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Rev. J. V. Thompson ✓  
Rev. Paul Abbott

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Iehowfu, Shantung,  
April 29th 1921.

The Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D.,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York,

My dear Dr. Brown,-

We as members of the Field Board of Managers of the Shantung Christian University wish to make a strong appeal to the Presbyterian Board to make an appropriation of \$10,000 Mex. at an early date as possible so that the Current Expense Account of the Medical School may be able to cancel its indebtedness to the China Medical Board.

It will be recalled that when the students from Nanking and Peking were brought to the University, that in order to house the increased faculty of the Medical School, funds to the amount of approximately \$40,000 Mex were borrowed from the C.M.B. to build the needed residences. The understanding was that the Current Expense Account of the Medical School should be reimbursed as speedily as possible. The C.M.B. made this as one of the provisions under which they would this year grant any further support to the school.

We understand from letters received from the faculty of the Medical School that this matter has already been reported to your office by Dr. Neal. The Medical School now informs us that they have, by temporarily borrowing from the Building Account of the University the sum of \$10,000, cancelled their last remaining debt to the C.M.B. on this count. The other houses have been or will soon be redeemed.

The problem now is to return the money to the University Building Account. We know that the Boards controlling the University wish to take advantage of the present rates of exchange prevailing and push the buildings already provided for by the special gifts received for that purpose.

There is no doubt some room for considering the action of the transfer of funds as mentioned above as contrary to the rules of the Board, but when we know that the receiving of further support from the C.M.B. was conditional on the cancelling of this debt, we can scarcely find fault with the faculty.

This debt of \$40,000 has been a source of uneasiness to the Field Board for some time. We feel that it is a matter for congratulation that three of the houses are now practically provided for. The Southern Presbyterians have promised to buy one house, while the English Baptists will buy another. About \$10,000 have been returned to the Current Expense Account by rents from these four houses.

The Presbyterian Board has assumed a total quota of thirteen members for its share on the faculties of the schools of the University. We have now six houses and they are not enough to provide houses for the Presbyterian members already on the faculties. It happens that Dr. Cochrane is living in the very house we are now trying to redeem, and rent is being paid for it by the Board.

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From all points of view it would seem to be most urgent to secure this money, pay off the debt, and ~~return~~ set the Building Account of the University straight. Trusting that the matter may receive your careful attention we are

Sincerely yours

Signed:

T. N. Thompson  
Paul P. Abbott

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August 12, 1921

Rev. T. H. Thompson ✓  
Ichowfu, Shantung, China

Rev. Paul R. Abbott,  
Chefoo, Shantung, China

My dear Thompson and Abbott:

I am just writing to the Field Board of Managers to the effect that the North American Presbyterian Board has not as yet been able to make funds available to purchase Dr. Cochran's residence at the Shantung Medical School, and to the Field Board I referred to the strong letter of appeal which you gentlemen wrote to the Presbyterian Board through Dr. Brown on April 29th.

I now write to acknowledge your letter to Dr. Brown which he turned over to me shortly after its receipt in June. Dr. Lowrie also wrote to us sending a copy of a letter which Dr. Cochran had written to him. Although the funds for the residence may yet become available from the Sage Legacy Committee or some other source, our search up to the present for funds has been fruitless, although everyone sympathizes with the need and wishes that it could be met.

I am happy to learn from Mr. Abbott's letter of June 28th that the Shantung Mission so strongly voted to retain its connection with the Theological School of the University, supporting it both in faculty and in finance. Cannot the Mission allocate one or two of its strongest men to the Institution for theological work. The proper training of the ordained leaders of the future Church of China is I believe the supreme task of our Missions there. If you two men joined the staff of the Theological School at Tsinan-fu, I would throw up my hat for joy. *Have just heard of Hayes-Bruce invitation. I hope they accept it.*

I have studied with great interest the illuminating report which you, as the Mission representatives on the Field Board of Managers, presented to the Mission. It need not be said that the North American Joint Board and the Presbyterian Board rejoice that the Shantung Presbyterian Mission has as its representatives on the Field Board two men who take such a vital, broadminded, and sympathetic interest in the University affairs.

With kindest regards to each of you and with every wish for the highest success of your various undertakings for the Kingdom of Christ in China, I am

Sincerely yours,

*J. T. Scott*

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SHANTUNG

July 23, 1934

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Rev. Paul Abbott  
American Presbyterian Mission  
Yih sien, Shantung, China

Dear Abbott:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a confidential letter to Bill Adolph. It puts as clearly as I can the thoughts expressed by our Cheelee Governors on the problem of finding the right Westerner to take the lead at Cheelee. Our Cheelee Governors do not wish to meddle into a matter where we recognize that the initiative must rest with the field. On the other hand, we are profoundly convinced that unless Cheelee speedily obtains the right leadership, both Chinese and Western, this splendid institution that has been built up over a period of seventy years, will either be broken up, or - worse yet - deteriorate into a state of ineffectiveness and purposelessness.

In addition to our desire to avoid an approach that would nullify any chance for the success of the proposal we are making, we are also anxious not to hurt, or offend, Mr. Davies and Mr. Linn. Mr. Davies has done the best he possibly could during the last few years, and has worked faithfully under very trying conditions to keep Cheelee from breaking up entirely. While I personally believe that it might have been better in the long run if our Colleges of Arts and Science had been allowed to remain closed until we could reopen them along entirely new lines, still we must recognize that both Mr. Davies and Mr. Linn have been rendering valued service along lines that seemed wisest to them.

We understand from comments Mr. Davies has made, both to the Presbyterian Board and to representatives of Cheelee, that he plans to retire when he reaches seventy, in November, 1935. Presumably this would mean that he would drop out of active service at Cheelee at the end of the academic year 1934-35, so that we should have a successor for him ready to begin work in September, 1935.

I would like your frank comments as to what you think of the proposal that Adolph be obtained for this position, and also as to the possibility of obtaining him. Of course, it would be up to the Board of Directors, and to the other friends of Cheelee on the field, to go after Adolph and get him if you want him. All that my letter to him could accomplish is simply to assure him that the Board of Governors would heartily support such a move.

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Rev. Paul Abbett

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July 23, 1934

We recognize, of course, that we would have to find a solution to such practical problems as securing Adolph's release from Yenching, and fitting him into our Presbyterian quota at Cheelee. I trust, however, that all these problems could be worked out on the field. Since Adolph belonged to Cheelee originally, and our good friend Dr. Stuart took advantage of a temporary situation to snatch him, it would not hurt our conscience a bit if he were won back to his first love.

I hope that these letters to Adolph and yourself will not impress you as being unjustified meddling on the part of those of us here in the West. Our Cheelee Governors are about as inactive and un-aggressive a group as one could find anywhere. But just now they feel very deeply concerned over this problem of leadership at Cheelee, and believe that unless the right steps are taken, and taken very quickly and decisively, Cheelee is due to lose practically all of the support it is now obtaining from the West. We are all firmly convinced of the absolute necessity of Chinese leadership. But we do want it to be a genuine and forward-looking leadership, not merely factional politics dominated by a small group of individuals.

We leave entirely to your good judgment all questions of what steps, if any, should be taken in line with these suggestions. I would judge that it would be very inexpedient to make any mention to the Board of Directors of this suggestion coming from the West with regard to Adolph. We hereby authorize you to take full personal credit for this brilliant suggestion. Possibly other members of the Board of Governors may be writing in this same informal way to men they know on the Board of Directors, or others may be bringing forward this same suggestion as a result. Perhaps the Directors have already thought out some even more brilliant solution of all our Cheelee problems. We sincerely hope this is the case.

With warmest regards and all good wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

*B. A. Gaiside*

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THE SHANTUNG MISSION  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.

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Yih sien, Sung, China  
October 27, 1954

Mr. B. A. Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Garside:

Your letter of July 23rd came to hand while I was on my vacation and its contents have been considered and have led me to make inquiries of many persons from Peiping, Shanghai and Cheeloo.

Before I speak of my reactions let me say a word about Cheeloo just now. I have been prompted to wait until the results of the Administrative Council's committee on the presidency have been announced before writing you for of course a great deal depends upon whether Mr. Lin yields to their pressure to accept the office. I do not know whether you have any one in the University who keeps you informed of the inside workings and the various currents there, but if you have not you ought to have. I presume I do not need to suggest such a thing to such an old diplomat.

The situation since the regular meeting of the Board of Directors has been enough to make the gods weep. The issue was clear cut enough at that meeting, one group of men led by C. V. Lee (Salt Gabelle official) being determined to place Lin in the presidency and the rest of us feeling that, while Lin had done a good piece of work as dean, he was unsuited to the higher office. Well, the rest of us prevailed in our formal action. Then began the politics, with telegrams from heads of departments in the government, Governor Han, and others to induce H. H. Kung to throw his weight for Lin. It did not work with Kung, but it scared the administration so that a special meeting of the Directors was called to rubber stamp the orders from the Provincial Government. I was not present at that meeting but my Substitute voted to hand the presidency to Lin upon a gold platter. He refused. They appointed a committee to press him. A meeting of the Administrative Council held while I was attending China Council received their report of Lin's refusal and appointed a committee, the same which in the first case nominated Lin for the office, to go to Shanghai where the reluctant candidate was supposed to be in hiding and to bring him back in triumph. The results are yet in the air.

We had suggested the name of Jimmy Yen at the June meeting and a committee had gone to Tingsien to wait on him and try to persuade him to take the position of president. You will see why without any comment from me. In fact I believe the suggestion came from you originally and I remembered it at the crucial point when they asked "Who else is there but Lin?" and proposed Yen.

The group which now controls do not want any outstanding Rural enthusiast to head up the institution. In fact I doubt whether they want any thing of a real show along rural lines. You will readily see how ominous the fact of the interference of the government is. It looked as though the University was to be a football between the Central and Provincial governments,

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who are none too friendly to each other. Even now it is problematical whether any Chinese will want to get into what may develop into a political mess. Lin they can control from the Department of Education in Tsinan, another bigger man like Yen, who is a national figure, they could not dictate to. It makes one fairly sick. I understand Yen made some proposals which showed that he was not indifferent. The Central Government asked him for fifty rural workers this year so he told me in the spring. He said he could not furnish them, but if the Government had told him three years ago and had given him some assistance he could have trained them. What finer place to train such rural rehabilitation experts than in Cheeloo. Why can not our Board of Directors see this challenge? I believe Jimmy Yen would consider it if we could unite, but as long as the inner group of politicians have control I doubt whether we can get any united action unless it be along their lines. Enough for backstairs information. As you have written to me confidentially, so I am to you and do not expect to be quoted.

Now as to Adolph. You ask for "frank comments", and I shall try to give them. Bill Adolph is a fine chap and those who know him seem to like him immensely and respect his education and his ability. He is a good teacher and head of a department, has ideas and the courage of his convictions. Indeed it may be due to this very fact that Adolph might not be at all acceptable to Cheeloo. You remember that he left Cheeloo largely because he did not believe the University had any future. Of course I know that was before the rural program was suggested. I doubt whether Adolph has any particular interest in that program or believes in the University. He frankly said that he thought it should be reduced to the position of a Junior College. I am stating here what are impressions and not conversations with me. In view of the fact that Bill left the University and went to Yencheng, I do not think that you would have a very hearty invitation to him to return. He would, on the other hand, be acceptable to the medics because he believed the Arts and Science should be largely a pre-medical school, but such an attitude would not make those interested in the Arts and Science Colleges trust him thoroughly.

Adolph is not a man who is very wide in his friendships. I am of the impression that he is very good friends with some of his colleagues but that he cares very little for others who may be outside the circle of his academic or educational interests. For instance if you want a man who will have the enthusiastic backing of the missionary body outside Cheeloo then do not chose Adolph. But why do they count? I almost can see you thinking. That is just what Adolph would say. He never put himself out to identify himself with the Mission, rarely attended any meeting, apparently was determined to keep aloof from such things and so gave them impression (which he may never have wished to convey) that he thought the rest of the missionary body an inferior type of folk.

If you wish to have a vice president who will be a connecting link between the University and the Mission, then Dr. Adolph would not fill the bill. Of course the cleavage has perhaps gone too far already and there is little hope to secure such an one.

Another difficulty which suggests itself is that Adolph was a colleague with a group of men, slowly diminishing it is true, and would find some trouble in gaining hearty cooperation from that group. Of course you suggest house cleaning, and such might solve some difficulties.

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I believe the greatest hindrance in the way would be to interest Adolph in the proposition. He is going home on a twelve months' furlough next year (C.C. have asked for it) to prepare for a greater work in his department in Yencheng. Without a very great enthusiasm for the University he left and very strong convictions about the worthwhileness of the program they are supposed to carry out I do not think you would be able to persuade Bill Adolph that his future lay in Tsinan.

I trust that we can bring the Board of Directors to see that the future of the University lies in the wholehearted carrying out of the rural program, and in securing a man fitted to do this. Dr. Hume has been suggested as the one to take hold and pull things together. He has impressed all as a man who not only knows how to get at the facts but has constructive ideas of his own. He would be able to understand and appreciate the needs of the medical side and so would probably be very welcome. He has an interest in the rural side at least of the medical work, I know, from a talk he gave to China Council. He is entirely in sympathy, I take it, with Dr. Maxwell of the China Medical Association, who believes that rural medical service is the thing the missionary societies ought to specialize on as their greatest contribution. I am somewhat of the opinion, though I have not had any time to think it over carefully, that Dr. Hume with his fine attitude toward the Chinese, his suavity, his experience in administrative work, his diversified and rich background would perhaps be the finest man we could find. What do you think? He isn't a youngster, but he has some things a younger man could not have.

With very warm regards, and best wishes for success in your position looking after these wayward and wandering flocks, I remain,

Very truly yours ,

PAUL R. ABBOTT

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November 30, 1934

Dr. Paul Abbott,  
American Presbyterian Mission,  
Yih sien, Shantung, China

Dear Abbott:

Thanks for your good letter of October 27th, with the new light it sheds on the troubled situation at Cheeloo. What you write confirms at every point the information that has come to me bit by bit from other sources.

There is really extremely little we here in America can do on these problems, and anything resembling activity on our part would almost certainly be interpreted on the field as meddling interference. The only thing we can do is to hope and pray that our friends on the field will have both the desire and the wisdom to work out solutions that will be for the largest interests of the university and will not in any way be dictated by selfish considerations.

Glad to have your frank comments on our suggestions with reference to Adolph. You who are on the spot are in vastly better position than any of us to pass judgment on such matters. Certainly no one in the West would be inclined to urge anything that wasn't fully in line with the best judgment of the field. The urgently needed move both with reference to our Chinese president and his Western associate seems to be constructive and positive moves in the right direction. Certainly if there were any chance to persuade Dr. Hume to take the helm for a few years, that ought to offer an excellent solution all around.

Cheeloo has one of the largest opportunities confronting any Christian university or college in China, and we are all extremely anxious to see it accept the privilege that now lies before it. We hope that Dr. Scott, Dr. Fairfield, and Mr. Cartwright may all get together at Cheeloo two or three months hence, and that Dr. Hume may still be available. That quartet ought to be able to solve any knotty problem in the whole missionary enterprise.

With all good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,  
I am

Very cordially yours,

(s) B. A. Garside

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
Department of Chemistry  
URBANA.

February 11, 1921.

Dear Dr Neal,

I had finished a letter to you yesterday, when your letter of January 6th, arrived, enclosing the action of the University Board of Managers, and the invitation to the post of Dean of the School of Arts and Science. I am attempting to answer this last one and enclose it with the letter which I was about to mail last evening.

It is needless for me to intimate the honor I feel at being asked by the Board to fill the post of Dean of the School of Arts & Science and let me assure you that I shall give it my earnest and most sympathetic consideration.

It was a bit, or rather a good deal, disappointed to hear the attitude taken by the Board of Managers on the Senior College question. Ever since reaching American shores I have been more than ever confirmed in the stand which I took on the question before leaving Tsinan. -- I am glad however that the Board of Managers seems to have taken at last an aggressive attitude toward the development of the School of Arts and Science. It is ~~relation~~ in relation to their plan to "immediately develop" which I am most interested in, and which I want to ask you about.

In the first case, is this an invitation to accept the deanship of the Senior College, with the understanding that separate provision will ultimately be made for the Junior College, or vice versa, or was the thought of the Board that the incoming administration should develop whatever machinery it thinks best, and that meanwhile the administration which has come down to us should be retained. The proposition of constructing a Senior College brings up this point ipso facto, I feel, and you intimated that the entire question of the School of Arts and science ~~should be very~~ would be very thoroughly discussed by the Board. Moreover I feel that I would like to know the trend of thought in the Board to help me make my decision. The Board of Managers has always been much of a mystery to me. I have never been able to discover their point of view when it comes to matters of construction plans.

Then, too, it would aid me if I could see the budget, or at least their financial provision for developing the Senior College, and their plans for the future. How much of this Senior College development is being planned for the next fiscal year? This element must have been the serious part of the Board's deliberations. Would it be too much to ask for just as informal and unofficial indication of what the Board plans?

*(insert here) of a Senior College would require a lot of work preliminary*

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Moreover, but perhaps I am anticipating information which you are or would be planning to send me, - the immediate development, work, I mean, in the organization of new staff, etc., which would have to be managed by a prospective dean from this end. It would be useless for me to return to China, and then in a few months have to strike right back for America to handle this end of things. I am sure these are elements which you will recognize enter into the situation, and which are important ones when it comes to new developments.

And finally, may I give expression to one thought that is aroused by the last paragraph of the Board of Managers' memo on General EDUCATIONAL POLICY. I wish we could get over the habit of asking the Joint Boards in America and Britain for men instead of the funds to get men. Incidentally, I do not feel that these boards are in a position to secure men of the type which I think we want for university work in China. In the first place, from this date on, we ought to be able to secure most of our men whether foreigners, or Chinese in China., or, if the university insists on having a more expensive man from America, they can be recruited in the same way that our American university recruit their staffs, direct from the departments in other institutions which are turning out the men they want. A representative of our University who is well acquainted in University and scholastic circles in America, I am convinced, would have not so very much trouble in gathering in a few months all the foreign staff which the school of Arts and Science needs. Our young instructors in the universities here are writing under the narrow outlooks of American academic life and are welcoming invitations to go to China. In the last two weeks, I have been in touch with a chemist and with a physics man. One of these is going to Boone, the other I have put in touch with one of our rivals. We, as yet have not developed an organized method of securing our own men, - the other universities in China are getting them.

Just one more point:- was any expression made, formally or informally, regarding the duties of dean? You know that I have expressed myself rather bluntly at various times re this matter, and that there was a lot in the present situation in our School of Arts and Science that made an almost impossible situation. I would like to know how you personally feel about the whole matter of dormitory and building administration. Do you think there are possibilities of readjustment? Can the budget be stretched to include the salaries of additional administrative officers either under the University or under the Arts and Science School. ? or has the Board of Managers expressed itself as totally opposed to changes from the traditional status quo?

I must apologize for this, another long list of remarks and queries, but it is just because "I want to know"- I am having a good time here, learning how to run a department of chemistry, and getting in touch with lots of new developments in Pre-medicine.

Yours in Very sincerely yours,

(SGD) Wm H. Adolph.

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February 21, 1921

Mr. William H. Adolph, Ph. D.  
3408 Wallace Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Adolph:

Dr. Neal has written telling of the action of the Administrative Council looking toward your becoming Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences of Shantung Christian University. He enclosed to me, as you know, a copy of his letter to you of January 6th, along with the declaration of the policy for the development of the Senior College. In this letter, Dr. Neal has asked you to communicate your decision to Dr. Mooreshead and to me, inasmuch as the concurrence of the two Joint Boards is required in the matter of election to a Deanship in the University.

The Executive Committee of the North American Joint Board will meet at noon of Friday, February 25th at the Aldine Club, 200 Fifth Avenue, New York City, at which time consideration and action could be taken upon the matter of the Deanship if word is received from you prior to that as to your inclination to accept this important position, and to lead in developing the educational policy sketched in outline by the Administrative Council.

You are too familiar with the importance, the responsibility and the unusual opportunity for service of the post of Dean at the School of Arts and Sciences for me to write anything to you which would at all help in your effort to make a right decision in the matter. It lends to my mind a most unusual opportunity for outstanding and constructive leadership promoting the cause of Christian Missions, and I pray that God will make His leading clear to you in your decision.

If you should care to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee, at which I believe also Mr. Cassat will be present to report upon his promotional work, we should of course be only too happy to have you with us.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Geo. T. Scott*

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*re deanship*  
*- Dr Neal* February 25, 1921.

Rev. G. T. Scott,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Scott:

I have changed my address for the spring semester, i.e. till June, to the above address; and your note of February 21st did not reach me unfortunately till this evening.

Dr. Neal's letter of January 6th, enclosing the invitation from the Board of Managers of the Shantung Christian University to the Deanship of the School of Arts and Science, reached me a few days ago. I replied immediately to Tsinan, asking a few questions further regarding the administrative policy of the Board of Managers, and making some further inquiries about the School of Arts and Science. I should hear from them, I take it, within the next two months or so. I will, of course, write you and Dr. Mooreshead immediately upon my reaching a decision re the deanship.

Up till a month or two ago, I <sup>fall</sup> very much opposed to accepting this post. I am beginning, however, to see a few things in a slightly different light, and to be somewhat more sympathetic with the situation of the SCU in Tsinan.

I shall drop a line to Dr. Mooreshead, indicating when I hope to be able to send on to him notice of the acceptance or otherwise of the deanship.

A five-line-note has just reached me post-haste from the University office in Tsinan reading: "You will regret to hear that Dr. Neal had a stroke of paralysis last night at seven affecting his speech and his right side. He is quite conscious and cheerful and resting quietly. I will keep you posted as to the future." You may have received a similar news-note. Dr. Neal has, we have all realized, played a very heroic part in a very difficult emergency situation.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. H. Adolph.

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February 28, 1921

Dr. William H. Adolph  
Department of Chemistry  
University of Illinois  
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Dr. Adolph:

As I intimated to you in my letter of a week ago, the conditional invitation of the Field Board of Managers of Shantung Christian University came before the meeting of the North American Joint Board on Friday February 25th. The Board had not heard from you in reply to my letter because, as I learned this morning, you have left Philadelphia and are at the University of Illinois. The Board took no action in this matter inasmuch as it did not know your attitude and cannot view with any enthusiasm your transfer from the headship of your present important department where you are serving with such conspicuous and acceptable ability. The Board feels that the Department of Chemistry is rapidly increasing in importance and that it needs to be emphasized with especial strength in the Institution which is doing the medical work for all of the Missionists in the northern half of China. If you were to leave this highly specialized and indispensable work, the Board does not know to whom the University could turn to fill your place. Several members of the Board suggested that it would be much more difficult to fill your place than it would be to fill the position to which the field authorities are inviting you.

Moreover, if I may speak quite frankly, as I know you would wish me to speak, the Board believes very strongly in the development of the full senior college, having drafted and unanimously adopted the educational policy which has now been approved by the Field Board. The Joint Board knows of your long-standing attitude toward the Senior College question and does not know just how cordial you would be in promoting this central department of the University if you were to become its responsible leader. The Board, of course, recognizes that if you were to become Dean you would do it on the understanding that the Senior College was to be continued, but it does not feel itself very fully assured of the spontaneous stimulation which you would lead to the growth of the department.

This morning your letter of February 25th reaches me. I notice that you have written to the Field regarding certain questions of administrative policy and are expecting an answer within a couple of months. I am certainly very glad to have you say that you are beginning "to be somewhat more sympathetic with the situation of the SCU in Tsinan", for the University surely needs all of the sympathy and cooperation that we who are interested in it can lend.

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Dr. William H. Adolph

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February 26, 1921

We had received word of Dr. Neal's stroke of paralysis and we pray that it may not be serious and that his recovery may be full and speedy.

In the early days of your furlough don't allow anyone to *try to* over-persuade you to remain permanently in America, as I have recently heard reported. Wait until you have been home long enough to see the opportunities for service both at home and in China in their true perspective and I am sure that you will realize that this country can offer no return upon the investment of your talents that can compare with that offered in the field which you have chosen for your life work.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Geo. T. Scott*

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Dr. Fletcher Moorshead

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March 4, 1921.

Rev. G. T. Scott,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Scott:

Let me acknowledge your telegram of Feb. 26th.,  
and also your covering letter dated Feb. 28th.

You are good enough to express the concern of the N.A. Joint Board with regard to the work with which I have been concerned in the Department of Chemistry at SCU in Tsinan. <sup>also</sup> My own thought has been that it would be unwise to let very much interfere with my professional work along that line, and this was the tone of the response which I made when the subject of the deanship was first mentioned to me some time ago, shortly after the last permanent dean resigned. It was in response to my feelings at that time that the Board of Managers dropped the matter.

I do, however, want to correct what appears to be one or two misunderstandings, for which I may be responsible. - I feel guilty if misrepresentations give evidence of an inharmonious atmosphere if that does not really exist. -- My attitude on the question of the Senior College has not been opposition to the establishment of one, so much as it has been a striving to persuade the university authorities that if it was decided to establish a senior college, it must be accompanied by an aggressive financial policy for its foundation and growth. Many of those who are in touch with the educational world in China, feel that the Christian universities have arrived at a critical point, and that we will lose the place of leadership which has been ours if we do not make a brace somewhere. It is an unpleasant fact to have to face, but by many, SCU is usually placed as the <sup>has been</sup> most conservative of the Christian Universities in China. I, myself, feel that one of the contributions of Christian missions is to show China how to do one thing well. And of course you are familiar with the thought of those who believe that we must some time come to plan for one or two well-planned institutions to do for general university education what the C.M.B. Peking Union Medical College is doing for medicine; and this, not as a "seat of learning", but as a Christian university.

In my note from which you quote, my "sympathy with the situation in Tsinan" arises from the fact that we, in the School of Arts and Science, feel that without a dean we have been losing ground. This is said of course in all due respect and appreciation for the work of Dr. Neal, who has not presumed to be very closely in touch with the problems of collegiate education, and whose time allowed him to come in contact with us in little more than

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a business way. I feel that someone must be secured very soon to take hold before it is too late. We have had some difficulty in attracting to our staff the men that we wanted, and we must do something to hold the men that we do have from slipping away from us. It is this plea for what may become a desperate situation that one can not but be "sympathetic with". -- I am jotting down these remarks of course in a purely informal impersonal way!

I am sorry the impression has arisen that I might remain permanently in America. On the other hand, I have always held and still hold that there could be no more attractive field of service for a chemist-teacher than China. There may be those however who have heard me, in speaking, assert that there are many fields for the Christian teacher in China outside of the Christian universities. Please do not for a minute let this be charged against my loyalty to the SCU. I wish there was some machinery for using the men on our university faculties and junior instructing staffs in America, who are anxious to visit the ~~East~~ Far East, and most of whom, writhing under the narrow outlook of academic life in America and Europe, would have some real contribution to make to China. <sup>a's teachers,</sup>

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. H. Joseph.

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March 11, 1921

Dr. William H. Adolph,  
University of Illinois,  
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Adolph:

Thank you for your fully appreciated letter of March 4th. It is good of you to write so clearly and frankly in regard to your attitude toward the situation at Shantung and the whole educational outlook in China. Inasmuch as you have written out to the field making certain inquiries on particular matters, I presume that you will wish to await replies from there before coming to any conclusion as to your willingness to entertain favorably the overture which the Field Board has made you in regard to the deanship of the School of Arts and Science.

We have just learned that immediately after Dr. Neal's stroke an administrative Committee was established consisting of Mr. Burt as Chairman and the deans and acting deans are the other members.

With kindest regards and trusting that you are having a successful period of work at the Illinois University, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Wes. T. Scott*

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April 6, 1921.

Rev. George T. Scott, 156  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

I have this day just sent off a wire to the authorities of Shantung Christian University at Tsinan, informing them that I am accepting the invitation to the deanship of the School of Arts and Science. My original instructions were to let you know officially just as soon as a decision was reached.

It occurs to me to mention what I think has been understood all around, that, while taking on the deanship of the School of Arts and Science, I would continue actively my work in chemistry, and my connection with the teaching and research work of that department.

I am dropping a line to Dr. Moorshead, London, informing him likewise of my action.

You will be interested in knowing that my spring semester's work at the University of Illinois is proving most profitable and very congenial.

With sincere wishes,

Very truly,

Wm. H. Adolph

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April 12, 1921.

Rev. George T. Scott,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

Mail from China from SCU headquarters there has been a long time reaching me. I am particularly interested in seeing a copy of the itemized statement for the Shantung Christian University budget for the academic year 1921-1922. I see that the Presbyterian Board has made their appropriation for the university, so I presume an official copy of that budget has passed through your hands. I hardly presume you have an extra copy; could you send me your copy, let me examine, and then return to you?

Among the many things, I am anxious to know immediately how the university budgeted for the new and enlarged Senior College planned, and <sup>in</sup> particular what financial provision has been made for the Department of Education and Psychology, with its accompanying professorship or instructorship, which the School of Arts and Science has placed as #1 on its immediate need list. There will be little difficulty in filling this, I feel certain, if the funds are available.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. H. Adolph

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April 18th, 1921.

Dr. William H. Adolph,  
Department of Chemistry,  
University of Illinois,  
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Adolph:-

Thank you for your letter of April 6th, indicating your willingness to become Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Shantung University. The annual meeting of the North American Joint Board, which would ordinarily be held during this week, has necessarily been postponed until the 11th of May, which will be the first occasion upon which the Board can take action on the matter. As you know, the election by any one of the Boards in America, Britain and China of Officers or Professors in the University must be confirmed by the other two Boards.

I wrote you on February 28th of various questions which arose in the mind of the North American Joint Board when it first heard that the Field Board proposed you as Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. As Secretary of the North American Joint Board, I would wish to present a rather full and a very convincing statement of the two chief questions which I suggested to you in my previous letter; namely, if you can enthusiastically support the Senior College program, which you have so long opposed, and if the indispensable strength of the Chemistry Department will be impaired by your becoming a Dean?

One other matter which gives a number of the members of the North American Board a deep concern is in regard to the warmth and depth of your Christian Missionary motive. You doubtless know of the increase in criticism in this country that Christian Missionary Colleges in China are giving an education which is too largely secular, and that large sums of money contributed by Church members for the direct extension of the Kingdom of Christ are used in Higher Education, which not only has very little religion in it but does not train men for either the direct or indirect service of the Kingdom of Christ. Singularly enough, I believe this criticism has less application to Shantung than to many other institutions and yet Shantung University is being singled out by name for attack. We must see to it that such part of this criticism as may be Christian and proper does not apply to Shantung University, and you readily recognize that the Deanship of the large and central school of the University, which also includes the pre-theology work, should be held by a man of recognized devotion to the great Christian Missionary motive and program which is deeply spiritual as well as broadly practical.

Obviously, these questions, and a still more personal one regarding your attitude to your former superior in the Arts College, could be covered much more satisfactorily in a personal conference than by correspondence. I understand that your home is in Philadelphia. Will you be coming east in the near future? Possibly you are

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planning to be present at the Board's conference in New York in June for new and furloughed missionaries, which opens on June 8th; or, you might wish to have an interview with Dr. Cleland B. McAfee, a member of the Presbyterian Board, residing at 1 Chalmers Place, Chicago, Ills., where he is Professor in McCormick Theological Seminary, 2330 N. Halsted Street. Dr. McAfee is the father of Mrs. Parker, whose husband joins the Arts College staff next year. He is one of the ablest and wisest members of the Board, is deeply interested in Shantung Christian University and the Shantung Board would, I believe, place very much confidence in his judgment on the matters mentioned above, or on any other questions that you might care to bring forward.

Of course, it is quite possible that you may write such a strong and satisfying letter covering the above matters that it will not seem necessary to have a personal conference with you either in New York or in Chicago.

Please be assured that it is extremely difficult for me to write to you in this way, but I wish to act frankly as secretarial agent of the Missionary enterprise, as well as a personal friend of yours.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd) Geo. J. Scott

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April 20th, 1921.

Dr. William H. Adolph,  
Department of Chemistry,  
University of Illinois,  
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Adolph:-

In your letter of the 12th you inquire regarding the budget of Shantung University for the year beginning July 1st, 1921. As I have only one copy of the budget, and the rule of the Board is not to send these original copies out of the offices, I regret that I cannot forward this copy to you. If and when you are in New York of course you may see it.

The budget of the University calls for increases; has balances unprovided for in every Department. The constituent Boards in America are unable to make increases to the budget for the coming year unless possibly the Canadian Presbyterian Board may be in a position to make an increase. Perhaps the Boards in Great Britain may find themselves in a position to add something to their commitments, but the information on this point is not definite as yet.

The budget of the School of Arts and Sciences amounts to \$55,395., of which \$1100. is for Administration; \$48,095 for Instruction and \$6,200. for Maintenance. Of the total sum, \$8,938. is "balance to be raised."

Under "Departmental expenditure" I do not find that separate, if any, provision has been made for the Department of Education and Psychology; the departments that are listed being Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, Mathematics, History, Religious Instruction and English.

We are looking for a man for Education. There is a vacancy on the Presbyterian Board's quota in the University. Probably this vacancy should be considered in the Theological Department where the Presbyterian Board should have a Missionary representative. We have authorized the University to employ Ting Li Mei with the money guaranteed to supply vacancy, if the University so desires. If you know of a strong man to head up the Department of Education, I believe if possible he should be secured for the Institution which wishes to stress the training of competent teachers.

With best wishes for all of your work, I am

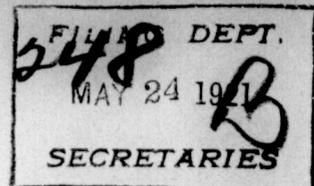
Yours very sincerely,  
*Geo. T. Scott*

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RECD. SCOTT April 23, 1921.



Rev. G. T. Scott,  
 156 Fifth Avenue,  
 New York City.

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Dear Mr. Scott:

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Your letter of April 18th has reached me, making inquiries regarding the Department of Chemistry and the development of the Senior College at Shantung Christian University. I am glad to endeavor to explain more in detail.

In regard to my connection with the Department of Chemistry, I think it has been well understood that, if I assumed the deanship, I would still retain the position of head of that department, and continue in every active capacity my teaching and laboratory work. I have been emphatic in that. Provision has been made, or is being made, increasing the staff both in chemistry, and in the dean's office. The chemistry staff will now number six, and includes a western trained Chinese who has just joined us with the rank of associate professor. During the last two semesters I personally was able to give very little to active instructional work. It is hardly likely that taking on the dean's office <sup>at present</sup> will add any more administrative work than I have been carrying; I hope less. Moreover the internal administration of the university at Tsinan is becoming better centralized, and the tendency is for the dean's office to confine itself almost solely to academic administration. Please understand that I am not endeavoring to set forth reasons why I should assume charge of the dean's office; this is simply my statement of those facts which I think you requested.

The possibility of a Senior College has always appeared to me the most attractive part of the program for the School of Arts and Science, and was, I think, responsible for my present connection with the staff. I suppose I was primarily responsible for the present division of instruction to follow the Chinese national system, defining a Junior College, and setting to one side those courses which we desired should develop into a Senior College, and to which we have just given that name. Our plea that it was worthy of intensive development did not meet much response, until the recently agitated suggestion was made, not to "eliminate" the senior college, but to combine it with Peking University. Various suggestions were made that this be established in Peking, in Tsinan, or divided between an Arts College in one center, and a Science College in another. If our agitation in favor of a union of this sort has led the authorities and supporters of SCU to take a definite stand in favor of its financing and development, no one can be more enthusiastic than myself.

I am glad you mention another topic, "Christian Missionary Motive", because it is one that has given most of us considerable

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concern in matters of staff personnel in the Christian universities abroad. Moreover, a good part of my time since arrival this time in America has been spent in trying to explain why an engineer or a technical man can possess a missionary motive, and to many it is not an accustomed thought, you will agree, I have always been rather emphatic in insisting that one can be just as consecrated a chemist as an evangelist. When one comes to know China, and realizes the degradation of Chinese officialdom, the rottenness and lostness of the intellectual life which China's several thousand years of civilization has developed, one is fortified many times in the belief that nothing but a straight from the shoulder presentation of a vital Christian message can save China. One either reaches this conviction, or comes home. There is at present little incentive outside of a missionary motive for the technical man in the Christian universities in China, with their present meagre equipments and poor facilities for purely scientific work. There are of course others in the orient, but they are held by high salaries. Even enthusiasm for scientific investigation does not go so far as the advertisements say it does!

Our own university includes in its directing thoughts two points of view,-the one that the SCU exists only to train leaders for the Christian church, the other that the university has a contribution in helping to shape the educational system of China, and to infuse into it the vital elements of Christianity. I take my stand very decidedly for the latter, including the importance of the former, but operating upon a much broader program. Another point on which I have often expressed myself is, that in an institution like SCU we need less preaching, and more Christian living. I am convinced that in a far greater proportion than may be true on an American college campus, our training of Christian character in China is intensive, and is to be caught rather than taught. One could give hosts of illustrations to show how this has worked out in Chinese student life.

I hope the North American Board will consider me in no sense an applicant for the post of dean of the School of Arts and Science. When the matter was first broached, I was the one most hesitant, most reluctant, most emphatic in declining to serve. This was over a year ago. Repeated urgent representations were made, presented as the unanimous wish of the authorities in China who both knew my capacities and experience and who knew the situation. My final decision represented to me a pretty hard struggle. It, of course, causes me now no little concern to discover, if I read your letter aright, that the urgency with which I was being sought was not unanimous. It would be natural to be very hesitant in shouldering the responsibilities of what is admittedly a difficult situation if there are the least indications that this would not meet the unqualified support of all interests both here and abroad.

Your note also mentions my "attitude toward my former

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superior in the Arts College". I am sorry it is not quite clear to whom or to what this refers. It naturally concerns me that points of controversy, which your letter intimates do exist, should not have been brought up many months ago. It does not seem to me that I have any defense to make. If the SCU boards do not look with favor upon the character of the service which I have rendered while with the university, I would feel very peculiar about continuing my connection with the staff as one of the American missionary representatives, and still more as an executive officer. The reputation of the Shantung Christian University, and the movement which it represents, particularly at this time, has too much at stake to stand any compromise.

I have typed off this too lengthy note; be assured that your letter is a most difficult one to answer; I have expressed myself very personally. May I urge that if possible the American Joint Board either take definite action, or definitely decide to take no action, at its next meeting, so that the Board in China may be dabled immediately. They are striving to meet a situation which becomes more urgent.

I appreciate your invitation to attend the conference of outgoing missionaries of the Presbyterian Board on June 8th in New York, I very much despair of being able to finish my work here so early in June, though I plan to rejoin Mrs. Adolph and the children in the east during all or part of the summer.

With sincere regards,

Very truly,

Wm. H. Adolph

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April 29, 1921

Dr. William H. Adolph  
University of Illinois  
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Dr. Adolph:

Thank you for your full, clear letter to me of April 23.

Your statements showing that the Department of Chemistry would not be jeopardized by your assuming the Deanship, that you stand squarely behind the policy for a strong Senior College, and that nothing but "a vital Christian message can save China", will no doubt bring assurance to the minds of the North American Joint Board.

Your intimation that in the University "we need less preaching and more Christian living" may be a little disconcerting but perhaps you do not really mean that less preaching of the Gospel is needed but merely intimate that in proportion a larger degree of Christian living is called for. I quite agree with you that Christian living is absolutely indispensable as an environment for Christian preaching yet when the first great Christian missionary was outfitting the soldiers of Christ the only offensive weapon with which he supplied them was "the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God".

Do not be concerned about the North American Joint Board considering you in any sense an applicant for the post of Dean. You were approached by the Field Board of Managers, and as far as I know, unanimously. Their recommendation to the North American Joint Board caused the reaction which I was instructed to convey to you by correspondence.

In view of your clear statement in your letter I believe that there would not be sufficient advantage in your conferring with Dr. McAfee to justify the trouble and expense of such an interview. I shall present our correspondence to the meeting of the Joint Board on May 11th. I should, of course, be pleased to receive any further letter that you might desire to write before that date.

With kindest regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Geo. T. Scott*

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May 17, 1921

Dr. William H. Adolph  
Department of Chemistry  
University of Illinois  
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Dr. Adolph:

Professor Paul Monroe, Chairman of the North American Joint Board of Shantung University and Director of Education at Teachers College, may have written you before this apprising you of the careful consideration which the Joint Board gave at its meeting last week to the question of asking you to undertake the Deanship of the School of Arts and Science at the University. As Secretary, I stated in a brief word the situation. The only question to which the Board gave any consideration was that of the irretrievable loss which the Department of Chemistry and the Department of Pre-medical studies would sustain. The two physicians on the Board, David Bovaird, M.D. and Robert L. Dickinson, M.D., both, as you may know, famous men in their fields and both of whom have visited Tsinan, simply could not acquiesce in your transfer. Dr. Monroe and others who have at heart the educational problem as a whole, were just as emphatic in feeling that a deanship would be so distracting with its multitude of duties that the Chemistry Department would suffer severely. Dr. Monroe asked permission to write to you personally. Dr. Sailer, a corresponding member of the Board, was not at the meeting but told me two or three days before the meeting that of his own accord he had written to you stating that he thought it would be quite unwise for you to think of combining these two positions. With the medical work vital to the University and Chemistry fast becoming one of the outstanding factors in the life of the world, the Board could not view with equanimity losing you from that work. While it appreciates the importance of a deanship and knows that you would be very able in that capacity, it believes that a satisfactory dean can be secured without making the sacrifice which would be involved in asking you to serve in that capacity.

Dr. Brown drafted a minute which expressed the Board's high esteem of you and the indispensable service which you are rendering and referred the question back to the full meeting of the Field Board, which I understand comes in June or July, for further recommendation. The minute was unanimously adopted and as soon as the Minutes of the meeting are stenciled a full set will be sent to you.

I had written Mr. Burt some weeks ago that different questions would be up at the meeting of the Joint Board on May 11th and that I would cable to him the action of the Joint Board. Therefore, on May 12th I dispatched a code cablegram which in translation reads as follows:

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"Chemistry -- is of the utmost importance -- should advise you to reconsider -- deem -- Joint Board."

It would have given you tremendous encouragement to have known with what high regard and warm sympathy the Board considers you and your services for the Institution and when Colonel Bovaird and Dr. Dickinson, President of the American Gynecological Society, both of whom had visited the University, emphatically declined to consider your transfer from your present work the issue was practically decided. Mr. Henry J. Cochran, Vice-President of the Bankers Trust Company and brother of Dr. Samuel Cochran, naturally did not wish to see the premedical work of the Institution weakened.

This tries to give you a frank and fair expression of the Board's consideration of the proposal of the Administrative Committee of the Field Board of Managers. I, of course, do not know how it will strike you but personally I feel that you have had no particular zeal for the suggestion for the deanship but that as a loyal member of the staff you were willing to be of service in the task to which you might be assigned. What the recommendation of the Field Board may be, of course, we cannot predict.

Dr. Monroe has been delayed through a surgical operation on his son and will not reach China until sometime in September and will stay there through the fall and early winter so he will have ample opportunity of conferring with you in Tsinan-fu while the University is in session. The important educational Commission from the Mission Boards of America and Great Britain will also be visiting China this fall and winter and I am glad that you are to be there rather than on furlough during the time of their visit.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Geo. T. Scott*

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RECD. SCOTT

May 25, 1921.

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Rev. G. T. Scott,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Ans'd.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

Let me thank you for your note of May 17th, indicating that the North American Joint Board did not confirm my appointment as dean at Shantung. I am much gratified to have you explain the point of view which the members of the Board took upon this proposition, and their concern at the transfer of a chemist to an administrative position.

You are quite right in suggesting that I am not eager to take over the responsibilities of this additional office, and I think I am secretly much pleased that I do not have to look forward to this additional administrative work when I return.

I also received a full letter from Professor Monroe, which I am likewise acknowledging this mail.

Thank you for mentioning Professor Monroe's visit to China. Dr. Sailer, I understand, is also scheduled to be in China this year. I will look forward to meeting them both, if they plan to stop at Tsinan at any time during the winter.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. H. Adolph

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W. R. Brown*

August 25, 1921.

William H. Adolph, Ph.D.,  
3408 Wallace Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Adolph:-

Your letter to Dr. Brown of August 23rd reaches the office as he is away on vacation.

Regarding the length of your furlough I recall that when I was writing to you a number of months ago, I noticed that the date which you intimated as that of your probable return to the field was somewhat later than that to which I assumed your proportionate furlough would reach, and I believe I made an intimation in that letter which I hoped might lead you to inquire into the date of the expiration of your furlough and return at its expiration. I, however, was writing to you as the Secretary of the University Board which does not control your furlough or home allowance, these matters being solely within the control of the Presbyterian Mission and the Presbyterian Board. That is, you are furloughed as a Presbyterian missionary and not as a member of the staff of the University.

In calculating the length of your furlough, you may not have realized that the Manual rule computes the proportion on the basis of the length of absence from the field, and not upon the length of stay in the United States. Without figuring the matter carefully I should assume that your furlough would have expired sometime during the latter half of August. The Presbyterian Board's financial obligation would therefore expire at this time, and you, as its missionary, would be expected to return to the field. If, however, the University has in view for you some special study for which it and the Mission requests an extension of furlough, it is presumable that the Board would approve. There may of course be some such request of which I do not know. The only one that I have seen has been a request for a proportionate furlough.

*com* In view of what is evidently your mistake in imputing the extent of your furlough, it might be possible for you to arrange to sail sometime in September or October, which evidence of your willingness to make a sacrifice in order to correct a mistake would, I venture to believe, encourage Dr. Brown to propose that the Board of Foreign Missions take favorable action in the emergency without further request from the field. Please understand that I cannot predict Dr. Brown's point of view, but I believe that he will wish to request the Board to help you out of your dilemma. From

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William H. Adolph, Ph.D.,-----2.

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recent letters of the Board you know its rulings on furlough extensions, but in view of the fact that you will be doing some very special work for a union institution, the Board may see its way clear to make an exception.

*W.H.A.* Please be assured of my full sympathy with you in your predicament, and I wish you also to realize that the Board is forced to decline many requests for extension of furloughs every month.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Geo. T. Scott*

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Shantung Christian University, Tsinan, China.  
June 19, 1926.

### DEAR FRIENDS:

The past year in China has been a militaristic one! China has the largest standing army in the world. Shantung alone has about 300,000 soldiers, and we are only one of the eighteen provinces. But there is a comic side to all these armies. Most of the soldiers have long ago forgotten what they are fighting for. A skirmish took place a mile south of our campus here,—rifle-fire and shrapnel all night. The enemy were driven off; most of them melted away over night, and a few days later the remnant joined our side! A field battery spent all winter just across the fields visible from our veranda; the bomb-proof for the gun squads was a straw-mat lean-to covered by a thin layer of sod. Recruiting has gone on feverishly about us. The inducement is a uniform and a salary equivalent to three dollars United States currency per month, which is more attractive than staying at home and starving. But recruiting is a slow process; there are other methods. General Li offers fifty dollars for every man who deserts the enemy and brings his rifle with him,—twenty dollars only if he forgets to bring the rifle along. General Wang outbids his rival and offers fifty-five dollars and twenty-five dollars respectively. The tendency of the common soldier will be to accept the highest bid.

But there is another very serious side. The defenceless countryside becomes the prey of looting soldiery. Crops and farm animals are

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seized. When the marauding army withdraws, local bandits appear in the role of kidnapers. Farmer Cheng owned about five acres of land and was therefore considered a rich man. He was seized, carried off to the hills, and compelled to sell all the five acres to effect his release. The family is left without a vestige of livelihood. Railway traffic is demoralized. Merchants may ship freight only by payment of a 200% special tax imposed by the local military chieftain. In the midst of the November offensive, I made the trip from Tientsin to Tsinan, traveling in a section of the baggage car, where a general and his staff had reserved standing room only for the fifteen hour trip. In the forward car, a freight car, people were strewn in double layers about the floor. Passengers were likewise hanging on the hand-rails; they were draped over the roof of the cars, and over the tender. I noticed a considerable overflow on the fender of the engine. And so they rode through the night; the general's chief-of-staff and I took turns during the latter end of the journey squatting on the upturned end of my baggage.

But this chaos is the by-product of social and political changes such as occur in China for short intervals every three or four centuries. China has an overpowering vitality. After ordinary catastrophes that would stagger the western world, the Chinese farmer and the Chinese business man doggedly set to work and start anew. The "co-efficient of recovery" is phenomenal. Whole areas destroyed by flood five months ago are now under intensive cultivation again. Towns which lay smoking ruins in the path of looting armies have somehow pulled themselves together and are doing "business as usual." China gazes about upon a long horizon; a decade of civil war is unimportant in an era of 4,000 years! Our university work proceeds as if nothing had happened. Government schools continue although there is no money for salaries, and if railways stop, merchants revert to carts and wheelbarrows with the same sense of accommodation which they first displayed toward railways. One bows in admiration. The nervous tenseness of the Occident is lacking here, but it is replaced by a stolid unruffled confidence in an assured destiny which is overpowering. After American industrial initiative has burned itself out, the Orient will bring forward an interpretation of industry and culture more far-sighted than that which Europe and America have to offer.

The year past has meant an adjustment to new conditions. The anti-imperialist movement which flared up a year ago indicated how closely the foreign mission enterprise has been associated in the minds of the Chinese with political and economic aggression. A plea for the

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establishment of a truly indigenous church has voiced itself. The painful discovery is made that very few of the church organizations have prepared for autonomy,—a question of leadership. Mission schools in some centers have been closed,—not because they were Christian, but because they were regarded as instruments of foreign conquest. Most foreigners sincerely desire to withdraw as soon as their posts can be filled by Chinese. In the educational field mission schools are striving to conform more closely to the government educational system, and the tendency is to concentrate on a smaller number of better schools of sound Christian influence. Government inspection and registration of foreign-controlled schools is not yet in force. There is at the same time manifestation of a thorough-going belief in Christian education among the thinking people of China.

Last fall, work as a member of a commission to make a survey of science-teaching in China for the American Boxer Indemnity Fund gave me an excellent opportunity to get into closer touch with the chemistry work in important university centers. A large part of the fund is to be used in promoting science-teaching. The commission consisted of a botanist, a chemist, a physicist, a zoologist,—two Chinese and two Americans. I chanced to be the chemist on the commission. The science-teaching personnel throughout China is at present inexperienced and saturated in methods which are out-of-date. But the educators of China are alive to the contribution which scientific thinking will mean to Chinese life, and great strides in developing a correct point of view are to be expected in the next decade.

In the laboratory here we have placed more than the usual emphasis upon thorough teaching and upon teacher training. Some pleasant things have been said about our work; we are becoming better known as a teaching laboratory. We are expressing our views on teaching methods through the medium of a little publication which we call the Shantung Science Letter. The Rockefeller Foundation has granted our scientific departments very substantial aid, and for next year has made possible additions to the teaching staff. This foundation is also aiding in the erection of a big new hospital unit for our School of Medicine. Laboratory problems occupy our staff and advanced students, including such topics as: soy-bean-milk, edible oils, famine foods, native fertilizers, low-temperature distillation, etc.

The School of Medicine continues to be the largest unit in the university. The number of students in the entering class is limited, and competition is keen. Thousands of physicians can be absorbed into the

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cities and towns of China before the need is filled. The need is so great that anyone with a smattering of western medicine can set up a prosperous practice. Orderlies after six months' training in a modern hospital often consider themselves qualified to set forth to establish a private hospital in their home town with a lucrative surgical practice. This winter almost the entire graduating class of the men's nursing school withdrew from school to accept positions as surgeons in the Shantung army, the inducement being a gold-braided uniform and a fabulous salary in military notes per month.

Our institution here is being looked up to increasingly as the training center for leaders of the Christian church. Most of our boys come from Christian families. It is a treat to watch them develop and to have a hand in their training.—Wang Teh-feng comes from the back country of Honan; friends and relatives are supplying the \$125. gold per year necessary to carry him seven years through the university for his medical degree. He is fired with the desire to return to his own country in Honan to found a hospital to serve about half a million people. Kao Yung-fu, just graduated, declines an invitation with an attractive salary from a nearby government school, deciding instead to travel inland across three provinces to help put on its feet the science department of a struggling Christian middle school, the only live school in the province. Cheng Hua-tang from the same class is invited by a large government school in Chihli to teach chemistry because the Christian principal wants a wide awake leader for his boys who will properly interpret the mission of the scientific method to young China.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM H. ADOLPH

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Copy to Dr. MacRae  
" " Mr. Garside X

September 14, 1927

Dr. William H. Adolph  
University of Nebraska  
Lincoln, Nebraska

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Dear Dr. Adolph:

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I write to reassure you that the Presbyterian Board and our Presbyterian Shantung Mission earnestly hope that nothing will deter you and Mrs. Adolph from returning to the University when the way is open for you to do so. I am not certain, but assume that you are signed up at Nebraska University for a full University year, ending early next summer. You would naturally wish to go through with your contract with the University. However, if the way were open for return to your work in China in the middle of the year possibly under the circumstances Nebraska University would be willing to release you. You will know how to judge of this matter.

You will rejoice at a cablegram from Dr. Johnson in Tsingtau which just reached my office an hour or so ago reading as follows:

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This doubtless means that the entire University staff, at least the Americans, have returned to Tsinan. This is of course a much speedier turn of events than the Board anticipated when a couple of months ago the Nationalists were carrying their warfare northward into Shantung Province, and the Board wrote to its China missionaries on furlough suggesting employment at home during the coming year.

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With warmest regards to Mrs. Adolph and yourself, I remain  
Very sincerely yours,

(G. T. S.)  
George T. Scott

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You will rejoice at a cablegram from Dr. Johnson in Fairport which has reached my office an hour or so ago reading as follows:

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(G.T.S.)  
George T. Scott

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Shantung Christian University

September 15, 1927.

Dr. William H. Adolph,  
Department of Chemistry,  
University of Nebraska,  
Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Adolph,

Dr. Scott has just sent me a copy of an apologetic letter which he sent you yesterday. You will be interested to know that it is one of the results growing out of ~~some~~ pretty severe barrage with which the Presbyterian Board, and indirectly our Central Office, has been bombarded of late. Letters from the field have certainly been giving a thorough overhauling to everyone in any way connected with your getting pried away from Cheeloo for a year. Some of our friends and well-wishers in America have likewise taken up the tale and made the welkin ring with their shouts of protest. We knew all along how invaluable you are, but the fact has been duly emphasized of late.

There is no use in my repeating what I have already written, of my own earnest hope that you'll be back on the job in Tsinan by next summer, if not before. The need at the University is going to be greater than ever, and the demand more urgent. The pessimists who have lost their faith in the cause of Christ in China are already losing a lot of face; - and, believe me, they are going to lose a lot more before long. A great many folks are going to be heartily ashamed of their fright and stampede of the last few months. I've called myself an optimist all the way along, but I know I've weakened more or less at times.

Hope you have had a pleasant summer and are beginning what will prove to be an enjoyable and valuable year of work in Nebraska. Give our regards to Mrs. Adolph and the children. Our Shantung work is still moving along, though not as rapidly as we might hope. There ought soon be a wave of reaction which will enable us to step up at a more lively pace.

Very sincerely,

*B. A. Harside*

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March 30, 1928.

Dear BA. —

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I'm just waked enough at this season of the year to want to save time by enclosing these carbon copies of letters to Tsinan which explain why I am resigning the post I occupied at Che. I. which they have apparently been keeping open for me, — this, instead of writing you a more formal note. — I wanted you of course as Che-I's representative in this country to be informed of my action. — Be assured however of my continued genuine interest in Che. I. Che. I. has a big future of course. — larger than any personal ambitions which any of us may have held in its behalf. — I must ask you to return the enclosed carbons please.

Best regards to Mrs. BAG. of the family

Very sincerely,

Wm. Adolph.

March 26, 1928.

Acting-dean J. Walter Hunter,  
Shantung Christian University,  
Tsinan, China.

Dear Mr. Hunter:

I wish to acknowledge the copy of faculty action urging my return to Chee-loo at an early date. I appreciated the sentiments which Dr. Li expressed in his letter of Feb. 8th written on the eve of his departure for Jerusalem, and I want to thank you for your own note of recent date.

I regret I did not make clear my sincerity in desiring that Chee-loo should take advantage of this particular situation to replace where possible foreign by Chinese staff. I realize too that I made a great mistake in not immediately placing my resignation in the hands of the faculty last summer in such a clear way that your hands would be entirely free.

This note therefor is written to send my resignation as head of the Chemistry Department, and as member of the Faculty of Arts and Science. This has not come as a hasty decision, but in view of my prolonged absence and my convictions regarding the staffing of the private universities in China, I do not feel that I can do otherwise.

I would not do this in just this way at least if my salary was not available to you to use for an appointment irrespective of the nationality of the incumbent, and if I was not convinced that just now there are capable Chinese chemist-teachers who are available for appointment. In inviting such a department head, he should be given a free hand; this could only be done with my resignation in hand, and he left free to act.

Be assured that my interest, and our interest, in Cheeloo and in China is as strong as ever, and I look forward to returning to China sometime, in some capacity. I would not have you believe that attractive opportunities in this country have drawn me away. The post I am filling here is not the one which I should look forward to holding as a permanency, tho there are some respects in which it appeals. You know, I think, that for some time I had felt the time was approaching when I should turn over to someone else the chemistry post at Chee-loo. When leaving Tsinan in 1926, I vaguely suggested that I ought to hold on to it for another two years or so, but events have happened in the meantime; I believe now is the appropriate time. I would like to aid all I can in helping you to fill the vacancy and to secure the man Chee-loo needs.

Our associations at Tsinan have been the happiest ones; they have meant much to Mrs. Adolph and myself; and we withdraw with regret.

Very truly yours,

H. Adolph

March 26, 1928.

Dear old J.W.-

The attached letter,- my resignation from the A & S staff,- I suppose needs little explanation. It seemed the only proper thing to do. You know my sentiments and convictions. I have been opposed to the "laissez-faire" method of the School of Arts and Science which has accepted the gift of foreign staff from abroad, and then calmly renewed these appointments, all without making more than a gesture toward replacing these men by nationals. I presume that the very easiest course in my case was for the A & S faculty to ask for my reappointment; then granting that I have had a certain amount of experience, I suppose that I could have done my job better than a new man. But the change must come sometime; when, better than now? Arts and Science is planning for retrenchments next year, smaller number of students, etc.; is not this just the time to bring in the new man? It would not be possible at some later time, or at least it would not be just, to ask a new man to come in and take over things with me still on the ground. If, after things are adjusted and the new chemistry chairman wants to consider inviting a foreigner to join the staff, I might be in a position to consider such a proposal, but that would be for the future! and of course there is but one salary available, and that is my reason for resigning!

I want to aid all I can in helping you to secure the man you need in chemistry. I would like to suggest that you approach Professor T. Chang of South-eastern University who is a very capable and very earnest teacher, or Prof. Clarence L. Senn also of South-eastern, with whom Chee-loo negotiated two or three years ago. Mr. N. Gist Gee of the China Medical Board would of course be glad to help in every way possible. I have a feeling that the chemistry post at Chee-loo might be made to appeal to and to attract a live chemist teacher,- if he is given a free field.

This is just a calm, deliberate interpretation of Chee-loo's needs in my particular case. I plan to accept another one year appointment probably at this university. We are still living in the steamer trunks we brought with us from Tsinan a year and a half ago!

Best regards to Margaret and to yourself, and to the four. How we should like to see them and to have you bring them in some afternoon for a cup of tea!

Send us some news occasionally. I am hoping the present move to force more genuine cooperation among the colleges of China will bring results. Perhaps our dream of a united Yen-ching-Chee-loo may come yet.

With best wishes,

Yours,

*W.H.A.*

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April 9, 1928.

Dr. W. H. Adelph,  
Department of Chemistry,  
University of Nebraska,  
Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Bill:

I intended writing you before, but have been running around the country. I visited New Orleans, Natchez, Nashville, Louisville, and other places, and am now in New York; have been here ten days.

The Board of Governors meets this week, and I am to attend that of course, as well as various committees. It may be that the Board will think it wise to attempt to raise our endowment fund while I am here. I do not look forward with any pleasure to this money raising job, but I suppose I am the goat. Visiting medical schools is much more interesting and pleasant work. I hope to go to several schools, even if I have to get into the money business.

I was very sorry to see your letter to Garside, though I was not surprised, as you have talked along this line to me before, but aside from your value as a chemistry teacher, we need you at Chee-lee and we need you in China. Too many foreigners are leaving China now, and you are one of the outstanding Americans who can not only do your job, but you are known and respected by the Chinese as few foreigners are. Now you know I am not used to rubbing in compliments, but what I am telling you is straight stuff. If you could merely supervise the running of the Chemistry Department, or still better, if you could get a first-class Chinese to run the department and you merely advise him or help him, you are still needed in the Councils of the University. You know this as well as I do, and you are needed as an adviser to Chinese scientific educators, and premedial especially. If many men like you leave the field, the few of us who remain are going to have an awful hard job. I am glad to say that Roy Heinsburger expects to return. I have cabled to the field

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asking if they want him in his old job or as Superintendent. If the latter, the Presbyterian Board will allow him a furlough, I am sure.

Another point that you may not appreciate. If you resign, your salary does not necessarily continue as an asset of the University. The Presbyterian Board has been very good about this matter this year, but they are going to unload some of their quota, I am sure, and I feel sure that even if they should continue your salary for one year or more, it would ultimately be dropped. We could afford to lose a good many of our foreigners if we were guaranteed the equivalent to employ Chinese substitutes for them. That is going to be a difficult matter for us to get settled. I am advocating of course that we be given the money instead of the men, but I have no hope that this will be done, so do not flatter yourself that if you resign you are leaving your salary for a Chinese.

I do not understand Dr. Scott's attitude as you and Roy interpreted it. In a conversation with him the other day he wanted me to help him to urge upon you and Roy the necessity of going back, and he seemed to appreciate the value that you two men are to the work.

I have not gone over the personnel of the Arts College, but I have that of the Medical, and we are facing a cut of personnel from twenty-four to nineteen. Dr. Heath is very doubtful. We have lost most from the B.M.S. They made a cut last year on general appropriations and they have threatened to withdraw from the University on account of their financial condition.

I do wish you could reconsider your resignation. If there is anything I can do for you or find out for you here, let me know. Wish I could see you and your family while I am in the States, but I fear it will be impossible.

Yours as ever,

*R. T. Shields*

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Shantung Christian University

April 13, 1928.

Dr. Wm. H. Adolph,  
University of Nebraska,  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

My dear Dr. Adolph,

At the meeting of the Shantung Board of Governors yesterday I reported the substance of your letter of March 26th, 1928, addressed to Acting Dean J. W. Barber, in which you present your resignation from the staff of Shantung Christian University. Dr. Scott also read your letter addressed to the Presbyterian Board in which you state that you are presenting this resignation.

This information stirred the Board profoundly. At least half a dozen of those present, including present and former members of staff who were present as visitors as well as representatives of both the British and North American sections of the Board, expressed in emphatic terms their conviction that your loss at this critical stage in the University's history would mean a serious and lasting misfortune.

The Board is in heartiest sympathy with your feeling that as rapidly as possible our Chinese colleagues should be placed in positions of both instructional and administrative leadership. They feel you have made a most important contribution already in the share you have had in the training of such Chinese leadership in your own field of Chemistry. They are frank skeptics, however, of the probability of the university being able to secure, now or in the immediate future, any educator, either Chinese or western, who can carry on the work in Chemistry as effectively as you have during the last twelve years. During the time you have been at Cheeloo you have made the department of Chemistry known throughout China as one of the most efficient in any of our Christian universities, and as a result you have drawn to the university important support and considerable increase in enrolment which would have otherwise been lost. It would be very easy to lose these results, and to cause serious loss both to the College of Arts and Science and the preparatory work in Medicine.

Yet the concern of the Board is not only for the work in Chemistry, for your contribution to the University has gone far beyond your special department. As an administrator, and a leader in the educational, religious, and fraternal relationships of the campus you have exerted an influence which we know you would be the last to recognize and to judge at its true value. Just now you are needed in the University more than ever. The difficulties of recent years

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have made all the more necessary the presence of those who are able to work in harmony and friendship with both East and West. The absence of such an alarming number of our administrative and instructional staff has produced a real crisis in Cheeloo, and it not easy to see whence the solution can come if we do not retain every member of the staff who is available. Dr. Bahne will probably not be able to return to China. Dr. MacRae's health is such that his medical advisers are almost hopeless of his ever getting back to the field. Mr. Cady must remain in America another year at least on account of Mrs. Cady's health. Dr. Li will be away most of next year and Dr. Kiang goes on leave in the spring. Several others have been lost because of conditions which made return impossible. There exists an urgent and continuing need which your presence would do much to fill.

We fear too, that your feeling that in case of your withdrawal the full measure of your support would be available for some one to replace you is not by any means a certainty. Though the Presbyterian Board has generously agreed to provide cash equivalents where vacancies in its quota occur on the staff, such payments can never fully and permanently fill the need thus created.

We heartily favor a steady and rapid increase in the number, proportion, and influence of our Chinese staff at Cheeloo. This does not, and should not, indicate the desirability of any decrease in the number of our Western members of staff. There is need for each one of us still, and need for more of us than will ever be available for the work.

The Board of Governors yesterday took the following action, which they instructed me to communicate to you at once:-

"VOTED that the Board of Governors has heard with deep regret of the resignation tendered to the Dean of the School of Arts and Science by Dr. Adolph. It would assure him of its high regard and confidence, and would urge upon him that he withdraw this tender, in view of the fact that, in the judgment of the Board, it would be an irreparable loss to the University if his services were withdrawn at the present time."

The Board is profoundly in earnest about this. They appreciate the fact that you have thought long and carefully about the matter before tendering your resignation but feel you are mistaken in your judgment of the two most important factors you mention - your own value to the institution and the possibility of getting anyone who would adequately replace you.

The Board authorized me to invite you to come to New York at the expense of the Board for a further consideration of the matter. We certainly hope you will do so before making any final decision adverse to the request contained in the above resolution.

We all appreciate the sacrifices which continued service to the work in China mean to you and Mrs. Adolph. Sometimes it

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is very hard to urge such sacrifices, even when one realizes how much they mean to the progress of the Kingdom of Christ. Yet we do earnestly hope that you will see your way clear to go back to Cheelee this summer, and that you will find that decision a most joyous one.

Cordially yours,

*B. A. Garside*

Secretary, North American Section  
Shantung Board of Governors

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April 13, 1928

Dr. William H. Adolph  
University of Nebraska  
Lincoln, Nebraska

TRANSFER

Dear Dr. Adolph:

Your letter of April 10th reporting that you had sent your resignation to the Cheeloo authorities on the field came as an extremely unwelcome bombshell to us here.

The Board of Governors was in session the day your letter arrived and gave considerable time in discussing the urgent necessity of your return to the field. I read your letter to the Governors and Mr. Garside as Secretary of the Board was instructed to write and convey to you their extremely urgent desire for your return. I will, therefore, not attempt to express their opinion.

However, from our Presbyterian Board point of view we very earnestly hope that you will not press your resignation. You apparently do not realize how highly your services are esteemed and how much the entire community on the field, foreign and Chinese, would regret the loss of you and Mrs. Adolph. Your services at the University seem more indispensable than ever. We of course appreciate the difficulties and we are very cognizant of the fact that there may be misunderstanding or criticisms of our Presbyterian Board's actions and attitudes during the past year. We certainly never wish to be thought above criticism.

Your letter was presented at the full meeting of the Executive Council of the Presbyterian Board this morning and the Council very cordially endorsed the opinion of the China Secretaries that you and Mrs. Adolph should, if at all possible, return to China and instructed me to let you know how advisable we believe that return to be. In order to place the matter before you as quickly as possible we have just dispatched a Day Letter as follows:

"Your proposed withdrawal is deeply deplored. Council earnestly urges your return to China. Your service there extremely important. Trustees believe you worth to University many times cash grant for vacancy. China needs you both. Everyone wants you both. Board is grateful for your financial cooperation this year. Board support begins when your present salary ceases."

The reference to "cash grant for vacancy" relates to your proposal that if you withdraw part of your salary at least would be available for Chinese successor. The Board of Governors stated very positively that they would much rather have you personally than the cash grant for several vacancies. At the meeting of the Governors there were present six or eight members or former members of the Cheeloo staff, as well as two prominent Chinese, Dr. Y.Y.Tsu and Dr. Wu.

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You speak of the "peculiarly difficult financial situation which the University now faces." I believe that the financial situation of Shantung University is as good as it has been and in some ways the prospects could be considered even better. The entire foreign staff, I believe without exception, is supported by various Mission Boards which support, I understand, is to continue. There is no other large union University of which I can think where the support of the foreign staff is on a basis so favorable to the University.

Furthermore there is no Chinese in sight who could be thought of as succeeding you in any adequate way.

The last sentence in my telegram refers to the fact that the Presbyterian Board intends to undertake again the support of China missionaries who are now in remunerative positions and who are returning to China this fall, the Board support being reinstated at the time when the present salary ceases.

Trusting that you and Mrs. Adolph can respond to the urgent and unanimous invitation for return to China, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(George T. Scott)

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TRANSFER

April 14, 1928.

Dear Adolph,

Herewith a letter written you at the order of the Board of Governors. I have tried to put into it only such statements as I am sure the Board strongly supports.

Writing in a more personal vein, let me express my profound concern over your preferred resignation. I'm almost in despair over Cheeloo. It never rains but it pours, and pours, and pours. The disturbances of last spring were enough for one year it would seem. But to them have been added the recall home of Dr. Balme; the breakdown of Dr. MacRae; the resignation of Braafliadt, Evans, Wright, the Dinks, Harrison, Rowley, McHardy, and numerous others, and recently the news that the Cadys will be kept here indefinitely by Mrs. Cady's health. If now you should insist on presenting your resignation it would be about the last straw, for we have all been counting on you as the one source of hope.

From a purely personal standpoint, nobody could blame Mrs. Adolph and yourself for pulling out. The Presbyterian Board, largely because of dear old Dr. Reid who was a saint on earth but not equal to the crisis of last summer, let you down pretty hard and did it in the worst possible way. They have discovered their blunder now, much too late. The mission enterprise has never been a bed of roses at best, either as regards financial security, family duties or home joys. Just now it is unusually thorny. It's asking more than anyone has a right to demand to suggest to any man with a wife and family of youngsters that he pass up opportunities for comfortable and well paid life here in America to go back into mission work in China. On questions of that sort there isn't much room for argument - there is too great a preponderance of reasons why one should not go back to the east.

But from the other aspect of the effect of your resignation upon the university there is enough to be said to make up for any lack in the former viewpoint. In the first place you are absolutely wrong if you think that any of our Christian universities in China can during our generation get along without a fair proportion of Western staff members. There has been a lot of half-baked talking and thinking and writing on this matter of recent years, particularly among some of our enthusiastic younger Chinese colleagues, and now both they and we must do a bit of clearer thinking. First of all, the major support of these institutions comes from the West, and comes in ways that requires a constant struggle to insure its continuance. Just in proportion that foreign personnel is withdrawn foreign interest and support lags. We can condemn this fact if we want to, but it exists. Possibly a few decades of education may change this situation, but it

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Dear Adolph,

Herewith a letter written you at the order of the Board of Governors. I have tried to put into it only such statements as I am sure the Board strongly supports.

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will take a long time. Probably ninety percent of the money that goes from America to mission work in China goes either directly or indirectly because of the personal interest of somebody here in some individual there. In only a few rare instances as yet is the individual on the receiving end any other than a Western worker. Mighty little money is sent on any generalized conviction of broad needs. Then too, our Chinese colleagues have found during the last year that they need their Western co-workers to help in instruction and administration for a long time to come. There are far too few trained Chinese Christian educators to keep the institutions going ahead and growing. They have made a magnificent record during the last year, but they recognize even more keenly than we do that if they had to continue permanently without assistance the load would be too heavy. Both the Westerner and the Chinese have their own important contribution to make and our institutions would suffer without either. The number and proportion of our Chinese staff members must increase, but the number of Western staff members must not diminish by a single individual.

So much for generalities. All these factors and more have a special bearing on your case. Take, for example, the question of support. The Presbyterian Board is the only one of all our cooperating missions which has accepted a fixed quota and promised to provide cash to cover vacancies. This action by the Presbyterians was taken half-heartedly and on condition that the other missions would do the same. In the absence of any support by their associated Boards they have been threatening for some time to rescind their former action, which they have already defined as applying only to temporary vacancies. This month the Presbyterians have voted to cut down their quota on the Cheeloo staff by one, and some of us had to work like towheads to keep them from lopping off four. If you don't go back to Tsinan in the autumn it is doubtful whether the Presbyterian Board will continue to pay cash for your place on the quota throughout the year, and it is practically certain that they would not continue it longer than that. So the net effect of your withdrawal would be to force the University to pay a Chemistry teacher from the already scanty and overburdened general funds of the institution.

A broader and possibly a more important need is that of leadership in the administrative affairs of the University. Cheeloo, and particularly the Arts College, seems on the point of going to pieces for lack of stable leadership. What a bewildering array of Acting Presidents and Acting Deans and Assistant Deans and Acting this and Substitute that we have had during the last few years! Just now the Presidency seems to have disappeared, with no candidate, either Chinese or Western, anywhere in sight. The Deanship of the Arts College is about as bad. J.W. is a fine chap whom we all like, but his particular genius is not in its element in the Dean's office. Who else is available, either Chinese or Western. Lair is tied up with the Treasurer's work, Smith with the Registrarship and education and the middle school. I don't know of anybody else, either Western or Chinese. Dr. Li's return won't help much, for he can fill only one of at least three urgent vacancies. It is obvious that whoever may be the nominal administrative heads in the University in the future, they must have and keep strong supporters behind them. Frankly, many of us have long been looking to you to help out in

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some of these urgent needs. Gradual turning over of much of your work in Chemistry would therefore simply open the way to other fields of service. You have a combination of administrative ability, genius for working happily with all the different nationalities on the staff, and knowledge of the situation, country and language, which Cheeloo and China simply must not lose.

There is a third field in which your service has been worth a lot to the institution. You have been in closer touch with the students than most of us, and have exercised an importance influence on the development in character which is more important than the mere acquisition of facts or technique. The value of such influence is being more and more recognized as the scope of formal religious instruction and ceremonies is curtailed. In the general life of the University and the community you and Mrs. Adolph have held a place that nobody else could fill. The news that you are not coming back would be a tremendous disappointment to the little group of the faithful who are sticking by this year, and would further shatter the badly shaken morale of the campus.

A request to return to job is a particularly hard test just now because Cheeloo, along with the rest of China, has been coasting rapidly down a long steep hill this last year and now seems down in the Slough of Despond. But from this on we ought to strike the up-grade. Even though China may still have some strenuous years ahead, our schools will become accustomed to working under disturbed conditions, and will render more worthwhile service than in normal times. America's confidence will sooner or later swing back. Already we have at least a quarter-million in sight for Cheeloo, possibly more. The new movement for coordination in China and united promotion in America is making progress, and within a reasonable time the results ought to begin to appear. Cheeloo must have a definite and important part in any adequate program, and your own line of work is one of the most fundamental of all. I think that our mission boards have learned a few lessons this year, which I hope may be worth the extremely heavy cost they have paid.

We know how much thought you and Mrs. Adolph have given to this whole matter, but we are afraid that both of you have underestimated your importance to the work. It has been one of the most regrettable tragedies of the last year that those most indispensable to China have been the first to feel the new currents and the first to withdraw. We simply cannot let that happen with you. It will be ten days yet before your letter to Hunter reaches Tsinan. By that time I want to have your permission to send a cable saying you have decided to stick by the ship. If these written appeals aren't convincing, the Boards wants you to come to New York at University expense for a further discussion. Do it by all means.

Our best regards to Mrs. Adolph. Margaret is taking a prolonged stay up at Trudeau, for the doctors are a little afraid of T.B. if she isn't mighty careful. Your brother is one of her medical advisers so possibly he has mentioned her name. Hope she gets back in shape soon so that we can hit for China as soon as our little job here is done. How would you trade me your chance to get back to China for my job here in New York? I'd be tickled to pay you a year's salary as 'boot' on such a swap!

Cordially,

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My Dear Cassids:

Your letter of April 15<sup>th</sup> written on behalf of the Board of Governors together with your own more personal one <sup>received.</sup> I found it awaiting my return from spring meeting of the American Chemical Society which was held at St. Louis this week. - I want to thank you for going into such detail in both letters. I could not but be influenced by the expression of concern on the part of the "Governors" as well as those of you who are more actively engaged this minute in advancing Chem. interests. I appreciate the desire of the Governors that I come on to New York for a conference. If had this invitation ~~been~~ reached me earlier, I should certainly have felt obligated to respond if at all possible.

But a line written to Ray Phizel about a week ago explains I think. The proposal that I return to China next <sup>summer</sup> ~~year~~ can be answered very briefly: - I have already made definite arrangements to stay on here for another academic year <sup>at Nebraska</sup> and it is impossible to alter these. - The invitation to continue here with the Department of Chemistry came some time ago; they consented to wait until April 1st at the very latest, <sup>on sending off</sup> my Chem. resignation to Isinan, I

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would hardly do otherwise, - for sake of financial security, - than decide immediately to stay on at Nebraska; - I did so in the shape of a one-year appointment. My appointment has already been acted upon & I would not desire at this late date to attempt to break my contract. - The only thing I can think of is to suggest that if next academic year something from China should present itself, I would consider myself obligated to give it due consideration. //

Now, I want to thank you for talking up in your letter so carefully each point related to <sup>our</sup> ~~my~~ connection with Chee. I've attempted to come to a decision quite apart from any personal considerations; my attachment to Chee is bound with a lot of sentiment, - it was difficult to rub that out of consideration too. -

While my first thought might be to suggest that you have overstated my own importance to the university's progress, - on the other hand I am pleased to think that perhaps some of my efforts at Chee. I've during the years past met with a degree of success. - I really was affected by the earnestly expressed desire that I return to take up service again at Chee. I've <sup>years</sup> ~~had~~ in no sense prepared for the many expressions of <sup>a similar</sup> ~~this~~ nature that have recently come.

I am naturally alarmed at the suggestion that the Presbyterian Board may reduce its quota in the University; & I would naturally be very much disappointed if the equivalent <sup>of my</sup> salary formerly assigned

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for Chinese personnel was not made available. — No one  
 understands better than I how unsatisfactory this note may  
 seem to you instead of a tête-à-tête at 150 Fifth Ave. with you.  
~~Perhaps you will believe my sincerity in what~~ I still feel the  
 time has come when as many foreigners as possible should  
 withdraw, - except in cases where the invitation, or the call,  
 comes from an unprejudiced Chinese constituency.

We were pleased to know that Mrs. Casari's met my  
 brother at Saranac and still more delighted to know that he's  
 has a precautionary visit; he wrote us a short time ago telling  
 of Mrs. Casari's visit to Trudeau.

We join in best personal regards and greetings. - If you come  
 this way, pray do not fail to look in upon us.

Yours,

Wm. Joseph.

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TRANSFER

April 28th, 1928

Dear Adolph,

Mighty sorry to learn from your letter of April 21st that the question of your return to China for another year at least seems to be definitely settled in the negative. Haven't yet seen the letter to Dr. Shields to which you refer, for we forwarded it on to Canada where he is inspecting some medical schools and making a few friends for Cheeloo. I think we have a fair knowledge of the situation though, and fully appreciate the long and earnest thought you and Mrs. Adolph put into the question before you reached your decision. And that's that.

Your letter leads me to fear that some of us were remiss in not manifesting greater interest in the matter before your plans were settled about April 1st, rather than in displaying a lot of perfectly genuine and perfectly useless dismay a little later. I wrote the powers that be in Tsinan before Christmas and warned them they had better bestir themselves if they hoped to get either Heimburger or you back. I also tried without much success to get our friends at 156 to get the matter on their consciences. As far as the field is concerned, they seem to have made their desires quite clear and emphatic, and I believe their communications reached you well before your decision was made. The Presbyterian Board has of course gone on the assumption that it was generally understood that you would return next Summer. Dr. Scott wrote you on March 24th conveying such an invitation formally, so his letter must have reached you a few days before April 1st. One can easily, and possibly justly, criticize the sins of omission and of commission on the part of all our mission boards, but it must be remembered that they've been carrying an almost impossible load this last year. Possibly I should have kept in closer touch with you from our office here, but I thought that my letter of a couple of months ago said about all we could say, and that the field and the board would have to say the rest.

But post-mortems are generally useless, and always mournful. Your statement that your present agreement is for only one year leads one to hope that an earlier and more convincing appeal next year might get better results. Probably the mission job in China won't be finished up during the next twelve months anyway. Next year the call will be just as urgent, and possibly the situation will have clarified somewhat in the meantime.

Our attention is now centered in two problems involving the work at Cheeloo, in both of which you are interested. The first is the

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fact that our Presbyterian Board is weakening badly at the worst possible time. It took action a couple of weeks ago reducing the quota at Cheeloo by one in July of this year, and by one more a year hence. The first reduction might have been forgiven if it were announced as a temporary expedient to help the Board over its financial emergency, but with the further cut a year hence where financial stress can't be given as an excuse it looks as if the Board were deliberately adopting a policy of progressive withdrawal. It is obvious that the only chance of holding their support is in keeping their quota full with Western members of staff. Fortunately the Board acted before your inability to return this year was known definitely, otherwise I suspect they would have cut still deeper. The second problem is what will happen to Cheeloo in the coordinated program for Christian higher education in China now being worked out by their Chinese Advisory Committee. With the Arts College seriously undermanned and thoroughly discouraged, it seems everyone is getting such a poor impression of it that the Committee will recommend that both it and the School of Theology be abandoned altogether, leaving only Medicine and Pre-Medicine at Tainan. It would be a real tragedy for Christian higher education in China if that happened, for the Arts College has a big job ahead of it which nobody else is tackling or could handle if they tried, and what it needs is pruning for greater productivity, not uprooting. I am very much afraid that if we let the Arts College run along on two cylinders next year, with a large percentage of the staff off the field and income reduced to the starvation levels that now threaten, there won't be any jobs for some of us to go back to a year hence. Of course Chemistry would remain as the backbone of the Pre-Medical course at all events.

I was up at Trudeau last week. Saw your brother at a little distance, but didn't get an opportunity to speak to him. The resemblance was so striking that I was tempted to call out "Hello, Bill Adolph", but refrained. I suspect that my earlier letter pictured Margaret's case as a bit more optimistic than the grave medics up at Trudeau would approve. They certainly hand out a pessimistic line of philosophy at that institution. Margaret often comments gratefully on your brother's cheerfulness and optimism, but as for the others their unvarying thesis seems to be "If you ever have a suspicion of T.B. the probability is that there's no stopping it, and the best you can hope for is a suspended sentence that'll be carried out quick at the slightest mis-step." When they get through with Margaret's various examinations and observations and send in their reports to Dr. Dodd I'll have a talk with him and try to get his frank opinion on the question of our getting back to China about a year hence. I confess a violent antipathy to the idea of being stuck permanently around these parts.

Of course you have been following the news from Shantung with keen interest. I hoped earlier in the week that Shantung had really been taken by the Nationalists at last, for that seems the only way it will ever get through the uncertainty it has been in for a year, but today's dispatches indicated the Nationalists are about to add another indecisive campaign to their long list. Possibly they will pep up a bit; and what is more to the point will keep their reason if they do get control of the province. Give our regards to Mrs. Adolph and the kiddies.

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Cordially,

B. A. Garvie

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

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May 15, 1929

Dr. William H. Adolph  
University of Nebraska  
Lincoln, Nebraska

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. Adolph:

The first opportunity for the Board to consider your letter of April 28th was at its meeting yesterday, May 14th. The Board regrets that the way is not open for your return to China this summer but appreciates your point of view and of course does not wish to press the matter of your return in any way as to put you in an embarrassing position with the University of Nebraska. The minute adopted by the Board yesterday is as follows:

"The Board recorded that Dr. William H. Adolph, one of its representatives on the staff of Shantung Christian University, Shantung Mission has accepted a position for next year at the University of Nebraska which prevents his return to China this summer in response to urgent invitations from the field and the Board. The Board extended the furlough of Dr. and Mrs. Adolph without any financial allowances until the end of the fiscal year, March 31, 1929 with the expectation that at that time definite plans would be made for their future service."

As I now read the minute I notice the word "any" in the phrase "without any financial allowances" seems open to other interpretation. The phrase is simply my effort to arrive at a short way of including all of the various allowances which are now possible for a furloughed missionary, particularly the newest one of the Board's share of the pension premium. However, the phrase may not impress you at all unhappily as it had not me up to the present moment.

Inasmuch as this action is related to the Shantung University I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. B. A. Garside, American Secretary for the University.

We know that you will have the finest kind of a year at Nebraska and that your services there will be highly esteemed and broadly helpful. We sincerely hope that prior to the end of the Board's fiscal year, March 31, 1929 definite plans will be made for your return to China during the calendar year 1929. China needs you and wants you and the Presbyterian Board would be very loath to lose you.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(G. T. S.)  
George T. Scott

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Copy to Mr. Garside

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Shantung Christian University

June 28, 1928.

Dr. Wm. H. Adolph,  
Department of Chemistry,  
The University of Nebraska,  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

My dear Dr. Adolph:

We have your note of the 22nd, with its request for the address of Dr. Braafladt and Dr. Edmunds. I am sorry that I do not have the present address of Dr. Braafladt. The last address I have for him is Belview, Minnesota. I have sent letters to him there, although I understand he moved elsewhere some months ago. None of my letters have been returned, so I suppose they have been forwarded.

Dr. Edmunds is now President of Pomona College. His address is: Dr. Charles K. Edmunds, Pomona College, Claremont, California.

I very much enjoyed meeting your brother at Trudeau last month. He certainly is looking the picture of health. He told me that he has gained about forty pounds during the year he was at Trudeau. It is fine that his cure is now complete so that he has been able to leave the sanatorium and go back to his medical training. Margaret has certainly missed him a great deal during the last few weeks, and she frequently comments on the fact that all the patients there at the sanatorium have been feeling hopelessly lost since your brother left. I understand there is a possibility your brother may go into medical missionary work later on. Do you think there might be a chance of our getting him at Cheeloo some day?

Margaret is coming along splendidly at the sanitarium. She gained a couple of pounds last week, and often comments on the fact that everyone is telling her she is looking much better than when she went up to Trudeau. I hope that another three months there will put her in better physical condition than at any time since we were married. Dr. Morgan, Dr. Shields, and Dr. Dodd talked over her case last week, and came to the conclusion that if her improvement continues to be as

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satisfactory as it has been of late, there will be no medical reason for our not getting back to China a year or so hence. Of course in her case we will have to pay particular attention to her whole mental and nervous reaction to life in China.

Give my best regards to Mrs. Adolph and the family.

Don't ever forget that we are still counting on getting you back to Cheeloo a year hence.

Cordially,

*B. A. Garside*

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Shantung Christian University

November 1, 1928

Dr. William H. Adolph,  
Department of Chemistry,  
University of Nebraska,  
Lincoln, Neb.

My dear Dr. Adolph:

I have neglected you over long. This letter will attempt to bring us somewhat more nearly up to date.

During recent months we have received word of several official actions urging your return to Cheeloo. I suppose most of them have already been brought to your attention. We have already officially informed you of the action taken by the Board of Governors on April 12th. I suppose you have also been officially notified of the action taken by the Board of Managers on June 14-15. This action was as follows:-

"M-782 - In view of Dr. Adolph's past services to the University in the Department of Chemistry, and his contributions toward chemical education in Christian institutions in China, the Board feel that they cannot accept Dr. Adolph's resignation, therefore  
Vote that an extension of leave be granted to Dr. Adolph in the hope that he may shortly be able to return to take up his work again in the University".

Within the last few weeks we have received copies of the minutes of a meeting of the British Section held in London on September 14th. In connection with these minutes Dr. Moorshead wrote as follows:

"Regarding Dr. Adolph, it is very earnestly hoped that he may be able to see his way to respond to the request of the Field Board and continue in his post at the University. We should all view with dismay the thought of Dr. Adolph ceasing to be a member of the staff of the University.

The above action seemed to make it unanimous. The field, the North American Section, and the British Section have all stated as emphatically as they could that they are not going to let you get away if they can possibly stop you.

You will be interested in the developments this fall in the program for the coordination of all Christian higher education in China.

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Dr. Wm. H. Adolph-2

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Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of a summary of the Correlated Program which gives the gist of recommendations made by the Council of Higher Education at their meeting in July. As soon as we get official copies of the Correlated Program we will see that you are supplied. You will note that within the new program Cheeloo is asked to continue doing very much the same work it is now undertaking. The scope of the Arts College is being restricted (quite properly I think) to emphasize on the preparation of men and women to meet the need of the rural and town populations through the training of teachers, pastors, doctors, nurses and other workers. The Pre-medical School and the School of Medicine should go on as before except on the stronger basis of country-wide recognition of their place in the whole scheme of Christian higher education in China.

If Cheeloo is to go forward with the work mapped out for it in the Correlated Program your presence on the campus will be needed more than ever before. I believe there will certainly be no less need for you in the work of the College of Arts and Science. In building up the Pre-medical School your contribution will be more indispensable than ever.

We certainly hope that you are now beginning to think definitely of returning to Tainan next summer. If you have any doubt whatever as to the earnest desire of the field and the home base to have you back on the job just drop me an intimation to that effect and I will see that you are speedily convinced of the error of your ways.

Along with the summary of the Correlated Program which I refer to above, we are also sending you under separate cover a copy of a booklet descriptive of all our Christian higher education in China which has just been issued by the Committee for Christian Colleges in China. I am not sure that I ever sent you a copy of the School of Medicine booklet we got out while Dr. Shields was here, so I am enclosing a copy of that to be sure you have it.

Margaret has been making very good progress at Trudeau in the month since I wrote you last and we are now hoping that in another week she may be able to leave the Sanitarium permanently. I was expecting definite word from her this afternoon, and will certainly hear from her by tomorrow morning.

We sincerely trust that the family of Adolph is continuing to flourish. Give our best regards to Mrs. Adolph and the children.

Very cordially yours,

*B. A. Shields*

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Yenching University  
Shantung Christian University

December 4, 1928.

My dear Adolph:

We are glad to have your letter of November 23rd and to know that you are once more seriously considering the call of the East. In this particular case the call is both loud and persistent.

I weighed in my mind for some time the question of whether I ought to go over with Dr. Scott in some detail several of the questions you suggest as to the financial arrangements if you return to China under the Presbyterian Board. I decided, however, that I had better send this letter to you so as to get a little fuller expression of your viewpoint on several things before I go formally to Dr. Scott, or any of the other Presbyterian brethren.

You discuss specifically the question of whether if you should decide in favor of the call to Yenching you would prefer to go out under direct University support or continue under the Presbyterian Board. We have already sent you a copy of our Yenching University schedule and you know the financial schedules of the Presbyterian Board, so there is not a great deal more we can add to assist you in forming your judgment. We quite sympathize with you in feeling some lack of confidence "in a Mission Board which deals in quantity lots", but undoubtedly there are certain advantages of Mission Board support which have not yet been duplicated by any of our Universities. In the first place, under the Presbyterian Board you would have the advantages of their new Pension Plan, which is far better than anything either Yenching or Shantung has yet been able to develop independently. Since you already have 13 years of missionary service to your credit, your interest in a pension fund is a pretty substantial one. At the present time Yenching is just beginning a serious study of some pension plan for members of staff supported directly by the University, and we hope that in a year or two some satisfactory plan may be evolved, but as yet there is nothing final or concrete. The question confronting you as regards future trips for the children has not, so far as I know, ever yet been raised by any of the Yenching staff supported directly by the University.

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I hope, but of course have no positive assurance, that if you were under direct University support the question of any limitation on the number of trips taken by the children would not be raised. This might be considered a logical procedure since the earlier trips taken by the children were before you went on the University support. You are undoubtedly correct that the furlough regulations of the Presbyterian Board are not well suited for those of us engaged in educational work, as they give too infrequent opportunity to return home and catch up with the trend of educational progress in our specialized field. The University regulations are slightly more satisfactory in this regard. There are some other comparisons that might be drawn but you will recognize them all and it is not necessary for me to comment on them.

The particular form in which the Yenching invitation has thus far been extended contemplates your coming out under Presbyterian support. There is now one vacancy on the Presbyterian quota which it is proposed you fill. I have no official word from Peking as to how the University would react to a proposal that you come out under direct University support, but will of course be happy to pass that suggestion on to them if you so desire.

You are quite correct, of course, in keeping in mind the prospect of what may happen in "the next collapse". I hope, however, that you will not give undue weight to the possibility that you "will be laid by again to fend for yourself". The situation in the summer of 1927 was a most unprecedented one and I hope will never occur again. The mess that was made of your own case was due largely to the fact that dear old Dr. Orville Reed, who was handling your own case, was already on the verge of the collapse from which he died a few months later, and everyone else in the Presbyterian Board was simply worked beyond their strength. As a result a number of serious blunders in handling missionary personnel were made by the Presbyterian Board. Many of these blunders, such as the one made in your case, were recognized too late, but at least we hope the experience gained then will help to prevent a repetition in the future. Many of your good friends have not failed to express to our Presbyterian brethren in no uncertain terms what they think of the way your case was handled, and I hope the impression we tried to make will be a lasting one. I am still convinced that the work for Western Missionaries in China will continue long after both you and I, and our children as far as that matter, have finished our job and passed on to our reward for good work done or punishment for work left undone.

As I stated before, I feel that the decision as to whether you can do better work at Cheeloo or Yenching must be left entirely to you. Both institutions are doing a splendid piece of work, each in its own way, and both I feel have great prospects

for the future. While the need in both is great, you quite appreciate that in Cheeloo just at this time it is unusually urgent. They have been counting greatly on your return and if they find you are not coming they will be keenly disappointed, and without doubt somewhat discouraged. Yet, on the other hand, there is certainly need and opportunity for you at Yenching. My own feeling is that the important thing is for us to persuade you to return to China, and to leave the field of your work to your own choice.

Please write me further and if you are willing to do so, give me permission either to go to the Presbyterian Board and talk over some of the details of your return to the field or else to communicate with the field and ask for arrangements as to your return under the direct support of one of the Universities.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very cordially, yours,

*B. A. Garvie*

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Dr. Wm. H. Adolph,  
Department of Chemistry,  
University of Nebraska,  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

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My dear Garoide:

Your note of Dec. 4th received. You were very sympathetic toward my previous note of soliloquy & meditations. I hesitate to give audible expression to these cogitations inasmuch as it <sup>might</sup> tend to appear that I am opening for material advantages in attempting to balance one project against another. <sup>I am not.</sup> From the salary standpoint, I do not believe there is any appreciable difference between any of the possibilities to remain more than a moment's thought. I merely realize that petty financial things such as schooling & trans-Pacific trips etc are things <sup>we</sup> must satisfy our mind upon <sup>before</sup> rather than afterward. — Both Mrs Adolph & I feel we could be very happy in the China service again, — tho I ~~have changed my own mind somewhat in that~~ I am now convinced it is possible to perform a useful & consecrated piece of service in this country. — One might take the attitude that <sup>one's duty is to</sup> ~~one should~~ jump into the <sup>China</sup> service & then reckon that all arrangements will turn out for the best eventually, & all petty difficulties solve themselves in time. — but somehow or other I do not place this extent of confidence in a mission board. — tho I know that logically bound I should.

No. — I do not object in the least your taking up with the

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Presbyterian authorities any of the points of my ~~letter~~ last letter, — as long as it is clear that I am not making request for special consideration or plays for material advantage. — I now have resolved to wait for a few weeks <sup>just</sup> to consider the matter a bit more carefully. My understanding is that <sup>1)</sup> Che. Ivo has urged me to return to Tsinan. — I suppose they mean <sup>that I</sup> to take up again the same post which I resigned. <sup>2)</sup> Yenching has invited me to join the faculty in chemistry, specifically to develop biochemistry. I have expressed myself favorably toward #2. Further more, my understanding is that the invitation to Yenching presupposes that I would become one of the representatives of the Presbyterian board at Yenching, — which, I take it, involves a relationship similar to that under which I worked while at Che. Ivo. — I shall attempt to reach a decision on this basis. <sup>3)</sup> of course will let you know as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Stoolph

P.S. — You suggest I authorize you to negotiate re my going out to China directly under the University. While nothing would please me better than such an arrangement, still I must ask you not to. — The University has very graciously extended the invitation. I will consider it no extended; it would be preposterous for me to try to amend the invitation! W.S.

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Shantung Christian University  
Yenching University

December 27, 1928

Dr. Wm. H. Adolph,  
The University of Nebraska,  
Department of Chemistry,  
Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Adolph:

Yesterday I was able to spend some time going over with Dr. George T. Scott the various questions you raise in your letters of November 22 and December 13.

I find that Dr. Scott agrees heartily with me in feeling that we must by all means get you back into the work in China. I think he agrees too that the place where you are to work and the details of your arrangement should be decided in ways that are most satisfactory to you. These details are secondary to the important problem of getting you back on the field next summer.

As to the Yenching invitation, there is, as I stated in my earlier correspondence, one vacancy on the Presbyterian quota which is being held open awaiting your decision. There have, during the last few months, been other suggestions of former Yenching members of staff who might be appointed to fill this vacancy, but I understand it is Dr. Stuart's wish that we try if possible to keep this place open until you have reached your decision.

On the Chee-oo staff we are, of course, keeping a place on the Presbyterian quota available for you.

We sincerely hope that you and Mrs. Adolph will find it possible to go to one of these two Universities under Presbyterian support. We want you to understand quite clearly though that, even if you should ultimately decide you do not care to return to the field under a mission board, there is still a very good possibility of providing for your support in either University direct from University funds. Yenching already has a fairly large group of Westerners supported directly by the University, and this list is growing year by year. At Chee-oo, as you know, we do not as yet have a very large group of Westerners supported by the University direct, but it is certain that this group will increase steadily during the next few years. So if your decision in regard to returning under mission support should prove to be adverse do not let that deter you from continuing to think of a return to China for I will at once get in touch with the field and see what can be done along lines of direct University support.

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I can assure you that the Presbyterian Board and the authorities of both of these Universities are keenly interested in you and are extremely anxious to have you back on the field next year.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I am

Cordially yours,

*B. A. Garside*

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Feb. 21, 1929.

Dear Adolph,

Have your letter of February 18th. I can quite appreciate your anxiety for an early decision. And from this end you may be mighty sure we are just as anxious to get you tied up definitely at the earliest possible moment! As you know, we are already in a position to make you two very definite proposals, and are daily expecting a cable in regard to a third.

As the situation stands at this moment we are sure of several points:-

First, you have a definite and urgent invitation from both Cheeloo and Yenching to go out this summer under Presbyterian Board appointment. We are keeping a vacancy open in the Presbyterian quota of each institution, awaiting your final decision. The Presbyterian Board has said very definitely that they will reappoint you to Cheeloo, and I understand has given general consent to your appointment to Yenching if you so choose. So there's absolutely no question about the way being open for you to start for China as soon as you wish. The only thing yet to be settled is the matter of certain details.

Second, I wrote Dr. Stuart on January 23rd giving full information as to your views on the relative merits of board appointment and direct University support, and asked him to cable me immediately after the letter reached him. We should have word any day now. Yenching is still anxious to get you, as indicated by the fact that they are asking about you in a cable received this week. The only point still to be settled is whether they could find support for you from general university funds or wish to have you under the Chang Lao Hwei. I am getting off a cable to Stuart on Saturday and will urge him to cable as soon as our letter reaches him, and before the end of February at all events.

The question of the date from which your support should begin is dependent somewhat on what the nature of your appointment is to be. I certainly hope we can prevail upon the Presbyterian Board to assume your support as of June 1st if you are to be under them. Under direct Yenching support we would have to do a bit of consulting with the powers that be, as the usual rule that for the first appointment, salary begins on date of sailing.

I certainly feel that you ought to plan to sail about the first of August, whichever may be your destination. Each University opens fairly early in September, and each has a faculty conference preceding the opening. So if you hope to get settled before the grind starts, you

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would want to be on the campus by September 1st. It's hard to see, then, how you would do much teaching or studying in any summer session if you are to complete your preparations for leaving, and to have a glimpse of the homefolks, before you hai Chung Kuo.

Not later than Monday I'll see Dr. Scott about the subject of when they would begin your support in case you return under the Presbyterian Board. I'll see that you have further word, with as full details as I can give, before the end of February.

Glad you liked the January issue of Cheeloo Sketches. I thought Smith's diary quite delightful. Was very sorrowful to expurgate some of his intimate comments on Dr. J.J.'s comical doings, and the way Mrs. J. J. tore into all of them when things didn't go to suit her, and things of that sort. Thanks for the good wishes for this New York job. Believe me, getting back to China would be a most enjoyable vacation and a delightful homecoming! The only trouble is that instead of feeling like a quitter for staying away from China, I might feel like a quitter if I started back just now.

Give our warmest regards to the family. Both my girls are still out in Oklahoma, so I'm becoming a confirmed bachelor. Am quite sure my daughter won't recognize her dad, and am becoming a little uneasy lest Margaret may not recognize her husband when she sees him.

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Cordially,

*B. A. Jarvis*

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July 23, 1934

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Dr. William H. Adolph  
Yenching University  
Peiping, China

Dear Adolph:

I am writing you in the strictest confidence to discuss frankly an important matter that came before the annual Board of Cheeloo Governors on June 28th.

The paramount problem that has confronted Cheeloo University ever since Dr. Balme returned to Great Britain has been the lack of a competent leadership. Of course under present conditions in China we must have a Chinese head of the institution who will be a leader both in name and in fact. But working along with him we must have a thoroughly qualified western administrator who possesses a rare combination of aggressive leadership and ability to work with others and to keep his own personality pretty much in the background. Of the two, the Governors believe that it is much more important that we get the right westerner, for with him on the job the prospect of securing and holding a Chinese President of the right calibre would be greatly enhanced.

As you know, Mr. Davies is now within one year of retirement at seventy years of age. He has stated both to the Presbyterian Board and to members of our Cheeloo Board of Directors that he expects to retire as soon as he reaches seventy next year. While nothing official has been done about the matter as yet, we assume that his retirement will take place at the end of the academic year 1934/35. While the Governors appreciate tremendously the sacrificial service Mr. Davies has given Cheeloo in the last few years, they are quite unanimous in feeling that we should let him retire next summer and should have a much younger man to take over the work immediately.

As the Governors reviewed informally the names of all those whom anyone could suggest as a possibility for the leadership at Cheeloo, they reached a hearty and unanimous agreement that you are the one outstanding person to undertake this extremely important task. You have

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the background of a very rich experience both at Cheeloo and at Yenching. The Governors are convinced that you also have a rare combination of executive ability, aggressiveness, vision, tact, skill in winning support, and ability to work happily with both the Chinese and western elements in the University. You know the situation at Cheeloo intimately enough to realize all the difficulties in the task, but I believe you appreciate also the tremendous opportunities for service which would lie open before you.

The suggestion that we try to get you for this position as our western executive head at Cheeloo has been frequently made in our North American Section, and has met with hearty support. I had not previously had any indication, however, as to the attitude of our British Section. I was very much pleased therefore that your name was suggested at the Annual Meeting by a member of the British Section, and that the instant and hearty response to this suggestion showed that all of our British colleagues were enthusiastically in favor of the proposal.

We have many reasons to believe also that this proposal will meet with very hearty support among the staff of the University generally, and among all the stable Chinese forces within the Board of Directors and our general Chinese constituency.

Of course our Cheeloo Board of Governors realizes very clearly that any proposal of this sort should come from the Board of Directors and not from the Board of Governors. We all look to our friends in China for an increasing measure of leadership, and recognize that they feel an immediate hostility toward any suggestion emanating from the west, regardless of its intrinsic merits. Therefore our Cheeloo Board of Governors is making no official record of its discussion on this point, and all that any of us is doing is simply to write a few confidential letters to those on the field who are in a position to take the lead in such a matter as this.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Paul Abbott. He is the key man in our Cheeloo Board of Directors and also in our Shantung Presbyterian Mission. If this suggestion appeals to him, as I am sure it will, we will leave it to him to bring this suggestion before the Board of Directors in any way that he considers advisable.

As we analyze the Cheeloo situation from this distance, some of the most urgent tasks confronting the institution are these:-

First, the securing of the proper Chinese President. We are all agreed that the loss of Dr. King Chu was a very serious blow to the University, and many of us are feeling more and more convinced that the loss was quite unnecessary one. If Dr. Chu had had someone like yourself to work with, someone who could help him win support and loyalty, someone to assist him in carrying forward a definite and vital program, we believe he would still be at Cheeloo today. There seems to be at least a faint hope that if we went at the matter in the right way we might get him back.

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You are so close to the situation there, and know the ability and availability of qualified Chinese leaders so much better than we, that you are in the best position to say where and how we could seek the man we need. The latest news arriving from the field indicates that our Board of Directors has not yet reached any decision on this vital matter, and we trust that they will continue their search as long as may be necessary rather than make any unwise choice.

Second, the formulation and carrying out of a real program for Cheeloo University. Cheeloo has drifted very badly during the last six or seven years, due primarily to lack of any continuous and competent leadership. No one in China seems to have had much idea as to the direction in which the institution should go, and whenever the Governors have made any suggestions, they have only raised the cry of "foreign domination." There is no serious question as to the place and program of the School of Medicine or of the School of Theology. The chief difficulties lie in the realm of Arts and Science. It is the judgment of the Board of Governors that the place assigned to Cheeloo within the Correlated Program indicates very clearly the lines, and the only possible lines, along which are Colleges of Arts and Science must progress. For several years a strong faction at Cheeloo opposed any real program of training for service in the rural areas of China and, in our humble judgment, frittered away their opportunities along lines that did not produce anything particularly worthwhile. Fortunately, the trend in China is now in the direction of service to the rural areas, and Cheeloo is at last waking to the opportunities it has been missing. If we get the right man at the head, Cheeloo has the opportunity of rendering an immensely valuable service in this field. It is quite possible, of course, that this may require some very vigorous reorganizing, including the weeding out of some members of the staff and the implanting of new forces and personalities.

Third, the re-welding of Cheeloo into a united and aggressive body. When I went out to Cheeloo twelve years ago we were going ahead in a vigorous and enthusiastic way. We possessed a gratifying measure of vision and self-confidence, and commanded the respect and approval of practically all the forces both in China and in the west working in the field of Christian higher education in China. During recent years Cheeloo seems to have lost much of its morale and enthusiasm, and has become pretty badly torn by factions and by internal dissension. But I am firmly convinced that the present is the psychological moment to bring all these forces together again with renewed unity and enthusiasm.

I know that it will be no easy matter to persuade you to give up the fine work you are doing at Yenching in order to return to Tainan and to take up this difficult task there. We have no thought that the difficulties in this will discourage you, for I know you well enough to feel sure that these very difficulties will interest and attract you. The chief factors we will have to overcome will be your innate modesty and the appeal of the work you are doing at Yenching. I do hope, however, that there will be a sufficiently loud call from all the Cheeloo forces of China to persuade you

Dr. William H. Adolph

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to come. I can assure you most emphatically, <sup>that,</sup> so far as all the forces here in the west representing Chesloe are concerned, you can be quite confident of our hearty support, and of our willingness to follow your leadership to the limit.

Of course I am emphasizing in my letter to Mr. Abbott the informal and confidential nature of this correspondence. We all agree that any formal step in this matter must be taken on the field.

I hope that when this reaches the field you will still be enjoying a good vacation somewhere in the mountains or along the coast. Give our best regards to Mrs. Adolph and to the young people - who must have grown so that it would be difficult for us to recognize them.

very cordially yours,

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August 22, 1934

Mr. B. A. Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City  
U. S. A.

Dear Garside:

This is just a line now to acknowledge your letter of July 23, and the honor you do me in suggesting that I might be of service in the Chee-loo program. I am not sure that this is the case. My own hope is that it can be worked out in some other way. I am of course keeping the contents of your letter entirely confidential.

I have just returned with the family from a summer holiday on T'aishan. We have a busy year before us at Yenching. 1200 took the entrance examinations, of whom we can accommodate not over 200. Most of these elect science; and of those in science most elect chemistry. We are constantly applying new restrictions to keep from being swamped.

Very sincerely yours,

*Wm. H. Adolph*  
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DR. A. G. ...  
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Dear Sir:

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Yours truly,  
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March 25, 1918

Ansd. \_\_\_\_\_

My dear Mr. Scott:

Your letter of March 22 has been received in Dr. Franklin's absence from the city. Sometime ago Dr. Franklin advised Dr. A. J. Brown that it would be impossible for us to reach any conclusion regarding the advisability of our participating in the support of the medical department of Shantung Christian University until we had more definite word from our East China Mission. As soon as we hear from our East China Mission regarding its attitude on this question of cooperation in Shantung Christian University, action will be taken by our Board and you will be advised promptly.

Your letter will be given <sup>to</sup> Dr. Franklin on his return to the office tomorrow, and you will hear from him if there is anything further to be said in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

*Florence B. Harding*  
Secretary to Dr. Franklin

Rev. George T. Scott,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City

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April 23, 1919.

RE INVITATION TO COOPERATION IN SHANTUNG CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Rev. James H. Franklin, D.D.,  
American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Franklin:

As Secretary of the North American Joint Board of The Shantung Christian University it is my privilege to report to you the action taken by that Board at its Annual Meeting on April 11, 1919, in New York City. The question was discussed of possible cooperation by Mission Boards in America not at present associated in Shantung University. Special mention was made of the sincere desire that the American Baptist Board might see its way clear to join in this union effort, particularly in the work of giving a Christian medical education in the mandarin language. A cordial invitation for your Board to cooperate in the University was again extended and as Secretary I now pass it on to you with the hope that in the not distant future your Board may feel free to cooperate.

You will be pleased to know that five new medical men are under appointment by British and American Societies to join the staff of Shantung University this year and that Mr. Roger Greene, the Director in China of the China Medical Board, has recently reported very favorably on the progress of Medical education at Tsinan-fu.

Prof. Paul Monroe, Director of the School of Education, Teachers College, has accepted the Chairmanship of the Shantung Joint Board. I am enclosing a copy of the Constitution of the Joint Board as adopted at the recent Annual Meeting.

With kind regard I beg leave to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary North American Joint Board.

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July 19, 1919

My dear Mr. Scott:

While I was in France your letter of April 23 was received. We appreciate the cordial invitation which has come to us again to cooperate in the support of Shantung University. We wish we were prepared to take part in that notable enterprise, but we are compelled to make the same reply that we have made in other days. We are sadly in need of medical men, and I do not see how it will be possible any time soon for us to extend our responsibility to other institutions than those with which we are now connected.

Wishing Shantung University the largest measure of success, I am

Very cordially yours,

*J. H. Franklin*  
 Foreign Secretary

Rev. George L. Scott,  
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## RE COOPERATION IN SHANTUNG UNIVERSITY

Dr. James H. Franklin,  
Ford Building,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Franklin:

On my recent visit in China I was instructed upon returning to take up with the Baptist Foreign Mission Society the possibility of its entering into cooperation with the work of the Shantung Christian University, especially in the School of Medicine. You know how earnestly we all feel about this and what a cordial invitation is extended to the Baptist Board and its Missions to enter into this union where nine denominations are represented on the Field Board of Managers, eleven denominations on the faculty and sixteen denominations in the student body. An overwhelming majority of these students come from Mission Schools and eighty-three per cent of the medical graduates have entered Mission service.

I gathered from conferences with Baptist leaders on the field that they were favorably inclined toward coming into the Union in this great Mandarin speaking training center in Tsinan-fu, and will you allow me on behalf of the North American Joint Board to express the earnest hope that in the not distant future your Board may see its way clear to take a share in this important enterprise.

The Annual Meeting of the North American Joint Board of the Shantung Christian University is called for 9:30 a.m. Thursday April 15th here in the Presbyterian Board Rooms, and the Joint Board would be very happy if the Baptist Board could be represented, at least informally, at that meeting.

With kind regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

GTS/R

cc Dr. Franklin,  
Hollister Building,  
New York City.

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*Dr. Franklin*  
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My dear Mr. Scott:

In the absence of Dr. Franklin, please allow me to express appreciation of the invitation you have extended our Board to enter into cooperation with the work of the Shantung Christian University. You know, of course, that the matter has been under consideration by our Board at several different times in the past and that our Board did not see its way clear to take favorable action.

I am advising Dr. Franklin, who is now in the West filling numerous appointments in connection with our Board of Promotion campaign, of the contents of your letter, and it may be that he will wish to have the matter again presented to our Board for consideration in the light of recent developments.

The question of representation of our Board at the Annual Meeting of the North American Joint Board of the Shantung Christian University, Thursday, April 15, will be brought to the attention of our Officers' Council, and you will be advised later of whatever action is taken.

Very sincerely yours,  
*(Miss) Florence B. Harding*  
Secretary to Dr. Franklin

Rev. George T. Scott,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
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My dear Mr. Scott:

Dr. Franklin is at this time on the Pacific Coast and does not expect to return to Boston until May, feeling called upon to give his time to the work of the Board of Promotion during the period of the Interchurch drive. He has had to leave some of his responsibilities for a time here at the office. This will make it impossible for him to attend the annual meeting of the North American Board of Shantung Christian University.

We have not received any information from the China missions to indicate their present attitude on the question of cooperating with the University. The last action which was reported sometime ago, was unfavorable to such cooperation.

I remember meeting you at breakfast at the home of Dr. Ludlow in Seoul, Korea this last summer. I suppose that you must hear frequent reports of movements in that country. There has been considerable activity here in Boston by the Koreans and their friends in order to arouse public interest in the rights of that country.

Cordially yours,

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