your further suggestion of an income of \$2,000 a year without due consultation and consideration, we should not be in a position to use a sum of that size on "activities", but, without prejudicing the previous suggestion about building there is one consideration which we would like to make.

The present Chaplain is on a missionary basis. It would be desirable to have funds available for the appointment of a full time ordained Chinese student worker. It would be desirable for the appointment of such a man to be made in consultation with the co-operating churches. An assured salary would be the first step. There can be no doubt that the appointment of a suitable man to this position would more than anything else work towards the ends that the donors of the funds you mention have in mind.

Very sincerely yours,

T. R. Wilkinson
Chaplain

HWA NAN COLLEGE

FOOCHOW, CHINA

January 17, 1950

Dr. Robert J. McMullen,
UBCCG,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Dr. McMullen:-

We are so glad to be able to exchange letters once more! Yours of November second has been here for several weeks and the one of December twenty-first came two days ago.

I am replying first to your earlier letter which came so near Christmas time that it was forced to wait till now for an answer. Then, too, I am sure you will understand that the carrying out of such a plan as you suggest takes time, thought and much planning. I sent you a cable telling you that we deeply desire to carry out your suggestions regarding a deeper Christian fellowship, and I am submitting herewith an outline of our plan, but want to write you a bit more fully about some of the ideas and efforts.

We all felt that a Christian Fellowship Center should be "off campus" for more reasons than one, and so we have obtained permission to rent half of one of Dr. Henry Li's houses near the campus. This rent makes up rather a large item, but we feel that the house and the location are well worth it. I believe the other items listed are self explanatory and we are hoping to start proceedings along this line when we open the Spring term in March. Can you get some money to us that quickly? Since we have our College account in New York, if you could just cable us your decision and consent and the amount you deposit to our credit for this project - we could easily start our work this Spring term. I already have "feelers out" for the needed personnel. You may feel that I am pushing this matter too rapidly, but your letter of December seventeenth comforts me with the realization that Hwa Nan is, in reality, already carrying out to the best of our ability - the ideals and aims that you present for Christian Colleges. Of course, we have our failings, but we feel that the path you outline is the "right track" and in all humility, I believe we are with you on that track. Therefore, I have seized with great joy this further challenge that you suggest and hope that our plans will meet your approval and that we will get a cable from you SOON.

The current term is about over and plans for next terms work are already formulating. Yesterday the College Council made up of servants, students and faculty met to discuss fees, scholarships etc. for the coming term. This is new business for us all, and I cannot tell you how deeply grateful I am for the success of the past term and the promise of the future one. I am sending you a copy of my recent report, as I think it may clarify a bit our present situation.

I am very glad to have this indirect news of Doris Hsu. I am sure she is writing us, but to date nothing has come through. Do tell her to try sending letters through the Hongkong office, as we do want to hear from her. It seems a very long time since she left. I do not know what plans you have for her - or what she herself plans, but I am hoping that she can get back to us in the Fall.

Thank you for your letter and your letter and your continued interest and prayer for us, and please know that although we live a day at a time - that we rest assured that it is all in God's time and so we carry on in faith believing.

Yours sincerely,
(signed) Lucy C. Wang
President
Hwa Nan College

HWA NAN COLLEGE
FOOCHOW, CHINA

January 23, 1950

Dr. Robert J. McMullen,
UBCCC,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. McMullen:

The minutes of the Hwa Nan College Board of Directors have been sent to you by Dr. Wang along with her letter of January 17 so that actually I do not need to make much additional comment.

You will notice that the meeting was on December 8 but it was held up until we had the meeting of the Joint Conference Committee which released Hwa Nan from its earlier obligation not to plan any building.

Of all of our institutions in Foochow Hwa Nan College seems to be riding the storm I should say about the best. No one dares predict of course what may happen tomorrow or the next day. There is a fine sense of solidarity in the faculty and we all know how vitally important that is.

The project for the Christian Fellowship House which President Wang has enclosed speaks for itself.

I think that you folks are doing us all quite a fine service in the emphasis you are putting on the need for a deepening of the spiritual life. Hwa Nan's reaction to your suggestion for some such special project of course met with a very happy response.

Let me put in here that your letter written near the close of the year to the presidents of all colleges reached Foochow at a most strategic moment when the F.C.U. Board was in the midst of an impossible situation concerning the presidency. As a result of that letter, yesterday we had a meeting of the Board with some 15 of the key Christian faculty of the university. A full day retreat; trying to face up to the Christian implications of our duty and opportunity in F.C.U. It may make the choosing of a president easier, although I am not yet certain. At least your share in giving us that letter at the opportune moment was very fortunate.

With greetings.

Cordially yours,

(signed) E. Pearce Hayes

A PROPOSAL FOR A CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP HOUSE OF HWA NAN COLLEGE

1. Name - Christian Fellowship House of Hwa Nan College
2. Aims - To develop and strengthen Christian faith and fellowship among students and faculty of the College.
3. Activities:
 - a. Devotional meetings of small fellowship groups - anytime during the week.
 - b. Discussion groups - on current social and religious issues.
 - c. Bible study fellowships - anytime during the week.
 - d. Social gatherings of small groups.
 - e. Social service project groups.
 - f. Week-end retreats of small groups.
 - g. Winter and summer vacation retreats - one week for each group.
4. Housing needed - a house off the campus where the activities outlined above may be carried on.
5. Personnel needed:
 - a. A full time director of professoral rank who will teach a course or two in religion in the college - so long as it is permissible to do so, and at the same time direct the activities of the house.
 - b. A full time assistant who will also serve as house-keeper of the house, preferably a mature college graduate with some training in theology of religion.
6. Current Budget Required:

a. Salaries for the two	\$ 600-720
b. Maintenance of the house	180-200
c. Rent	240-300
d. Office expenses	60-60
e. Activity subsidies	
1) 35 week-end retreats @ 2-3	70-100
2) 8 vacation week retreats @ 5-7	40-60
3) Social gatherings	50-60
4) Literature supplies	120-150
5) Social service projects	120-250
6) Travel and entertainment of leaders to assist in retreats and other activities	120-180

	\$1600-2000
7. Furniture and equipments - For the first year a sum may be needed for furniture and kitchen and other equipments of the house. If beds can be supplied by the college, a minimum of \$300 will be needed for folding chairs for meetings, tables for games, games, and kitchen utensils, etc.

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

Twenty South Twelfth Street

Philadelphia 7, * Pennsylvania

February 14, 1950

Mr. Robert J. McMullen
Yenching Offices
160 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Re: Lucy Burt
Friends Centre
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Mr. McMullen:

Lucy Burt tells us she has written to you in connection with her appeal to the Trustees of the McBrier Fund for a grant for purchase of the Centre Property in Peiping. She has suggested that we might write you for information about this. As she probably explained to you, she and others connected with Yenching University and the Centre there feel it is vital to the future of the Centre for this property to be turned over from private ownership to the University as a Mission-contributed residence.

Lucy Burt has also asked us to try to help in financing this purchase. Contributions to AFSC work are greatly decreased this year, and we are having difficulty in finding funds to carry on our current projects. Any funds we could give would probably have to be raised by a special appeal. We are interested in Lucy Burt's work, but she is a Friends Service Council (London) worker rather than as American Friends Service Committee appointee, and her Centre is not included in our current AFSC budget. Friends Service Council is prevented from helping in the purchase because of the currency regulations of the English government.

We shall be grateful to you for any advice you can give us and especially regarding the possibilities of a grant from the McBrier Fund.

If there is any further information we can give you, we will be glad to try to do so. We are in touch with Lucy Burt through air mail letters, and we have received several detailed reports from her regarding the property situation.

Sincerely,

(signed) Margaret McNeas
Asst. Director for
International Centers Program

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School of Religion
Yenching University
Peking, China
December 8, 1949

Dr. Robert J. McMullen
Yenching Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. McMullen:

The secretary of the Field Committee has written to you about adjustments in our regular budget expenditure during the current year. I am adding this note to bring to the attention of the McBrier Committee a special project in which we should be very grateful for your help.

Those of us who are concerned with Christian work in Yenching are much interested in the Friends Centre which was established outside the East Gate of the University in 1946 and of which Miss Burtt is the Warden. The project has been sponsored jointly by the American Friends Service Committee and the British Friends Service Council who have paid the rent and repairs on the property as well as supporting Miss Burtt. Recent political developments make it imperative that the property should be purchased from its American owner, Mrs. E. K. Smith, and put into Chinese hands if it is to remain available for Christian work. The purchase price is US\$3,000.00 but owing to the sharp decline in contributions in the current year the Mission Boards are only able to supply \$1,500.00 of this amount and are leaving the rest to be raised by friends of the Centre. As the reduction in Mission Board support will put a greater burden of running expenses on local Christian funds it will be a very great help to the work of evangelism in this area if the \$1,500.00 purchase money can be supplied from McBrier funds.

One of the most encouraging aspects of our Christian work in these new conditions is the increased concern for evangelism shown by those Christians who have not been swept into the rising tide of Communism. A number of Christian students both in Yenching and in the city are devoting themselves with great earnestness to Christian work taking time for prayer, Bible study and very careful preparation for each project of active Christian work which they undertake. The Friends Centre is being increasingly used by these Christian groups for discussions, Conferences and Retreats and so is becoming a base for evangelism which we are eager to keep in Christian hands.

Many of us feel also that there is great value in the experiment in Christian community life which is being worked out by the group of long term residents in the Centre. Just now when there is more than ever need to work for increased understanding among people of different national and ideological groups, the happiness of this little group of Christian Chinese and foreigners living together rouses interest and the right kind of question and has been observed and noted with interest by some of our Communist visitors.

We will gladly supply any further information you may need if the McBrier Committee is interested in the project or if you can get in touch with Lucius Porter he can probably fill in a good many details for you more rapidly than we can by mail.

Yours very sincerely,

(signed) T. C. Chao
Chairman of McBrier Field Committee

School of Religion
Yenching University
Peking, China
December 8, 1949

Dr. Robert J. McMullen
Yenching Office
150 Fifth Ave.
New York 11, N. Y.
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. McMullen:

At a meeting of the McBrier Field Committee today the question which you addressed to Bliss Wiant on Nov. 26, 1948 was discussed and a message sent to us through Lucius Porter that the McBrier Committee in New York has sanctioned our expenditure up to U.S. \$1,860.- for the current year. We suggest the following revised budget for the year 1949-50;

Salaries.....	US\$ 650.00
Leadership training.....	500.00
Speakers.....	200.00
Publications and books.....	350.00
Visual aids.....	100.00
Contingent.....	60.00
	<u>US\$1,860.00</u>

Members of your committee and Mr. McBrier himself will be very happy to know that our Christian work here seems in a healthier and more vigorous state than it has been for many years. The shock of Liberation has shaken over the Communist groups most of the lukewarm members of the Fellowship who tend to drift with the tide. Those who remain with the Fellowship have responded well to the challenge of the Revolution, are caring about and training themselves for evangelism and all forms of active Christian work with a seriousness and deepening of Christian conviction which carries great hope for the future of the Christian Church in China. Their leaders feel strongly the need for extensive training of groups of fully committed Christian closely related to projects of active work among vague and bewildered Church members and non-Christians. The McBrier Field Committee feels deep sympathy with this and has increased the budget allotment for Leadership training. We are hoping also to do a good deal more this year in promoting the writing of short pamphlets and the translation of Western books likely to help young people here to understand far more clearly the fundamentals of the Christian faith as they face the challenge of Communism. The allotment for salaries has been increased to meet the risks of inflation not matched by a corresponding rise in the exchange rate of the American dollar.

The \$641.44 surplus from last year we have not included in the current budget, but if it is still possible to use it we would very gladly take any part or all of it to help build up the library of Christian films and slides which we are using more and more in work with students, school children and village people. The skill of the Rev. J. Crothers of the Presbyterian Mission in using all kinds of visual aids in religious work has interested our people very much and working jointly with other Christian groups in the city we are trying to build up a library of films and slides for use in this area. The \$100 already in the budget will be used in this way but we would gladly spend more if the money is available.

Dr. Chao is writing to you about our Friends Centre here for which a special grant is rather urgently needed. This letter is concerned with the regular budget expenditure.

Yours very sincerely,

Lucy M. Burt
(Secretary of the McBrier Field
committee.)

United Board for Christian Colleges in China

One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue . . . New York 11, N. Y.

February 27, 1950

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Mr. E. M. McBrier and
the Members of the
McBrier Foundation.

My dear Friends:

Herewith I am sending you a copy of my
letter of October 28th to the College Presidents.
This was directed by you at the meeting of the
Foundation held on September 22, 1949.

So far replies have been received from
Yenching and from seven of the other colleges
concerned. Copies of these replies are herewith
presented. It is hoped that a meeting of the
Foundation can be held in the near future, as some
reply must be made to these institutions also to
Yenching regarding their request for \$1500 to help
purchase the Burt house. Dr. Lucius Porter can
meet with us a week from today, March 6th. I wonder
if it would be possible for the others to meet at
the same time. I suggest that we try to get
together for lunch to consider these matters.

With warmest personal regards, I am,

Yours cordially,

Bob

Robert J. McMullen
Executive Secretary

RJM:D
Encl.

Meeting called for 12:15 Monday, March
6, 1950 at the Aldine Club.

MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMITTEE ON McBRIER FOUNDATION

Friday, May 26, 1950

Room 903, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York

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| Christian Literature | 1000. | |
| 2) Ginling College | | 750. |
| Student Conferences & Fellowships | 375. | |
| Christian Service Projects | 375. | |
| 3) Huachung University | | 1000. |
| Student Conferences & Fellowships | 500. | |
| Christian Service Projects | 500. | |
| 4) Hwa Nan College | | 1000. |
| Student Conferences & Fellowships | 250. | |
| Christian Service Projects | 250. | |
| Student Center | 500. | |
| 5) University of Nanking | | 1500. |
| Student Conferences and Fellowships | 750. | |
| Christian Service Projects | 750. | |
| 6) Nanking-Ginling Joint Chaplain | | 1000. |
| Salary | 600. | |
| Rent | 200. | |
| Work Budget | 200. | |
| 7) West China Union University | | 1750. |
| Chaplain or Student Pastor | 750. | |
| Student Conferences & Fellowships | 500. | |
| Christian Service Projects | 500. | |

8) Hangchow Christian University		1000.
Chaplain or Student Pastor	<u>1000.</u>	<u>1000.</u>
TOTAL		\$10,000.

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VOTED to make the following appropriations to the support of projects for strengthening the Christian programs in the Christian Colleges, as proposed by the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum of the United Board:

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For Student Conferences & Fellowships	1000.
For Student Pastors	<u>1500.</u>
	\$3500.

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Christian Service Projects	500.	
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Student Conferences & Fellowships	250.	
Christian Service Projects	250.	
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Student Conferences & Fellowships	750.	
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6) Nanking-Ginling Joint Chaplain		1000.
Salary	600.	
Rent	200.	
Work Budget	200.	
7) West China Union University		1750.
Chaplain or Student Pastor	750.	
Student Conferences & Fellowships	500.	
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Secretary

June 7, 1951

M E M O

TO: Miss Cloud
FROM: Mr. Seaman

I have received the unanimous approval of the McBrier Foundation Committee to return to the Foundation the \$3,500.00 voted by them on May 26, 1950 to the support of projects for strengthening Christian programs in the Christian Colleges as proposed by the Committee on Christian, Character, Staff & Curriculum of the United Board.

This approval will be confirmed at the next meeting of the Foundation Committee.

In the meantime, please transfer \$3,366.12 (being \$3,500.00 less \$133.88 paid to West China Union University for their Christian service projects) from United Board appropriations payable account to Yenching Account 175.26 (McBrier Foundation Income).

Henry B. Seaman

cc to: McBrier Foundation file
✓ cc to: McBrier Foundation Minute Book.

United Board for Christian Colleges in China

One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue . . . New York 11, N. Y.

June 8, 1951

Dr. Eric M. North
American Bible Society
Park Avenue and 57th Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. North:

Pursuant to the suggestion made by you yesterday, I am writing regarding the possible application of the income from the McBrier Foundation to projects other than those at the Christian Colleges in China.

Enclosed, herewith, you will find the Resolution passed by the Yenching Board of Trustees at the time the Foundation was set up and the Amendment thereto by agreement dated May 15, 1946.

It would seem that since the conditions of this gift cannot for the present be accomplished in China, it might be well for the Committee to suggest to the donor alternate uses to which this income could be put which would be consistent with the purpose of the gift and agreeable to the donor.

I have obtained the unanimous consent of the Committee by telephone to refund to the Foundation the sum of \$3,500.00 which was set aside on May 26, 1950 for strengthening Christian Programs in the Christian Colleges.

Very truly yours,

Henry B. Seaman

HENRY B. SEAMAN
Associate Treasurer

HBS:MP
Encls.

✓ cc to: Dr. Sidney D. Gamble
347 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

cc to: Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield
c/o Church World Service
350 Broadway
New York, New York

cc to: Dr. William P. Fenn

MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMITTEE ON McBRIER FOUNDATION
Princeton Club
November 15, 1951

Members

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield
*Dr. Sidney D. Gamble
*Dr. Eric M. North

Those whose names are starred were present. Dr. Fenn was also present.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Dr. North. The Secretary presented two requests in connection with the Student Center at Yenching University. After some discussion, it was

VOTED to reimburse Miss Lucy Burt for the sum of \$30.00 spent by her on repairs to the Student Center prior to her departure.

VOTED to pay Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Smith the sum of \$500.00, the appraised value of the furniture left by them in the center and now a part of its permanent equipment.

Upon recommendation of the Secretary and after careful consideration, it was

VOTED to appropriate from present reserves the sum of \$8000.00 for the support of the United Board's spiritual ministry to Chinese students in North America during the period October 1951 to June 1953.

In the course of the discussion, it was pointed out that many of the individuals benefitting from this service will be alumni of the Christian Colleges.

It was also

VOTED that the Secretary be asked to recommend to this Committee, upon return from his visit to the Far East, suitable projects to be supported from current income.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. McBrier to express the hope that these actions meet with his approval.

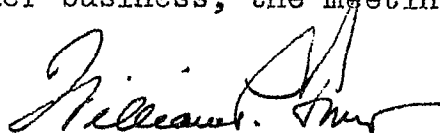
The Secretary was also instructed to take up with Mr. McBrier the question of a formal amendment to the original agreement

Nov. 15, 1951

in regard to the McBrier Foundation embodying the principles put forth in his letter of October 18, 1951, in which he wrote:

"I am interested in what you say about the McBrier Fund. I hope the income can be used for some sort of work elsewhere, as it evidently cannot be used in China. Anywhere the committee deems it wise to employ the available funds would be, it seems to me, better than to allow it accumulate; whatever the committee decides is satisfactory to me."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



William P. Fenn
Secretary

Amendment 1/9/52
Approved by Trustees 1/18/52

The Undersigned recommend that the following resolution be approved by the Yenching University Committee and adopted by the Corporation:

WHEREAS, since December 17, 1950, it has not been possible for the income from the McBrier Foundation to be used for the carrying on of Christian work at Yenching or at any of the other colleges related to the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, but

WHEREAS, said United Board is continuing elsewhere than on the mainland of China, to provide a Christian higher education for Chinese youth, and to render Christian service to individuals formerly connected with the Christian Colleges, and

WHEREAS, Mr. E. M. McBrier and the McBrier Foundation Committee recommend the amendment of the terms as hereinafter stated, and the amendment has been approved by the Yenching Committee of the United Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that Action E-2623 of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Yenching University, June 19, 1929 being the terms of acceptance of the fund of the McBrier Foundation, and that Action YUC-15 of the Yenching University Committee, May 15, 1946 amending such terms, be and hereby are amended as follows:

1) Delete from section "(c)" the words "any of the" following "same conditions at."

2) Add to section "(c)" the following:

"or in connection with other activities of said Board."

so that Section C reads -

"(c) In the event that the income of the Fund shall be more than may be usefully expended at Yenching University, the income may be applied under the same conditions at other colleges related to the United Board for Christian Colleges in China or in connection with other activities of the United Board."

3) Amend section "(d)" by

Adding "nor in connection with other activities of said Board" after "Colleges in China."

so that Section D shall read -

"The Trustees agree, that in the event that future conditions should be such, that such work could be conducted in none of the Colleges related to United Board for Christian Colleges in China nor in connection with other activities of said Board, then the principal of this foundation and any unused income therefrom shall be paid over to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, or to its successors, on the condition that the

"Board will assume the responsibility of teaching the Bible and conducting
"such work as is herein described, in any of the fields in which it works,
"and will conduct such teaching according to the principles and conditions
"mentioned in this resolution.

Signed:

MCBRIER FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

DATED: January 9, 1952

(signed) Wynn C. Fairfield
WYNN C. FAIRFIELD

(signed) E. M. McBrier
E. M. MCBRIER

(signed) Sidney D. Gamble
SIDNEY D. GAMBLE

(signed) Eric M. North
ERIC M. NORTH

(signed) Henry B. Seeman
WITNESS

"RESOLUTIONS

- " (a) "The Trustees of Peking University (Yenching University) agree to accept
"this gift of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) on the under-
"standing that same is to be known as the "McBRIER FOUNDATION FOR BIBLICAL
"INSTRUCTION AND CHRISTIAN WORK," the principal sum to be maintained in-
"tact as a permanent fund, and the income therefrom to be used as indicated
"in the manner hereinafter described. The Trustees may, if they so desire,
"consolidate the investment of this fund with the investment of other
"endowment funds similarly to be held in perpetuity, but the accounting of
"this Fund is to be kept and administered separately from the income from
"other Funds."
- (b) "We understand that the purpose of the donors in creating this Fund is to
"provide an annual income which is to be used outside of the regular budget
"items of the University to promote and carry on such types of Christian
"work and Bible study among the students as will be instrumental in leading
"them into a personal experience of faith in and obedience to Jesus
"Christ as their Saviour and Lord; that the object to be attained by
"the use of the income from this Fund is to make the University more
"decidedly a Christian Institution by increasing the distinctly Christian
"work among the students; that no part of said income is to be used for
"salaries or expenses of the regular teaching staff or the regular curric-
"ulum work in any department, but is to be used exclusively for supplement-
"ary and special types of distinctly Christian work which the regular teach-
"ing staff may not find it possible to undertake; all this in order to en-
"large and emphasize the distinctly Christian character of the University.
- "In accepting this gift the Trustees do hereby obligate themselves to
"insure that the income accruing therefrom be continuously and entirely de-
"voted to the purposes designated by the donors and that definite Christian
"work be carried on among the student body in the form of evangelistic or
"other public meetings, lectures, personal evangelism, personal interviews,
"Bible study and other activities, all of which shall have as their object
"the relating of individual students to the Lord Jesus Christ and leading
"them to adopt His program of life; this work to be done by men and women
"selected because of their special fitness and equipment for this type of
"service; and that this work shall be conducted in conformity with those
"beliefs which in the history of the Christian Church have always been re-
"cognized as Evangelical, and with the express intention of leading to or
"strengthening faith in our Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Saviour
"of the world. It is understood that this action does not commit the Univ-
"ersity to the defense of any particular school of Bible criticism or of
"theological thought, but it does provide for the preaching of the gospel
"and teaching of the Bible upon this Foundation as the abiding source and
"stimulus of vital Christianity."
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