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May 20, 1920.

Prof. Harold Harkness,
Shantung Christian University,
Tsinan-fu, Shantung, China.

My dear Mr. Harkness:

You know of the thought and hope which the Canadian Presbyterian Board has had for sometime that they would enter into cooperation in the School of Arts and Science at Shantung University and that you would be their first representative on the staff of that School. I understand that Mr. Armstrong has broached this matter to you personally and that such an arrangement would be quite acceptable to you and Mrs. Harkness. You will see by the enclosed copy of a recent letter from Mr. Armstrong that this plan of theirs has now been realized and the Canadian Board wishes to take over your support at such time as we fill the vacancy that would be created by your withdrawal as a Northern Presbyterian representative on the staff. As soon as the Canadian Board informed us of their action we immediately arranged that Mr. Jacot should fill the vacancy on the Arts staff and inasmuch as this Board will expend approximately \$1500 before September 1st for outfit and travel for Mr. and Mrs. Jacot, I am proposing to the Canadian Presbyterians that they assume your support from the beginning of the current fiscal year; namely April 1, 1920.

You will see that we are going ahead on this matter without consulting you personally at this time, our clear understanding being that you are quite agreeable to the arrangement. Our Presbyterian Board, of course is reluctant to lose you as one of its representatives but we congratulate the Canadian Board upon having you and Mrs. Harkness as its missionaries. The official transfer by our Board will not be made until its meeting the first part of June. I do not know whether or not the source of your support in the States will be unduly disturbed by your withdrawal from the Presbyterian Board and I will take the matter up with the office of Mr. Trull, the Secretary for Specific Work. I trust that suitable arrangements for the transfer of that support to another missionary can be made.

With kindest regards to both you and Mrs. Harkness and with every wish for the continued progress of your work, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Geo. T. Scott

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Harold W. Harkness
SHANTUNG CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
TSINAN, SHANTUNG, CHINA
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June ~~20th~~²⁹, 1920.

Rev. George T. Scott,
Board of Foreign Missions,
Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Mr. Scott,

Your letter of May 20th. just received together with one from Mr. Armstrong upon the same subject. When Mr. Armstrong was here he mentioned this to me, but for some reason I did not take him at all seriously. My relations with the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church in U.S.A. have been of the most pleasant nature, at least from my point of view. Moreover I am quite contented with the arrangement and I hope would ~~be~~ continue to be so, so long as you were satisfied with my work. I have however always felt a lack of knowledge of the Church in U.S.A., which is quite natural not having been a member of that church in America. This has always given me the uncomfortable feeling that there was something lacking in my relations to the church at home, moreover something which it was practically impossible for me to correct.

I think that you will understand that this makes any arrangement by which I am taken under the board in Toronto

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Mr. Scott -2-

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very attractive to me, while at the same I have honest regrets in breaking my present relations with you. I sincerely hope that you do not consider this in any sense a breaking of diplomatic relations with you. The Board of Foreign Missions ~~in~~ of the Presbyterian Church in U.S.A. enabled me to come as a missionary to China at a time when I could not be sent by my own Church. Because of this I owe to you an everlasting sense of gratitude.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Harold W. Harkness

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Harold W. Harkness

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64 Middle Divinity Hall,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.,
March 13, 1922.

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

Dear Mr. Scott,

Do you have in your offices a large map of China suitable for lecture purposes, and which shows particularly the points of interest in our educational work? For example I am interested in a map showing the S.C.U. with the Middle Schools from which we draw our students, or one which shows, in general the centers of Christian Education.

If you have such a map, which it is customary for you to loan out, I could make use of it on March 25th. and April 2. I shall be in Ontario on those two Sundays and have appointments to speak. Unless you have maps particularly designed to show the features which I have mentioned, please do not trouble to send me a general map of China, as I can procure one from Dr. Stephenson, of the Methodist Board in Toronto when I am there.

If you have any publicity material whatsoever, which would be of use to me, I should be glad if you would sent it along. Unfortunately I did not bring data or material of any description with me from Tsinan.

If you mail material or map to me, please have same mailed in time to reach me here not later than the 22nd. inst.

Thanking you in advance, and with kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Harold W. Harkness

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April Twenty-third,
Nineteen Twenty-eight.

Prof. H.W. Harkness,
110 Columbia Avenue,
Westmount, Quebec.

TRANSFER

SHANTUNG

Dear Mr. Harkness:

We now have answer to our enquiry of the Honan Mission Executive regarding your desire to remain for an extra year. Cablegram which I reported to you is explained in the present communication. The Council Minute is as follows:

"Resolved, That the Executive Committee after careful enquiry into and discussion of the question of Mr. H. W. Harkness being granted extended furlough can not approve of its being granted."

The reasons given in Dr. Grant's covering letter are:

- "1. - A strong minority of the Senate of the Shantung Christian University, and of the Mission, opposed Mr. Harkness' leaving China in May, 1927.
2. - A number of this minority in the State yielded only on condition that the consent of his Mission must be secured, which they thought improbable.
3. - Mr. Harkness is needed for work at Tsinan now.
4. - At latest he should return in time for the opening of the University next September.
5. - If his return next September is assured, it will greatly facilitate that arrangement of the work of the University for next Fall and Winter.
6. - In addition to the work of his own special department, several other branches are calling loudly for his supervision.
7. - The custom of extending furlough for postgraduate study is not practised in co-operation Missions, and is not approved by them.
8. - Neither these other parties, nor the Executive Committee can approve of the extension of furlough."

Dr. Shields has just arrived, and he has nothing special to suggest. Therefore it would seem to me that it would be wise for you to comply with the wishes of the majority, both at Tsinan and Tientsin, and plan to return at the usual time in the Autumn. It will, of course, be practically useless for you to go back at once.

Will you please let me know, as our Board is meeting this week from Tuesday until Friday, and I would like to report to them regarding the movements of all missionaries on furlough?

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,
(signed) A. E. ARMSTRONG

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China Council and Mission approve return of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. R.A. Mitchell.
China Council and Mission urge return of Mr. H.W. Harkness as soon as possible;
is greatly needed; work is suffering. China Council and Mission regard proposed
return of Rev. J.H. Bruce present time inopportune.

SHANTUNG

TRANSFER

110 Columbia Avenue,
Westmount, P.Q.,
Canada.

Rev. Dr. A. E. Armstrong,
299 Queen Street West,
Toronto 2, Canada.

Dear Dr. Armstrong,

Your letter of 5th. inst. and enclosure was rather a blow! I have postponed a reply until I could think over the situation.

The following points seems to be fairly clear to me, viz:-

1. That so far as the recent cable goes, there is not necessarily any disparity between it and University Senate's Minute #1010 - "Leave if Absence for Mr. Harkness" - and unless a covering letter specifically declares that the Mission and Council have vetoed this action, the situation does not appear to be changed. The Senate's action urges my return before the expiration of two years if possible.
2. That the University has not made any representation to the Council or the Mission to alter their action in Minute #1010. I base this upon two circumstances, (a) All letters from the school received as late as this week indicate that things are going very well. Within the last fortnight I have had a letter from Mr. Chang who is in charge of the Physics laboratory, which show that he is quite happy and contented in the work. He has had training abroad and is thoroughly in sympathy with the ideals and aims of the School. A letter this week from Dr. Lair puts my mind at ease regarding the engineering and maintenance of the Physical plant at the School. Mr. Schmidt-harms, the City Light Company's Engineer is in charge and he is living on the University Campus. (b) If anything had occurred to alter their action, I feel sure they would not have made representation to the Council or the Mission, but would have cabled me directly or the University Office in Toronto or New York.

It therefore seems to be that we ought to await more complete information, before taking any action.

I am writing today to Dr. Shields, who is at present in New York, to get me at once any news from the School, which would help to clarify things.

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However of covering letters from the Mission, show the cable to mean that they definitely oppose leave of absence, and that Senate's Action still stands. I am going to be bold enough to ask you if you will not urge reconsideration.

I think I can understand and sympathise with the Mission's point of view. They are in the exceedingly discouraging position of not being able to return to the Honan Stations, while it is possible, so far as China Politics are concerned, for the Shantung workers to be at Tsinan. It therefore seems inefficient to have on of the Tsinan men at home. It would be bad, indeed, except for the fact that my test work for Tsinan just at present can be done here - at least this is my personal conviction and so far as I know that of my colleagues. Letters from the School show that there was no doubt about the wisdom of my spending two years in study during this furlough. This is in view of definite problems arising out of the last five years' work at the University.

As I look back upon my experience of five years ago, I fear only one thing - that I shall succumb to the temptation to return at once, because of my natural desire to get back, while my reasoned judgment tells me not to do so. Nor can I forget the fact that urgently as cables and letters at that time proceed for my premature return, I have not yet learned of any adequate reason for so doing. You will therefore understand my desire for all possible information at the present time, before I make any change in my plans.

As a personal favour, may I ask you to withhold further correspondence upon this question until after May 12th. I am at present facing a rather formidable phalanx of examinations, which I shall have finished by that date. I should be exceedingly grateful if you could do this for me.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Harold W. Harkness

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SHANTUNG

110 Columbia Avenue,
Westmount, P. Q., Canada,
May 1st., 1928.

rec'd 5/19/28

Dear Garside,

Will you please cable the University and ask them to cable at once reaffirmation of their action, Senate's minute #1010, "Leave of Absence for Mr. Harkness".

My Board insist that the University require my return by this September and I have had not a single word from the University to that effect. So far as I can learn from Tsinan all my work is going very well.

I must have a reply to this by the 12th. of May as I must then make arrangements to earn my own living for the next year. My Board and Mission cannot have any objection to my staying under those circumstances.

If reply cable is favorable, ie. if the University stays by its action, would you kindly send it directly to my Board in Toronto and notify me. If it is not favorable, I would rather you sent it directly to me, for in that event I shall have to resign in the hope that the Board and Mission will take me on at the end of another year and as it is, it is going to be difficult enough to do that.

I shall be greatly obliged if you can find it possible to do this for me.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Harold W. Harkness

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SHANTUNG

110 Columbia Avenue,
Westmount, P.Q., Canada,
May 19th., 1928.

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

Dear Garside,

Many thanks for your letter of 5th. inst. and for getting my message to the University. A reply may be delayed indefinitely now as they have other things to think about. In the meantime the die is cast. I have accepted a Demonstratorship and Research Assistantship at McGill for next year and my wife has taken a position in a private school in the city. Neither of these parties could be put off any longer so there was nothing for it.

When you get any definite news of what has happened at the University during the last fortnight please include my name if you send out any circulars of information.

With kind regards, I am, as ever,

Yours sincerely,

Harold W. Hackness

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110 Columbia Avenue,
Westmount, P. Q., Canada,
May 22nd., 1928.

Ans. 6/27/28

Dear Garside,

I am enclosing my correspondence with my Mission Board to date. As Dr. Armstrong suggests in his last letter it is really a matter of arrangement with the University, and dealing through a third party as you can see by the correspondence is only complicating matters. I feel that the University has been at fault in not dealing with this directly with me or with your office, instead, as they have done, of letting it drift into the hands of a co-operating Mission. This is almost bound, through no fault of the Mission, to lead to misunderstanding.

If you agree that this is correct policy, would you kindly take up the letter referred to in the cable when same arrives, and deal with it directly with the University. When letter arrives, I should be glad, if you wish, to give suggestions regarding arrangements to be made until I can return at the earliest in June 1929. However, before the letter arrives, one or two points can be made clear.

If the request for immediate return is associated with Public Services work, I must point out, that the University knows I have done that work all along because there seemed no one else to do it and in the hope that it would not interfere with my teaching. Now if it is to interfere so much with my academic work as to break into my study when on leave, I shall have to drop it completely. This therefore cannot constitute a reason for my return.

If it is associated with teaching, instructors leaving, or something of that nature, there are at least five of our graduates available at any time. I have long since sent the names to the University. Some arrangement for teaching simply must be thought out.

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You might also communicate with Dr. Armstrong, saying you are taking the matter up directly with the University upon receipt of their letter.

If I am out of order in refering this to you, then please do not refer it to the Board, but directly back to me. In that event however, I do not know what I shall do because I cannot stand any more of this nerve-racking correspondence. It will drive me to the mad-house. For a month and a half now I have been spending energy on this which aught to have gone into my work. If you can do something to get the University into direct touch with me, I feel it will be a great help.

With kind regards,

Ever gratefully yours,

Harold W. Harkness

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Shantung Christian University

May 5, 1928

Mr. Harold Harkness,
110 Columbia Avenue,
Westmount, Quebec, Can.

Dear Harkness:

I am attaching hereto a confirmation copy of a night letter sent you on May 3rd. I trust that you found it intelligible and that it answers the questions you had in mind.

Dr. Shields left two days ago for a week in Winchester, Va. On receipt of your telegram I therefore called up Miss Eggleston and asked her to tell me quite unofficially what she thought would be the prospects of a scholarship for you. She said, of course, that the initiative of such a scholarship must come from the field and that if the University applied for such a scholarship and Mr. Gee endorsed this application the granting of the scholarship here in New York would be more or less of a routine matter. She did state, however, that although the granting of scholarships is not actually contingent on the beneficiaries having other financial assistance, yet the scholarships are considered to be merely supplementary so that candidates are expected to have other sources of income.

We included in a recent cablegram to Tsinan the message you gave us. However, we have just received word from the telegraph office that all telegraphic communication with Tsinan has been interrupted and that our cablegram is being held in Tientsin. I do not know positively what members of the staff are in Tsingtao or where they could be addressed, so it is a little difficult to see just how we can get this message through to them until the situation is somewhat clarified. We will, however, try to keep right after it and will send you an answer just as soon as it reaches us.

With best wishes for Mrs. Harkness and the children, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. Caside

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Shantung Christian University

May 19, 1928.

Harold Harkness,
110 Columbia Avenue,
Westmount, Quebec, Canada.

Dear Harkness,

We enclose a confirmation copy of the telegram we sent you this morning.

The full text of this morning's cable from Tsinan reads as follows:-

"PERSONS, PROPERTY SAFE. CLASSES DISCONTINUED. HARKNESS REQUESTED RETURN AUGUST 28. LETTER FOLLOWS.

It is a relief to know that the troubles in Tsinan have not damaged or endangered life and property on the campus. It is too bad that classes have had to be discontinued, but I hope they can be resumed, now that the troubles seem to be shifting away from Tsinan, so that the semester's work can be closed up properly.

I suppose the "28" in the latter part of the message means "1928". Anyway it is obvious that they are requesting your return during this coming summer. We quite appreciate the problems this request will cause you. We earnestly hope you will be able to find a solution which will avoid any serious loss either to yourself or to the work in China. Following your request, I have not communicated this request to the Board in Toronto. They should, I presume, sooner or later be informed of the field's wishes in the matter. Will you pass this on to them in your correspondence, or should we let the matter rest for awhile?

Give our best regards to Mrs. Harkness and the family.

Very cordially yours,

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Shantung Christian University

June 18, 1928.

Mr. Harold W. Harkness,
110 Columbia Avenue,
Westmount, P.Q., Canada.

My dear Mr. Harkness:

I have delayed replying to your letter of May 22nd, partially because I wanted to talk the matter over with Dr. Shields, who was out of the city when your letter arrived, and partially because I hoped that some early word from Tsinan would throw further light on your plans for next year, so I feel I ought not delay longer.

We are all anxious to do everything we can to help you in making arrangements that are mutually agreeable to you, to your Mission, and to the University. We appreciate your feeling that another year of study at this time would be of great value to the University as well as to you personally. On the other hand, we must do all we can to work in harmony with the wishes of the University and the Mission, as they have been expressed in the cables we have been getting during recent months.

As you know, the accepted method of procedure in handling all matters involving the Western staff of the University has been for the University to deal with the Mission Boards on the field, and with the Home Boards in North America and Great Britain. Our office here in New York has never been expected to take any responsibility in these matters except where the University or some of the missions have specifically requested us to act. Our office is always eager to do anything that it can, unofficially, to facilitate matters, but evidently that is all the powers that be expect or want us to do until we have definite instruction.

As soon as any information from the University reaches us, we will hasten to pass it on to you and to Dr. Armstrong. I feel, though, that it will complicate the situation still further for this office to officially enter into direct correspondence with the University. I think you will at once appreciate the fact that if we attempt to do so, we are

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likely to make ourselves extremely unpopular with your Mission in China, and also to give your Board in Toronto real grounds for offense. I suspect, too, that our friends in Tsinan might think we were getting a bit officious in a matter they are already handling through other channels.

I am putting these factors quite frankly, so you will see the cause for our embarrassment here. I am mighty anxious to see your plans for next year settled in a way that will be satisfactory to you, and above everything else, I am anxious that the matter shall be handled in such a way that we will keep you in the work at Cheeloo. I am simply aghast over the way in which the splendid group of people working in Tsinan when I was at the University, are now being scattered all over the world, many of them never to return. It is one of the greatest tragedies to the mission field that I have ever known. Innumerable factors have entered into the situation,- disturbances in China, health, family obligations, and many others. Almost nobody in the group has left the work for any except the best causes, yet the situation is extremely distressing nevertheless. We certainly must keep you and Mrs. Harkness lined up with Cheeloo, regardless of how your plans for the next twelve months may be settled.

When I sent our cable of May 3rd, and added, at your request, the inquiry as to whether the Senate still held the same view as expressed in Senate Minute No. 1010, I wrote a covering letter which stated informally all the factors of the situation of which we had any knowledge here. We did not therefore write again after getting your letter of May 22nd, because all the inquiries we could make were included in our letter of three weeks earlier. I hope that within two or three more weeks we may be able to get some reply from the field. We will at once pass on to you and to Dr. Armstrong copies of any such letters coming to us from China.

I know you will appreciate the factors which cause us to feel that our office ought to attempt no more than assist informally in seeking a mutually satisfactory adjustment of your plans, while leaving the formal action to the Mission and University channels which have already been utilized in the past. For us to attempt anything more would simply confuse the issue still further, and might possibly cause misunderstanding, both on the field and here at home.

We have read over carefully all the correspondence you attached to your letter of May 27th, and have made copy of the portions which it seems our office ought to keep on file. We are therefore returning the correspondence to you herewith, so that you may have all this material in your own hands.

Please give my best wishes to Mrs. Harkness and the children. We had the privilege of having Margaret with us for the last week. As you probably know, she is spending some months up at Trudeau, getting cured up from a threat of Tuberculosis. That is one of the problems the Garside family has to face in trying to figure out when we will get back to China.

Cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

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Shantung Christian University

July 2 1928.

Mr. H. W. Harkness,
Macdonald Physics Laboratory,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

Dear Harkness:

Thanks for your cordial note of June 29th. It arrived at just the same time as a letter from Tsinan, written on May 19th and signed by Dr. Peter Kiang. In this letter Dr. Kiang says -

"The situation has changed so radically since Senate minute 1010 was passed that both the Arts Faculty and the Senate felt it necessary to rescind that action and press for the return of Mr. Harkness by August 28th this year. Mr. Hunter has today written to Mr. Harkness explaining the circumstances. We regret exceedingly that we cannot see our way to grant the extended furlough for study which Mr. Harkness desires and which we should be glad for him to have, but our need for his services is so acute that there seemed no other course open to us."

I trust that by this time you will have received Mr. Hunter's letter. I know that he will put all the facts before you in the best possible way.

I am mighty sorry that this reply from Tsinan does not point the way you wish it might, ~~and~~ I certainly hope that you will be able to work out some arrangement that will not be too seriously disappointing to you personally, and will also be for the best interests of the work in Cheeloo.

With warmest personal regards, I am,

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Caside

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Copy to Dr. Armstrong.

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Shantung

May 1, 1929.

Mrs. H.W. Harkness,
110 Columbia Avenue,
Westmount, Quebec.

My dear Mrs. Harkness:

We have your letter of yesterday telling of your need for lantern slides for your talk at the Women's Missionary Meeting on May 7.

I am sending you today by American Express about eighty Lantern Slides of Cheeloo and its environment. I trust the material will meet your needs fairly well. Our office has a few other slides picturing some of other Universities in China, but the Cheeloo set is about the only one we have that is at all complete.

I have telephoned to both the American Railway Express Company and the Canadian Customs office this morning in an effort to find out whether there will be any duty on these slides, when they are shipped to Canada. The Canadian Customs Bureau was not willing to make any definite statement, but thought that there should be no charge on these slides due to the nature of the material and the use to which it was to be put.

I am sending with the slides a sworn statement describing the slides and telling the use for which they are intended. I trust this will help soften the hearts of the Quebec Custom Officials. Of course if they seek to charge you exorbitant duty you may wish to refuse to receive the slides and instruct the company to return them to us.

Kindly give our warmest regards to Mr. Harkness and to the family.

Margaret is now in New York City again getting along very satisfactorily, while Jean is getting to be quite a young lady.

Cordially yours,

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Shantung Christian University

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July 2, 1929.

Dear Harkness:

I have delayed for a few days in replying to your letter of June 17th because I have been trying to find an opportunity to send you something more than a formal and hasty letter. The questions you raise are so fundamental as to deserve very thoughtful consideration.

Let me assure you that I am in hearty accord with your viewpoint as to the serious problems which confront all of us Westerners who have to face the call to return to China today. Since I have been in the office I have had to discuss these same problems with almost a score of the younger men with families who have been asked to return to the field and who have been forced to study very carefully the conditions under which they would return and to reach a decision as to whether it is fair to themselves and to their families for them to go back under these conditions. I have of course faced these same questions myself because I have been constantly hoping that within a few years at most Margaret and I will be able to go back to some form of educational work in China.

We must face frankly that the changes which have taken place in China during the last few years have added some elements of serious uncertainty to the position of Western missionaries in general and to the Western staff of our educational institutions in particular. Our Western educators have met with two very serious types of problem which heretofore most of them had not been called upon to face and most of us had not seriously considered. The first problem has been that of replacing Western members of staff with Chinese appointees. This is a trend we all welcome but it does in some instances create an embarrassing problem for the Western teacher that is replaced. The second problem has been the attitude of many of our mission boards when confronted by financial difficulties and rapidly changing conditions on the field. In the summer of 1927 several of our mission boards were simply panic stricken and for a time lost their sense of perspective. They were too ready to decide that the situation in China was so serious that effective Christian work could not be done for a great many years and they were too anxious to try to save a comparatively small amount of money by persuading their missionaries in America to waive any claims for salary and to seek other means of support. As a result of this attitude the mission boards lost entirely some of their most valuable people and, what was even more serious, they weakened the confidence that all their missionaries have had in the willingness and the ability of the boards to care for the financial needs of their appointees in times of emergency.

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When this shake up occurred two years ago, our younger missionary educators who left the work at that time almost without exception found very excellent positions here in the West. A few of the older men, who had been long out of touch with their specialized fields here in America, and who had reached the age when adjustment to entirely new conditions is difficult, were left in a more serious position. It must be said to the credit of our mission boards that almost without exception they maintained their support of individual cases requiring it until other satisfactory adjustments could be made.

I have on numerous occasions expressed myself quite frankly to representatives of our mission boards as regards the problem many of our Western staff members at the different China colleges are now facing. I think that sometimes I have spoken so vigorously on this subject as to make myself rather unpopular in some quarters and to have gained for myself something of a reputation as a Bolshevik. I believe that most of the mission boards around New York City are now coming to realize - though they would probably not publicly admit - that they sounded a retreat rather too hastily and too enthusiastically two years ago and would be more deliberate in a future emergency.

So much for the dark side of the picture. There are many more cheerful things which may be pointed out on the brighter side.

In the first place we must recognize that as yet there has been very little justification for the fear that competent Western educators will find themselves without an urgent call for their services in China, even though there is a steady increase in the number and percentage of Chinese personnel on our University staff. As I look over the six universities cooperating in our Central Office, I know of only one instance in which a Western member of staff has been dropped because it seemed desirable to have him replaced by a Chinese. In this particular case our Western teacher has already received two invitations to go back to other China colleges and I think both of these invitations would offer him a somewhat larger and more satisfactory field of service than the one he formerly occupied. A few other conscientious Westerners have insisted on resigning their positions in order to make way for their Chinese colleagues but those of us who have looked at each of these cases from an impartial viewpoint have felt that such resignations were unnecessary and were a keen disappointment both to the Chinese staff in our colleges and to the Western colleagues of those who resigned.

There is no doubt that during the next decade or so there will be a great many changes taking place in the personnel of our colleges. It seems to me, however, that the new opportunities for service opening up in China during the same period will always provide more positions than can be filled by those who withdraw from work they are now doing in order to enable Chinese to step in. As a matter of fact our universities are now looking for more workers than we are able to find and there are unfilled places on the staff of nearly every university for which support could be obtained if the right person could be found.

I am sure that no one has any more respect or confidence than I in the abilities and Christian purpose of our Chinese colleagues. I am convinced, however, that they will need and want, for another generation or

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two at least, fully as much Western assistance as they are now receiving.

When we consider the work you were doing at Cheeloo, it seems to me that it would be a serious mistake for the Department of Physics to attempt to carry on for many years to come without at least one Westerner having an important share in the work. I think Adolph made an extremely serious mistake in leaving the Department of Chemistry entirely in Chinese hands. Should it happen some time in the future that you wish to leave for any reason the work in Physics at Cheeloo, I feel there would be every reason to think that you would be warmly welcomed to any one of a number of similar positions elsewhere in China. This view is frankly only a guess, as any prophecy of what is to come must be. Take it for what it is worth.

I am extremely sorry that so much pessimism is coming out of Cheeloo these days. Certainly the crowd there have had plenty of causes for discouragement. There have been so many changes in the administrative staff that it has been impossible to adhere to any settled policy or to build up an effective morale throughout the University. This situation makes it all the more necessary, however, that we speedily get more people back to the field to help out. As a matter of fact Cheeloo is in a good deal better position educationally and financially than some of our other China colleges. The thing it most needs now is a little optimism and a little self-confidence.

I suppose the missionary enterprise will always keep us torn between idealism and practical considerations. It is a serious problem to know just how far one can rightly leave the well being of his family dependent on what the future may hold. It takes a great deal of faith in the future, in China, and most of all in the ultimate triumph of the Christian enterprise there to go back to any of our universities in these days with one's wife and small children, who will have to be provided for and educated over the next two decades. I suppose that each generation of missionaries would rise up and say that it has had to face the same underlying problems regardless of what the differing details may have been.

We all certainly hope that you and Mrs. Harkness will soon be back on the Cheeloo campus, not only helping with the work of instruction but helping to bolster up the morale of the rest of the crowd. I will do all I can to represent to the mission boards cooperating in the universities, the problems and difficulties of those whom they are sending out to the universities.

Very cordially yours,

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Shantung Christian University

April 21, 1930

Professor H. W. Harkness,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

My dear Harkness:

Dr. Armstrong has very kindly sent me a copy of a letter he wrote you on April 16 relative to your return to Cheeloo.

I am sending along this personal note to assure you of the eagerness with which everyone is looking forward to your return to the Cheeloo campus. I am convinced that ninety per cent of the difficulties the Arts College has encountered during the past twelve months has had its origin in the fact that so many of you who have kept the work of the Arts College going forward from year to year are at this time absent from the field. If you, Lair, and Smith had been on the campus this fall I believe you could have done much to keep the situation under control and to keep the Arts College going forward. If the three of you, together with a few other recruits now in sight are all to be on the campus in the fall, I am confident that the work will reopen in good shape, and will go forward in a satisfactory manner even though it may be pretty difficult for all of you until things get re-established and shaken down into orderly fashion once more.

All the correspondence we have had from the field during recent months has indicated that you are more urgently needed than ever to head up the work in Phycis and to share, as far as your time will permit, in the more general activities of the campus. The years you have spent here in America have made you the more invaluable for the work at Cheeloo.

Dr. Armstrong discusses at some length the financial problems of the United Church of Canada - was there ever a Mission Board that was not in financial difficulties, - but from the tone of his letter I am led to hope that they will be able to arrange to resume your support and send you out to the field this summer. Obviously it is to the interest of your board and of the University to keep you with us even from a purely financial standpoint, even though it may require some difficult juggling of estimates for the current year to accomplish such a result. It would cost your Mission Board and the University many thousands of dollars in cash, as well as a good many years tedious waiting and experimentation, to find and train anyone else to carry on your work at the University. I know Dr. Srmastrong recognizes this fact and is anxious to have you go back to the University at the earliest possible date.

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We are having a meeting of the North American Section of the Cheeloo Board here in New York on Friday of this week. I certainly wish that we could persuade you and Mrs.Harkness to be with us. We have been discussing the possibility of getting together some of the Cheeloo staff for a luncheon ~~or~~ dinner ~~after~~ the board meeting. It is still uncertain whether we can get together a sufficient group to make such a gathering worth while. There are a large number of Cheeloo people scattered around within a few hours of New York City but all of them are so busy it is difficult to get any considerable number together at any one time.

I believe that you and Mrs.Harkness still have the lantern slides I sent you some months ago, do you not? We occasionally have use for this material, so I would be glad to have it on hand here in the office when you have finished with it.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Caside

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Shantung Christian University

May 14, 1930

Mrs. H. W. Harkness,
110 Columbia Avenue,
Westmount, Que., Can.

My dear Mrs. Harkness:

In a letter I sent your honorable husband about a fortnight ago I inquired whether you still have the box of stereopticon slides I sent you last fall. Thus far I have had no reply, but knowing how busy Harkness is just at this time of the year, I have not felt critically inclined.

If you still have the slides and do not need them any more I would appreciate it if you would send them back at your convenience. I occasionally have need for the material, and just at the present time I promised a group of young people in our church at Elizabeth that I would show them these slides within a few weeks time.

If you have returned the slides will you please send me a note as to when and how they were sent? Possibly they may have gone back to the Presbyterian Board by mistake. It is even conceivable that they were delivered to our Central Office and put in the storeroom somewhere without my knowing of their arrival.

We are all very much disturbed over the rumors that you and Mr. Harkness may not be able to return to Cheeloo this fall. There was never a time when you have been so urgently needed. I am hoping to see Mr. Harkness either here or in New Haven sometime during the present month and will try to impress this fact upon him.

I am addressing this to you in Montreal in the theory that you have not come to New Haven with Mr. Harkness. If, however, you are with him at Yale I certainly hope that we will have an opportunity to see you while you are so near. Margaret is very anxious to see you again, and we might persuade you to come over to Elizabeth.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Caside

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Shantung Christian University

June 6, 1930

Mrs.H.W.Harkness,
6720 Sherbrooke St. W.,
Montreal, Can.

My dear Mrs.Harkness:

I was very glad to receive your letter of June 2 and to learn of your new address, for I have been wondering for some weeks where you were living.

I called up a number of places to ascertain what special living arrangements Miss Miller may be able to make during the week she is here in New York. The Martha Washington Hotel, 29 East 29th St., is the conventional place for ladies traveling alone to spend a few days in New York. One can get a weekly rate on rooms without bath at from twelve to thirteen dollars and a half; and for rooms with bath at from fifteen dollars up.

The Y.W.C.A. also has a number of residential hotels and apartments. The Laura Spelman Hall, 607 Hudson Street, charges \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day without any reduction for a week's stay. The Margaret Louisa, 14 East 16th Street, costs slightly more; I believe their minimum rate is \$1.65 per day. Tatham ^{Place}, 138 East 38th Street, has about the same rates, I believe. Any of these four places would be fairly central in location. There are, of course, any number of arrangements a young woman would be able to make for a week's stay in New York if she were well enough acquainted here to know how to proceed. It is quite difficult, however, for a young woman without friends here in the city to make arrangements that would be much cheaper than those suggested above.

I know that Margaret would be very happy to meet Miss Miller while she is here if we could arrange such a meeting. As a matter of fact, we would be happy to have Miss Miller spend the week with us were it not for the fact that our place in Elizabeth is a little too far from the center of things to fit in with Miss Miller's convenience. Also, we will sail for England on June 21 or June 22 to attend meetings of the Cheeloo and the West China Board of Governors and to spend a few weeks on the Continent afterward. I suppose that there is no chance that Miss Miller may be traveling on the same steamers as ourselves. Margaret with her sister and another young woman friend will be sailing on the Samaria June 21. I am sailing on the Berengaria June 22. I am sorry that we have had to split up our party but it seems that we have not been able to make any more satisfactory arrangement because we were unable to get accommodations for all of us on the Berengaria which arrives in England in time for the

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Cheeloo meeting. The Samaria is a slower boat which does not arrive until a little too late for me to get to London at a safe time in advance of the meeting.

Margaret is quite busy this week getting our young daughter through a healthy case of measles. Jean usually does things in a whole-hearted manner, and her measles are no exception to the rule. She has been quite sick for the last two days, but was feeling much more chipper this morning when I left.

We are all profoundly distressed over the news that you and Mr.Harkness may not return to Cheeloo. Both here and on the field we have been counting on you as among the chief pillars of the work in Arts and Science. If we should lose you, along with Adolph and several of the others who have already been lost, I am genuinely afraid that the whole structure of the work in Arts and Science may come tumbling down about our heads. We appreciate the tremendous difficulty of deciding in favor of return to such a disturbing and uncertain state of affairs as one meets in China in these days, but we have been hoping that you and Mr.Harkness would be able to return in spite of all the difficulties involved. I certainly hope that you have not yet decided finally against return. Mr.Harkness sent me a brief note on May 30 accompanying a wonderfully fine letter he wrote to Dr.Shields on that same day, setting forth the reasons why he feels you will not be able to return to Cheeloo. It seems to me that some of the factors which have probably had the greatest weight in influencing your decision can and should be remedied.

For some months I have been trying to find what has become of the set of lantern slides we sent you last fall. So far as I have been able to ascertain, they were not returned to our office. Do you, by any chance, still have these slides, or were they in some way lost in transit, or misplaced after arriving here? Possibly they might have been delivered to the Methodist Board in this building, or the Presbyterian Board across the street. It is even conceivable that they were returned to our office and put away in the storeroom somewhere without my knowing of their arrival. I would appreciate it if you would give me any information that you can. I have had several occasions to use this material during the last few months and will probably have calls for the slides from time to time in future.

Margaret joins me in all good wishes.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Carver

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Mcdonald Physics Laboratory,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q., Canada,
June 29th., 1928.

Dear Garside,

Many thanks for your letter and returned correspondence. I am sorry about the mistake. The fact is that with Boards, Missions, Unuversities etc. I'm so dizzy, I really don't know where I belong or who my boss is. I shall be glad to receive the news from Tsinan and shall hope it is favorable to my remaining another year.

With kind regards to Mrs. Garside and yourself, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Harold W. Harkness

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P.S. Until further notice, please address me as above.

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Madonait Physics Laboratory,
McGill University,
Montreal, P. Q., Canada,
June 25th, 1928.

Dear Garbida,

Very sorry for your letter and
correspondence. I am sorry about the
fact is that with Garbida, Montreal, P. Q., Canada,
I'm so busy. I really don't know where I belong
who my home is. I would like to reply to you
from this and shall hope it is favorable to
remaining another year.

With kind regards to Mrs. Garbida,
self, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Garbida

Until further notice, please address

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THE MACDONALD PHYSICS LABORATORY

July 4th., 1929.

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Dear Garside,

In the autumn, some time in October I believe, I am addressing the Teachers' Association of the Province of Quebec on "Some Problems of the Physics Teacher in China". In this connection they have asked me if we have any moving pictures of educational interest. As it will be a good opportunity to get ourselves before an intelligent audience I said I would find out from you what you had, and what the possibility was of using it. Would you at your convenience let me know what moving pictures we have and whether they would be available at that time.

Your letter in reply to mine of June 17th. was received today and I must thank you for taking the time and thought to reply so carefully. When I analyse my wishes for the future I think it is quite clear that I have but one ambition viz. to do what I can to put my department at Cheeloo on the map. It seems a great pity that I should chuck that for no other reason than fear of the future. The danger of doing so is imminent just the same, particularly as just now there are ample opportunities for attractive university work in Canada.

My work is going nicely with no lack of variety in experience, - high school teaching, university teaching, research and formal study. My summer's holiday consists in doing a job of research out in the Quebec woods for the Quebec Forest Products Association - and doing some fishing on my own! My family left yesterday for the country. Kind regards you all.

Sincerely yours,

Harold W. Harkness

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THE MACDONALD PHYSICS LABORATORY

July 4th, 1929

Dear Sirs,

In the subject, some time in October I believe, I am
addressing the Teachers' Association of the Province of Quebec
on "Some Principles of the Physics Teacher in Canada". In this
connection they have asked me if we have any other subjects of
educational interest. As it will be a most important one
concerning the intelligent student I am in a position to
put from you what you feel, and what the general public of
it. Would you be so good as to let me know what
subjects we take and what they will be available in
this.

Your letter in reply to mine of the 17th has
received. I must thank you for the interest in
the subject and for the reply. I am sorry that I
cannot do more for you at this time. I am
very glad to hear that you are interested in
it. I am sure that the subject is one that
will be of great interest to you. I am
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Macdonald Physics Laboratory,
McGill University, Montreal,
June 17th., 1929.

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Dear Garside,

Some months ago in connection with my return to Tsinan, Dr. Armstrong sent me a copy of part of a letter of yours to him in which you speak in rather shocked terms about the number of men who are leaving the University indefinitely or permanently and hence urge the necessity of my return.

This gives me the opportunity to bring to your attention a matter which I am surprised the Boards at home have never ventilated sufficiently. I ~~may~~ ^{may} of course be quite wrong, not being familiar with the situation, if so I retract. I hope you will take this letter in the spirit in which it is written. I have the best interests of Chee Loo at heart.

The reasons why men - Westerners of course - are leaving the University vary of course. But it seems to me that at present they center round one point, which when stripped of all camouflage is simply that a position on the staff at Tsinan is too precarious. Sentiment is strongly in favor of filling positions with well trained Chinese, and rightly so. I am in HEARTY ACCORD, there are few if any who are not. To have any other point of view simply does not make sense. But suppose five years hence a competent Chinese should be found to take charge of the Physics Department. To be sure, I should be most happy to go on working under him. I do not seek leadership, give me a chance to go on and teach and work with the students and I am quite happy, but that is only one side of it. The University may feel that I have become unnecessary, it may not be possible while a Westerner is in the department to secure a Chinese for the Directorship. One can't go on and do

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efficient work when he knows that he is a fifth wheel.

This brings one face to face with the problem of coming home and looking for a position. I have gone through it and I know what it is like. I don't want to do it again. Five years hence, with approaching age things would be bad, ten years hence almost hopeless. It is quite different having a position here where one always accumulates experience which stands one in good stead and where one can easily keep good and useful contacts. But experience in China is quite discounted here. It goes for nothing practically.

I do not think I am spinning a "yarn". I know there are men now in Tsinan who would do much better work if their future were assured. They feel that it is only a matter of a short time till they will be considered unnecessary. You simply can't ask men to work under those conditions. I have letters now from friends in China upon whose judgement I can rely - not alone in the University - who tell me quite frankly not to return to China unless I am in a better position five or ten years hence of getting a position at home than I am now. This may seem a very crude point of view for one whose work demands the optimum of idealism, but unfortunately in this rotten world the "damned guinea" must be earned.

I should be interested to know how much the Boards sense the situation. I know the case is more easily stated than dealt with. Please don't misunderstand this letter. It is not a complaint of injustice upon the part of the Home Boards. Speaking for my own Board they are eminently just and fair. But do the Boards know that the men in the China Colleges are working under the handicap of this worry?

Chee Loo from this distance often seems to me to be going to pieces. Perhaps I am not closely enough in touch with them. Of course McRRae's loss was a blow. They lack leadership. Personal letters I receive are full of the worry I have just now tried to express. Is there not some way of reassuring men upon the staff that someone is behind them and will stay there? Something which

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would remove the paralysing influences of fear from the minds of the men and make them more efficient and useful. It would put new life into the whole School.

If you think this is something which should not be talked about, why you probably have a wastepaper basket! I feel that I can write to you more frankly than to anyone else associated with the Board, hence you are the "goat"!

With kind regards, as ever,

Yours sincerely,

Harold W. Harkness

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of the men and make them more efficient and useful. It would put
new life into the whole school.

If you think this is something which should not be talked
about, why you probably have a wastepaper basket! I feel that I
can write to you more frankly than to anyone else associated with
the Board, hence you are the "leaf!"

With kind regards, as ever,

Yours sincerely,

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May 30th., 1930

My dear Garside,

Many thanks indeed for your kind letter regarding my return to Tsinan. I had already asked Dr. Armstrong to cable my resignation. To have it suggested that I might have some ideas about raising my own salary after two years of training at my own expense in which all my capital has evaporated was too much for me.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Shields. If you see Smith please thank him for his kind letter to me and give him my regards.

I was in New Haven for a fortnight in May and hoped to have gone to N.Y. and seen you, but I was so frightfully busy I could not get away.

Very sincerely yours,

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Macdonald Physics Laboratory
McGill University, Montreal
May 30th, 1930.

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Dr. R. T. Shields
President Cheeloo University,
Tsinan, Shantung, China.

Dear Dr. Shields:

Due to pressure of work I have postponed writing to you in detail regarding my resignation. I think it only fair that I should make my reasons quite clear to the University. Dr. Armstrong has no doubt communicated my resignation to you.

In the first place I hope the University will clearly understand that my resignation has nothing whatever to do with present or future caotic conditions in China. That has never appreciably affected the matter. I have not lost my interest in the School, but on the contrary I believe as much as ever in the future possibilities of Cheeloo and other similar institutions. Indeed you know already that it is the only type of missionary work in which I believe. It is to me a matter of great regret that I shall not be associated with the future development of the university. I have perhaps put into Cheeloo the best years of my life, I found it practically without a Physics department at all and I left one of the best teaching college laboratories in China. I do not need to refer to the other phases of the university development with which I have been associated. So much of my life has gone into Cheeloo that I know you will believe that I do not take my present action without very serious consideration.

During the course of my correspondence with the University since 1927, I called particular attention to the unsatisfactory relation existing between the University and the missions. In my own case this resulted in an impossible situation in the spring and summer of 1928. I pointed out that unless this situation was rectified I did not care to return. Now the University has not encouraged me to think that anything will be done to improve matters.

Another point is that I returned to Canada in 1927 determined to put myself into the best possible position academically with the feeling that up to that time I had been deprived of fair opportunities of study because of my overgenerous consideration for the wishes of the university administration in 1922. I was also aware, as indeed the university was, that the standard of the staff at Cheeloo (Medical as well as Arts and Science) was much lower than it should be in view of registration with the government. It was too low from every point of view. This has been poignantly demonstrated in your failure to secure complete registration. I was particularly sensitive about my own shortcomings and both the university and the Board admitted the advisability of my remaining at home to study. But in 1928 the only support the Board offered was their pious resolutions. At the China end the C.M.B. refused point blank, upon no clear grounds, to grant me a fellowship. Appeals at home to Church and Y.M.C.A. organizations for assistance or work were met in a way which was just short of rudeness. This, in addition to my correspondence with the university and the Board should convince anyone of my wish to retain the closest relation with China.

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Upon the otherhand, I have had the heartiest support from Canadian Schools, McGill University and through them from the National Research Councils. It is rightly pointed out to me now that I have obligations to education in my own country. I foresaw this in 1928 and the University and the Board should have foreseen it. I ask you to seriously consider the position in which I find myself.

Finally and perhaps not the least of my reasons is associated with the unsatisfactory position in which Westerns in educational work in China are placed today. There is no reason why I should go into detail, you know the situation as well as I do. It is right and proper, that when competent Chinese can be found they should be given positions in preference to Westerners. This means that no member of the staff can consider himself a fixture. His duty is really to make himself dispensable as soon as possible. This is the doctrine which has been preached by administrators in China for the last five years, at least. One must then face the possibility of a return, either by graceful retirement or ignominious expulsion, to the West at any time within the next decade let us say, The worry of this is crippling the work of many on the staffs of colleges in China today.

Over a year ago I wrote fully to Mr. Garside about this situation and spoke quite frankly of my own reaction to it. He replied by a most considerate and thoughtful letter in which he showed his complete knowledge of the situation. Yet Mr. Garside felt that the Boards would or could do nothing about it. How can men work contentedly and effectively upon less than a living wage with the possibility of a necessary permanent return home in five, ten or fifteen years. They would return without capital and out of touch with institutions at home. I write with feelings! I have just been through the experience of regaining, in part, my position at home and it has been most unpleasant. We have all suffered, perhaps Mrs. Harkness most of all.

In addition to the possibility of one's period of usefulness in China terminating, there is the precarious financial position in which the mission boards are today placed. I do not believe that this is temporary. I have lived for three years in an atmosphere quite apart from churches and missions and I have learned something of what intelligent people think. There is not any interest or confidence in missions as present popularly understood, practiced by the churches. These are all thoughtful and charitably minded people with wide human interests which are fundamentally Christian. I am not quoting from the crank or the cynic. The people whose opinion I refer to are interested in China, in internationalism and in the welfare of the world from a truly Christian point of view. They are keenly interested in institutions such as Cheeloo and Yenching when they understand what we are doing through these for international Christian understanding and service. If these institutions are to survive and retain the confidence and interest of the West they must make a new and an independent appeal based upon a programme of education - we have had enough propaganda of half truths - in which some of our Chinese leaders should play a prominent part.

To sum up, the reasons why I feel I cannot return to China, now at least, are-

- (1) The unsatisfactory relations to missions on the field, This involves the uncertainty as to movement and responsibility of the staff, makes regular furlough for study at periods of four or five years uncertain and tends to keep salaries at too low a level to live at Tsinan.

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- (2) My clear obligation to the institutions which have assisted me during the last three years.
- (3) Fear of the future in view of the termination of one's period of usefulness in China and lack of confidence in the Boards at home.

If anything I have said will help to emphasize the necessity of action which will relieve the western members of the staff from unnecessary worry because of the uncertainty of their future I shall feel that my resignation has been worth it.

Please believe that I shall do what little I can to interest people in Cheeloo.

Convey to the staff my sincere good wishes and profound admiration.

Ever sincerely yours,

Harold W. Harkness.

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