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Rev. W.I. Chamberlain, D.D.,
Secretary Bd. of Foreign Missions, R.C.A.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Chamberlain-

No doubt the papers have for some time been giving you news of the shooting of several Chinese students by Shanghai Municipal Police on May 30th and the excitement it has caused throughout the country. The agitation on the part of the students has rapidly spread the movement to other cities so that the plan to boycott British and Japanese goods, close schools, and close shops for a day in protest is heard everywhere. You will probably have been wondering what effect this affair has had in this region, and upon our Mission work. Altho it has stirred^{up} some anti-foreign feeling, it seems to be directed chiefly against the British. Here in Changchow we have not noticed a great difference in the friendliness of the people and our work has gone on as usual. In Amoy they closed shops and paraded on June 6, and I understand they are having another parade of the schools to-day. Some of the Amoy schools have closed, among them the Anglo Chinese College of the Eng. Presbyterian Mission, where the authorities that decided prompt closing would avoid friction between students and those in charge. In Changchow meetings have been held to discuss methods of action, students have gone around given addresses on the streets to stir up patriotism; but no schools have closed. On the 17th all business is to close for the day and all organizations will march thro the

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streets. In Changchow the church people have formed a temporary organization, sent telegrams to Peking urging the government to act, and to Shanghai National Christian Council telling of what they have done. They also requested the missionaries to urge their governments to try to secure a speedy settlement. The church people felt that it was very urgent that they should act because of the anti Christian propaganda that is saying that the church is merely a foreign organization, the agent of the foreign powers. For example, a few days ago some one lectured on the streets here and said that the refusal of the President of St. John's University to fly the flag at half mast when the Shanghai students were killed is plain proof that Christian schools are destructive of patriotism. I understand that some time ago the daily papers in Amoy published articles urging people not to contribute money to Christian schools or send their children there. It is this anti-Christian and communistic propaganda that is being pressed at this time that constitutes the greatest danger. Amoy churches have also had meetings I believe to show their patriotism. Back of much of the agitation is the growing resentment at the injustice that China has suffered at the hands of foreign powers. It is encouraging to see growing patriotism and a feeling of independence; only we hope that during these days when feeling runs high that nothing rash ~~maybe~~ done that shall or harm China, bring injury to Mission workers who are trying to help China.

I am glad to report that the quit claim deed to Wilhelmina Hospital has been properly registered in the American Consulate. Mr. Talman tells me that the Dutch Consul says there was no record in the Dutch Consulate, so that it is not necessary to register this in the Dutch Consulate. I can make a second inquiry and then inform Dr. Van Nes that the transaction has been completed.

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We were glad on May 23, 1925 to receive your letter of April 23, 1925. It surely was a great advantage that Mr. Hawkins, Secretary of the London Missionary Society, was in New York so that you could confer with him on the proposed Chiangchow Hospital and other matters. The London Mission has taken the attitude that unless we go into the plan with them they can not go forward with it, for it would break up the Christian forces and spoil the opportunity for leadership the church should take. The Chinese churches have approved the plan and appointed four representatives. The three organizations of the city have also appointed their nine representatives, among them two Christians. So they have pressed to organize the Board of Trustees. Not only are ten of the seventeen members of the Board (each Mission is to appoint two representatives) Christians; but of the officers elected four out of five are Christians. They look to the church to lead in this benevolent work. A building belonging to the city was offered some time ago by the Magistrate for temporary quarters and is to be ^{properly} deeded to the Board of Trustees. He has also promised \$20000. Mex. if work on the new building can be started in a month. They are a little impatient that nothing has as yet been done altho the subject has been discussed for a year now. So the trustees are getting our architect to draw plans. They are urging the London Missionary Society to send the promised doctor at once, and to let Dr. Turner of their Mission come first, as an experienced doctor knowing the language is far preferable to a new man just out from home.

Since plague has been raging in some other places near by free inoculations have been given during the last two months in a small building in the public park in this city. Different native doctors have taken charge in turn. The cost was taken care of by the military authorities. Thousands have been inoculated. This work, they

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have repeatedly said, would be transferred to the hospital were it started.

In your letter, as also in a previous one, you express surprise at the architecture of our newly built houses in Chang-chow. The enclosed picture of one wing of the Administration building will show that the Talmage College buildings will not all follow the Chinese lines of architecture exclusively. The central ~~by~~ section that is to connect this wing with another one like it will be more typically Chinese in architecture as regards the roof. So the Administration building when complete will combine both types. So you will see that our houses are not out of ~~harmony~~ with the general scheme. Besides, having a large campus, they have not been located so near the dormitory with its beautiful Chinese lines as to clash with it.

Our Theological Seminary closed June 11. Four young men graduated, and two graduates of '23, the first class to finish, were back to have graduating exercises with them in the church. All of these young men have already settled their fields of labor. In fact there were more demands for them than could be met. The Mission can well feel repaid for this contribution it is making to the training of preachers for the South Fukien church. Six should finish next year.

Other Mission schools will be closing in the next two weeks.

The Mission meeting is to take place on Kolongsu on July 3. Immediately following that is to come the usual summer conference for preachers.

On May 11th Rev. and Mrs. Westmaas were made happy by the birth of a son, William John.

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The Rev. Mr. Eckerson left the field for a short time last month to attend an anti opium conference in Shanghai. The Koeppé and Holleman families, accompanied by Barend Shephard Voskuil, have already left Amoy to return on furlough. At about the same time Mrs. Van De Weg and children left Amoy to return via Holland. The Misses Holkeboer and Nienhuis will leave in a few weeks, as they sail from Shanghai on the President Jefferson on July 12.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary of the Amoy Mission.