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April 20, 1905.

Mr. Arthur C. James,
99 John Street, New York.

Dear Mr. James:-

Since calling on you last Friday one great although not new desire has been uppermost in my mind. I want to ask a great thing of you, as great I know as in reason I could ask, and that is that you will favorably consider an invitation that is to be extended to you to accept a position on the Board of Trustees of the College. Tuesday last at the annual meeting of the Trustees a committee was appointed to wait upon you with the request that you accept a place with them on the Board.

The older men are dropping out, four of them being now over seventy years of age, and it is so necessary to the work that young men whose souls are in the service, who are well known, and who are accustomed to dealing with large things, should give this work the benefit of their standing, their wisdom and their faith. If this was a minor or an ordinary matter I would not think of troubling you with it, but this College is to become the great educational institution in China. It should be with its advantage of location, opportunity and idea, with the splendid character of the men now laying its foundations the greatest single power for righteousness in the land. It has already set probably the highest standard of scholarship and discipline of any school in China, and its plans include nothing less than a university on its own grounds, and affiliated schools throughout South China.

You will not, I am sure, suppose that this is an indirect method of involving you in financial obligations that you are not prepared to assume. The position will not be a great tax on you as the Board meets but three or

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four times a year, committing then its work to a committee.

For myself, I do not know anything that would be a greater help to me in the part of the work committed to me than to have it known that you had considered this work worth your attention to this degree. It would at once give such friends as Miss Gould, Mrs. McCormick, Mr. Converse, and others, an increased interest, and it would make possible such a character in the increase of the Board of Trustees as would scarcely be possible without.

The other matter which I would not speak of now, except that it is necessary on account of my call and the kind privilege given me, is this. The school is now housed and at work on our own property, although in temporary bungalows good for use for a few years, but scarcely large enough for even immediate needs. The next thing is building. Mr. Stoughton, the architect, has been three months at Canton. A harmonious scheme has been settled upon and the general character of the buildings decided. The building problem is this, - it will be necessary to build within the next three or four years, in fact as soon as possible, (1) one college building (now being erected), (2) a half dozen or more professors' houses and an artesian well. (3) Dormitories for three hundred or more students. (4) Buildings for preparatory department and general ground improvement scheme, including wall, walks, roads, docks, electric light plant, etc. (5) Medical school and hospital.

With some flexibility both in the exact order and character of these five units and in the cost, this is practically the scheme and order of development, and the cost of each unit will be about \$30,000. The first college building now being erected is to cost \$30,000, and our architect tells us that the same building would cost \$60,000 here. I propose to ask help for one of these units at a time, asking our friends that they will give some amount on this first building, and that when this first \$30,000 has been fully secured will allow the proposition for the next to be presented, not now binding themselves for any future amount, and there being

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no condition attached to any gift.

A number of good people have grown interested in this work during the last three years, and we have assurances that make us somewhat confident that they will assist on such a proposition as this. Several have already done so to the extent of about \$5,000. One has given \$2,000, and two \$1,000 each.

I thank you deeply for your unfailing kindness and for the invitation to call a little later with the illustration of the comprehensive scheme of the grounds and proposed buildings.

Very sincerely yours,

Frederic E. Howae

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES,
99 JOHN STREET.

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NEW YORK, April 26th, 1905.

Mr. Herbert E. House,
156 Fifth Ave., City.

Dear Mr. House:

Your good letter of April 20th was duly received, and I have to apologize for not acknowledging it before, but only got time to read it yesterday.

I had the pleasure of a call this morning, from Mr. Grant and Mr. Jackson and was much interested in what they showed me.

I appreciate very much the action of the Board of Trustees, inviting me to become one of their Board, and very much regret that it is absolutely impossible for me to consider any new work at present.

I tried to express my appreciation to the Committee, this morning, and also how much regret I felt at having to decline.

I promised the gentlemen this morning, that I would look into the financial side of it and see if I could afford any new donation to the Building Fund, and hope that I will be in a position to do so.

Yours very truly,

A. Curtiss James

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First permanent building.

156, 5th Avenue

New York January 12 '06

Dear Mr. James,

Mr. Grant is sending you a receipt for your gift of five hundred dollars received today. May I also say "Thank you?" Not only for the gift; it is very generous and very helpful and fully appreciated, but for the attitude of cordial faith in the work and in myself that you have always shown.

It has been a great encouragement and I thank you
very sincerely yours
Hubert E. House.

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES,
99 JOHN STREET.

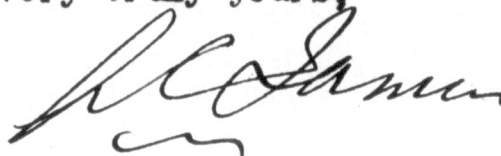
NEW YORK, January 26th, 1906

Mr. Herbert E. House,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. House:-

I am in receipt
of yours of the 25th, but regret that
I cannot arrange to attend the luncheon
on either Friday, or Saturday, next,
as I am planning to be out of town a-
bout that time.

Very truly yours,



A.C.J./M.

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES,
99 JOHN STREET.

NEW YORK, May 10, 1906

Mr. Herbert E. House,
156 Fifth ave., City.

My dear Mr. House:

Many thanks for your
letter of May 8, enclosing copies of
letters received by you from China.
I have read them all with great inter-
est, and am obliged to you for sending
them. I return them as you may want
to use them again.

Very truly yours,

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES,
99 JOHN STREET.

NEW YORK, November 14, 1906

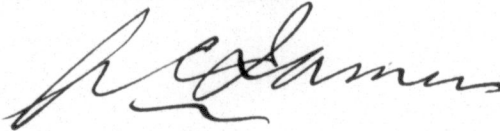
Mr. Herbert E. House,
156 Fifth ave., City.

My dear Mr. House:

I herewith enclose my
check, to the order of W. Henry Grant,
Treasurer, for \$500, toward the Canton
College.

Very truly yours,

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November 15, 1906.

Mr. Arthur C. James,
99 John Street, New York.

Dear Mr. James:-

Nothing could be finer than the way a few people are standing by the College. It gives it a chance and it's "making good". It is no form of words for me to say that Mr. Grant and I thank you for this second gift of \$500 to the College, received today. Such generous gifts as yours to current expenses are making the success of the College possible.

I want to take your time to tell you that we are working for a Hay Memorial for which a fund is already started, and that we are planning to work for a Commercial Museum. Beside the importance of these things in themselves they are likely to be of interest to many who might not otherwise readily have their attention drawn to the College. You will be pleased to know that among other people who have recently for the first time taken an interest in the College, Mr. Robert Morrison Olyphant has this week given me a very kindly hearing and expresses his purpose to do something for the College.

I want to beg your forbearance while I refer to the request I made of you that you mention this work to your good father. I would ask only that he allow the matter of the College to come before him. He would

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Mr. Arthur C. James,

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then understand clearly the situation, and have something of the vision of the things now possible for such an institution as this in China, and could do for it according to his convenience and pleasure. I assure you that he would not be annoyed by any urgency for a gift.

You will be interested in the following quotation from a letter received yesterday, from a Canadian gentleman,-

"As a businessman who has seen all the missionary and educational organizations at work in South China (and also many in the North) I am bound to say that I consider that the Canton Christian College is doing by far the best work of any institution in the field. This I should think is accounted for in a measure by the broadness of the plans along which your Board is working, but mainly by the wisdom of the choice you have made in affiliating with your movement such men as Wisner, Woods, Edmunds and Wannamaker, -as long as men of their calibre are associated with the College, the institution will always occupy the premier place which it now holds in Christian education in China."

"My object in writing you was to suggest that I would be indeed glad to do anything I can in this country to help on the noble work which the College, handicapped as it is, is endeavoring to do in Canton."

At this gentleman's suggestion I will probably visit Montreal soon, hoping to interest some of their leading men in taking over and supporting some phase of the work.

Again I thank you for your gift and for the strong faith that goes with it.

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert E. House.

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES,
99 JOHN STREET.



NEW YORK, March 25, 1907.

Mr. Herbert E. House,
156 Fifth ave., City.

Dear Mr. House:

Many thanks for your
letter of the 22d, giving report of the
Canton College, which I have read with
interest.

Very sincerely yours,

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES,
99 JOHN STREET,

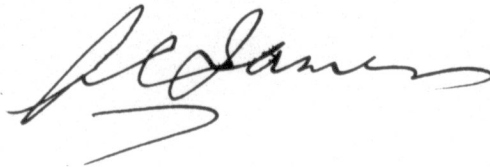
NEW YORK, Oct. 25th, 1907.

Mr. W. Henry Grant,
Trustees of the Canton Christian
College,
156, Fifth Ave., New York.

My dear Sir:

Your very interesting
letter of October 22nd, covering
your trip in China, and particu-
larly relating to the Canton Christ-
ian College is duly received and
read with great interest, and I am
much pleased to hear of the progress
and development of your college.

Very truly yours,



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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES,
99 JOHN STREET.

NEW YORK, March 19, 1908.

My dear Mr. House:-

I have a friend, a lady, who is planning to visit China this coming Spring, partly on pleasure and partly to do some writing for certain periodicals. She expects to go only to Northern China, including Shanghai, ^{Peking} Tientsin and the adjacent parts..

Would it be too much trouble for you to send me letters of introduction for her, if you have any friends who would be likely to be of assistance to her while there? Her name is Miss L. M. Stamm. *525 Park Ave.*

From your knowledge of the country, is there any reason why two women should not be able to safely travel in that part of China during the month of June?

Very sincerely yours,



Mr. H. E. House,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

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156 Fifth Avenue, New York,

March 20, 1908.

Dear Mr. James:-

It will be a very great pleasure for me to give your friend, Miss L. M. Stamm, letters of introduction to friends of mine in that portion of China which she is to visit, and I will write them soon. If Miss Stamm is, or is to be, in or near New York I would like also to call on her, to talk with her of various points and matters of interest in and about Tientsin and Peking which might otherwise escape her notice.

There is no reason at all why two ladies should not be able to travel safely and pleasantly on the great travel highways of China, Japan and Korea. May and June are very pleasant months in North China, the heated term begins about the middle of July, when we have nine weeks of rather hot, damp and depressing weather. Regarding travel, not a steamer but that has its quota of excellent people as passengers, and in all the ports there are good hotels and every facility for the many travellers that are now constantly coming and going. Various trips into the country from Tientsin and Peking can also be readily made, especially after one has made the acquaintance of a few missionaries at these points, for they are always both able and ready to advise and help, and often to furnish the companionship of some who are going on mission business. Paotingfu, Kalgan, Shanhiwan at the end of the Great Wall and Peitiho, ^a summer resort on the seaside near Shanhiwan, are examples of interesting points conveniently reached from Peking.

Yesterday I prepared a brief report of our meeting at Miss Gould's last month, which I was planning to send out in a day or two, and a copy will be sent to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Arthur C. James,
99 John Street, New York.

Herbert E. Howard

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES,
99 JOHN STREET.

NEW YORK, March 21, 1908

Mr. Herbert E. House,
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

My dear Mr. House:-

I take great pleasure in introducing to you Miss L. M. Stamm, concerning whom I have written you.

I will greatly appreciate any information you can give her in relation to her proposed trip to China, and any letters of introduction which might be useful.

Very truly yours,



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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES,
99 JOHN STREET.

NEW YORK, March 21, 1908

Mr. Herbert E. House,
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

My dear Mr. House:-

Your very kind letter of March 20th is
duly received, and I thank you for the information contained
in it.

I will give Miss Stamm a letter of introduction
to you and she will undoubtedly call on you some time at
your office in regard to the kind proposal which you made to
give her information in reference to various matters of inter-
est.

Her address is 525 Park Ave., but as she is a busi-
ness woman, she is at home very little and I think it would be
more convenient for you both, if an arrangement was made for
her to go to your office at some time.

Again thanking you for your courtesy, I remain,

Yours truly,



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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES,
99 JOHN STREET.


NEW YORK, March 23, 1908

Mr. Herbert E. House,
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

My dear Mr. House:-

I am very much obliged
for the extracts in regard to the condi-
tions in China, which have just been re-
ceived and which I have read with much
interest.

Yours very truly,



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A. C. James
525 PARK AVENUE

[MARCH 29, 1908]

My dear Mr. House,

Your kind letter received
for which I extend my thanks.

I will be at the Foreign Missions
Library as near 3:15 as possible

and will be glad to meet

Mr. Jewsbury next Monday

March 30th.

I regret however, it will be
impossible to go up with you for

the night as here a 7:30 morning

engagement, a daily one
until early in May - then perhaps
you will ask me again and
it will be my privilege to
meet Mrs. House and thank
her also for your kindness
in helping me get some
knowledge of Northern China.
Trusting to see you, to
morrow afternoon

I remain

Cordially
Leonie H. J. Tamm

March 29th

RIDGEFIELD
CONN.

May 5th 1908

My dear Mr. House

As the time approaches
defined engagements are just
filling in to such extent
that I will not be able to
take time, much to my
displeasure, for out of town
diversions.

Can I ask you to allow me

to meet Mrs. Howe
when I return in the Fall
and then have the opportunity
to relate some of my
various experiences in the
East?

Thanks to you, I will be
fortunate to meet so many
interesting people, and thus
my visit in China will be
enhanced greatly.

I want to send you when

Dear friends I wish to introduce to you my
friend Miss L. M. Stamm who is writing
Chem in the notes for the purpose of studying
my and reporting on the ^{Chinese} hospitals
and medical ^{work} of the ~~transport~~ who then
under the act by Messrs. Stamm, the
Government or other agencies, any

Miss Stamm
will be all for
the act may am
found on p. 11.

I am very much interested in
the results of this work. The report
will reach the general public as far
as the ^{work} could do and
be the basis of my ^{work} plan in
aiding Miss Stamm in her ^{work}
and ^{work} of ^{work} will be ^{work} to
the ^{work} as an all ^{work} & ^{work}
I address you this great letter of intro-

Get back to my desk in the
City, the papers I read & you want
to keep on file - they were of value
also - thank you many times.

Trusting you may have the great
chance of getting to the country you
enjoy so, for further opportunities of
learning, I remain

I have written this
are great letters to any
of you who may
be accessible. My
respects

Very cordially
L. M. Stamm

deduce.
Miss Stamm who during
the summer months may
be in the ^{work} of ^{work}
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156 Fifth Avenue, New York,

May 12, 1908.

Letter of introduction from Miss Stamm
& Mr. Wm. A. Woodard Esq.
Howard Richards Jr.
J. W. Furman
Grace Newton
Bessie Meloy
E. E. Aiken
Julia Reid
C. H. Furman
R. H. Gailley

I wish to introduce to you Miss L. M. Stamm who is visiting China for the purpose of studying and reporting on hospital and medical work, whether by missionaries, the government, or other agencies.

I am very much interested in this investigation. The report which Miss Stamm will make will reach the general public as few such reports do. Therefore, both because of the pleasure I take and that I know you will take in aiding Miss Stamm, and because the results of her observations will be a benefit to the work of all who are seeking the uplift of China, I commend her to your kindness. Any introductions to those in medical work, any suggestions regarding travel, or any such help by the way as you are able to render I know that you will be more than glad to give and I thank you for it.

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert E. Howe

cc to R. R. Gailley

I wish especially that you could introduce Miss Stamm to Dr. Stein that under his direction she might have opportunity to observe the ^{army hospital} medical work under his care.

The Hospitals & medical schools in Tientsin and Peking will be of great interest and you will be able to quickly advise her regarding them.

Mr. Woodard regards & yourself & Mr. Gailley to whom I hope you will be able to introduce Miss Stamm and trusting that this will find yourself to be of all sorts - Sincerely yours Herbert E. Howe

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES,
99 JOHN STREET.

NEW YORK, May 13th, 1908.

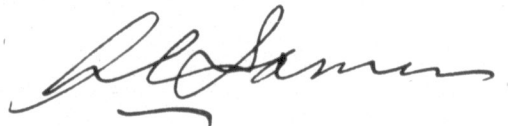
Mr. Herbert E. House,
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

My dear Mr. House:-

The extracts from the letter
of Mr. Wanamaker, dated April 8th, are received
this morning and I have read them with interest.

I am very much obliged to you for your
great kindness in advising Miss Stamm as to her
trip in China, and I am sure she will find the
letters you have given her of the greatest service.

Very truly yours,



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May 20, 1908.

Miss L. M. Stamm,
S.S. "Siberia",
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Miss Stamm:-

Mr. House has asked me to write you a few lines about hotels and people on your route through Japan, China and across Siberia.

I have just had some friends, Mr. Joseph H. Shafer and his two daughters, who stopped over a steamer in Honolulu. They met the Rev. Frank H. Damon and Edward W. Thring, who found them a delightful place to stop on the outskirts of the town,-a private residence turned into a boarding house, which I assume was much pleasanter than a hotel and not so expensive.

At Yokohama they left their trunks at the "Oriental" to be put on a later steamer upon which they were to sail for China from Kobe, so that they went to Tokyo and back to Yokohama and overland without taking their trunks with them.

You ought to be able to get a Directory of Missionaries in China, Japan and Korea from one of the missionaries or at Kelly and Walsh, the bookstore in Yokohama, which would be of great assistance to you in finding persons.

The Shafers stayed at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, and the Kyoto Hotel in Kyoto. As the train for Kyoto leaves very early in the morning and comes down to Yokohama from Tokyo, it is generally better to go directly from your steamer to Tokyo, returning to Yokohama for your visit and repacking, and then taking train from Yokohama for Kyoto.

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I assume that you have introductions all along the line. You can always rely on the American Consuls to give you assistance and there are a good many of them now college men. Ditto, the American Ministers at Tokyo and Peking. There are Americans at all the points at which you will stop.

At Hankow Mr. and Mrs. Frederick M. Gilbert would be very glad to have you call. Most of the American missionaries there are on the other side of the river at Wuchang, and you should write ahead to let some body know you are coming so as to be met at the steamer and not have any embarrassment. Ditto, at Peking, it would be much better to stop with the missionaries than at the hotel.

If you are going through Manchuria write to the American Consul General Willard D. Straight and tell him when you are coming. There are Scotch and Irish Presbyterians at Nuchwang, Mukden and the northern terminal of the Japanese line, Kwangchentzu, the only place where you are likely to have any embarrassment as the train from the south arrives early in the morning and leaves the Russian station, seven miles further north, in the evening. You might spend the day with the missionaries at that point, driving directly from the Japanese station to their compound.

At Harbin there is a Mr. F. D. Fisher, American Consul. Hotel Orient is about the only place to stop, where you have to engage room at about four or five rubles a day and order your meals served in your room. The train arrives from the south in the morning about seven or eight o'clock and leaves for Moscow probably at 10:50 at night. At Moscow the largest hotel is the "Metropole", and one probably as good but not as expensive is the "Berlin." It is one of the most interesting cities in Europe to visit. There are many public institutions, including hospitals, educational and religious institutions, and art galleries,

~~bedside~~

Miss L. M. Stamm,

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beside the Kremlin and museum. It is the place to see Russian life to perfection. There is an English Church there, the rector of which lived in Moscow perhaps thirty-five years. If you write to Mr. Franklin A. Gaylord at Nyagak, he will advise you as to suitable hotel; otherwise go to Hotel de l'Europe.

If you get in with the missionaries at Tokyo or Yokohama they will give you the information about the next point and so on.

You want to exchange from Japanese or Chinese to Russian money so as to provide yourself with enough Russian money to go across Siberia. If you buy your tickets at Peking through to Moscow you would probably not actually need more than 100 rubles, though it would be well to take 200. A ruble is worth about 51 cents gold, that is almost two rubles in one dollar.

You want your passport vised in Shanghai or Peking, better the former, to carry you into Russia. We did not show our passports till we got to Moscow, where we had to give them up at the hotel to have them stamped, as is the custom everywhere. You also have to be very particular to have your passport stamped and marked on leaving Russia to show that you have paid your debts, etc. It is not necessary to have the passport vised here, as you are notified from Washington, and I was advised against it by the Consul here, in as much as the vise is only good for six months and costs about twice as much as at Shanghai.

Sincerely,

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February 4, 1909.

Mr. Arthur C. James,
99 John Street, New York.

My dear Mr. James:-

I think you must depend on me to give you a word from China now and then, and I send you herewith a few items to the point, on a leaflet used as an insert with the menu at the recent China Dinner. I have marked the several items that seem to me the most important, though they are all good.

President Charles K. Edmunds, Ph.D., of our College will be at home in April, and I want to bring him to call on you then. Dr. Edmunds is a remarkable man. He is a scholar, educator and organizer of the first rank, and a man of most winning personality. You will think a lot more of the College after you have met Edmunds.

You will be glad to know that I have been prospered in my own affairs, and I am looking forward to the day when I can give my whole time freely to this service for China. It was a great pleasure for me to hear and meet your Mr. Douglas in Pittsburg last December, and I hope I may meet him again some time.

Most sincerely yours,

Herbert H. House

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES
99 JOHN STREET

Arthur C. James

NEW YORK, April 2nd, 1909.

Mr. W. Henry Grant, Treasr.,

#156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of March 31st,
I beg to hand you herewith check for \$500. toward
the work of the Canton Christian College.

Kindly acknowledge receipt and oblige,

Yours very truly,

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March 31, 1909.

Mr. Arthur C. James,
92 Park Avenue, New York.

My dear Mr. James:-

I enclose you an account from the "China Mail" of the Commencement Exercises on January 18th, for your perusal.

The College reopened February 12th with one hundred and sixty-eight students, eight foreign teachers, seven Chinese teachers and six student assistants.

Mr. Taam Lai Teng, a wholesale coal merchant, has just presented the College with a steam launch valued at \$2,400 Mex., forty feet over all, that will carry twenty to twenty-five passengers, and make a speed of nine miles an hour. An old student has offered to install a telephone plant, connecting the College with the city. We expect the Chinese to raise the funds for the erection of a dormitory to cost \$15,000; they probably have half of this amount now in hand.

Some time when you have your atlas out take note of the relation of Canton to the South China Sea, as the Chinese call it, "Nan Hai" (South Sea), and to the whole Malay Archipelago, it being the largest and most important commercial city in that whole district, and not over five hundred miles from the northern part of Luzon. The people from Kwang Tung, the Southern Province, are great factors as cultivators, tradesmen and merchants all down the coast of the main land and clear around to Burma, and as far east as Australia. As they are prosperous as merchants they are

Mr. Arthur C. James,

March 31, 1909,

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able to send their sons to College. It would pay us in the near future to send out a special agent to visit these men in a multitude of ports from Burma to New Zealand. Water communication is so cheap comparatively that we may expect to draw our students from several thousand miles where the communication is by water, as against several hundred miles inland.

As soon as mining begins in the northern part of the Province, and over the ridge to the Provinces north, Canton is likely to take on a new development. The Chinese are already planning to revive the Port of Whampoa on the Pearl River, fifteen miles below the city. From that point by dredging the bar, about ten miles further down, they would be able to bring vessels of eighteen feet draught to Whampoa, from which it would be a simple matter to lighter to the city, or distribute by rail over the whole of the Island of Honam. Hence Honam Island, on which the College is located, is likely to take a large share in the future development of the City of Canton.

I trust that we may not burden you with information. Some day you may want to cruise in these waters and visit the chain of islands extending for several thousand miles to the Southeast of China, in which America has now become a political, commercial, educational and religious factor.

Sincerely,

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January 25, 1910.

Mr. Arthur C. James,
 99 John Street, New York.

My dear Mr. James:-

In response to your kind invitation to place before you in writing the needs of the Canton Christian College, I have prepared, in consultation with President C.K. Edmunds and members of the Board of Trustees, the statement which I herewith present. This statement is prepared with careful regard to that which is really and vitally required to make stable and fully effective the work already in operation. Such stability given to the present work would assure strong, steady growth hereafter.

The College has the following major assets,

Invested in American R.R. Bonds	\$30,000
Land, Buildings and Equipment at Canton	90,000
American subscriptions for staff residences (\$12,000 already paid)	14,000
Chinese subscriptions for Student Dormitories (About \$10,000 already paid in)	21,600
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	\$155,600

Besides the income from the invested funds, the College receives annually contributions of approximately \$7,600.

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The College at present needs

An addition to its annual income for current expenses	\$7,450
or an endowment of \$180,000 to provide this amount.	
An additional building fund of	41,000
Physical Plant, such as Water Supply, etc.	19,500
Land, to the value of	16,750

Under A, B, C, D. detailed information is appended regarding each of the above. Also there is added a summary of the items which are considered imperative. To this I would like to call your especial attention.

I thank you for the privilege which you have given me, and I forbear to emphasize the opportunity to render a great service to a great people. I am assured that it is unparalleled.

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert E. House

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Maintenance American Staff.

The present annual budget for American Staff is

3 unmarried instructors @ 965	\$2895
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1 married professor "	1900
1 Principal Preparatory School (married)	1950
President (married)	2040
Secretary to President	965
Per year	<u>\$15450</u>

The contributions to current expenses during the last year were \$7600, and the income from invested funds was \$1,600.

The salaries and allowances are based on the actual expense accounts of the staff during the past six years and do not include any leeway for saving other than the item of salary reserve which is held by the Trustees in behalf of each man. The details are:-

For unmarried instructor on three year term	on five yr.term	Married professor on five yr.term
Salary	500	1280
Salary Reserve	100	200
Vacation allowance	25	100
Travel Roundtrip U.S.A. China, annual pro- portion	200	240
Language teacher	25	50
medical attention and Dental bills (estimated)	50	100
Insurance	65	130
	<u>\$965</u>	<u>\$1900</u>

A physician is retained in residence to look after health of staff, students and servants. This item includes a proportionate charge for each member of staff and also an estimate of probable dental expenses.

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In addition to salary and allowances, each unmarried man must be given furnished living quarters to provide which in permanent building \$2000 is required; each married man must be provided with a furnished house (six rooms and servants' quarters) at a cost of \$6000. The upkeep of these living quarters must be provided for by separate endowment or be made an annual charge on current expenses.

P.S. Maintenance of the Chinese staff consisting of six instructors and six student assistants and local general expenses are at present a little more than covered by income from students.

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Buildings Needed Now.

At the present time there are no permanent staff residences.
Within a year and a half we should have

Staff Residences for

3 married American Professors

1 Chinese Headmaster

1 American instructor ~~scheduled~~ to be married *next year*

5 @ \$6000 (including furniture) \$30,000

Of this, \$14,000 is now in hand and the erection of two residences has been authorized. It seems likely that the rest of this particular item can be more readily secured from supporters of moderate resources than contributors ^{to} to any other item.

Administration Building

To contain
Offices for Prest, Treas, Registrar,
Head Chinese Master

Y.M.C.A. Rooms

* Reception and Guest Rooms for
Chinese Visitors

\$25,000.

* This item is of special importance because it is the custom for Chinese gentlemen now and again to spend a few days in residence at any institution in which they are interested, and on departing to make some contribution to its support. The Head Chinese Master urges immediate provision for such guests. Besides the financial return, a much closer bond between the school and the community will be established.

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Physical Plant

(Other than buildings proper)

Water Supply and Drainage System (Present needs)	10,000
Pier \$1,000, River Wall \$2,000	3,000
Power House (Initial Installation) Lighting, pumping, laundry and shops	5,000
Telephone System (Initial Installation) At present 10 centers distributed over 1/4 mile need connection	1,000
Time System Master Clock and 10 isolated clocks and program bells	500
	<u>\$19,500</u>

This exhibit does not include any of the needed equipment in Science laboratories, or the manual training department, but work is under way in Physics, Chemistry, Gardening, Carpentry, etc., which calls for added equipment. Also a telescope and a printing press could be put to good use, and qualified instructors to handle such equipment are already on the staff. The budget as presented by the faculty shows that the present needs in this line require at least \$2,000.

Land

Yet to be bought in order to meet present requirements and round out the general boundary of present holdings-

<u>Included pieces</u>		\$8,250
Increased <u>right of way</u> to river	1,200	
Increased <u>waterfront</u>	4,000*	5,200
<u>Immediately adjacent land, needed to round out general boundary and make available as building site certain portions of present holdings</u>		<u>3,300</u>
		\$16,750

* This item is of special importance because the water-front should be improved in a permanent way with a granite bunding and a pier. This cannot be done till we own additional water-front. It is necessary to furnish protection for the steam launch against typhoons, and it seems better to do this in connection with the permanent bund improvement than to spend money for temporary shelter. But aside from these reasons it is also important as soon as possible to secure increased water-front in order to prevent encroachment of manufacturing establishments, whose presence between the main campus and the river would seriously interfere with the life as well as the appearance of the institution. Such industries are at present progressing eastward from the city toward our holdings.

Summary
Imperative Needs.

Maintenance American Staff	\$15,450
Also Administration Expenses in America	1,200
	<u>\$16,650</u>
Less income from American contributors and invested funds	<u>9,200</u>
<u>Additional Income</u> needed annually	\$ 7,450
<u>or Additional Endowment</u> (say at 4%)	<u>180.000</u>

Facilities

Water Supply and Drainage	10,000
Pier	1,000
Power	5,000
Telephone System	1,000
Time System	500
	<u>\$17,500</u>

Land

Waterfront	4,000
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This summary includes only the items required to sustain without expansion the present educational work which has been developed for the most part in temporary quarters and without adequate facilities. With permanent quarters and more adequate facilities the institution will be in a position to conduct its present work with efficiency and on the basis of work accomplished make its appeal for further support.

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Copy of letter from Mr. Arthur Curtiss James.

99 John Street, New York,
January 28, 1910.

My dear Mr. House:-

I have received your full letter in regard to the Canton College, and have looked it over carefully, and will keep it on file for future reference.

I note the permanent funds which are required for the College and at some time hope I may be in a position to do something along these lines. In the meantime, I enclose check for \$4000, which is all I feel I can subscribe at present, to be used as seems best in the judgment of the Trustees.

Very truly yours,

A.C. James.

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES
99 JOHN STREET

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NEW YORK, February 28, 1910.

Mr. W. Henry Grant,
No. 156 Fifth Avenue,
Manhattan.

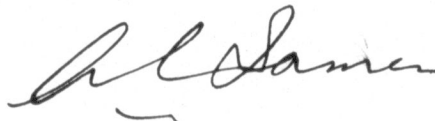
My dear Mr. Grant:

I am in receipt of your good letter of February 19th, and have glanced over the very interesting correspondence sent me, but regret that I have not the time to read it carefully although I see that it is well worth careful study.

I am returning it herewith and am much obliged to you for sending it to me.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure.



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June 1, 1910.

Mr. Arthur C. James,
99 John Street, New York.

My dear Mr. James:-

Beginning May 1st I reentered the service of the Canton Christian College. It has been a pleasure to freely do what I could for the College the past several years, but the situation has developed to a point where the Trustees think they need my entire time for two or three years at least.

It grows upon us forced by experience, observation and testimony, that we have a far greater opportunity before us and a greater work to do than we have yet realized. The strategic location, the truly magnificent site, the eager desire of large numbers of youth to enter the College, the enthusiastic cooperation of the Chinese who, having completed a first dormitory are now pushing a canvass for a second, and the exceptionally fine staff of professors and teachers, who have been called out for this work, the response of our students to Christian teaching and appeal,- everything awakens a great assurance that the work is of God, that the door is open, and that it is His will that we press forward. I feel a great gladness in being again fully absorbed in this service.

Knowing your true interest in this College, and feeling my responsibility to lay before you any plan which I think you would desire to consider, I submit the following.

I talked with you last January of the value of \$25,000 a year for a time, and in the "Statement of Needs" sent at your request we showed the importance of a present endowment of \$180,000, and also of funds for

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land, building and improvements. The idea I wish to submit is this: If you should plan to give further to the College by the first of next year, and if you should state that up to a specified amount you would give dollar for dollar as much as should be received from all other gifts, it would be a great aid to me in my campaign, and would greatly increase the efficacy of your gift. Judging from all experience those good people whom your gift would help to come for the first time to our aid, would most of them remain yearly contributors so that eventually your gift would not be simply doubled but would be multiplied many times.

If you could say that on January 1, 1911 you would give, up to \$25,000, as much as all the gifts received in the United States and Canada from May 1, 1910 to January 1, 1911, I believe that we, the Trustees and myself, could raise an equivalent \$25,000, and I hope even more.

Fifty thousand dollars this year would give the College the equipment and impetus it really must have, and would add something to the endowment funds. We have, for instance, three hundred people on our ground, and all water for drinking and baths is caught from the roofs of the buildings and stored in large jars. This matter of water supply and other fundamental needs cannot wait without serious loss.

I believe the carrying out of the above plan would be one of the best possible things that could be done. It would enlarge the circle of friends which is far better than that all reliance should be placed upon a few, being in fact essential to the best development of a Christian college. It would bring into relation to the College an interested company of people whose advice and support will be a source of great and lasting strength.

With true and constant appreciation of your confidence and kindness,

Very sincerely yours,

Asst. Sec. House

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P.S.

The following testimony taken from the President's Report, soon to be issued, will certainly please you.

Beginning October 12th, Rev. Thomas W. Pearce of the London Mission at Hongkong spent five or six days at Honglok, conferring with the staff as a member of the Advisory Board. Mr. Pearce is one of the most able men in Missions in South China- is in reality the successor of Robert Morrison- and his counsel is greatly valued. He discussed with the staff the whole plan and policy of the institution and took up in particular the question of Union Theological Work. Shortly afterwards he wrote:

"My visit of five days at the College early in October last was to me delightful. I returned here thankful beyond utterance in this letter for the privilege of continued intercourse with teachers and students. The simple, earnest, religious character in the teaching staff is the real inspiration tending always to enhance the fine mental and moral qualities that are always in evidence.

"I shall treasure the memory of two or three services and meetings at the College during the time of my stay. They were an uplift and consolation; they are among the best things for the closing year. We have all much reason to thank God for the Christian College, and no less reason surely to do what we can to further its work."

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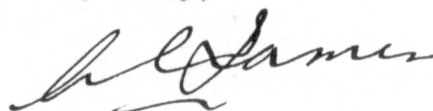
NEW YORK. June 2, 1910.

Rev. Herbert E. House,
No. 156 Fifth Avenue,
Manhattan.

Dear Mr. House:

I am in receipt of yours of
the 1st instant and note that you are again
giving all your time to the Canton College.
I wish I were in a position to consider a
subscription to this work beginning in 1911,
but for the present at least it is impossible.

Yours very truly,



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June 17, 1910.

Mr. Arthur C. James,
99 John St., New York. 156 Fifth Avenue, New York,.....

My dear Mr. James:-

I thank you for your very kind reply of a few days ago to my letter regarding finances. New encouragements and assurances come to me with every day's work, the outlook was never so good.

I have just issued the enclosed statement and will also mail you in a few days the President's report, now in press, which is a very readable document.

Very sincerely yours,

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November 16, 1910.

Mr. Arthur C. James,
99 John Street, New York..

My dear Mr. James:-

I am leaving the city Friday morning for the west and for China, where I am to spend two months on our Canton Christian College grounds and two months visiting other schools in China, becoming, I hope, by this visit much better qualified for my work. It would be a great pleasure just to say 'good morning' to you before I go, and I have been tempted to call, but knowing that such calls must always be an interruption, I have not done so.

Reporting a little of the College, two matters of peculiar interest are, First, the very large contributions by the Chinese people, non-Christian and Christian alike, to the dormitory fund for the College, amounting now to something over \$30,000 in gold, the first dormitory costing \$18,000 being complete and occupied, a splendid building highly appreciated by our students, and the second building is now under construction. This is certainly a marked testimony to the desire of the Chinese for the kind of an institution we are giving them, and to the character of the work that is being done for their young men and boys. It is especially striking when we consider how young the institution is, and how few students have gone out from it. It is full of promise for a large support for the future.

I enclose a brief statement of the result of the examination for "Indemnity students" where our boys took the honors, as they did also in another similar examination held by the government for students for an

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engineering school. This has given us a great reputation among the Chinese people.

I am, we all are, very happy in the promise I have recently received from Miss Gould, of ten thousand dollars for water supply and drainage system. The value of this gift simply cannot be over emphasized. Dr. Samuel Macauley Jackson, President of the Board of Trustees, has given ten thousand dollars for a president's house, and taking all together we have three homes under construction, two costing but six thousand dollars each, however. Your generous gift, Mr. James, of four thousand dollars in January, enabled the Trustees to authorize the purchase of river-front property. I do not know how far that purchase has progressed, but it has enabled us to hold the ground and continue the almost endless negotiations required before we get what we are after.

I often emphasize the fact that owning as we do forty-five acres of ground in the open country, yet close of the City of Canton, is the thing of first importance, because even had we no school at the present time it makes possible at that point such a Christian institution as ought to be given to South China.

We are feeling more and more the need of able men of varied talents in the counsels of the institution. It is unbelievably difficult to get men of the right kind to come on to the Board of Trustees. The present Board of Trustees give a great deal of time and most conscientious attention to the many questions and details incident to this pioneer stage of the institution,- the purchase and layout of grounds, the planning and carrying forward of construction, ^{and} securing the right kind of instructors. It is indeed a large business by itself. The encouragement of your confidence and support is more helpful to them than I can say. I wonder that these men are able to give the time and attention to it that they do. They very greatly need a few more men associated with them. They are very fortunate in having secured, this last year, Prof. Warren P. Laird, Professor

of Architecture in the University of Pennsylvania, who has visited the grounds, and whose brother is on the faculty. Mr. Miller, many years manager of the Singer Sewing Machine's largest plant, brings to our aid his long business experience; both he and Mr. Grant have also visited the College,- all of course at their own expenses.

It goes without saying that it requires the combined wisdom and patient effort of both the Trustees and faculty to successfully meet the many problems that arise. The great distance between New York and Canton adds to the difficulties, but we have in Dr. Edmunds a man who is developing marked executive ability. He is prompt, systematic and thorough, and brings the accuracy of scientific training into all his work. His year at home in extended conference with the Trustees over all matters, will be of the greatest advantage now that he has returned to Canton, and we all feel that we are entering a new era in the life of the College because of the buildings and facilities which we are now beginning to get, because of the standing we have among the Chinese, because our young staff are growing yearly to a stronger grip on their work, and because of the increased co-operation now possible through Dr. Edmunds between the staff and the Trustees.

I wonder if any missionary college ever made in six years the record that this College has made. I believe the whole circumstance of its location, character, staff and purpose will enable it, almost compel it, to make an unparalleled record of useful accomplishment in the future. Dr. Albertus Pieters, many years missionary of the Reformed Church in Japan, meeting me a few days ago, and mentioning ^{to him} my interest in the Canton Christian College, ^{he} at once said with much emphasis the following, which I immediately put into my note-book: "You have a good proposition, I don't know any place I would rather put money, if I had it, than in the Canton Christian College. We have a great work in Japan, but Christian education in China is the biggest thing the world has ever seen."

I expect to sail the middle of January, working meanwhile between here and on the Pacific Coast. I would like to mention that the College is under no obligation for the expense of my trip. I look forward with keen anticipation to seeing New China, which I left in the time of convulsion, ten years ago, and I sincerely hope to be better equipped for my work on my return.

With great appreciation for the encouragement and help you have given me personally by your unfailing kindness, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

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CHUNG SING HO, KUI YAN (CHINESE M.A.)

November 19, 1910.

Mr. Arthur C. James,
99 John Street, New York City.

Dear Sir:-

My attention has just been called to the fact that your gift of four thousand dollars, which you made on the 28th of January last, has not yet been formally acknowledged in the name of the Trustees. I beg your pardon for this oversight which came about mainly through the fact that only one meeting of our Board of Trustees was held since your gift was received and prior to your leaving us for your trip. Now that you have returned I take great pleasure in acknowledging in the name of the Trustees your gift, which was duly reported to the Board, and at the same time assure you that the fact that it came to us without conditions made it all the more welcome.

As you are aware we have a number of pressing interests, for instance, the ever-present desire to increase our holdings. It is very slow business buying real estate in China, and when we began to acquire the property at Honglok we were not able to get large pieces at one time, but were obliged to buy small pieces, sometimes graves, and the result is that although, after years, we have now secured most of the plot, still there are pieces in the midst of it which are not yet ours, and these we are buying as they come into the market. Your gift enabled us to buy several of these pieces. Then we have the ever-present pressure of current expenses. While the institution is to a considerable extent self-supporting, we are obliged to raise money on this side to meet

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Mr. Arthur C. James,

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salaries and other items, and part of your gift was applied to that end.

I want you to share in our enthusiasm over the prospects of the College. We have no excuses to make for its existence, and no laments to utter over its shortcomings, for we have a splendid proposition. I have for the past ten years been very intimately acquainted with it, and it has been to me a matter of great delight to see it grow. Ten years ago it was a poorly equipped school; now it is the most prominent institution of its kind in South China. It would do you good to read the letters which come to us from the Canton faculty. They are all of one kind,- most enthusiastic. Those young men are all capable and devoted. They are all grateful that God has called them to this work and given them such good success in the service of the Chinese. They exert a good influence upon their students and many of them become Christians. I feel, therefore, that all those who join us in carrying on this enterprise can have the assurance that they are making an investment which will bring them year by year increased satisfaction. The Chinese are the greatest people of the Far East, Canton is one of the greatest of their cities. We could do nothing better than to bring Christian education to this great people in this great center,- that is what we are doing. The Chinese understand our work, they appreciate it, they have given, themselves, during the past year, thousands of dollars to build two dormitories for the College, which is an extraordinary thing, for probably few of those giving are Christians.

Allow me to assure you that it has been of great encouragement to us to find you taking so much interest in our work, and we know that you will rejoice with us in its ever-increasing success.

Again thanking you in the name of the Trustees for your gift, and assuring you that it has been of great service to us, and will be wisely expended, I am,

Very truly yours,

Samuel Macaulay Jackson

President.

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CHUNG SING HO, KUI YAN (CHINESE M.A.)

November 21, 1910.

Mr. Arthur C. James,
99 John Street, New York City.

My dear Mr. James:-

I prepared a statement showing the number of givers and total gifts each year to the Canton Christian College, for the past ten years. Prior to that for ten years no effort was made to raise money as very little was being attempted. Your gift of \$4,000 last year was put into the current expenses. Not having full statements from Canton, we do not yet know whether there was a surplus or a deficit on the current account, because part of the money remitted went to pay items on the permanent account.

Table with 5 columns: Year, No. of Givers, Total Gifts, Gifts to Current Expenses, Gifts to Permanent. Rows include years from 1901-02 to 1910-11, plus a row for 1908-10 Chinese subscriptions and payments.

Handwritten total: 9,975.00

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The thing that I try to impress upon the people who have aided us most in our current expenses by liberal gifts is that they make it possible for us to raise considerably larger sums occasionally for buildings and endowment, while we are carrying on the absolutely necessary work. An occasional gift of a considerable amount to the current expenses has often come in at the nick of time, and so to speak 'saved our life.' Your gift of \$4,000 last year was a contribution of this sort. Dr. Edmunds' effort last year and this being largely concentrated on raising money for six residences, rather diverted some of our friends from giving to the current expenses. But we are of necessity taking a long view rather than an annual view. That is, the larger amount of money has been given to us without specification or limitation for the purpose of making a Christian College in South China, and we have gone ahead progressively to accomplish that task, and while the receipts have been extremely irregular, and a degree of uncertainty about them which caused us long periods of anxiety to know how we were to keep afloat, we have learned by actual experience that the College is in the hearts and minds of a body of people that probably will do as much or more for it in the future than they have in the past.

On the strength of your gift to the College ^{the applied to current expenses} the Trustees authorized the purchasing of the river front to the extent of about \$4,000, but the land has not been bought and it may take much longer than expected to secure it.

The situation at Canton is unique. No missions there or any combination of them are ready to inaugurate and carry out this work. It was cast loose by the Presbyterian Board, so to speak, on the 'sea of chance.' It has, however, made an opening for itself far greater than the missions were willing to believe, and now gives promise of rendering great service in the work of the Church in its influence upon a great people.

Sincerely,

Treasurer.

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES
99 JOHN STREET

NEW YORK. January 31, 1911.

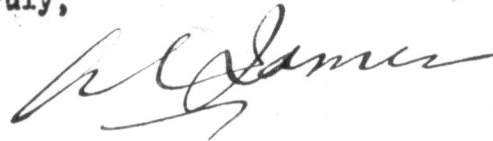
Mr. W. Carman
85 Hobart Ave.
Summit
N.J.

My dear Mr. Grant:

I am in receipt of yours of the
30th instant, and my Secretary, Mr. Carman, will be
glad to see you and talk over the Canton College.

Mr. Carman also takes charge of
Mother's affairs and an interview with him will ac-
complish both results.

Yours truly,



Mr. W. Henry Grant,
No. 156 Fifth Avenue,
Manhattan.

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CHUNG SING HO, KUI YAN (CHINESE M.A.)

January 30, 1911.

Mr. Arthur Curtiss James,
99 John Street, New York.

My dear Mr. James:-

I have been wondering whether it would be imposing on your kindness to ask if you would let Doctor Jackson and me call on you with the view of explaining personally the situation with regard to the Canton Christian College, and also to call upon your mother for the same purpose.

We fully realize that this is only one call among many, and yet, being the one continually on our own hearts, it seems as tho we were compelled to set forth its very strong claims both from the uniqueness of location and from the many-sidedness of its interest to China and the world. It seems as tho only those who have been specially brought up and prepared to give to this kind of an object do so in any very large measure. Other kinds of work seem to have a much more general constituency to appeal to.

We are quite confident that a most thorough investigation would satisfy you, as it has the Trustees, that the money put into it has all been conscientiously and well expended, and its present results most gratifying and its future possibilities only limited by its means. I have a list of the givers from the beginning, showing how the money has been collected, and in the absence of up-to-date accounts, I think you would agree with me that it is hard to see how the school has been built up to its present standing, and at the same time that so much has been invested

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Mr. A.C. James,

January 30, 1911,

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in land and buildings, and still in hand as a guarantee.

Of course, we would wish you could see your way to come in as a Trustee, and have only spared you that burden because you felt it greater than you were at the time ready to undertake.

Awaiting your convenience,

Sincerely,

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11 CLIFF STREET
NEW YORK

February 21, 1911.

W. Henry Grant, Esq., Treasurer,
No. 156 Fifth Avenue,
Manhattan.

Dear Mr. Grant:

Mrs. James was unable until recently to consider the claims of the Canton Christian College, owing to a long period of illness, but last week I was able to leave your last letter with her to read at her convenience and yesterday I had a chance to talk the matter over with her and she decided to send you the enclosed check for \$5,000. to be used either for regular running expenses or for any other work connected with the College.

While Mr. ^{ac.} James is in hearty sympathy with your work he has not indicated as yet that he can do anything to assist you, and at present he is in Florida.

Your kind acknowledgment of the present remittance to me, will oblige,

Yours very truly,

Enclosure.

W. H. Cannon

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CHUNG SING HO, KUI YAN (CHINESE M.A.)

February 23, 1911.

Mr. William W. Carman,
11 Cliff Street, New York.

My dear Mr. Carman:-

I received yesterday, as a Washington Day present, your kind letter of February 21st, enclosing Mrs. Ellen S. James' check for five thousand dollars, to be used for the current expenses or for any other work connected with the College.⁵

At the present writing I can hardly say more than to thank Mrs. James, through you, and to add, that to be able to use the money for current expenses or otherwise, as seems best to the Trustees, will enable us to push harder than ever for money for current expenses, and, if we raise money this year beyond our immediate budget, to either put some of this money aside, or into a residence which is immediately needed, or otherwise be ready to purchase any of the special tracts of land that we have been trying to get, if they are offered.

With cordial regards and deep gratitude,

Sincerely,

Treasurer.

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES
99 JOHN STREET

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NEW YORK. May 6th 1911

My dear Mr Grant

Mr James has been thinking
of Canton Christian College of late and wondering
what relation he bore to its necessities, and between us
it was decided that perhaps the enclosed Check for
\$5000. might not come amiss at this time, although
we wondered somewhat ^{concerning} the effect of the uprising
upon the College. I trust that no harm has
been done & that the College with its work will in no wise
suffer.

Kindly acknowledge receipt
of the enclosed

and oblige.

Yours very truly

Wm W. Cannon

Mr. H. Henry Grant, Treasurer

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CHUNG SING HO, KUI YAN (CHINESE M.A.)

May 8, 1911.

Mr. William W. Carman,
99 John Street, New York.

My dear Mr. Carman:-

Your favor of May 6 greeted me on my arrival this morning at the office, and greatly cheered my heart, and I am sure it will all the Trustees to know that Mr. James is standing behind us, and to receive his check for five thousand dollars, for which I enclose receipt.

We have had a very remarkable year in almost every aspect of the College life and work, for which we praise God and take courage.

A cable has been received from Canton stating that the missionaries are not in peril. There has been no evidence that the revolutionists designed any attack on foreigners; on the contrary they wear their dress and are supposed to represent progress, even tho they wish to oust the Manchu Dynasty. It is hardly conceivable that the element representing law and order, or government, at this stage would attack the College, and any bands out for mere loot would probably not attack the College. We can secure gun-boats at least by day by a telephone call, and at night by telephone or by sending up a rocket. Meantime there is a considerable faculty and body of students that would put up a formidable defence. Our confidence is still further increased by the fact that the students who are most sensitive to what is going on in the country are not the slightest nervous about living on the College grounds. In fact, they say that even when there were village wars right

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Mr. William W. Carman,

May 8, 1911,

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around us that they made no attack on the men on the place, tho a
stray bullet or two hit the College buildings.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,

Treasurer.

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES
99 JOHN STREET

NEW YORK. May 25, 1911.

Rev. Samuel Macauley Jackson, D.D.,
Trustees of the Canton Christian College,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Sir:

Your letter dated May 23rd is just received this morning.

I am very much surprised and greatly annoyed at the action taken by the Board of Trustees on May 19th. ^{have} I repeatedly and definitely declined to consider for one instant going on the Board of the Canton Christian College, and to be elected without consultation and without my consent is not the way I like to do business.

I must decline absolutely and finally to consider it for a minute, and of course the Presidency of the Board is entirely out of the question.

Yours very truly,



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May 23, 1911.

My dear Mr. James:-

After years of effort, by the blessing of God we have got to the position where our College holds by general acknowledgment the front rank among the institutions of a similar nature in South China, and has entered upon a great career. That we have the confidence of the Chinese in the permanency of our institution and in its fitness to give them the kind of education they want is the fact that during the past three years they have subscribed nearly \$100,000.00 Mex. for the erection of dormitories upon our property. This is a most significant fact.

It has always been my opinion that the proper person to be president of the Board of Trustees of such a college is a layman of high standing in the business world, who is sympathetic with the aims of the institution and ready to allow his name to be used in its endorsement. We have felt hitherto that we must first bring up the affairs of our College to a relatively perfected stage before we could reasonably expect to secure the services of such a man as we desire for President, but now the time has come, and at the meeting of the Trustees on May 19th you were elected a member of the Board and were asked to accept its presidency.

We believe that you are already interested in our project, but the better acquainted you make yourself with it, the more interested you will be. You will have the privilege of seeing the work grow under your administration, and the opportunity to do a vast amount of good.

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The matter is so important, so vital indeed to our interests, that I make no apology for asking you to give this matter your most serious consideration. In order to make it easier for you to come to a favorable consideration we discussed the proposition to reorganize our Board of Trustees, to slightly enlarge it, and to form an Executive Committee which should be in continuous session. Of this committee you would, of course, be a member ex officio, and at all times acquainted with its work, and welcome to give as much attention to the details as you could, but at the same time would not be expected to be one of its more active members.

In my opinion you are offered by this action of the Trustees a place in the educational work of the Christian Church which is at present commanding, and certain to be more commanding in the near future. We invite you to assure yourself of our solvency, of the quality of our supporters, of our present status, of the prospect which lies immediately before us. We took in last year more than \$46,000 in gifts from Americans ~~\$25,000 from the~~ and Chinese. We are serving the great Nation of China in one of her largest and most important cities. We bring to the Cantonese an education of a much more thorough character than they can obtain in their own schools, and we add to it an acquaintance with the religion of Jesus Christ, to know whom makes life worth living. I trust that you will accept this position of honor, responsibility and opportunity.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Jackson

Mr. Arthur Curtiss James,

99 John Street, New York City.

ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES
99 JOHN STREET

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NEW YORK. January 13, 1912.

Mr. Herbert E. House,
156 Fifth Avenue,
Manhattan.

Dear Mr. House:

I was sorry not to have seen you on your recent calls, but have been quite busy this month.

Mr. Carman has told me the result of his interview with you and I am glad to get your letter of the 12th instant. It seems to me that this is a period of marking time in China and I cannot imagine anybody being willing to risk financial support in Chinese institutions at the moment. After the atmosphere clears and the new regime has proved its ability to maintain order the country will then undoubtedly take a fresh start and confidence will be restored on the part of those who are interested in educational institutions.

Very truly yours,

Arthur Curtiss James

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Good letter added

January 12, 1912

Mr. Arthur C. James,
99 John Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. James:-

I fear I have embarrassed you with my calls before and since New Years. I cannot half realize how difficult it must be for you to see callers. My thought has been that I should report to you in person of my visit to China and the College, giving you opportunity to question me. I will hereafter communicate with Mr. Carman, being glad of course to report to you at any time that you should so desire. I will now be in the West until spring.

Essential points regarding the College are briefly as follows: In a word it is a success, growing larger and stronger continually. To an extraordinary degree it has secured the confidence and cooperation of the Chinese. Its standards of scholarship parallels good American schools of the same grade, and every way it is doing good work with its students. These are thus far largely from the best families of Canton, and are destined to be among the first leaders of the New China. The Christian influence of the school is very decided and it is exceedingly gratifying to find these high-class young men becoming earnest Christians and leaders in the Christian life of the College and doing a varied work outside of it.

Canton has now stable Reform government, all is quiet and business is going on as well or better than usual. All the people have adopted the new order with utmost enthusiasm. The time is ripe for a

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Mr. Arthur C. James,

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strong forward movement, and both the staff on the field and the Trustees are doing all they can to strengthen the work. Two new men were sent out last summer, and another experienced and very able man is now under appointment.

I trust that you will feel a great satisfaction in the large part you have had in making the College so powerful an influence for good as it is, and as it will be.

Thanking you as always for your faith in this effort and for your kindness to me personally,

Very sincerely yours,

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11 CLIFF STREET
NEW YORK

March 4th, 1912.

Mr. Wm. Henry Grant,
156 Fifth Avenue, City.

My dear Mr. Grant:

I am this morning in receipt of yours of March 2nd asking permission to bring Dr. Woods to call upon me sometime this week.

Just at present I am more than busy and cannot afford the time, especially so as both Mr. James and his Mother have practically withdrawn from the field of benevolence for the time being, owing to their many heavy commitments in different directions.

If you can postpone this visit, I would be greatly obliged, but if you deem it necessary to call, I will make an appointment on the telephone for almost any day; although as I have said above, I would rather not.

Yours very truly,



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March 5, 1912.

Mr. W.W. Carman,
11 Cliff Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Carman:-

In accordance with your suggestion I will postpone bringing Dr. Woods to call. As it appears to our human sight, we cannot do for any protracted period without the help of Mr. and Mrs. James. We are constantly working as though the receipts wholly depended on our efforts, though, as a matter of experience, it seems almost wholly due to the hidden operations of God's spirit moving in the hearts of givers.

The enclosed copy of letter indicates what we are sending out pretty generally to those who have been seen or who have hitherto given. I will write you a special letter in a few days, and hope to have the pleasure later of introducing Dr. Woods.

Dr. Parkhurst has taken an active interest in the College, and has given Dr. Woods a letter of introduction to Mr. Andrew Carnegie, a thing he has never done before. Hitherto Mr. Carnegie has been unwilling to give anything to foreign missions. I suppose Dr. Woods will approach him in the line of the College being the natural center to develop the cultivation of international relations and peace.

Sincerely,

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March 2, 1912.

Mr. W.W. Carman,

99 John Street, New York.

My dear Mr. Carman:-

I would like to call on you at an early date in relation to our Canton Christian College finances, and to bring Dr. Andrew H. Woods (M.D.), the Vice President of the College, with me.

This morning we received a cable in cipher from Prof. Chung, who has just returned from a tour around the world in which he raised over fifty thousand dollars in subscriptions from Chinese for buildings, in addition to what he had already collected. Mr. Chung says "Situation decidedly hopeful, schools full, China moving, College in great favor. Now is the time to go forward."

I am sure you will enjoy meeting Dr. Woods and giving attention to whatever will assist in giving China educated Christian leaders.

Sincerely,

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11 CLIFF STREET
NEW YORK

April 17, 1912.

Mr. W. Henry Grant,
156 Fifth Avenue,
Manhattan.

My dear Mr. Grant:

As promised you this morning
I enclose Mrs. James' check herewith for \$5,000.
toward the work of the Canton Christian College.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of
this remittance to me and oblige,

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure.



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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES
99 JOHN STREET

NEW YORK, May 23, 1912.

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My dear Mr. Grant:

I have gone over the affairs of
Canton Christian College with Mr. James, as promis-
ed, and after careful consideration of the matter he
has decided to renew his contribution to the College
for another year, as I suggested, and takes pleasure
in sending you the enclosed check for \$5,000. toward
this year's current expenses, in payment.

Your kind acknowledgment to me will
oblige,

Very truly yours,

Mr. W. Henry Grant, Treas.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
Manhattan.



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May 27, 1912.

Mr. W.W. Carman,
99 John Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Carman:-

Your favor of May 23rd enclosing check for \$5,000, toward the current expenses, from Mr. Arthur Curtiss James was duly received. This has enabled us to cover our current expenses for the year 1911-1912 without calling on our Contingent Reserve. I think you know how I feel without my going into details at this time.

Sincerely,

Treasurer.

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11 CLIFF STREET
NEW YORK

February 28th, 1913.

W. Henry Grant, Esquire,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Grant:

I do not know whether we are doing a wise thing or not in sending you the enclosed check for \$25,000, but after reading your letter, and knowing the great need for the work that Canton Christian College stands for, it seemed not out of place to offer the enclosed gift toward the working capital for the College. You will know best how to make the wisest use of this fund and no restrictions are attached to it.

Will you kindly acknowledge its receipt to me at this office, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

Enclosure.

W. H. Barman

Do not make public mention of this

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TRUSTEES OF THE CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

(CANTON, CHINA)

156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

Telephone 405 Gramercy

April 22, 1913.

My dear Mr. James:-

Dr. Edmunds' report as President and my report as Treasurer have gone forward to your address under separate cover and will advise you somewhat of the good work you have helped to set up at Canton. The Treasurer's Report covers accounts closed in Canton February 28, 1912, and in New York last May, so that it is rather late in coming to hand. The President's Report, however, presents the status and outlook of the College at the beginning of 1913 and covers the work of two academic years.

One of the interesting features of the Treasurer's Report is that it shows that of the total amount received from all sources, \$65,687, almost half came from Chinese. This year we have had gifts and promises aggregating upward of \$120,000, with a very firm prospect of a further gift of \$25,000 for a student Y.M.C.A. building. With this in hand the total sum promised would amount to nearly the receipts for the ten years 1901-1910. Some \$109,000 of this will fall under the head of designated funds, leaving \$36,000 free for the running expenses, land, grounds improvement and general equipment, including your mother's gift of \$25,000 for current expenses and working capital, the most vital gift we have had this year. The larger gifts to the College are like the doubling of the pulley blocks on a ship, they enable the small giver to lift bigger weights.

I trust that you may find yourself more than repaid in the results of the work which you support, and a deep personal interest therein. The discovery of the Chinese people with all their

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active and latent mental and spiritual capacities is a truly worth-while discovery. To get them into the international brotherhood is an enrichment to them and to us commercially, socially and spiritually. A few years ago the middle and upper class Chinese were rather shy of us; there was practically no social intercourse. Now they see that we have the thing which they need. We have the burden on our hearts of a great opportunity.

If some Chinese educators had come to America and conducted a small school across the river from New York City, with all the higher studies in the Chinese language, and in the course of ten years the leading American teacher of this school were selected as superintendent for all the school work in New York and New England and the Middle States, with power to reorganize their whole school system on new lines, it would fairly represent the kind of standing influence of the Canton Christian College has in China. It is because of this situation that we feel so heavily burdened. The Trustees and faculty and students all feel the same intense desire to see the lower and upper schools developed to meet the demand and the position as the best schools in South China plus Christianity maintained.

If one could only communicate his own vision and feelings regarding this work to the other man the thing would be done. The primary factor is one of interest and conviction. About all I can do is to give my own testimony. Personal experience with our students who have come to America to complete their education, mostly under government scholarship, has convinced me that they are earnest, efficient, lovable, companionable and loyal to their school and its ideals, and that many of them will in the future continue and expand the work that we are now doing; others will take high positions in business, in the professions and in public service. It is a privilege to work

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for these people, it is a privilege to have a share in this College.

We have endeavored to keep steadily before you the work and outlook of the College so that you might see that it is a place worthy of a unique personal gift. It has improved in every way since it was first brought before you, and nothing has contributed more to it than the free unrestricted gifts of yourself and your mother.

The testimony that we receive from men who are competent to judge from close inspection, mostly American college men, would form quite a volume. Professor Edward A. Ross of the University of Wisconsin, author of "Changing Chinese", writes: "The Canton Christian College is about the most perfect work I saw in China." Mr. D.J. Fleming of Forman Christian College, Lahore, India, writes: "I have had two fine inspiring days amongst the enthusiastic set of workers you have at Canton. Some of the best work I have ever seen is being done here and they ought to have success. It is a big ideal well working out. I hope others will follow the lead you have set."

Mr. A. Archibald Bullock of Nanking University in a report of his visit to the Canton Christian College writes: "The present buildings are the most substantial school buildings I have seen in China." Of the Middle School he writes: "It fits boys directly for the professional schools, being the equivalent of about our sophomore year at graduation. The spirit of the Canton Christian College is that which interested, inspired and instructed me most. While they are striking out along many new lines for China they pursue no fads, but are using only such methods as have been repeatedly tried out at home. Not only along the line of physical equipment do these men consciously grip with their problem, but as teachers they manifest real professional spirit and are building up a fine educational tradition. In all schools from the primary, which by the way is the

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finest I have seen in China, through all the classes up to the highest there is manifest on the part of the staff this same spirit of conscious endeavor to be real constructive teachers who are alert to the problems they are facing."

Dr. John R. Mott writes: "I can endorse unqualifiedly the Canton Christian College. It is in my judgment one of the six or seven Christian institutions of higher learning in China in which the Christians of all denominations in the world should unite and concentrate their gifts."

The financial requirements of the College as outlined in my report are \$50,000 per annum income to cover the current budget, \$30,000 being for the regular running expenses and \$20,000 for land and improvements for which special funds are not applicable.

We can do almost four times as much with an income of \$50,000 as we can with \$25,000. The greatest immediate need is a working capital or stability fund of \$100,000 upon which to draw, while due effort is making to secure gifts for current budget and endowment. With such a fund, while we might let out a little canvas to improve the sailing, the Trustees would calculate on steadily adding to its reserve. A gift of \$250,000, with the present and prospective receipts from individuals would put the College pretty firmly upon its feet; four times that amount would make it at once one of the foremost of training colleges of China.

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May 3, 1912

Mr. Arthur Curtiss James,
99 John Street, New York.

My dear Mr. James:-

It was my pleasure a year ago to make a brief statement to you concerning the finances of the Canton Christian College, and to receive your check in response for five thousand dollars. On the basis of the undesignated gifts received last year we have continued to go forward perfecting our teaching staff and organization, and have thus increased our lead in educational matters in South China. Without claiming any extraordinary wisdom or talent on the part of the management of the College, we are quite sure that all the competent observers who have taken the trouble to make a study of the work of the College are agreed that it is the right thing in the right place at the right time. The College has more than 'made good' this year. It not only has gained in popular favor to a very marked degree, but it has been a moral strength to the country.

Our lamented friend, Dr. George William Knox, who as recently as March 5th was at the College, and who had for years been interested in its constructive work, has left us as his legacy an urgent appeal to do everything possible to meet the present situation. His last words to Mr. Graybill were: "I trust that your Board at home will undertake large things and at once. It is an opening which will not come again. Thousands of dollars now will do more than tens of thousands by and by."

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With the Trustees it is only a question as to 'how low we dare let the reservoir run out.' Our investments in land and buildings in China have reduced our Guarantee Fund invested in bonds in America to between \$25,000 and \$30,000. The outflow during the past ten years has about equalled the inflow as regards the disbursements and income applicable to current expenses, so that there is no large margin for contingencies. Though we are compelled to take the matter seriously, we are encouraged by the fact that those who have given most largely to the College have retained and increased their interest. We would lack faith in man, as well as in God, if we did not venture on the encouragements we have received.

It has taken constant effort annually to cover the difference between the total cost of administering and running the College and the receipts from students. The chief reason for such a heavy draft upon our resources is that we are dealing with a delicate and highly organized piece of constructive work. We are paying for experience and quality in the teaching staff. More students might be taught with fewer teachers, though the average time of our teachers in class-room work is beyond the average in this country. But such a course would lessen in a marked degree the more important effects of the College upon the students and the community. I think we must expect to carry this administrative function, together with the margin between mediocre and first-class teaching, for many years, especially in the higher classes where the students are fewer and the teachers require more daily preparation.

The Trustees and Faculty are keenly alive to the need of an adequate endowment. Necessity, however, has compelled us to go ahead with ^{practically no endowment} ~~the nearly \$100,000 we had when we reorganized the College.~~

and with what we have been able to raise annually for our immediate needs, especially for running expenses.

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From the standpoint of human prudence and its effect upon those who are working for or are interested in the College, we believe that an unconditional initial gift of \$250,000 is needed, and would assure that the Canton Christian College will become one of the leading universities of China- \$50,000 as a Contingent Guarantee Fund to be used as a reservoir when the Trustees are strongly pressed to make up deficits in the running expenses or for land purchase or to borrow from temporarily on Building Account. \$200,000 to be invested in America, of which the interest only can be applied to the annual budget.

It becomes more and more evident every day that the Christian Church in South China as a whole, not to speak of the vast population of the most aggressive of the Chinese, cannot advance without just the kind of help the College is giving. There are four to seven centers in China at which Americans might well concentrate their higher educational work. Canton is one of the four. We cannot claim for Canton more than its proper sphere of influence as an educational center, yet owing to the vigor and distribution of the Cantonese people no other center will affect the life of the new Republic to a greater degree than Canton.

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It is a time of momentous issues in the growth of the College, when it stands out in bold relief and is accepted locally as the leading school. Many other colleges have struggled in vain to get into such a controlling position and failing to do so have gradually gone under. The Canton Christian College today is ^mthe focus of attention in South China, and the government looks to it for helpers.

Mr. James,

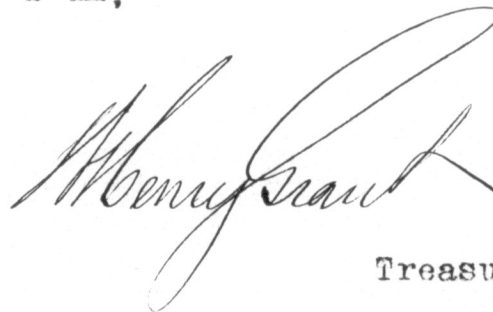
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The new Republic's officials have asked the leader of our Chinese staff if he will become the Commissioner of Education for South China. The Chinese have already provided funds for three dormitories. If we can continue for another decade to do the kind of work we are doing now, we are confident that both Americans and Chinese will see to it that the needed funds are forthcoming.

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With what your mother has given us, we are now within three or four thousand dollars of closing our fiscal year without drawing on our Contingent Fund. We need in the neighborhood of \$10,000 to keep us good until autumn, at which time we may fairly expect to receive more aid. Trusting that you will do what you can to help along this promising work, I am,

Sincerely,

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Treasurer.

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Letter from George William Knox, D.D.

Canton, China, March 5, 1912.

Prof. H.B. Graybill, M.A.,
Canton Christian College.

My dear Mr. Graybill:-

I was greatly interested in my visit to the College on Saturday last. It is planned so wisely and with such careful reference at once to the present and the future that it commands respect. Its ample grounds, excellent buildings, and careful adaptation to real needs show a practical wisdom. Indeed among the results of Christian work in Canton I should put it first- unless the medical work be considered a competitor, as should not be the case.

I am greatly impressed by the opportunity opening before you- now indeed is the accepted time. The next twenty years will be decisive. If the College can meet the opportunity it will do much to determine the character of education in the South of China. At present it has the field largely to itself-- before long the Government will control all higher institutions of learning. If you can send out men who shall be at once well trained intellectually and truly Christian, Canton will be saved the evils which a non-Christian higher education inflicts upon Japan.

I trust that your Board at home will undertake large things and at once; it is an opening which will not come again. Thousands of dollars now will do more than tens of thousands by and by.

Wishing you all success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) George William Knox.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY
HERBERT E. HOUSE

April 22, 1912.

Mr. W. W. Carman,
11 Cliff Street, New York.

My dear Mr. Carman:-

It is a great joy to acknowledge for the Trustees the receipt of your letter of April 17th, containing Mrs. Ellen S. James' check for five thousand dollars to be applied to the work of the Canton Christian College.

I am sure that were Mrs. James to realize the full value of her support, not alone to the students upon which the work is steadily concentrated, but in the influence of the College upon the entire population of South China, that she would be more than satisfied. You will appreciate the force and character of the appeal bearing on our hearts, calling upon us to enter and possess the field which ^{has} so marvelously opened to this College.

We have been forced by local conditions to conduct the College and its middle and lower schools free from such combinations as would almost inevitably have lowered the quality of our educational work and at the same time restricted our field. The simple principle put into practice that the employment of a large enough staff of competent teachers to insure that the work in the classes should be of a first-rate order, has put the College in a class by itself. A consistent carrying out of this policy has supplied the special factor most needed by the twenty or more missions in South China, and has awakened them to the necessity of reinforcing

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their educational work and of uniting with the College in standardizing the schools under their control. Strange to say this un-denominational policy is now producing good results denominationally by supplying the needed element of broadly-educated, wide-awake young leaders, as well as interdenominationally by bringing the missions into much cooperative effort.

In addition to this the College holds rather a unique position with the government and both officially and unofficially is aiding the government in the direction of putting the new education on a better basis. The fact that in recent years practically all of the national scholarships allotted to the Southern Provinces have been awarded to students in the Canton Christian College is an irresistible argument to the government and people. Inter nos, Dean Chung has been approached to ascertain if he would accept the position of Commissioner of Education. He says that he intends to stay with the College always, and while at last writing Prof. Chung had not made up his mind what he would better do, he agrees that the Trustees ought to be allowed to approve, and says if he accepts he will want us to help him. Dr. George William Knox being in Canton at the time said, "This is an opportunity that the College will never have again. No (missionary) college in the world has ever had such an opportunity before." This call is one of opportunity for service with the responsibilities which such service entails, rather than of self-gratulation in any sense, for really we are 'but a child' as Solomon said.

From the financial point of view we are called upon at this critical time to give much more in service than we can expect to receive in fees. Our last advices from Canton were that every bed

in the dormitories is taken, and many groups of students are sleeping six in a room, the rooms being designed to accommodate four students each. The New Year opened the first week in March with a resigtra-tion of three hundred and forty,- in the Middle School and College one hundred and nineteen, and in the Primary and Grammar two hundred and twenty-one. The students paid down in fees \$12,000 gold, covering board and incidentals for one-half year, and tuition for full year. I understand that there is also a large waiting list.

Please convey our thanks to Mrs.James for her gift and tell her that it is the best thing in the world to do for the world.

Sincerely,

Treasurer.

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Carman

February 9, 1911.

My dear Mr. Carman:-

When I made so bold as to suggest that Mr. James and his mother each give five thousand dollars a year to the College, I was not speaking off-hand. I have wondered many times what was going to persuade a man to put a large sum of money into a college in China, and take all the risks of its producing what he has in mind. There have been a few men who have been so intensely devoted to the subject of giving the Chinese a Christian education, that they have put in quite a share of their principal, and a great deal of their time. There have been a few men and women who have, out of more abundant means, given what might be termed "liberally." One such gift came to the College from Mrs. Robert L. Stuart, and its being out and out an unrestricted gift has been a source of great help in getting the school started.

We have, of course, great ambition, and would like to see a thousand students on our hill. But the first point we have to make is to complete the ordinary academic course up to an equivalent of senior year of college here, and at the same time to carry out to more completeness the elementary and preparatory schools. Our position is very much as it was at Robert College and Beirut during the first twenty-five years, excepting that at Robert they had less preparatory work to do than at Beirut. We have the advantage, however, of a larger, more homogeneous people, who have among them men of wealth who will contribute as well as pay fees.

To collect money in America for Christian colleges in the East,

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excepting those directly supported by the Boards, in small gifts, is impossible. It either means that those who are volunteering to do this work shall give it their time, strength and money fully in equivalent, or two dollars for one of what the Trustees realize.

Mr. House has interviewed hundreds of people selected because of their probable interest and ability to help. We have sent out thousands of letters and circulars, and follow up each year those who have given, and shall continue the same policy, somewhat modified by experience, - that is, the selected list of those to keep informed about the College will be somewhat different, and the material we send them. Nevertheless, we feel it necessary to cultivate a large base in order to find here and there a man or woman who takes special interest in our College.

Dr. Washburn of Robert College told me that after twenty-five years of effort to raise money for Robert College, he found that less than twenty people had really given almost all the money. I do not believe this is because other Christian givers are not interested and affected by such a work as Robert College, but because they feel that what they can give is too small to count, and that the college comes in as one of many side issues. Therefore, if the Canton Christian College is to be put on its feet as a college, some one man, or two or three, must come forward with a large enough gift to provide substantial endowment.

Why Mr. James and his mother should select this particular college out of many, for a large gift, is a question of Providence which I could not answer, unless I did so along the line of the way the burden came to be laid on me. I carefully avoided it for five years before I took it up. The next five years were wholly given to reconstruction. But there it is in living reality and doing a great work, - I might even say an impossible work. I must say that, after much reflection, while my sympathy for men who are founding colleges at home and abroad has immensely increased, and I feel

like helping every one of them, I am profoundly convinced that the best way to help all the foreign missionary colleges is to put one well on its feet.

The Canton Christian College has a unique position. It is at the educational, commercial, and governmental center of South China, and it has furnished a great number of the bankers and merchants in the Far East, and the foreign ministers and secretaries of legations in the central government. Mission work was begun there ^(at Canton) many years before the opening of the five treaty ports.

There has been a large amount of medical and evangelistic and church work carried on by the missions, but their educational work has largely been of an elementary character, with a few high school students—quite insufficient to prepare them for a college course. It is impossible from a psychological point of view for any mission or combination of missions in Canton to realize a college. It must be done almost wholly from the outside, by a separate body from the boards, who retain a consistent policy for a generation.

The College has been visited by a number of experts, among whom were Doctor David Eugene Smith of Teachers College, who is ever ready to give his testimony. Doctor Ernest DeWitt Burton of Chicago University, and Professor T.C. Chamberlain, and another Chicago University professor ^{Prof. Mc Clintock?} were there at different times. I am sure Doctor Burton would do anything in his power to help us secure an endowment. Mr. Mott and Mr. Brockman, and men of that class who represent the International Committee, are profoundly impressed with the opportunity at Canton.

Almost everybody connected with the institution itself, today, feels that its most serious problem is the financial one. We could solve most of our problems if we had about double our present income from gifts.

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March 14, 1914.

Dear Mr James:-

I venture to think that both as a navigator and as a friend of the Canton Christian College you may be interested in the report of the magnetic survey I have been making under the auspices of the Carnegie Institution of Washington. I enclose a report of the running account of my expeditions recently published at Shanghai. The actual results are being issued in a separate bulletin for China.

Thinking that you would be interested to have the full account of results for the world at large I am ordering a copy of the official report of the Institution to be sent you, especially for ocean areas.

I trust that some day not too distant, your yacht's compass may guide you into Far Eastern Waters.

Sincerely yours,

Mr Arthur Curtiss James,
92 Park Ave.
New York City.

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New York. April 17, 1914.

Mr. C.K. Edmunds,
Canton Christian College,
Canton, China.

My dear Mr. Edmunds:

Thanks for your letter of March 14th enclosing
the pamphlet, which I will read with a great deal of interest.

I too hope that the compass will some day direct
my course to the Canton College, but do not see any particular
encouragement at the moment. However, I certainly want to come
as soon as possible.

Again thanking you for your kind though, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) A.C. James.

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES
99 JOHN STREET

NEW YORK. June 30, 1914.

W. Henry Grant, Treasurer,
Canton Christian College,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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My dear Mr. Grant:

I take pleasure in handing you Mr. Arthur Curtiss James' check herewith for \$5,000 toward the running expenses of the College for the year ending today.

As explained to Mr. House today, Mr. James does not feel that he can consider giving anything toward the Endowment of the College but is glad to help from time to time with its current expenses. This view Mrs. D. Willis James also shares.

I regret not being able to send you the check from her at this time but will try to bear it in mind when I see her in August and the amount can be applied, if thought best, toward this year's deficit.

Very truly yours,

H. W. Carrigan

Enclosure.

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July 7, 1914.

Mr. Arthur Curtiss James,
99 John Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. James:-

It is more than a pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your check for five thousand dollars toward the current expenses of the Canton Christian College. You may be assured that the Trustees and Faculty fully appreciate your continued participation in a work that seems to put out new and surprising blossoms each year.

Continuity with steady progress is the factor which the Chinese most value and are at present least able themselves to maintain without our aid. That men of high standing in America are contributing to set up such a school in China without any personal return, is making a profound impression upon them and leading them to do likewise. They like us and trust us, which makes the College and its doings a popular theme of conversation among all classes.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer.

2 News Letters sent
Mr. Carrman July 7/14

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Copy to C.C.C.
Reported to Mr. House

ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES
99 JOHN STREET

NEW YORK. December 21, 1915.

W. Henry Grant, Treasurer,
#156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

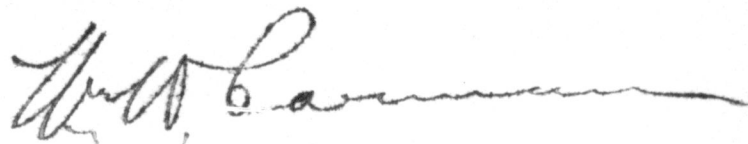
My dear Mr. Grant:

With the Season's Greetings I send you
the enclosed check for \$2500. from Mr. Arthur Curtiss James
as his contribution for this year to the Canton Christian
College.

Mr. James feels as I do about continuing
on the larger basis but is glad to send the present remittance
in the hope that it may aid you in securing the necessary
funds to carry on the good work in China.

With all good wishes, believe me,

Sincerely yours,



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December 5, 1916.

Mr. Arthur Curtiss James,
11 Cliff Street,
City.

My dear Mr. James:-

It is very natural that I should desire the privilege of calling on you again, after some years, and I hope that it is proper for me to ask, as I do, if I may, if it should happen to be convenient for you to see me. There is no other reason than the interest of Canton Christian College, on which I may base the request, but I cannot help saying that it would be a very great personal pleasure for me to see you again.

I have recently had the privilege of talking of the College with a few of the leaders in business and finance of New York and elsewhere with the hope of interesting them broadly in the College, and definitely in the support of a department of business education, as commerce, banking, organization of industry, accounting, etc. It would be a great help to me in meeting men of this type just to have had the privilege of talking with you a little while. I must say I have had much to encourage me in the quick appreciation and interest shown by the gentlemen referred to.

It is with great appreciation of what you have done for the College, being one of the largest factors in the success of its work, that we all think of you, and my desire in talking with you of the College would be simply that some details might possibly be made more

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clear or interesting, or some questions answered. I would only add that we are making every effort with considerable success to increase the number of our contributors and widen the interest in the College, which is really becoming probably the most notable work in China and one of the exceedingly important Christian institutions of the world.

I am to be in New York, except December 9-22, until the latter part of January, and will be glad if I might see you at any time convenient.

Very sincerely yours,

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March 24, 1917.

Mr. Arthur Curtiss James,
99 John Street,
New York.

My dear Mr. James:-

We are slowly getting our College upon a broader foundation and yet to be in the most modest way "a college" many things are still needed- a little larger faculty, land, residences, and the more distinctly educational buildings and equipment.

Our experience is that the driving power which enables us to get these and more, comes through gifts for "the general purposes of the College" as Mr. Seth Low put it in his recent bequest to the Trustees. Free money is the greatest immediate help and makes it easier to induce others to provide the buildings, etc., when the teaching is of a high order and the teachers inspiring and vitalizing men.

It has been of the greatest help to us in the past that the contributions made by you and your mother have been undesignated. This has enabled us to preserve the high standard of the institution, attracting the best type of students to our campus. The College has expanded in a logical way, and while it requires more money from America, the students' fees and gifts from Chinese are furnishing a greater proportion of the annual outlay.

As soon as we are far enough along, people who are attracted by the strength and management of the College will

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Mr. Arthur Curtiss James,

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March 24, 1917.

doubtless give more freely to the special things they are interested in. The same with respect to endowment.

We need about twenty thousand dollars to complete the work of the year, and at least thirty thousand more to enable us to take proper care of our faculty and students. Any part of this that your interest and generosity dictates will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES
99 JOHN STREET

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NEW YORK March 26, 1917.

Mr. W. Henry Grant, Treasurer,
Canton Christian College,
#156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Grant:

I am this morning in receipt of your letters under date of March 25th, and while I agree with you in the main as to the desirability of the first and second line Defenses, I conscientiously feel that the present is no time for expansion in the foreign work. If we are able to hold our own it is as much as can be expected of us at the present time, I am sure.

Mr. James is at present in Florida and will remain for several weeks and it will not be possible to bring the matter of the College to his notice before his return. I will keep the letters before me, however, and take the matter up with him as you request.

Yours very truly,

A. W. Cannon

*P.S. I am sorry to hear you are not being
attracted here as I am usually getting as
I never will succeed to attempt any day outside*

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On Board Aloha

Hilo, Hawaii,
October 29th, 1921.

Herbert Parsons, Esq.,
52 William Street,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Herbert:

Thank you for your good letter of the 19th. I am looking forward to seeing the Canton Christian College when I am in China, and am much obliged for your calling it to my attention, although I certainly would not have overlooked such an important institution.

We are having a delightful trip, and reached Hilo today, and have just received our first batch of mail in six weeks.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Arthur James

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ARTHUR CURTISS JAMES
99 JOHN STREET

NEW YORK.

Hong Kong, China.
January 15th, 1922.

Herbert Parsons, Esq.,
52 William Street,
New York City, N.Y.

My Dear Herbert:

I regret very much to have to write you that I missed seeing the Canton Christian College. We had planned our stay in Canton so that we would have ample time to give at least half a day to the college, but something happened which had not happened for ten thousand years or more, namely a strike of the Chinese crews on the river steamers. This disarranged our schedule considerably, and instead of having two days in Canton, we had only half a day. Mr. Henry came to lunch with me at the hotel just before I left, and we had a good talk on the general situation, but of course that did not take the place of a personal inspection. It was a great disappointment to all our party, but could not be helped.

The strike is to me but another indication of the certainty of higher costs of living in China for the future; And this has a very distinct bearing, not only on the Canton College, but on all the other branches of Philanthropic work in China. I fear all the institutions, missions, hospitals, colleges, etc. will have to figure on a yearly increasing budget for running expenses as time goes on.

We are having an excellent trip in every way, and have been away from New York four months today, and the disarrangements of plans due to the strike, was the first check we have had since leaving.

Very sincerely yours,

A. Curtiss James

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