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HOUSTON, TEXAS, Dec. 7, 1923-
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Dr. J. E. Williams,
150- 5th Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Williams:-

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No employe is authorized to bind the Company by guarantees of any sort whatsoever. The only guarantees that we will recognize are those written, and duly signed by an officer of our Company.

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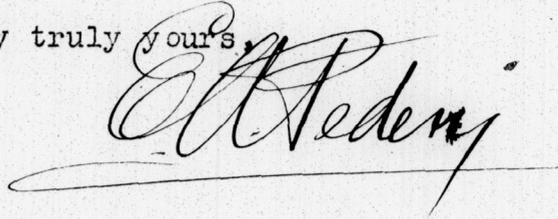
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J.E.W.

Thanking you in advance for your early response,
I beg to remain,

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Very truly yours,

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(Signed) E. A. Peden

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DR J E WILLIAMS

150 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK NY

REFERRING MY LETTER SEVENTH DECEMBER SEVERAL IMPORTANT CAMPAIGNS
IN PROGRESS HERE NOW IN ADDITION TO THOSE MENTIONED IN FOURTH
PARAGRAPH IF ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION WILL EXTEND PROPOSITION THROUGH
NEXT YEAR FEEL CERTAIN OFFER CONFERENCE TODAY WITH DOZEN FRIENDS CAN
RAISE TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS KINDLY INVESTIGATE AND TELEGRAPH
PROMPTLY MENTIONING WHAT FOUR DENOMINATIONS ARE REPRESENTED IN
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL NANKING

E A PEDEN.

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Methodist Board of Foreign Missions.

X Night Letter

December 10, 1923.

Mr. E. A. Peden, President,
Peden Iron & Steel Company,
Houston, Texas.

LETTER AND TELEGRAM RECEIVED TODAY WRITING WITH FULL INFORMATION
BANK CAN YOU SECURE BONA FIDE PLEDGES FOR THE AMOUNT MATURING
NINETEEN TWENTY FOUR NOT LATER THAN APRIL FIRST NINETEEN TWENTY
FIVE IF SO I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN SECURE EXTENSION WIRE
REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER DATA IS IN HAND

Charge: Univ. of Nanking.

J. E. Williams

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December 10, 1923.

Mr. E. A. Peden, President,
Peden Iron & Steel Company,
Houston, Texas.

My dear Mr. Peden,

Your letter and Night Letter were received this morning. The Trustees of the University met this afternoon and approved my taking up negotiations with the China Medical Board of the Rockefeller Foundation for extension of time on the basis of what you and your friends can do in Houston.

I am mailing two copies of Hospital Reports for 1921 and 1922, which will give you the personnel of the missions, also copy of catalogue of the University of Nanking, which will indicate the organization and personnel. The churches involved in the University Hospital are the Southern Presbyterians, Northern Presbyterians, Disciples or Christian, and Northern Methodists. The Southern Methodists are in the Theological Seminary at Nanking, but not in the Hospital.

You will note that the proposition expires on the 31st of December; however, I am confident that with your letter and telegram we can secure an extension of time. Before asking for an extension, I would like to have the basis of extension from you. Since I have had the negotiations with the China Medical Board of the Rockefeller Foundation, I am venturing the proposed plan as a basis for the request of extension; namely, that you and your friends might pledge the amount so that we can close the agreement within the date, but with the understanding that payments would be made during 1924. Could you undertake it in this way, - \$10,000 within the first six months, \$10,000 within the second six months and the balance within the first quarter of 1925?

My Night Letter is in accord with the paragraph in your letter.

The Rockefeller Foundation will be having a Committee Meeting about Christmas time, and we should have our matter in shape before that time so that they can take action on it. If you can undertake a proposition of that sort, I am confident that we can secure an extension and carry out the plan. In any case you could know positively and finally by the 28th of December. As soon as you have the matter in hand, I hope you will wire me.

2 - Mr. E. A. Peden

12/10/23

I was delighted to receive your letter and telegram, and to know of your deep interest, and I can realize how much it will mean to Dr. Hutcheson as Superintendent of the Hospital to have such a gift from his old friends in Houston. I might also add that the former Superintendent of our Hospital, Dr. Sloan of the Southern Presbyterian Church, was called to be Superintendent of the Union Medical Schools Hospital in Peking. The University Hospital at Nanking, under Dr. Hutcheson's leadership, is regarded as one of the very finest medical institutions in China. In order that you might know the constituencies that the Hospital serves, I hope you can read over their last report. It is a wonderful work. I have been in it from the beginning with the doctors and no part of our missionary work holds me more than the work of the Hospital. It touches all classes in Nanking from the highest officials to the poorest coolie that is left as drift-wood along the public highway. It ministers to all alike, and it ministers every day and every hour of every day throughout the whole year.

Awaiting your further word, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Vice-President.

JEW:LB

P.S. I am enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Greene, Director of the China Medical Board, to Mr. Scott, who was Acting Treasurer of our Trustees, giving the exact proposition. However, I have been in touch with the Director today, and am assured that I can have an extension if we can make a definite proposition along the lines I suggest.

J. E. W.

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DR J E WILLIAMS ■0583

150 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK NY

TELEGRAM RECEIVED FEEL SURE CAN SECURE THE PLEDGES AS YOU
SUGGEST PROVIDED WE CAN BE ALLOWED TO WAIT TO SOLICIT SAME
UNTIL EARLY NEXT YEAR AFTER THE SEVERAL CURRENT LARGE CAMPAIGNS
AND THE HOLIDAYS ARE FAR ENOUGH BEHIND US EARNESTLY HOPE YOU CAN
ARRANGE THIS AND TELEGRAPH ME

E A PEDEN.

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

December 14, 1923.

Mr. E. A. Peden, President,
 Peden Iron & Steel Company,
 Houston, Texas.

WE ARE ASSURED EXTENSION ONE YEAR BUT THEY REQUIRE STATEMENT ~~STOP~~
 MONEY IN HAND ~~STOP~~ DEFINITE PLEDGES ~~STOP~~ PROSPECTS TO REPORT TO
 THEIR MEETING WHICH MUST OFFICIALLY DECIDE PLEASE REPORT ANY
 AMOUNTS IN HAND OR PLEDGES AND COMPLETE CANVASS AFTER HOLIDAYS
 I SHOULD SEND STATEMENT TO THEM EARLY NEXT WEEK

J. E. WILLIAMS

*Dr. Williams sent this out
 after I had gone home; this
 is copy taken from his
 long hand. L. S. B.*

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Rec'd Dec. 21/23

HOUSTON, TEXAS,

Dec. 18, 1923-
#8-JJS

Dr. John E. Williams, Vice-Prest.,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Williams: 0

I am very much obliged indeed for your letter of Dec. 10th, and also your telegram 14th inst., in response to which I am telegraphing you tonight, as follows:

"Have in hand binding pledges seven thousand dollars. If extension Rockefeller Foundation proposition is granted as requested feel reasonably certain can secure balance during first quarter next year payable as suggested your letter tenth instant. Kindly telegraph result your efforts. Anxious to cable Doctor Hutcheson this week".

As indicated in my previous messages and my letter of Dec. 7th, there are so many campaigns for money in progress now, that it is virtually impossible to do anything further with this matter until after New Years; however I have in hand already, in bona fide pledges, that are absolutely good, \$7000.00, and in my judgment additional pledges for the balance of the amount involved can be secured during the first three months of 1924, the entire amount to be made payable as suggested in the third paragraph of your letter of Dec. 10th, namely \$10,000.00 during the first six months, \$10,000.00 during the second six months of 1924, and the balance during the first quarter of 1925. At least, I will make an earnest effort with certain relatives and friends of Dr. Allen Hutcheson to secure these results before April 1st next, provided you succeed in securing the extension requested of the Rockefeller Foundation proposition.

As mentioned in my message, please be kind enough to telegraph me as soon as your efforts in this direction are completed, because we are quite anxious to send a cablegram to Dr. Hutcheson this week. If we wait until Monday to cable him, he will, I fear, not get it by Christmas.

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Dr. J . E. Williams.

It is most gratifying to have your personal assurances regarding the splendid accomplishments of the University Hospital at Nanking, under Dr. Hutcheson's leadership, and to know that it is one of the very finest Medical Institutions in China. Dr. Hutcheson's relatives will also enjoy reading these assurances from you.

Hoping that you may find it convenient to telegraph me the latter part of this week, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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E. A. Pedery

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HOUSTON, TEXAS,

Dec. 22, 1923-
#9-JJS

Dr. John E. Williams, V.P.,
University of Nanking,
150- Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Williams:-

In response to my letter and telegram of Dec. 18th, I received yesterday your telegram, which I have interpreted as follows:

"Executive Rockefeller Board assures me extension of time as proposed, meeting and official action on twenty eighth, you can cable Hutcheson total sum pledges. I will cable him by code Saturday explaining more fully this and another matter. What a fine Christmas for them and us and I hope for you."

This is very satisfactory. My associates and I will await with much interest your further report, after the official action of the Rockefeller Board, to be taken on Dec. 28th.

Wishing you and yours an exceptionally Merry Christmas and the best of New Years, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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E. A. Peden
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December 26, 1923.

Mr. E. A. Peden, President,
Peden Iron & Steel Company,
Houston, Texas.

My dear Mr. Peden,

Your Night Letter telegram of December 18 gave me just the information I needed to conclude the conference and negotiations with the executives of the China Medical Board of the Rockefeller Foundation, so I telegraphed you on the night of the 20th, as per enclosed. There was a mistake in transcribing the telegram so we had to send the correction on the 21st so as to make it read correctly.

The plan proposed and agreed to by you was entirely satisfactory to the China Medical Board, and Miss Eggleston who is Associate Director with Mr. Greene of the China Medical Board. A regular official meeting of the executives will be held on the 28th when formal action will be taken. We have every reason to expect that the meeting will make formal and official the assurances already given us. We cabled Dr. Hutcheson on Saturday as per enclosed.

Dr. Hutcheson doubtless will have written to you in regard to the Foreign Hospital in Nanking. This was a Memorial Hospital given to the foreign community by President and Mrs. Bowen, after the death of their infant son. There was a possibility of disposing this hospital to the Women's Bible Training School at Nanking, and using the funds in rebuilding a ward for the foreign patients at the University Hospital. In despair of not securing the pledge from the China Medical Board of the Rockefeller, Dr. Hutcheson thought it would be wiser to offer these funds, if they could be secured from the Foreign Hospital, in order to claim the full amount. This would be, however, to his mind and his colleagues a counsel of desperation rather than a desirable plan. When he is assured by our cable and your cable, he will be most happy to plan for the transfer and rebuilding of the Foreign Hospital at the Drum Tower or University site. The purport of my cable to him was that we might hold the Foreign Hospital funds for further negotiations with the China Medical Board. It is the hope of the Trustees of the University that the China Medical Board will further duplicate these funds for the building of the special ward or building for foreign patients. Earlier assurances from Mr. Greene on this line make us quite confident that this can be done. With the guarantee of the whole amount to claim

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the \$27,000 Gold or \$45,000 Mex. from the China Medical Board, we are in the best position to take up negotiations for an additional grant for the further development of the Hospital for foreigners. Dr. Hutcheson and his staff are going to be secure, through your generous gifts, in the development of a rounded out and very complete Hospital and equipment and they will be enabled to continue and improve the very exceptional medical service which they have been rendering in Nanking.

Further word should be written in regard to the Foreign Hospital. Because Nanking is the center of communications by water through the great Yangste River and the railways north and south, and the main trunk from Shanghai to Peking, a great many missionaries from all parts of the interior come to the Hospital for special medical care and treatment. They used to be cared for in the little Memorial Hospital which was situated nearly two miles away from the University Hospital. This involved a great tax, especially upon our doctors, although it fell too upon the nurses, - maternity cases and special accidents or desperate sicknesses breaking in upon the doctors' sleep. With the Foreign Hospital building in connection as a ward of our University Hospital, our nurses could have full care of the patients and our doctors would only be a few steps away in any time of emergency, so that they could regularly sleep in their own beds and consequently be relieved from a great amount of unusual strain.

Mr. Greene, Director of the China Medical Board, has been out on a visit to China, and will be returning to New York early in January when we can take up the matter with him.

Dr. Hutcheson and his staff could not have a happier Christmas than the announcement of what your cable would bring to them. You are not only doing a great service to Dr. Hutcheson and the University Hospital but you are helping the Trustees and myself at a critical time in financing the University.

With most cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

JEW:LB
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December 29, 1923.

Mr. E. A. Peden, President,
Peden Iron & Steel Co.,
Houston,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Peden,

Your letter of the 22d is received
this morning.

I have just had a conversation
with the Executive of the China Medical Board and
am informed that they took formal and official
action approving the plan which we proposed, so
this is final and complete assurance at this end
that we have the extension of time.

I am leaving today for Indianapolis
and shall some time later go to St. Louis and
Kansas City. If it would help in your plans I
might run down to Houston. However, you probably
have the matter so fully in hand that you would
not need any assistance.

Wishing you the best of New Years,
I remain

Sincerely yours,

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HOUSTON, TEXAS,

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Dear Dr. Williams:-

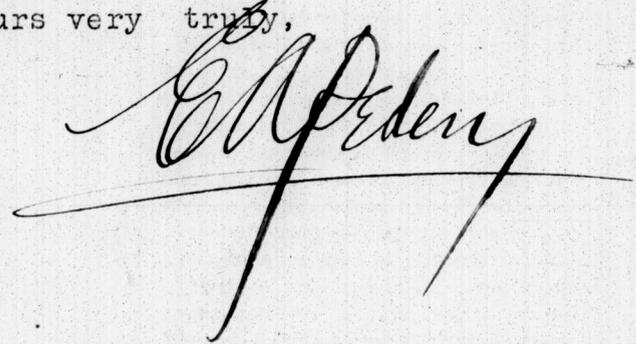
Please pardon my delay in replying to your letter of Dec. 29th. It was passed on to one of my associates, and was delayed in getting back to me.

I am telegraphing you tonight, as per confirmation enclosed, and hope it is not too late for you to run on down to Houston from St. Louis or Kansas City. Am sure your visit here would be of great help to the cause, and trust you will wire me a few days in advance just when to expect you.

Will you kindly advise me in whose favor checks and vouchers for this fund should be made out? Naturally we want them to be made so that they will be deductible in connection with our income tax returns, in order that these contributions will be exempt from taxes.

Yours very truly,

EAP:
Enc.



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DR JOHN E WILLIAMS

150 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK NY

REFERRING YOUR LETTER DECEMBER TWENTY NINTH IF YOU CAN
CONVENEINTLY VISIT HOUSTON BELIEVE IT WOULD GREATLY HELP THE
CAUSE IF COMING ADVISE WHEN WE MAY EXPECT YOU

E. A. PEDEN.

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Copy

February 13, 1924.

Mr. E. A. Peden, President,
Peden Iron & Steel Co.,
Houston, Texas.

My dear Mr. Peden,

I had expected to see you before this because I had very much desired to go to Houston before returning to New York. It was not possible for me to get away while in the West and I had to come back to New York on the account of the illness of my oldest daughter, Faith, who will have to undergo an operation at the Presbyterian Hospital within a week.

I have received a couple of letters from Dr. Hutcheson, raising a number of questions which he would like to have me go over very fully with you and your friends and his friends. He sent me a copy of a letter he wrote to you. I feel that it would be of great advantage to go over the whole situation, particularly with maps and pictures to visualize as far as possible the work being done and the plans for the development of the work.

All gifts and pledges could be made to Mr. Russell Carter, Treasurer of the Trustees, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, or to Mr. L. B. Moss, Assistant Executive Secretary and Treasurer, 150 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. Mr. Russell Carter is also Treasurer of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

You will be gratified to know that the China Medical Board, through Mr. Roger Greene, will make payments as our pledges are paid and they are eager to make them as early as we make possible for them to pay in on that condition.

With these gifts for new buildings and equipment, and the possibility of rebuilding the Foreign Hospital at the Drum Tower site with the funds realized from the old Foreign Hospital, it is going to be possible for Dr. Hutcheson and his colleagues to have a very complete and very well adapted scheme of buildings and equipment for their work. They will be inexpensive but thoroughly firstclass in their appointments, and with the staff that Dr. Hutcheson has associated with him, they will be able to continue and improve the wonderful service they have rendered at Nanking.

As soon as I am free from New York I shall be going out West again, and shall then communicate with you about the time I might go to Houston.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

JEW:LB

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HOUSTON, TEXAS, Feb. 19, 1924-#4-JJS

Dr. John E. Williams, V.P.,
University of Nanking,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Williams:-

From your letter of Feb. 13th, I am distressed to learn of the illness of your oldest daughter, and hasten to express the hope that she will undergo the operation successfully, and soon be on the road to prompt and permanent recovery.

I am pleased to know that as soon as you are free from New York, you will be going West again, and will then communicate with me about the best date to reach Houston.

From letters received from Dr. Hutcheson and some of his Chinese associates, it seems that they have gotten the impression that the total sum has been actually raised or positively pledged by me and my friends. Such, however, is not the case. Only about \$7000.00 has been actually pledged, and I agreed to undertake to raise the balance, as you are aware. However, I have been so absorbed with the German Relief Work, the Chairmanship of the Port Commission of Houston, and several other very compelling obligations, that it has been impossible for me to give Dr. Hutcheson's matter any attention whatever this year so far, and I am a little inclined to delay the matter now until you can come and put some new enthusiasm into the movement. Will you please advise me at your earliest convenience just when you think you can best arrange to be here.?

I am asking this because it is necessary for me to make a couple of trips in the near future, and I want to arrange my plans so as to meet you when you do come to Houston.

Again expressing the hope that your daughter may soon be improving rapidly, I beg to remain,

EAP: *Copy of this has been sent to Dr. Hutcheson.* Sincerely yours,



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February 25, 1924.

Mr. E. A. Peden, President,
Peden Iron & Steel Co.,
Houston,
Texas.

My dear Mr. Peden,

Your letter of February 19 received this morning.

Our daughter, Faith, was operated upon at the Presbyterian Hospital on Tuesday of last week. The operation was perfectly successful and she is getting along finely, and the doctors assure her that she is going to have perfect health.

As I wrote you previously, I am eager to visit you in Houston and do anything I can to stimulate the interest of the friends who are cooperating with you on the Hospital project. I have several letters from Dr. Hutcheson and he is a bit anxious because he had drawn conclusions from the cable that all pledges were in hand, and your letter together with my letter explaining the actual situation in the same terms made him feel a little apprehensive in that he had assumed too much in writing to you. The only difficulty was incident to adapting a code in cable, and his writing was on the basis of the code cable. Our understanding through correspondence and telegrams was perfectly clear and when communicated to the field was perfectly in accord, and you and your friends will understand Dr. Hutcheson's happy anticipation. Our understanding has been just as you wrote in your letter to him and in your letter to me.

I am telegraphing you by Night Letter to learn what dates will be sure to fit in with your plans for me to visit Houston. I am going to Detroit for the 1st to the 5th of March, and can go from there directly to Houston. I have dates in New York on the 14th of March, but if necessary could secure release from those in order to fit in with your plans at Houston. I am sending the enclosed Night Letter because of the long time occupied by letters in going and coming.

I anticipate with keen pleasure meeting you and your friends who are taking such a fine interest in Dr. Hutcheson's work.

Very sincerely yours,

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Copy sent to Dr. Hutcheson

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HOUSTON, TEXAS, Feby. 26, 1924-
#9-JJS

Dr. Jno. E. Williams, Vice-Prest.,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Williams:-

Your telegram received this morning reading
as follows:

"Can I meet you on March sixth, seventh, eighth
and ninth Houston, or would dates from March
nineteenth to twenty-third suit you better?
I expect to be in Detroit March 1st to fifth.
Or suggest what dates would be most convenient
and I shall try accommodate them. Please wire".

After consulting several friends of the Nanking
Hospital here and also Dr. Wm. States Jacobs, I telegraphed you,
day lettergram, as follows:

"Message received. Please come to Houston as suggested
March sixth. Dr. Jacobs, Pastor First Presbyterian
Church authorizes me to invite you to occupy
his pulpit Sunday March ninth. Cordial welcome
awaits you. "

all of which is hereby confirmed.

A very interesting copy of the University of
Nanking Bulletin, containing report of the President and
Treasurer for the year 1922 and '23, reached my desk this morning,
the reading of which will, I am sure, be greatly enjoyed.

We are glad to know that you will be with us
the latter part of next week, and Dr. Jacobs very promptly
volunteered to offer the use of his pulpit for Sunday Mch. 9th
to you, thus giving you a splendid opportunity to present this
worthy cause to the congregation of the First Presbyterian
Church here.

Awaiting with interest your reply, I beg to
remain,

EAP:

Very sincerely yours,

E. A. Peden

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The Houston Post

3-10-24

MISSIONARY WORK OF HOUSTONIAN IS LAUDED IN SPEECH

Nanking U. Official Describes Dr. Hutcheson's Labors

It will be difficult for the people of Houston to realize what an extensive and wonderful work Dr. Allen C. Hutcheson of Houston, medical missionary in China representing the First Presbyterian church of Houston, is doing as the head of the great mission hospital at Nanking, Dr. John E. Williams, vice president of the University of Nanking, said yesterday morning, in the course of an address at the First Presbyterian church.

Dr. Williams is representing the university in America and while in Houston was the guest of E. A. Peden, official member of the First Presbyterian church, and one of the leaders active in supporting both its home and foreign work.

In Nanking Dr. Williams lives next door to Dr. Hutcheson. The hospital over which Dr. Hutcheson presides is under the jurisdiction of the university, and is one of the most important units of the institution, Dr. Williams said. The university is supported jointly by the Northern and Southern Presbyterian, the Methodists, the Northern Baptists and Disciples, and is the greatest educational institution in China.

Dr. Hutcheson has five American doctors and six American nurses besides many Chinese doctors and nurses associated with him in the hospital, and all classes of Chinese are ministered unto, not only in the city of Nanking, with a population of 400,000, but throughout the country for miles around. Many foreigners also come to the hospital for treatment. The work of the hospital is having a great influence in stimulating friendship among the Chinese for Americans, as well as aiding the Chinese to have higher physical standards in their living.

Dr. Hutcheson is a son of Captain J. C. Hutcheson and a brother of Federal Judge J. C. Hutcheson of Houston. He and Mrs. Hutcheson have been supported for a number of years solely by the First Presbyterian church here.

Speaking of the university proper, Dr. Williams said it was incorporated by the regents of the University

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of New York, and the degrees awarded graduates, namely, bachelor of arts and bachelor of science, together with the master degrees, are awarded jointly with the University of New York.

400 in College.

There are more students of college grade in the institution than in any other school in China, more than 400 being enrolled, while there are over 700 in the preparatory department.

Two important departments of the university are the school for missionary training, where many students from Europe and America study the Chinese language, and the Tsinling college for women. The women of America have recently completed a new building for the women's college. The university owns 120 acres of land in the heart of Nanking.

Dr. Williams said that China is now working out the problems of representative government in a peaceful way and will have much to contribute to the world. The Chinese constitute one-fourth of the population of the globe and own the richest natural resources on the earth, he said.

The missionaries have done more than anything else to create the friendship of the Chinese and Americans, and that friendship between the two peoples will have an important bearing on the future peace of the world, he believes. One of the greatest contributions of the university at Nanking is the students it sends out into positions of importance in the educational and governmental worlds, who understand America, and are eager to co-operate with America.

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HOUSTON, TEXAS,

Mch. 12, 1924-
#3-JJS

Dr. J. E. Williams, V.P.,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Williams:-

Referring to our conversation by long distance phone this morning, I beg to enclose letters which are self-explanatory, and also the telegram, which, at your request, I opened and read to you.

Needless to say we tremendously enjoyed having you in our home, and appreciated the assistance you gave us, and the information you furnished regarding the work in Nanking. Will write you more at length at the first opportunity.

With best wishes and hoping to see you in New York this Spring or Summer, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

EAP:

P. Hope your daughter recovers rapidly & permanently.

E.A. Peden

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DRUM TOWER, NANKING, CHINA.

In the Heart of Nanking, the old Southern Capital of China, ~~the~~ the city most loved by the Chinese, is the largest Christian Union Educational enterprise in China.

The Co-operating Missions supporting same are: the Presbyterian, North, the Presbyterian, South, the Baptists, North, the Methodists, North, and the Disciples (Christian).

In 1910, the Christian Missions, at work in Nanking, united their educational work in the University of Nanking. From the small beginning the University has grown to an enrollment of 470 students in Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Agriculture and Forestry, and 710 in Preparatory Courses. All these students pursue their college courses in English, while continuing the study of the Chinese language, literature and philosophy. The students receive the degrees of B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., from the Regents of the University of the State of New York, conjointly with the Trustees of University of Nanking, who are incorporated under the Regents of New York. Students are received from the University of Nanking in to the corresponding classes of Yale, Harvard and Princeton.

The University owns in the heart of Nanking 120 acres of the most commanding site, twenty-four buildings devoted exclusively to education and thirty-four residences for Chinese and American Professors, the present value of ground, University and Hospital being approximately \$700,000.00 The University conducts a Missionary Training Department for the instruction of American Missionaries in their first years of Language study. This department enrolls annually on an average 150 missionaries from United States and Europe. The University, with the co-operation of the Missions and Churches and the China Medical Board of the Rockefeller Foundation, conducts a Hospital and Nursing School - a hospital that treated last year over 37,000 patients in Clinics and 3000 for major surgical operations.

Dr. Allen C. Hutcheson of Houston, Texas, is Superintendent and Chief Surgeon of this Hospital. He has associated with him four American Missionary Surgeons and Physicians, and six American nurses, and a large number of Chinese doctors and nurses.

The University Hospital is the refuge and pride of all in Nanking Chinese and foreign community, and treats equally the highest, as the Military and Civil Governors, as well as the humblest Coolies. The whole staff, Chinese and American, meet daily in Chapel and Christian worship. The Hospital conducts its ministry, every day and hour of the whole year, to the bodies, minds and spirits of the most needy. No ministry more completely and effectively carries to the most suffering and needy the spirit and love of our Master.

The Rockefeller Medical Board rates the Scientific work of the Hospital as the finest and highest in China, and has contributed to the Hospital \$9250.00 annually since 1916, and \$25,000.00 toward building and equipment. They will continue their annual grants and in addition contribute another \$27,000.00 for a Women's Hospital and Nurses' Home, if friends of the Hospital will contribute a like amount. - \$27,000.00

Owing to the lower cost of labor and materials, more than six times the value can be secured for a dollar in building, so that a dollar given will secure an equal amount from the Rockefeller Board, and an actual building value six times more than in the United States.

The friends of Dr. Hutcheson, contributing toward this worthy object, could concentrate their gifts on the special building for women and nurses, the most vital part of the Hospital's work, and name it as a memorial building, as a gift from Texas.

Respectfully.

E. A. PEDEN.

Houston, Texas, March 24. 1924.

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HOUSTON, TEXAS,

April 1, 1924-
#9-JJS

Dr. John E. Williams, Vice-President,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Williams:-

It was my earnest hope and desire, promptly after your visit, to follow up vigorously the matter of soliciting additional funds for the University Hospital at Nanking, but week after week a new combination of circumstances of most unusual character developed, altogether beyond my control, making it absolutely impossible for me to carry out this plan; however, I have been writing some letters and sending out to a few friends the statement you helped me to prepare, copy of which is enclosed herewith. Further efforts along this line are being continued, and I hope to send out a number of similar letters next week.

Meanwhile, time is slipping by, and I expect it is wise for me to send on to you without further delay the contributions so far received. Checks for these are enclosed herewith as follows:

One from Mrs. C. D. Stratton for.	\$ 5.00
One from Mrs. Jno. W. Sanders.	500.00
One from Mrs. M. E. Roberts.	600.00
One from Mr. Benjamin Clayton.	1000.00
One from Mrs. E. A. Peden.	1500.00
and One from myself.	1500.00
making a total of.	\$ 5105.00.

Additional checks from other friends are expected in the near future, and will be sent forward to you without delay.

Am sorry to report that Mr. John Sealy of Galveston declined outright to make a contribution to this cause, and Mr. E. R. Brown of Dallas declined to undertake to raise any money among his friends in that city.

I have made an earnest appeal to a friend of mine who is financially quite strong, in San Antonio, and am hoping for results over there.

Mrs. Peden is now in New York at the Hotel

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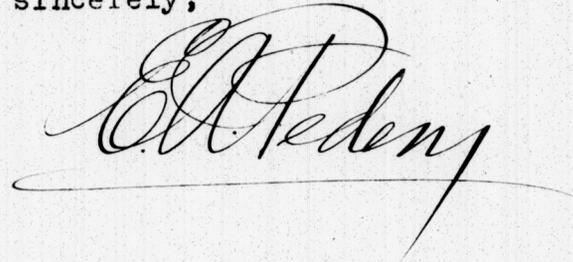
Collingwood with our daughter Stella. The latter is there on her Easter vacation from Wellesley.

Your visit to Houston was a great pleasure to us, and Mrs. Peden and I were particularly delighted to have you as a guest in our own home.

Hoping that your daughter has completely recovered from the operation she underwent just prior to your visit to Houston, and with very best wishes, I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,

EAP:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E.A. Peden", with a horizontal line underneath.

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April 5, 1924.

Mr. E. A. Peden,
Peden Iron & Steel Company,
Houston,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Peden,

Your letter of the 1st enclosing checks for \$5105.00 was received this morning.

I was delighted to learn that Mrs. Peden was in New York with your daughter Stella. I had just secured the telephone number of Hotel Collingwood when I stepped out for a few moments to a brief meeting on the floor, and on my return I found Mrs. Peden and Mrs. Bleker in the office. We had a very pleasant visit and they very kindly took lunch with me at the National Arts Club, after which we had a most interesting time going through the restored home of Theodore Roosevelt with its interesting collections of all kinds of memorials of his life. I was so pleased to have this pleasure of knowing Mrs. Bleker and of having such a pleasant visit with Mrs. Peden.

We do appreciate deeply your remitting this sum with its very generous checks from the friends of Dr. Hutcheson and now our friends and the friends of the University. I have written immediately to Mr. Roger Greene asking the China Medical Board for a like amount in order that the funds may be remitted promptly to China.

We hope to see your daughter Stella too during her vacation. You will be pleased to know that our daughter Faith is making a splendid recovery now. It seemed quite slow to us at first but she is now on the upward road and will gain steadily every day. I am so happy that Mrs. Peden is going to Wellesley with Stella so that Mary and Dorothy can learn to know Mrs. Peden and Stella.

With kindest regards to your sons and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

JEW:LB

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April 5, 1924.

Mr. E. A. Peden, President,
Peden Iron & Steel Company,
Houston,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Peden,

It has occurred to me further through a remark made by Mrs. Jacobs that she would be very pleased to paint a picture or contribute a picture toward the Hospital. The fact of such interest and desire to contribute of her own work as a labor of love might bring to the campaign an interest not only in the amount of money that might be realized from the picture but even more through the very personal character of the gift. And Judge Hutcheson remarked to me that it meant a good deal more to him to realize that the Hospital was a vital part of the University, a great union enterprise, so that either in giving himself or in appealing to others, while there would be a deep personal interest of advancing his brother's work, there would also be the broader basis of appeal to contribute toward an enterprise so comprehensive in union, so vital in the character of its work and so broad in its humanitarian interest as to appeal to the whole community, and at the same time would in no degree diminish but enhance the fine quality of the family loyalty and support.

We did our best with Mr. Sealy of Galveston but he told us then that he felt his medical interests were mortgaged by the big Hospital in Galveston. I am sorry that Mr. Brown could not help but I am not surprised, knowing that he has had some very difficult financial adjustments to make during last year and a half. He had given me \$5,000. toward the University's deficit, and his gifts last year had exceeded the total of his income. I certainly hope that you have good success with your friend in San Antonio.

These notes occurred to me after dictating the other letter.

Very sincerely yours,

JEW:LB

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April 7, 1924.

Mr. E. A. Peden, President,
Peden Iron & Steel Company,
Houston,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Peden,

Your letter of the 4th enclosing additional contributions from the Hutcheson family for \$2000. and the check for \$1000. from Mrs. Daphne P. Neville was received today. These will also claim a like amount from the China Medical Board, although I may hold them a little time in case of other remittances to combine with them.

Mrs. Peden will be returning to Wellesley with your daughter Stella today. Our girls are going on the Fall River Boat after having had a most delightful time during their vacation. They are looking forward to meeting Mrs. Peden and your daughter at Wellesley.

With most cordial regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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Dr. J. E. Williams, Vice-Prest.,
University of Nanking,
150- 5th Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

#5-JJS

Houston, Texas
April 8, 1924.

Dear Dr. Williams:-

Your two letters of April 5th both received this morning, also one from Mrs. Peden, in which she mentioned the nice visit she and Mrs. Bleker had with you.

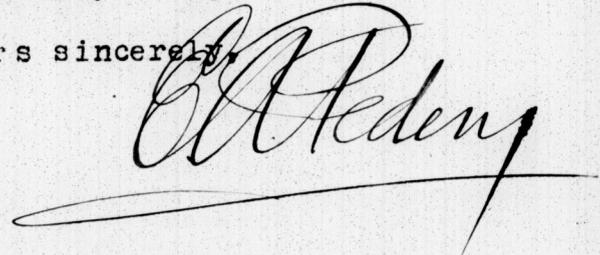
Please be assured of my appreciation of your courtesies to them. I hope Stella also had the pleasure of meeting you while in New York, and trust Mrs. Peden will meet your two daughters in Wellesley. It is certainly good to know that Faith is making such splendid recovery. Let us hope that it will be very permanent.

I remember Mrs. Jacobs' offer to paint a picture for the Nanking Hospital, and will take the matter up with her at the first opportunity.

With very best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

EAP:



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HOUSTON, TEXAS,

April 24, 1924-
#5-JJS

Dr. J. E. Williams, V.P.,
University of Wanking,
150- 5th Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Williams:-

In addition to the remittances heretofore sent
you for the University Hospital of Wanking aggregating \$8605.00

I now beg to enclose additional checks as follows:

One from Card G. Elliott. . .	\$25.00	<i>1st check of \$25</i> <i>4508 Main St</i> <i>next to fornumers</i>
One from A. Franklin Sittig. . .	25.00	
One from Jesse H. Jones.	100.00	
		<u>\$ 150.00</u>

This brings the total up to. \$8755.00

With most cordial regards and best wishes,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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May 5, 1924.

Mr. E. A. Peden,
Peden Iron & Steel Company,
Houston, Texas.

My dear Mr. Peden:

Your letter of April 24th enclosing checks for \$150.00 came in due time. This brings the total up to \$8755.00.

Letters are coming now from Dr. Hutcheson answering those I sent him about my visit to Houston, and he is very happy over the outcome. They are pressing on with the building project.

We have letters also from Mrs. Hutcheson and other friends who are so happy over what is going to be possible with the larger developments of the hospital.

With most cordial regards to Mrs. Peden and yourself, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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HOUSTON, TEXAS,

May 14, 1924-
#18-JJS

Dr. Jno. E. Williams, V.P.,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Williams:-

After an absence of several weeks, I find that no funds have come in, in response to 105 letters which I sent out, making an earnest appeal for funds for the University Hospital at Nanking, except \$150.00, which was sent you April 24th. I am disposed to believe that we have done about all we can at this end of the line for the present. The above, together with the \$5000.00 contribution you secured, makes a total of nearly \$14,000.00. I presume of course you will do your best to secure other contributions to this cause, and will thank you to advise me on this subject.

Should Texas make a good cotton crop and should our people be reasonably prosperous this year, we can renew the campaign in the Fall, and I am hopeful of some further contributions at that time, but unfortunately it is almost impossible to get money for the foreign fields without taking the time to go in person and explain face to face the importance of the work. These personal visits it is almost impossible for me to make, with my other obligations and duties bearing down upon me so heavily; however, I have not abandoned the Campaign, and am willing to try to go forward further with it next Fall, if absolutely necessary. Meanwhile, if you can secure a few large contributions from some of your wealthy friends, who are more familiar with the needs of the University, it will be very splendid.

Hoping that your daughter has entirely recovered from the effects of her operation, and with best wishes and most cordial regards from Mrs. Peden and myself, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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HOUSTON, TEXAS,

June 9, 1924-
#3-JJS

Dr. John E. Williams, V.P.,
University of Nanking,
150- Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Williams:-

It affords me pleasure to hand you here-
with checks for the University Hospital of Nanking, China, as
follows:

One from Don Hall, Houston, Texas	\$ 100.00
One from Geo. W. Cleveland, Jr. <i>Houston</i>	100.00
and one from Mrs. Chas. Dillingham, Houston, Tex.	100.00.

Adding these to the remittances previous-
ly sent in of. \$8755.00
make a grand total of. \$9055.00.

Yours sincerely,

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June 13, 1924

Mr. E. A. Peden,
Peden Iron & Steel Co.,
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Peden:

Two good letters have come from you since I have written. Your letter of May 14 came during my absence at General Assembly at Grand Rapids. Today I have received your letter of May 9, enclosing three checks of one hundred dollars each, bringing the total of gifts up to \$9,055. I think you and the friends in Houston have done wonderfully in securing these gifts. Your objective in the earlier plan was \$10,000 by the first of July and you have just about achieved it, with the \$5,000 from Mr. Harkness in addition.

I can understand and appreciate the difficulty you find in securing an adequate response from friends by letters, as they can not visualize the character and quality of this work ten thousand miles away in a strange land.

We were expecting to return to Nanking in August but the Board of Trustees of the University had their meeting yesterday and decided that we should remain in the United States until the middle of November. Radical reorganization is being carried on in the Methodist Board, changes of personnel which may vitally concern our work, - for the better we will hope and expect. If it is possible, I should be glad to help out again in the fall and I might be able to help out some with friends here, although I have had to press them for the deficits of the University which were as much as \$70,000 gold when I returned to the United States, and still stand at \$10,000 gold for current expenses. We are just completing a project for a second Science building which amounted to \$70,000 gold, \$13,000 of which must yet be found before we can secure any of the rest. I mention these things only to show my difficulty in going to friends here for deficits, for residences, emergencies, etc. I should be glad to do anything I can to help out.

My daughter Faith is recovering finely after her operation and will be fully well eventually.

Dorothy got home last night, so your daughter Stella will soon be back with you in Houston and you will have a united family. With most cordial regards to you all,

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*Send a letter
for the amount*

Very sincerely yours,

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HOUSTON, TEXAS, June 17, 1924-
#5-JJS

Dr. J. E. Williams,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Williams:-

I was very glad indeed this morning to receive your interesting letter of June 13th, and Mrs. Peden, with me, is delighted at Faith's full recovery from her operation. We also are glad that Dorothy is home with you again, and are pleased to advise that our daughter, Stella, arrived from Wellesley last week. We are truly sorry that Stella and Mrs. Peden failed to meet your daughters at Wellesley.

I note with interest that you will remain in the United States and not go back to China until the middle of November, and in spite of your other interests you will be glad to do all you can towards the task on which the Houston friends and relatives are helping Dr. Allen Hutcheson. It is gratifying to note that you can apply to this cause the \$500.00 you recently received from the Westminster Church at Minneapolis. This, if I understand the matter correctly, will give us the following showing:

Contributions sent in from Houston so far.	\$ 9055.00
Contribution from Mr. Harkness.....	5000.00
Contribution above mentioned.....	500.00
TOTAL.	<u>\$14555.00.</u>

In addition to this, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Neville have promised us another thousand dollars, to be paid this Fall.

I have been accumulating a list of names of the more wealthy Presbyterians throughout Texas, and my plan is to write each of them a special personal appeal in the early Fall, accompanied by the statement regarding the Mankin Hospital, which you helped me to compile. My idea is to wait and give them time to return from their Summer vacations, and I am hoping that the crops of Texas will by then be developing favorably, and meeting with a ready market at liberal prices. If so, we may get reasonably satisfactory results.

With most cordial regards in which Mrs. Peden heartily joins me, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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June 28, 1924.

Mr. E. A. Peden, President,
Peden Iron & Steel Co.,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mr. Peden,

I was very pleased to receive your letter of the 17th, and took the liberty, because of what you wrote, to enclose a copy to Dr. Hutcheson, so that he might be kept in touch with the development of the work here.

I hope that the crops of Texas turn out finally, and that the prices are favorable so that you will meet with a good response to your letters in the Fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardie are deeply interested in the work of the hospital and, I am sure, would be willing to visit people personally and to enlist their interest if you were to ask them to do so. I expressed the hope to Mr. Hardie that he might be able to cooperate more when that situation, urgent at the time in his Church, was cleared off.

I watched with keen interest the discussions in your General Assembly. Dr. Price sent me full reports of the actions taken and we were greatly relieved by the unanimity of the Assembly's action, and their manifest purpose to remain in union enterprise. Had they decided to withdraw in response to the urgency of one of the Missions, that policy would seriously have affected our hospital work and even all union work. I feel very confident that the better counsels have not only prevailed at the Assembly here but will increasingly prevail with the brethren of the North Kiang Su Mission. I know that Dr. and Mrs. Hutcheson will be happy over the outcome.

I hope that Dr. Hutcheson may send us later printed reports for the year 1923. If he does, I will see that copies get to you immediately.

With most cordial regards to Mrs. Peden and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

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UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Nanking, China.

Rec'd Sept. 12/24.

August 17, 1924

Mr. E . A. Peden,
Houston,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Peden,

Your several letters with the good news of your efforts meeting with continued success have reached me. I have gathered from Dr. Williams that you feel that you have still a most difficult work ahead of you in raising this fund and I am very sorry to have put this burden on you at all. But it is after all not my work and You have evidently been lead to make this splendid effort and I am sure it is going to be completely and greatly blessed in the outcome.

Personally, I think that when we take stocks, we have much to be very hopeful over in the success already attained. For example we have as follows:

Your own paid in to date.....	\$9,055.00
Mrs. Neville pledge.....	1,000.00
Harkness.....	5,000.00
Minneapolis church.....	500.00
Total.....	<u>\$15,500.00</u>

You are ahead of the schedule as agreed with the Rockefeller people and I am absolutely confident of success between all our efforts.

My own feeling of disappointment is that you yourself have had to bear the whole brunt of this work so far. I wish the chum as such would assume say a couple of thousand of it. So far you have gotten everything from either friends of your s or mine and it has been hard on you to have this whole burden . I do not want to say for you to drop it however irrespective of my desire for the money for we have mutually started out for this proposition and I believe that all of us with you doing the wheel horse work are going to get it.

At the last there are always shots in the magazine or arrows in the quiver that will do execution and if you just do not have to spend too much time on this what is after all only one small among your many activities private and public I feel sure we will come out swimming at the end.

The new nurses building is going on rapidly. The roof is on and it will be but a matter of a couple of months in all proba-

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bility before we get it ready for occupancy. It is situated on a nice location and will be a great addition in every way to our resources for caring for our work.

Now the dysentery malaria and cholera season are on and one has to be careful that everything that goes into one's mouth is cooked. Even with our care this summer my wife and two of my children contracted dysentery but they are practically over it now. My little girl of 12 had to have her appendix out this summer also after an acute attack so we have had quite a hospital in our home. But all is well now. My secretary and Treasurer Miss Walker who has been so faithful on the job for 11 years has just had to leave this summer on account of developing tuberculosis of the lungs and I have cabled to New York for a successor to her but it will probably be sometime before just the right person can be secured. If by the way you know of some consecrated young woman in our church or in Houston who would like to entertain such a proposition you might ask her to get in touch with Dr. Williams.

I am not telling you this to put any more responsibility on you but to give you an opportunity to help some consecrated young woman as well as our hospital.

You have perhaps seen the accounts of terrific floods in various parts of China. One of the worst years in a long time in this regard. We have not been affected here so far at all in this regard, in fact our trouble is lack of rain.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely.

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October 11, 1924.

Mr. E. A. Peden, President,
Peden Iron & Steel CO.,
Houston, Texas.

My dear Mr. Peden,

Sometime back I received Dr. Hutcheson's several letters including copy of one he had written to you in regard to the funds for the Hospital, suggesting a plan whereby it might be possible to claim all of the balance from the China Medical Board, if \$5,000 Gold additional could be found in Houston.

I have written to Dr. Hutcheson our full accord with the plan he proposes and my readiness to take up the matter with Mr. Greene and the China Medical Board on the new basis suggested when I hear further from you.

It had been Dr. Hutcheson's hope that the funds that came in from the little Foreign Memorial Hospital which had been the gift originally from President and Mrs. Bowen to the Foreign Community of Nanking, might elicit from the China Medical Board an additional grant and could be kept apart from the fund we are raising to claim their gift of \$45,000.00 Mexican or \$27,000.00 Gold, if that amount were required to provide the Mexican exchange. Dr. Hutcheson has written you about the whole matter and how he feels about it.

I hope that the cotton crop and the outlook in Texas has been favorable for you and the friends who have been carrying this burden. I will take up with Mr. Greene the question of a re-adjustment on the basis of using part of the funds of the Foreign Hospital Unit after I have heard from you.

You may imagine how crowded that hospital is now, - all of the staff working night and day on the wounded who are coming back from the front. It is Red Cross work of the highest and finest sort where there is not only the best of surgical and medical skill applied, but there is an atmosphere of sympathy and service made radiant and strong by the Christian purpose of all the doctors and nurses.

I am enclosing an excerpt of Dr. Bowen's letter of September 10th which will give further news about the situation in Nanking, the latest word we have.

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#2 Mr. E. A. Peden, President.

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You can assure all the friends of Dr. and Mrs. Hutcheson that they are not in any peril from war conditions at Nanking, nor do the America Consul and other keen observers there anticipate any peril within the old city.

With kindest regards and remembrances to Mrs. Peden and all of your household, I am

Very cordially yours,

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HOUSTON, TEXAS,

Oct. 29, 1924-
#12-JJS

Dr. J. E. Williams,
Care University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

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Dear Dr. Williams:-

Upon my return from several weeks absence I find your valued favor of Oct. 11th, but I am unable to find the letter from Dr. Hutcheson referred to in the first paragraph of your letter. I note that you are in full accord with the plan referred to, and will thank you, please, to write and tell me just what it is, then I can proceed to ascertain what can be done at this end of the line.

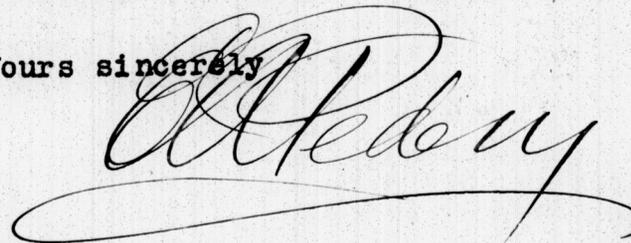
While we have a large cotton crop in Texas this year, the price is disappointingly low, and farmers are complaining that they can scarcely break even at present figures. We are all in this territory hoping for an advance in prices, which will bring about a material improvement in the situation here.

I am sure that Dr. Hutcheson and his staff must be doing a great work now, especially during the war which is all about them. Let us hope that neither he nor any member of his family or their associates may be injured in this uprising.

It was very kind of you to send me the excerpts from Dr. Bowen's letter, which are most interesting.

Awaiting with interest your reply, and with kind regards to you and each member of your family, I am,

Yours sincerely



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Nov. 12, 1924.

Mr. E.A. Peden,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mr. Peden:

Your letter of Oct. 29th was forwarded to me at Chicago. I am very much surprised that Dr. Hutchison had not mailed to you the original of the letter which he sent me in copy. I have written to New York since receiving your letter and asked my secretary to send a copy to me which I am enclosing. However, I received another letter from Dr. Hutchison dated October 6th in which he enclosed a copy of a letter of the same date to you. Since this is the later letter it will give you what Dr. Hutchison had in mind. If you could be sure of \$6,000,000 more at an early date, I feel confident that I can secure a settlement through Roger Green of the China Medical Board whereby they will pay the total of the \$45,000.00 Mexicans which they undertook, for I shall take up with them granting the balance against the funds that we added to the hospital through the grant for the foreign hospital. That amount and more was needed to build the unit for the foreign patients so Dr. Hutchison hoped that we could make the amount ~~of~~ claim all of the C.M. B. of \$45,000.00 Mexicans or a limit on exchange of \$27,000.00 gold without utilizing the foreign hospital. Now you see that he feels deeply concerned about the burden you have carried for the whole enterprise and is anxious to have it cleared up in any way possible so as not to keep your burden on your shoulders so long. Of course, I shall be most happy to carry out his wishes and yours and to do everything possible to carry the matter to a conclusion while still in the U.S.

We were to have started back to China by the 15th of this month but the trustees again postponed the time until the first of January in the hope that matters desperately pressed for the University could be concluded satisfactorily. I might mention in passing that we are within \$6500.00 gold for concluding a proposition for the Second Science Building costing \$100,000.00 Mexicans furnishing apparatus and equipment \$30,000.00 Mexicans and grant for teaching \$15,000.00 Mexicans or put in Mexican dollars we are within \$13,000.00 Mexicans of concluding \$145,000.00 Mexicans for the Science Building, etc. Most of it is upon condition of finishing it up within a year & it MUST and WILL BE DONE!

I believe that the outcome of the election is going to make a real difference in the business conditions there are already indications of it. Furthermore, the situation in China places a

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Mr. E.A. Peden

greater emphasis than ever before upon the value of the work that we are doing in creating leaders for China on the lines that will enhance immeasurably not only the development of the Christian Church but international good-will and friendship.

I shall be here in Chicago until the 20th and then back in New York for a week or 10 days. I should like very much to hear from you again here.

Very sincerely,

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HOUSTON, TEXAS, Nov. 17, 1924- #13-JJS

Dr. John E. Williams, V.P.,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Williams:-

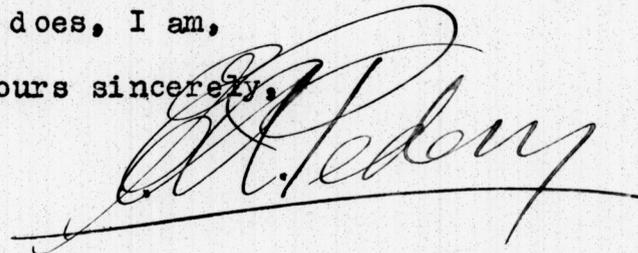
Referring to the guarantee which I have sent you in a separate letter today, of Six Thousand Dollars, including the One Thousand Dollar pledge yet to be paid by Mr. and Mrs. Neville, I beg to explain that I am undertaking to underwrite this amount upon the understanding and condition that it will be ample and sufficient to enable you now to call upon the Rockefeller Foundation for the \$45,000.00 Mex. promised by them, as outlined in our previous correspondence, and in letters received by me from Dr. Allen Hutcheson.

Kindly advise me at your convenience if your understanding of the matter agrees with mine, and whether my guarantee satisfactorily and definitely makes binding the above mentioned obligation of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Believing that it does, I am,

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Yours sincerely,



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HOUSTON, TEXAS, Nov. 17, 1924- #1-JJS

Dr. J. E. Williams, V.P.,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Williams:-

I am very much obliged for your valued favor of Nov. 12th from Chicago, enclosing copy of Dr. Allen Hutcheson's letter dated Aug. 17th, both of which have been read with keen interest.

After giving careful consideration to the matter and discussing it frankly with Mrs. Peden, in spite of the fact that we are already badly oversubscribed to various charitable, educational and religious enterprises, I have decided to underwrite the remaining amount of Six Thousand Dollars needed by Dr. Hutcheson, the above amount to include the One Thousand Dollars already pledged by Mr. and Mrs. Neville. In other words, I hereby promise to raise Five Thousand Dollars in addition to all amounts previously reported, and you can use this letter as my personal guarantee that said amount will be sent you on or before Thanksgiving Day next year (1925); in fact, I shall begin in the very near future a definite effort to raise and send you remittances against the above, and will liquidate same completely at the earliest date possible.

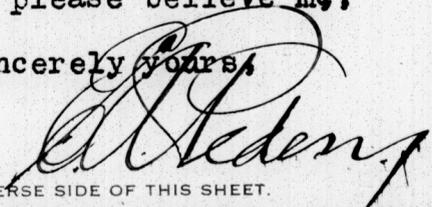
May I suggest that you send Dr. Allen Hutcheson a cablegram to reach him on Nov. 26th, the day before Thanksgiving, advising him that the amount has been underwritten, and that he need give himself no further anxiety or concern about the matter?

Quite recently he sent me his personal check for \$500.00, to be applied against this proposition, but I am returning the check to him. Surely it would be too much to expect a money contribution from him, in addition to all the other sacrifices he is making and the wonderful service he is rendering.

With renewed assurances of my high regard, and with best wishes from Mrs. Peden and myself, please believe me,

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Very sincerely yours,



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Dictated November 25th.

November 28, 1924.

Mr. E. A. Peden,
The Peden Iron & Steel Co.,
Houston, Tex.

Dear Mr. Peden,

Your two letters of November 17th were here to greet me upon my return to the office Monday. I immediately arranged to go over the matter with Mr. Roger Greene, Director of the China Medical Board this morning.

I had a conference with him in which I reviewed all pledges and gifts together with your letters. He estimated that with a total of \$9,270 Gold received from you, \$5,000 Gold from Mr. Arkness, \$1,100 Gold additional, \$5,000 Mex. which Dr. Hutcheson had secured earlier and the \$6,000 Gold covered by the pledge of Mr. and Mrs. Meville and the guarantee of \$5,000 which you and Mrs. Peden were so generously making and with a fair estimate of exchange the total would amount to \$45,003 Mex., and that on this basis they would be justified to relieve the Hospital in its building operations which have progressed more rapidly than the funds have been received, and that he would recommend to the China Medical Board the payment of Gold \$10,000 as a final advance toward their \$45,000 Mex. They had already given us \$10,000 Gold and \$5,000 Mex. The final amount to be added awaits fuller word of the actual exchange so we are venturing to send the following code cable to Nanking:

CHINA MEDICAL BOARD FINAL GOLD \$10,000 HOSPITAL
GUARANTEED WILLIAMS LEAVING IN JANUARY.

I hope that within the year or, if not then, in the early New Year, the cooperation of friends with you will secure the whole of the \$6,000. You and Mrs. ~~Peden~~ and Dr. Hutcheson's family and friends and the church have given him very fine support.

A letter just received reports that the Hospital was full of wounded soldiers during the months of September and October and that on the evenings preceding he had conducted twelve major operations, ten of them upon soldiers. You may imagine how happy Dr.

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Hutcheson will be over the cable. I am sure it will be a real Thanksgiving for them, and it was a fine thought of yours that he should have this assurance before that day.

With very grateful regards to Mrs. Peden and yourself. I am

Very sincerely yours,

P. S. I am enclosing copy of my letter to Mr. Greene following the conference. Mr. Greene realizing that the Foreign Unit cost the Hospital \$28,000 Mex. over against special receipts for that purpose of \$24,000 Mex. did not count that in as part of our assets in claiming their \$45,000, but was glad to find that we could claim their \$45,000 without the Foreign Hospital Unit.

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HOUSTON, TEXAS, Dec. 2, 1924- #4-JJS

Dr. J. E. Williams, V.P.,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

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Dear Dr. Williams:-

I am very much obliged indeed for your kind letter of Nov. 28th, which, together with enclosures, has been read with keen interest. I am taking the liberty of passing it along to Dr. Hutcheson's brothers here in the city. They too are most interested in Allen's work, and will assist me in making good on the last guarantee of \$6000.00, including the \$1000.00 previously pledged by the Nevilles. Most of this amount will doubtless have to go over until next year, but will be gotten in and sent forward as early as possible. If you will advise me as to the date of your departure in January for Nanking, I will see what can be accomplished in the way of collections, and advise you before you leave.

Am truly glad you have the entire matter now in such definite and satisfactory shape with the China Medical Board.

With best wishes, I am,

EAP:

Yours truly,



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December 11, 1924.

Mr. E. A. Peden,
Peden Iron & Steel Co.,
Houston, Texas.

My dear Mr. Peden,

Your letter of December 2d arrived on the same day that I received the enclosed letter from Mr. Greene. Mr. Greene's letter is very satisfactory as clearing up the situation completely as far as the China Medical Board is concerned.

This morning came copies of the report of the hospital for the year 1923. Under separate cover I am sending five copies. I am sure you will read it with a great deal of interest. It is reassuring to know that the additional buildings as outlined in the paragraph entitled, "Needs" on page #9, can be completed by March of this year and in addition a Memorial Unit Hospital for foreign and special Chinese patients representing an additional cost of \$28,000 Mex.

I think the brief report on page #10 on the School of Nursing will also be very interesting and encouraging to Dr. Hutchenson's many friends. It is no small achievement that the nurses from our Nursing School have always taken first place in the National Nurses' Comprehensive Examinations.

We are booked to sail from San Francisco on the "President Pierce" the 24th of January. We expect to leave New York about the 7th or 8th of January in order to spend a little time in Pasadena in special work for the University before sailing. I will later give you our address in Pasadena and San Francisco.

Very sincerely yours,

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HOUSTON, TEXAS, Dec. 16, 1924- #2-JJS

Dr. J. E. Williams, V.P.,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
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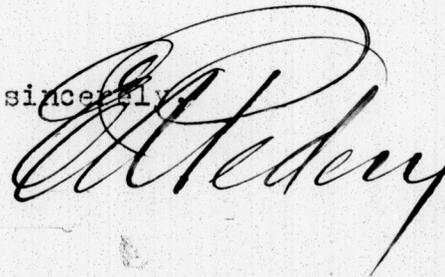
Dear Dr. Williams:-

I have read with interest your valued favor
11th inst., and am passing it along to Mr. Palmer Hutcheson
and Judge J. C. Hutcheson, brothers of Dr. Allen Hutcheson. I
am sure they will enjoy reading same. The good news contained
therein is very pleasing indeed, and especially your postscript.

I note that you expect to sail from San
Francisco, Jan. 24th, and that you will later furnish me your
address at both Pasadena and San Francisco. Will probably
send a letter in your care to Dr. Hutcheson.

Congratulating you upon the splendid
results you have secured in the year 1924, and wishing you and
your loved ones an exceptionally Merry Christmas and the best
of New Years, I am,

Yours sincerely,



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