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Rev. George B. Newmann,
West China Mission Conference,
Methodist Episcopal Church,
Chengtu, China.

My dear Mr. Newmann:

I have been wondering if the mails have failed in their duty and that for this reason I have not received the letter which you were expecting to send me when you wrote from Shanghai last summer. I am anxious to receive the answers to the questions raised in my letter sent you last year, and to receive the full statement of accounts of the University from the beginning of its relations to the Mission Boards.

And I am particularly anxious lest you should be in need of funds. I stated in my letter that I would not begin remittances until receiving your definite statement of needs, though sending provisionally one-half of the working capital for the year. Though I have not received your statement, I am sending another remittance for $650. I shall be very glad to get into a regular working plan when quarterly payments can be remitted or such proportional remittances at stated times as may be most convenient for you.

We did not receive a budget estimate before the last meeting of the Board, but it was assumed that the necessary expense would be about as reckoned for the preceding year.

After I received your letter I asked Dr. Shore to send you the Minutes of the meeting of the Board in December, 1910, and he told me he had done this. He will, of course, have sent you also the Minutes of the Meeting in Toronto last October.

Will you kindly secure from the Senate at an early opportunity an expression of their judgment as to the time when the University year should be regarded as beginning. We have assumed that September would be a convenient choice, but the Board would like to have an expression from the Senate on this point.

Dr. Shore I judge will have written you of the proposed visit of Mr. Rowntree. I do not know the date at which he will

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arrive. We are all grateful that you are all back again in Chengtu, and are praying for the best things for you all personally and for the work of the University.

With warm personal regard,

Very sincerely yours,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Feb. 21, 1913.

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Rev. G. B. Newmann:-
Treasurer West China Union University,
Chengtu, Szchuen Province,
West China.

My dear Mr. Newman:

I was in the midst of a letter to you something more than a week ago when I received your favor of Oct. 29 informing me of the drafts you have made upon the treasury for $672 and $6,000 and requesting the transmission of the sum of $4328 to Mr. Stafford. I have delayed writing until I could inform you that arrangement has been made for payment of these amounts.

I found the funds in hand and immediately available not quite sufficient to meet these payments, in part because not all payments due from the cooperating Boards had been received, and in part because investmentshad been made of certain funds by direction of the Board. All arrangements however are now made. Your order for the $6,000 was received two days since by Mr. Butler at our Baptist Mission Rooms and I have sent to him a check for $6,000 to meet this payment and $4328 for transmission to Mr. Stafford for credit to your account. This has been sent to him from our Rooms with the request that he shall inform you that it is available.

I sent also the sum of $672 to the Seaman's Bank For Savings in New York for credit to the account of Mr. Simkins in accordance with his request. I have learned from them this morning that they are not allowed to receive in any period of six months a larger sum than $500. I have written them asking their cooperation in preventing embarrassment to Mr. Simkins in case he should make drafts upon them under the assumption that the full sum of $672 has been received by them. I am sending to him a copy of the letter sent to the Bank. I have no doubt we shall be able in some way to secure him against embarrassment.

As to the third quarterly payment of $5500 for purchase of the land which was to be available four months after one half of the full amount appropriated, namely $22,000, had been drawn, you may draw this amount by draft upon us when you require it. In view of your uncertainty as to the time when the land can be secured, it seems wise to leave the latter in this way. Kindly let me know at once when the draft is sold and if it is sold by Mr. Stafford request him to send me notification of this.

As I judge from your letter that the plan of transmission

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of funds through Mr. Stafford is advantageous for you I will continue to follow this plan rather than that originally suggested. Kindly let me know if the plan is working to your full satisfaction. Mr. Butler, the treasurer of our Society, has expressed himself to me as glad to do us these favors at any time. I appreciate the accommodation given by him and by Mr. Stafford.

For convenience I give a summary of the amount sent to you through Mr. Stafford:

Sept. 8	For Building Material	$ 4,000
Dec. 2	For Budget of 1913	2,200
Dec. 2	For Budget of 1914	600
Dec. 18	Payment of drafts on Land Purchase	6,000
Dec. 18	Balance for Land Purchase	4,328
Dec. 18	Payment of order of Mr. Simkins for Purchase of Land	672

The payments for purchase of land are now a total of $11,000, that is the first half of the total amount to be supplied. As I have stated the third quarter-payment of $5500 may now be drawn by you when required.

The Budget for 1914 has been tentatively fixed by the Executive Committee of the Board at the figures indicated by the Senate, namely $1782 for the general expenses and for Mr. Wallace the net total of $1442(estimated by him as the balance above his deductions of $250) required for the educational secretary and $150 for the expenditure in the department of education. From this total of $1592 for Mr. Wallace I have deducted the amount of his salary, $1,000, which it is understood will be paid by the local treasurer of the Canadian Board subject to repayment from our treasury to that Board. I have left the amount for rental in the amount transmitted to you, with the understanding that this will be paid by you. Thus the provision made for one quarter of the Budget for the year would properly be one fourth of $2324 (General expenses$1782 - Mr. Wallace $542) or $581. For the sake of sending an even sum I ~~added~~ $600 for the Budget of the new year. The next payment which I will send Feb. 1 to Mr. Stafford I will reduce by $19 (sending $569) thus making the amount for the half year accord with the appropriation paid by the committee. The formal appropriation will be made by the Board and doubtless will confirm the tentative action of the Executive Committee.

As you will know through the secretary's report of our meeting Nov. 26 in New York, the committee have selected Jan. 17 as the date for the annual meeting of the Board. The meeting was deferred until this late time because of the absence of Dr. Goucher in China and the inability of other members to attend a meeting in the fall. We miss Dr. Shore greatly. I hope it may be possible for him to be present at the meeting in January. There is, I think, a possibility of this. We are glad he has such a successor as Dr. Endicott.

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The committee request that you will let us know if a balance remains at the close of the year from the appropriation of $2200 made for the Budget of 1914. If so you are authorized to apply this balance to the Budget of the following year. It will be deducted from one of the quarterly remittances after word has been received from you as to the amount of the balance.

I am glad to know that the Minutes of the meeting of December, 1911, have been received by you. Your long failure to receive them is a mystery. I mentioned the matter several times to Dr. Shore and each time he assured me he was certain it had been attended to. I certainly owe you an apology for the failure to send you the amounts due on the Budget of 1913 at the appointed intervals during the year. Singularly enough my mind was under the obsession that the amount I sent you in completion of the working capital was what you had indicated as sufficient to meet the requirement of the year, in view of the small expenditure made during the period of the troubles. I rested in the calm satisfaction of the thought that your need had been cared for. I can account for my continuing in such confusion of thought only by the fact that, of necessity, I was absorbed in special work I had undertaken. My impression that what you had requested had been sent you was so strong that when I received your letter stating that you had not had a remittance from me I supposed this indicated only a delay in the receipt of the amount I had sent, and when, on conferring with Mr. Butler, I learned that Mr. Stafford had acknowledged receipt of the amount, I supposed that you must have received it shortly after your letter was written. It was only when I was making out a financial statement for our recent meeting of the Executive Committee that I discovered the singular mistake I had been making. It was a great satisfaction to be able then at once to send you by telegram the amount of the Budget for 1914 as well as the amount tentatively approved by the committee for the first quarter of the new year. I am very glad that you were able to avail yourself of other funds so far as to prevent grave embarrassment. It has been a comfort to me to know that the transmission of the $4,000 for the purchase of building material would give relief. But I am exceedingly sorry that there should have been any risk of embarrassment. Please understand that if any moneys due you from appropriations made by the Board fail to reach you when required, you are free to draw the amount by sale of a draft. In this case of course you would return unused any draft received at a later time which had been sent from home to cover the amount. I say this in order that all possible risk of future embarrassment may be avoided. But I am confident the situation will not arise again. I will send to Mr. Stafford the quarterly payments upon the Budget two months before they are due you, that is, by the 1st of February, May, August, and November.

I have sent to the cooperating Boards your statement of receipts and disbursements and am awaiting replies from them as to the agreement of these payments with their home records. We hope to get this statement ultimately in a proper form for preservation as the verified statement of all expenditures made for the University from the outset of the enterprize. But in the early period remittances were made by the Boards in ways so various that it is difficult to follow out all details and reach a consistent presentation of the figures.

I am sure all will be very glad to learn of the prospect that

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the Church Missionary Society will unite in the work of the College. Dr. Hodgkin writes from London that the plan is strongly favored at the home office.

It is very pleasant to learn of the favorable outlook in the situation of the College - of the relation with the authorities and the leading men of the locality and the increase in the number of students.

We share your satisfaction in the coming of Mr. Ricker. It is very fortunate that one of his qualifications and particularly of his experience upon the field was available.

We are greatly concerned to give the institution, and to secure for it from the constituents of the cooperating Boards the full support it should have. The demands upon some of the Boards so greatly outrunning visible resources make their problem in their relation to the union work in West China a perplexing one. But you may be sure the utmost possible will be done to expedite adequate action for carrying out the plans in view. The statements made by the Senate will have thorough consideration at the coming meeting of the Board.

You have doubtless received from Dr. Endicott the report of the meeting of the Executive Committee in New York City November 26, in no action affecting the treasury was taken excepting the tentative endorsement of the schedules submitted from the field.

With very warm regards,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Dec. 30, 1913.

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Correspondence of Trawick with Mrs Celia
Mr. Newmann & others.

Rev.G.B.Newman,
Treas. West China Union University,
Care of Methodist Publishing House,
Shanghai.

My dear Mr. Newman:

I am very glad to take up with you anew and in a thorough way our work in joint care of the financial interests of our University in West China. The long interruption, through your exile from West China, has been a source of deep regret to us and we know how keen your regret must have been, who have so personal relations with the interests and peoples represented in the work. But the gain to result from these great changes is certain to be worth all their cost. We rejoice with you in the vastness of the opportunities open to you through the working of God's power. May He give to you all needful grace. We shall be much interested to know when you are planning to make the return journey. I suppose it cannot possibly be before the fall, and we trust that then you will use all prudence. But it will be a joy to know that the work is again taken up under conditions which warrant this.

I have delayed in writing longer than I purposed, but in the closing days of my full relations with the work in our Society I have found demands upon time so great that I have been constrained to postpone any work which permitted postponement. I found that the proper initiating of our work involved so much of detail that considerable time was

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required for it.

I am sending to you now certain blank forms which will be used in our work in accordance with plans formed at the last meeting of the Board, viz: Forms I,II,III, and VI.

Form I is for orders drawn upon me as treasurer of the Board, for payments to be made to the Field, when sums additional to the quarterly remittance are required.

Form II is for orders from the Field for payment due to firms in this country for goods ordered by You. See Minutes of the meeting of the Board, Dec., 1911. p. 20, acct. B.1.

Form III is for orders for remittances from funds in hand for erection of buildings. See Minutes, p. 20, acct. C.

Form VI is a receipt to be used by you in acknowledgment of amounts sent by me, or received from other sources. I am sending 250 of these, numbered consecutively. I will assume that you will yourself secure a new supply when these are used. The suggestion of numbered receipts made by the Board for your use and mine (See Minutes, p. 2113)- like other precautionary suggestions, such as the countersigning of orders, securing of bonds, etc., and receipts, is made, as you will know, not because our integrity is not known to be far above par, but to give the institution high repute for its business method.

I send also a copy of Form V, that you may see the form in which remittances will be made to you. This, as you will note, is in the form of a draft drawn upon me as treasurer of the Board by Mr. Shore, secretary of the Board. The method is that which our Society employs in all remittances to all our mission fields and has been found quite convenient.

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But before using one of these forms I would be glad to have you learn if you will find its use convenient. Mr. Stafford will explain his use of such drafts if this is not entirely clear. Kindly tell me also in what sums you would like to have the drafts drawn. Our treasurer, I think, as a rule, sends in sums of $500. or $1000.

It is proposed that remittances shall be made regularly in quarterly payments (Minutes, p. 20, acct. D.). I will plan to send so that you shall receive them the first of July, October, January and April, and will send each time one-fourth of the sum authorized in the budget for current use on the Field. Should a larger proportion of the total amount authorized for the year be required at any time, you are asked to use the order blank in Form no. I.

You will note that in case of payments to be made in this country or in England, an order is to be received from you, countersigned by some other designated representative of the University. All requisitions, whether for the Field, or for payment from home, should, of course, fall within the amount authorized in the budget.

As the budget required for the present year is so deranged by the interruption of our work, I will not begin remittances until I have definite statement of need from you, but I am sending to you now one-half the "working capital" for the year, The full working capital is $1300. I am sending $650. Kindly send me a receipt for this amount stating that it is a payment on the working capital.

Will you also kindly send to me a full explanation of the purchases made from the "Central Scientific Company",

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Chicago. I paid to Mr. A.T.Dye of New Matamoras, Ohio, the sum of $170.31, as requested by you, but I have kept this an open account with Mr. Dye, until I have the full explanation necessary for entrance of the item in the accounts of the University. What was the apparatus purchased? How was the bill settled? Have you a receipt from the Company? If so, kindly send this to me that I may have it on file.

You will notice certain requests involved in the action of the Board, as found in the Minutes as sent you by Mr. Shore, namely: the securing of bonds, if possible, p. 21, (12); the appointment of auditors, p. 19, (5) (6); the sending of all orders for payment of billsto the treasurer of the Board, p. 19, (4); and the transmission of all contributions to the Field through the treasurer, p. 21, (14); the making of an annual report to the Board, p. 21, (15), which should be sent at the time the new budget is forwarded, that is, so that it shall be received here by August 1. Particularly important is the request for the full statement of accounts from the time of the initiation of the work to the present. I shall appreciate this very much, and it will be of great value to the Board.

You will note also the requests, p. 18, (1), p. 19, (7), in relation to the budget for the new year.

I trust you and your associates are keeping quite well. We are deeply grieved by the death of our dear Mr. Cherney. We have had sad losses in our West China work, but God is over all. With very warm fraternal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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EXTRACT of LETTER TO G. B. NEWMAN.

You will notice certain requests involved in the action of the Board, as found in the Minutes as sent you by Mr. Shore, namely: the securing of bonds, if possible, p. 21, (13); the appointment of auditors, p. 19, (5) (6); the sending of all orders for payment of bills to the treasurer of the Board, p. 19, (4); and the transmission of all contributions to the Field through the treasurer, p. 21, (14); the making of an annual report to the Board, p. 21, (15), which should be sent at the time the new budget is forwarded, that is, so that it shall be received here by August 1. Particularly important is the request for the full statement of accounts from the time of the initiation of the work to the present. I shall appreciate this very much, and it will be of great value to the Board.

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Dr. Frank Mason North,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

Your favor of the 25th inst. is at hand.

No one of the Boards has as yet paid the requisition for the year. Payments heretofore have been made in a single sum, sent as early in the year as convenient by each Society. But if it is your preference to divide the payments, I do not see why this cannot be done. I have promised quarterly remittances to the field.

In regard to the $1350 due on the budget of last year, I was gratified to find that, while the Executive Committee had suggested at an earlier meeting that interest should be reckoned on deferred payments, they had not wished that such suggestion should be made in this case. They realize the temporary difficulties attending the readjustment of your work in connection with administrative changes, and they heartily congratulate your Society on the fine outlook of the home, as well as the foreign situation.

Most truly yours,

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Rev. Dr. Frank Mason North,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. North:

Pardon my remissness in not making out at once the enclosed receipt. I have referred to the Budget, as you see, as the Budget of 1913, the year hereafter, however, will begin on September 1st, as that date is regarded as most convenient for the University. As you are aware, very little of the sum raised for the Budget of last year was used on the Field. The new assessment of $1000 was made as supplementary to the unused balance of 1913, to cover expenditures until Sept. 1, 1913. No one of the Societies has made payment on the new Budget. I am suggesting to our Society either payment in full in January, or one half payment at that time, and one half payment in May. This, I think, will not fail to meet all needs.

Very sincerely yours,

Wollaston, Mass:,
Dec. 23, 1913.

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Rev. Frank Mason North, D. D.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

I find that I have not acknowledged your recent letter. I was forgetting that it contained an inquiry. I do not feel quite authorized to reply positively to this. There is no immediate pressure for funds, but the suggestion was made that for the sake of uniformity in expenditures by the Boards, interest should be paid where payment is delayed. Possibly we shall have a meeting of the executive committee in connection with the arrangement for the banquet next Friday. If so, I will mention your inquiry.

I appreciate fully your difficulty in getting at a satisfactory statement of expenditures for the University. I think a comparison of field figures and home figures will be necessary for all of us before a satisfactory statement can be reached.

Very sincerely yours,

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Messrs. J. G. Ramsey & Co.,
36 King St. W.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

Rev. Dr. Shore has forwarded to me a statement of moneys due you for sets of photographs prepared for him. I enclose a draft for the amount of the bill- fifty-eight dollars and sixty-seven cents.

Will you kindly return to me the enclosed receipt.

Very truly yours,

Treas. Board of Governors,
West China Union University.

Wollaston, Mass.,
Dec. 20, 1913.

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Dr. William North Rice,
Middletown, Conn.

My dear Dr. Rice:

I enclose a check to cover your expenses in attendance at the meeting of the Board of Governors. I enclose also a form of receipt which I use in filing accounts. Will you kindly use this as a substitute for the bill followed out by you?

I think the meeting at New York marked real progress. It was a great pleasure to me to meet you. I am glad of the incidental touch with my cousin's life. I saw him but little during his later years.

I am glad you have in hand the review of the constitution of the Board of Governors of the University.

Yours very sincerely,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Jan. 23, 1914.

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Rev. Ramond C. Ricker Oct. 15. 1913

My dear Mr. Ricker:.

I suppose there will hardly be time for me to hear from you after your arrival in N. Y. to reach you with a reply before you sail - I therefore will now this finde ~~line~~ and

I think it will be best to turn over to ~~the Canadian~~ Your society in Toronto the meeting of all your expenses ~~all payments to be made by you after~~ you have reached China - I am therefore writing at once to Miss Milley with regard to this - ~~Miss Milley~~ She has informed me that Dr. Shore has made arrangements in general in accordance with my request that all payments shall be made to you, as to Mr. Wallace by the ~~Toronto~~ Canadian Treasurer ~~Laos~~ on the field. Reimbursement being made by me to Toronto - I will ask Miss Milly to see that you are certified at Shanghai at the address that you have given me of the manner in which the money for the, supreme, journey will be supplied to you - and that the expenses of Mr. Wallace in the

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corresponding journey was provided for by the Canadian Society - I will also make sure in writing Miss Milly that it is understood that the provision for you which they are to make will include payment at home of such bills as you may wish to have paid in this here country from time to time -

I wrote Dr. Shue regarding all this at the time I exchanged correspondence with you about it & have supposed that you & he all was arranged between you in direct correspondence through direct correspondence I have supposed that Dr. Shue - but I am glad to have from Miss Milly the direct assurance that Dr. Shue arranged the matter. - In order I write, that we may be sure that our accounts are in agreement I note the various amounts that I have sent you

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Nov. 12	honorarium	$75.	$75
1913 June 12	advance for use in study		100.
" 28	" " " "		100.
Aug 20	for purchase of instruments		50.
" "	" " " Stereoptican		50.
" "	advance on journey to China		300.
" "	bill of Kenffel & Esch Co. for instruments		241.62
Sept 6	bill of Fairbanks Co. for instruments		131.69
" 10	Freight Chicago to Ichang		120.
" —	Home Salary 1/		250.
" —	balance S.S. to London		10

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Sept. 28th, 1912.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller,

Dear Sir:-

We have the honor to approach you on behalf of the Board of Governors of the West China Union University. The plans for this University have now been under consideration for six years. Actual work has been in progress for 2 1/2 years though impeded the last few months by the recent revolution.

The features of the scheme upon which we place chief emphasis are:-

1. The broad basis upon which it is built. The population in the province is upwards of 50,000,000 and the total population to be reached nearly double that number. There are over 100 Christian schools with some 3000 pupils all knit into a harmonious and coordinated system of which this University is the crown.

2. The full union of all the missions carrying on higher educational work in the area; and the hearty sympathy of every church doing any mission work in West China as shown by their participation in the

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West China Educational Union in which are Baptists, Anglicans, Methodists and Friends.

3. The provision made at the very outset for the participation of able and trusted Chinese in the work of the University and their representation on the Senate.

4. The cordial relations of the Provincial Government towards the University [dating ~~back~~ from] before the recent troubles and greatly ~~increased~~ since the establishment of the republic in China.

These as well as other aspects of the scheme are referred to in the accompanying memorandum, [constitution, etc.]

As you are aware Dr. Burton visited Chengtu some three years ago during his trip in the far east. He will ~~doubtless~~, be willing to supply you with first hand information in reference to the University.] His presence and advice, ~~however~~, were a great stimulus and practical help during a formative stage in the University scheme.

Dr. John R. Mott, the Chairman of the Edinburgh Conference, has been so much impressed ~~with this example of the practical~~ union of ~~all~~ the Christian forces in the area that he has announced recently his intention to present this as the model at the Conferences of the leaders of all Churches which he is to conduct in his tour in Asia.

The Societies, [although ~~as shown the memorandum~~ contributing largely to the University, are here faced by an opportunity which

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it is beyond their capacity fully to embrace.

In view of the many appeals which are now before the public if you could see your way to helping this great educational enterprise to the extent of one half of the sum now asked for ($500,000) we believe you would be doing a great service to the uplift of China and therefore of the world. We believe that you will recognize as we do that the situation in China is one which calls for the hearty co-operation of all who are seeking for the welfare of humanity. We earnestly hope that your help may be extended to this truly educational enterprise.

Such a response on your part would, we believe, enable us to complete the canvas in a comparatively short space of time, and so liberate those who are engaged in it for the still more important service in the University itself. We covet greatly that they may be able to return to China as soon as their regular furlough is at an end. The opportunity in Szechwan surpasses anything we have hitherto known. My most recent information is that the Vice-president of the University has been appointed an official educational advisor to the Provincial government, an action which would have appeared almost unthinkable a year ago. The chance for Christian education is one which should be seized with great energy and with great wisdom. This scheme is one of many interests of equal importance, but represents the entire Christian educational approach to the people in the whole of the western part of China. From this point of view we hope that it may command your sympathy and cooperation.

Awaiting the favor of your reply, we are

Yours faithfully,

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Mr. A.S.Rogers,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Sir:

Dr. Shore of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, Canada, has sent to me your contribution of $100 for the endowment fund of West China Union University. I am enclosing a receipt for this amount.

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the University I thank you for this contribution. I understand that the subject was brought to your attention by Dr. Hodgkin whose visit to this country we have all enjoyed, and that it is your desire that the gift should be classified with contributions from the Friends' Society in England.

I think you may be confident that the results permanently following from the work of this institution in China will be a source of gratification to all who have promoted its work.

Very sincerely yours,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Jan. 10, 1913.
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Mr. J. P. Rogers,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Sir:

I have received through Rev. Dr. Shore of Toronto your gift of $25 as a subscription to the Endowment Fund of the West China Union University. I understand that the need was brought to your attention by Dr. Hodgkin of London and that it is your wish that the gift should be classified with contributions from the Friends' Society in England. I am enclosing a receipt for the amount.

I wish to thank you most heartily in behalf of the Board of Governors of the University for the cooperation thus given to them by you.

I think that the opportunity for service for China through this institution is very great.

Very truly yours,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Jan. 10, 1913.

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Seaman's Bank for Savings,

74 Wall St., New York.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing a check for $673. to be credited to the account of R. L. Simkins (Book No. 526,800).

Kindly send acknowledgment to the undersigned, at Wollaston, Mass.

Very truly yours,

Wollaston, Mass.,

Dec. 18, 1913.

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Mr. George H. Halsey, Cashier,
Seaman's Bank For Savings,
74-76 Wall St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I have your favor of the 13th inst. returning a check for $672 which I sent to you for deposit to the credit of R.I.Simkins, account 636,896. I note your statement that deposits are limited to $500 during any period of six months, also the statement that checks must be drawn upon banks in the city of New York.

With regard to the limitation in the amount of a deposit I need your cooperation to save Mr. Simkins from embarrassment. Mr. Simkins is in Chengtu in Sechuan Province, West China. He sent to me an order drawn upon me as treasurer of the Board of Governors of West China Union University. The institution is in Chengtu. Its Board of Governors is in this country. The local treasurer at Chengtu sent me word that he had sold a draft for $672. I judge that Mr. Simkins bought the draft and sends the order upon me as treasurer to reimburse himself. In any case he has asked me to deposit this amount for credit upon his account with you and it would appear that he will rely upon having an increased credit with you to this amount. As he requested that the sum should be deposited with you before January 1st it is probable that he will assume that the amount is available from that date in his account with you and drafts may be drawn upon it by him or by correspondents of his in this country. Will you kindly suggest to me how such adjustment can be made as shall save embarrassment? I can of course send at once a draft on a New York bank for $500. But what can be done about the additional $172 upon which he may draw? Will your rules allow you to receive an additional $172 after his credit with you shall have been reduced by drafts which he may make upon it, and if so will you kindly see that I am informed when the money may be sent and that his drafts do not go to protest. Or can you suggest any other relief in the situation? I am sure you will appreciate the conditions and will wish to give the assistance needed.

Very truly yours,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Dec. 29, 1913.

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Mr. James N. Shannon,
33 Richmond St., West,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Mr. Shannon:

I write in reply to your favor of Oct. 23. I find the enclosure of $50 as reimbursement for the amount which I sent you as provision for incidentals for Mr. Ricker. Miss Malloy had mentioned to me that the advance of $50 had been made to Mr. Ricker but has written me that this was a misunderstanding.

I note your suggestions regarding the payment of the salary of Mr. Ricker. The plan for payment through the local treasurer of the Missionary Society with which a missionary serving the University Board had formerly been connected was suggested when Mr. Wallace received appointment as superintendent of the schools. It was thought that it would best serve the convenience of Mr. Wallace if the local treasurer of the society with which he had been connected would simply continue a payment formerly made, to be adjusted at home by payment of the gross sum from our treasury to the treasury of the missionary society. Mr. Wallace at the time was the only missionary with whom the Board has dealings as to salary and other provisions for personal maintenance. Mr. Ricker now is also directly related to the Board of Governors, he and Mr. Wallace being the only two persons so related. All missionaries of whatever society serving as members of the faculty of the University retain their direct relation to the individual societies. In providing for the exceptional cases of direct relation to the Board of Governors, it was voted that all provision for maintenance should be the same which the missionary had received under the Board by which he was originally sent to the field, or would be receiving if he were continuing distinctively in its service. As the scale of provision by the different Boards differs in some items quite markedly you will see that the payment, direct from the Treasury might involve a confusion and embarrassment. So long as the present rule by which the rate of payment is determined by the individual society is followed, it has seemed the simplest plan to provide for payment through the local treasurer of the individual society.

As I have said, this plan was thought to be a happy one when Mr. Wallace was appointed, and I learn from Miss Malloy that your Board concurred in the application of the same rule to Mr. Ricker.

But as it happens you are at present the only society to whom it has been necessary to suggest the following of such a plan for the convenience of our Board of Governors in its relation with

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the few persons who hold a distinctively inter-society relation. If you find the continuance of the plan burdensome certainly we would not wish to have it continued. I will in any case make provision for the payment of the expenses of Mr. and Mrs. Ricker in the journey from Shanghai to Chengtu. In case it is your wish to be relieved of the work of intermediary in the provision for Mr. Wallace and Mr. Ricker in respect to salary and other provisions, if you will kindly send me a statement of the amounts they would receive for all personal items if they were remaining missionaries of your Board, I will understand that the payments are henceforth to be made by merdirectly through the local treasurer of the University. Will you kindly confer with Dr. Endicott and let me know if it is your desire that this change shall be made. I certainly appreciate and thank you for the aid which has thus far been given in respect to this.

Very sincerely yours,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Nov. 1, 1913.

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T. E. E. Shore

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Stoddard, N. H.,
Aug. 3, 1912.

Rev. T. E. Egerton Shore,
33 Richmond St, West,
Toronto.

My dear Mr. Shore:

I should have sent to you some time ago the enclosed check to cover the expense of your trip to New York on June 11. Kindly return receipt. I was glad to know that we have a common understanding regarding payment for the bill of stenographic work.

I have a letter from Mr. Newmann in which he tells me that he has not received a copy of the Minutes of last December's meeting in New York, but would like to have this. Will you kindly send it to him.

I have also a letter from Dr. Hodgkin which contains this paragraph:

"I also send a brief statement of certain expenses incurred on behalf of the Board of Governors by me as Secretary, or by the Friends' Association acting for the four Boards. If Mr. Shore is sending in any similar statement of expenses incurred on behalf of all the Boards, I should be glad to have a remittance made on account of this; but it is not a very large matter, and if the Canadian Mission is bearing the expenses which fall upon it on account of Mr. Shore's secretaryship of the Board, I think that the F.F.M.A. ought to do the same. I therefore leave it to your discretion how you deal with this statement."

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The sum involved is 2 pounds, 17 shillings, 5 pence. Will you kindly write me your suggestion as to this?

I trust you are finding some time for rest in these summer days. The heat was great with us for a time, but has been followed by autumnal coolness.

With always warm regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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WOLLASTON, MASS.
P. O. BOX 10

My dear Mr. Shurz:

Your favors of the 23d Inst are at hand - I am enclosing a Statement of the Budget for 1912-13" - - - - .

I have included in the Statement the payments to Architects - The figures lean something less than $2000 to be raised by a levy upon the four Boards - viz. Balance in hand as per Treasurers report - $9784.37 Deduct funds held for purchase of land - $4800 - Balance available for budget with this fr - $4984.37 as against $6830 required - a difference of $1845.63

I have sent a remittance to Mr. Wallace - and have told him that I will send at any time before his departure - such part of the appropriation made for him as you may agree upon in conference with him. I have suggested that it may be a good plan that all payments due him as a messenger of your Board be made through your treasurer at home or on the field - the items being transmitted to me for reimbursement - Please talk with him as to the desirability & practicability of some plan of this sort - It would give him his salary and other promotion regularly - yet in due order. What this methods your Board follows I should be glad to adopt.

How are arrangements for Conference progressing? and what are the developments in respect to the architects' plans. Let me know if any service I can give to the Common cause -

I shall be glad to see the minutes when they are completed - If possible to send them before the next meeting of the our Board - the first week in November. Kindly do this - Please send me two copies if possible - Our Board should have one - and one will meet my need as treasurer -

Remember me - at home —

T. S. B -

Wollaston Oct. 26. 1912.

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Rev. Dr. T. E. E. Shore,
33 Richmond St. West,
Toronto.

My dear Dr. Shore:

Mr. Wallace has called my attention to the fact that in the budget for the year, as given in the Minutes of our meeting at Toronto, no mention is made of the provision of $200 for his expenses in Japan and North China. Fortunately the omission is purely clerical and may therefore be at once corrected. The provision was included in the budget. As you will see, the total given in the Minutes is $200 more than the sum of the items mentioned. Whether the clerical error was on our side of the National line or on yours, I am not sure, and it is unimportant. Kindly include the amount in the sum given to Mr. Wallace, making correction in the record in such way as you deem fitting.

I have written Mr. Wallace that we will rely upon you (personally, or through your treasurer upon the field) to supply to him such sums as would be due him, if he were serving as a missionary of your Board, and any other amounts belonging to him, under the appropriations of our budget. I appreciate the personal convenience of this arrangement.

Yours very sincerely,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Nov. 27, 1913.

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Rev. Dr. T. E. Egerton Shore,
53, Richmond St.,
West Toronto, Canada.

My dear Dr. Shore:

I have your favor of Jan. 7., with its enclosure of a draft for $135. I am sending acknowledgment to Mr. J.P. Rogers, Toronto, and Mr. A.S. Rogers, Toronto, for the sums of $35 and $100 respectively.

I have not formally classified receipts as related to the Societies but we can readily do so if this is desired.

I understand we are to have a meeting of the Executive Committee in New York next week and am looking forward with pleasure to meeting you at that time.

Yours very sincerely,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Jan. 10, 1913.

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Dr. Ernest D. Burton,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Burton:

Mr. Taylor has sent to me your check for $100 as a contribution to the Endowment and Building Fund of the University in West China. I enclose a receipt for this amount.

On behalf of the Board of Governors I heartily thank you. This new mark of your interest in this work will be appreciated by all.

Yours very sincerely,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Jan. 10, 1913.

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Rev. Dr. T.E.E. Shore,
211 Lewis Building,
Portland, Oregon.

My dear Dr. Shore:

I have your favor of the 24th inst. I say yes on each of the four points you enumerate- with great regret as concerns your own resignation - with much pleasure as concerns the appointment of Dr. Endicott.

I do not suppose we have occasion for formal action on the election of Dr. Endicott to the Board of Governors. I suppose the several Societies have entire freedom of action in the selection of their representatives for the Board. However, so far as a yes is needed I would give it most heartily.

I would like very much also to record my vote for Dr. Endicott as secretary of the Executive Committee. I am mentioning this also in a letter I am just now writing to Mr. Williams.

Warmest regards follow you on your long journey. May every good come to you personally and to the home.

Very sincerely yours,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Oct. 31, 1913.

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Messrs. Silcock and Reay,
47 Milsom St.,
Bath, England.

My dear Sirs:

I am enclosing a draft for $300 in recognition by the Board of Governors of the West China Union University of the service rendered by you in the submission of plans for grounds and buildings for the University.

Will you kindly sign and forward to me the enclosed receipt.

The Board have appreciated throughout your evident sympathy with their aims in relation to the work in West China.

In behalf of the Board of Governors,

Treasurer.

Wollaston, Mass.,
Dec. 11, 1913.

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Rev. Robert L. Simkin,
Union Middle School,
Chengtu, West China.

My dear Mr. Simkin:

I write in reply to your favor of Oct. 1st enclosing a draft from Mr. Neumann for $873 Gold.

I have endeavored to follow your instructions regarding the deposit of this amount with the Seaman's Bank For Savings at 74 Wall Street, New York City. I have received from the cashier of the bank a letter stating that deposits to any one account are limited to the sum of $500 for any period of six months. I enclose you a copy of the reply I have sent him. I have no doubt we shall be able in some way to adjust the matter so that you may not suffer loss. Unless he suggests a better plan than this I will make a deposit of $500 to your account in the Seaman's Bank and will deposit the balance of $173 in a savings bank in Boston. When I wrote the cashier of the Seaman's Bank I was under the impression that you might desire to draw upon the full amount you would think of as being to your credit in the bank. I am, however, now inclined to think that your request that the deposit should be made before January 1st may have been due only to your desire to secure interest from that date. In any case I shall have no difficulty I am quite sure in securing protection for you.

I am glad to learn through mention of the fact made in a letter just at hand from Dr. Hodgkin that you are to be in this country during the coming year. It will be a pleasure to meet you.

Very sincerely yours,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Dec. 23, 1913.

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Joseph Taylor

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Oct. 26, 1912.

Rev. Joseph Taylor,
Office of West China Union University,
Bible House,
Astor Place, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Taylor:

I think of you as again in New York, though in your wanderings up and down in the earth I am not sure as to this. In any case I have confidence the enclosed will reach you. I have made the the sum fifty dollars more than your request in order that you may be at ease for a longer time. I will see Mr. Williams on his next visit to Boston and secure his sanction for the enclosed sum, in sending which I am sure of his approval. I think we can arrange a plan which will avoid the necessity of refering each case to him. Doubtless he will be glad to give his sanction to an outside gross amoun covering a given period.

Kindly return the enclosed receipt. I have made it to cover the $30. in cash given in Toronto and the amount of the enclosed check.

I was sorry we could not meet in Toronto. I found myself very crowded for time and was obliged to leave Sunday evening. I trust all goes well in the assault upon the missionary and educational public.

Kindest regards to Mr. Carscalan.

As always very sincerely yours,

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Rev. Joseph Taylor,
134 Bible House,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Taylor:

Your favor from Rochester, N. Y., was received. I enclose a receipt for this second remittance of a contribution to the Endowment Fund. May it prove as magnetic as the first.

I am just about leaving for New York, and shall be likely to see you before this reaches you.

With warm regard,

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas S. Barbour.

(J.C.S.)

Wollaston, Mass.,
Nov. 8, 1912.

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Rev. Joseph Taylor,
No. 10 Grove Place,
Rochester, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Taylor:

Your favor is at hand. It has been a pleasure to acknowledge to Mr. McKinney his contribution.

I am glad you had the opportunity at Tarrytown. It was much better than a personal visit- which indeed in Mr. Rockefeller's case would have been an impossibility. I am sure you improved your opportunity. May the result prove that not only seed but soil was good.

Very sincerely yours,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Nov. 19, 1913.

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Rev. Joseph Taylor,
Hamilton, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Taylor:

I have your favor of the 6th inst. with the enclosure from Dr. Burton. I am sending him a receipt for the amount with the assurance of our hearty appreciation of this new mark of his interest in this work.

The difficulty in securing funds was, I think, inevitable. I have felt from the outset that it would probably be necessary for the Boards to carry the work for a time until interest in educational work in China is more generally diffused and a better knowledge of China becomes general. Support is sure to come in the end and the Boards cannot afford to let the almost unequalled opportunity in West China go unimproved.

I am glad you are having so good a time at Hamilton. I am sure your work will be thoroughly enjoyed by all.

With warm regard,

very sincerely yours,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Jan.10,1913.

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Wollaston, Mass.
June ~~10~~ 27, 1912.

Wm. S. Earl Taylor
~~Bishop H. C. Stuntz,~~
Board of Foreign Missions of
the M.E. Church,
150 Fifth Ave., New York.

My dear Mr. ~~Stuntz:~~ Taylor

~~You will remember that~~ As ~~t~~treasurer of the Board of Governors of the West China Union University, I am asked to have ready for the next meeting of the Board in September a uniform statement of expenditures made to date by the four organizations represented in the University.

You will find reference to this in section 30 (pages 15 and 16) of the minutes of the last meeting of the Board.

The "Reports" referred to in paragraph 1 of this entry in the minutes as having been submitted by certain Societies, are not uniform and give only very general summaries. ~~I~~ I am, therefore, asking all the Societies to make a statement, from which the comparison may be made as desired. I am asking that the statement be as detailed as possible and that the dates of expenditures be given. Kindly make the statement in two divisions; I., Expenditures for the joint maintenance of the University; II., Expenditures for the College maintained by your organization. Under I., note expenditures: a, Land for the University; b, Buildings for the University; c, Equipment for the University; d, Other Expenditures for the University.

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Oct. 26, 1912.

Rev. E. W. Wallace,
95 Bedford Road,
Toronto.

My dear Mr. Wallace:

Your favor of the 21st inst. is at hand. I am enclosing a check for $300 with receipts No. 13 and 14, covering the remittance. Kindly return the receipts to me.

Mr. Shore mentions $360 as the sum which you desire from me, but as your figures are $300 I send this amount. If an item has been omitted, kindly let me know, and I will forward the remittance at once. I shall be glad to send at any time such sum as you and Mr. Shore may agree upon as the amount which it would be convenient for you to have in hand before leaving home. I wonder if it would not be wise that all payments due you as a missionary under the rules of the Canadian Methodist Board should be given you by their treasurers, both a home and on the field with the understanding that the item will be forwarded to me for reimbursement of the Board's treasury. It strikes me that this plan would be simplest and most convenient for you. I am writing Mr. Shore and will speak of this. Please talk with him and see what can be arranged. We want to have you saved trouble in all ways and at the same time to preserve due business order.

I note your statement regarding the amount of the

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"outfit".

May the last weeks at home be blest to you and to all about you. My kind regards to your father and mother.

Very sincerely yours,

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Rev. E. W. Wallace,
95 Bedford Road,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Mr. Wallace:

I have been uncertain where to address you but am confident that the old address will find you out. I note that you are to sail from San Francisco on January 10th, and will be in Toronto for at least a few days previous to that time.

It would have been a pleasure to have been present at your wedding. Of course all passed happily. Mrs. Barbour and I are wanting you to have a volume which we have sometimes given to friends newly mated. It will probably bring but an old story to you, but as an ideal of life, I think it has exceptional attractiveness.

Regarding the $200 for expenses in Japan and North China, I was surprised to find that this omitted in the budget, as contained in the Minutes of our meeting in Toronto. Fortunately the omission is purely "clerical", as you will see by adding the figures- the sum total, as indicated in the statement being $200 in excess of the items. The $300 was voted as a part of the total provision. I am writing of this to Dr. Shore.

We look to Dr. Shore to make all payments to you, which would be yours, if you were still a missionary of the Canadian Methodist Society, and shall be glad to have him make any other advances of amounts included in the appropriation made to you in our budget. As you [redacted] this will be a convenience for us both.

With very warmest regards to you and to Mrs. Wallace, whom

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I hope sometime Mrs. Barbour and I may have the pleasure of meeting, I remain

Always most truly yours,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Nov. 27, 1913.

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Rev. E.W. Wallace,
Chengtu, Szchuen Province,
West China.

My dear Mr. Wallace:

I received your favor of Aug. 16 with your account of your expenditures for travel in reaching West China and your estimate of expenditures for your work as educational secretary and for the department of education during the coming year. The Budget for the new year has been tentatively drafted by the Board of Governors.

I mentioned to the committee the fact that your travel account had exceeded the estimate by the sum of $48. As your estimate - now approved by the committee in their adoption of the Budget for the coming year includes reimbursement to you in this amount, it is understood that the item is provided for.

The Board of Managers Governors are to meet in the annual meeting January 17. It proved impossible to meet in the fall as Dr. Goucher was in China and some other members of the Board could not be present at the meeting. Dr. Hodgkin was in Madagascar. He has now returned to England and may possible be able to be at the meeting of the Board though he is inclined to think the journey not really necessary. He has been present at each annual meeting of the Board until now. We shall hear from him by correspondence in any event at the time of the meeting.

In sending to Mr. Neumann the first quarterly payment on the Budget I did not make provision for your salary as it is understood that you will draw this from the local treasurer of the Canadian Board. I did include provision for your rent and have mentioned this to Mr. Neumann as requiring payment from him.

I am sure you will rejoice as we do that Mr. Ricker is secured as superintendent of building by the University. You will know of the provision made for your residence. I hope funds will not fail us for pushing the buildings through at the earliest possible time.

We understand that you will follow the usual custom on the field in drawing payment for your personal salary and the amounts needed in your work. So long as the appropriation made is not

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exceeded the committee will expect that the local custom will followed as to times of payments by the local treasurer. It understood that all personal items are to be provided for by the local treasurer of the Canadian Society and are to be the same wi. the provision made for missionaries of that Society. We appreciate very much the accommodation given us by this arrangement which I judge is quite the most convenient arrangement possible for meeting your personal needs.

I note that you are expecting that other additional expenditure will be required in the educational department and that you will send supplementary estimates. As the Budget must be divided proportionately among the Boards and report made to them of the amount needed, it is important to hold additional expenditure to the lowest practicable amount as any balance in our treasury from which supplementary needs could be met will be small.

I am glad you can write so favorably of the outlook for your work. May it realize more than all your expectation. I hope you may be able to find a home in Chengtu at the earliest possible time. I can understand your desire to be there.

I am grateful that Mrs. Wallace bore the long journey so well.

With warmest remembrance to yourboth and every best wish,

Very sincerely yours,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Dec. 23, 1913.

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Mr. Mornay Williams,

27 Cedar St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Williams:

I have your favor of the 17th inst. with the enclosure from Mr. Franklin.

I can appreciate the embarrassment in which the straitened resources and multiplied needs of our work places him, yet as you say we must in some way have resources for West China. Conditions will need very thorough consideration at our meeting in January.

I am not sure whether I shall be able to be at Garden City. In any case I am expecting to be in New York at the close of the week for our West China meeting. I hope we can see you when you next come to Boston. Will Mrs. Williams be with you? And can you not come out to our home?

I trust your health is much better.

Very sincerely yours,

Wollaston, Mass.,

Dec. 19, 1913.

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Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mr. Williams:

Dr. Hodgkin writes me the pleasant word that he has received a subscription for $300 from a Mrs. Wright of Philadelphia for the University Fund. He says, "I am retaining this money in England because it has been sent to me in the form of a draft on London, and I suppose that before long we shall have to advance some money to Mr. Roundtree on account of his tour to China, if this is sanctioned by the Board of Governors. It would therefore be foolish for me to buy a draft on New York and lose by the exchange twice over. Of course I will forward the money to you at once if you have any objection to this course being taken. In the mean time I send you a receipt for the amount."

I have replied to him, "Regarding the retaining by you of the amount of the draft, I am uncertain what to say. I appreciate the advantage you speak of, the saving of some loss by exchange, yet it is also advantageous to have all amounts received by, and paid from, a single treasury. I will write Dr. Goucher and Mr. Williams that it will be well to reach a settled rule."

Will you kindly let me have your view of the case.

It would appear that Dr. Hodgkin expects that the trip of Mr. Roundtree will draw upon general funds. We shall hear from him, I suppose, in reply to the correspondence of Mr. Shore after he has received our replies to his telegrams. Regarding this I have written Dr. Hodgkin, "It seems very important that our Boards should feel that they were given opportunity to express a judgment before an unexpectedly large outlay is incurred. It is most important to retain their warm sympathy and cooperation.

With warm personal regard,

Very sincerely yours,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Jan. 29, 1913.

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Rev. Dr. John F. Goucher,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Dr. Goucher:

Dr. Hodgkin writes me the pleasant word that he has received a subscription for $900 from a Mrs. Wright of Philadelphia for the University Fund. He says, "I am retaining this money in England because it has been sent to me in the form of a draft on London, and I suppose that before long we shall have to advance some money to Mr. Roundtree on account of his tour to China, if this is sanctioned by the Board of Governors. It would therefore be foolish for me to buy a draft on New York and lose by the exchange twice over. Of course I will forward the money to you at once if you have any objection to this course being taken. In the mean time I send you a receipt for the amount."

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With warm personal regard,

Very sincerely yours,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Jan. 29, 1913.

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Mr. Mornay Williams,
Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mr. Williams:

I have this morning the correspondence between Dr. Shore and Mr. Ricker. You doubtless have this and also a duplicate of the letter I received yesterday from Dr. Hodgkin.

I think that the possibility of satisfactory work through Mr. Ricker, after such consultation as he could have with the architect on the outward journey, supplemented by constant correspondence later, should meet our need in a truly satisfactory way. Mr. Ricker's acquaintance with the whole situation at Chengtu, as viewed architecturally, it would seem would quite transform the present situation for Mr. Rowntree and the arrangement would perpetuate a close, intelligent connection between Mr. Rowntree and the work, and would afford to the University and possibly, if Mr. Ricker's time would permit this, would serve also individual societies who could relieve the University treasury correspondingly.

Are we to judge from Dr. Hodgkin's letter that Mr. Rowntree will make the journey without waiting for favorable action by the Executive Committee? This would seem very unfortunate as causing a complication that might prove serious with some of the Boards.

I have written Dr. Goucher, saying that I leave the matter confidently in his hands. Perhaps you will wish to write him.

Very sincerely yours,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Feb. 1, 1913.

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Mr. Mornay Williams,
27 Cedar St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Williams:

I have your favor of the 28th inst. in relation to the submission of plans by Mr. Nowntree.

I appreciate your perplexity. It seems to me that no recourse appears on submission of the plans- those you have received and the others which were to follow- to a meeting of the Executive Committee. I should be quite willing to leave the decision as to the plans to your judgment but I presume you would be reluctant to have such a course followed. On the other hand submission of the plans to the several members of the committee through the mail would not seem to promise a satisfactory result. Where so much detail is involved the opportunity for discussion and consequent modifying of individual opinion would seem essential.

I can think of no other plan as feasible excepting action by correspondence in selection of two or three persons as a committee for passing upon plans. In that case you and Dr. Goucher and Mr. Wood would be an excellent committee. But as we are at the beginning of things and the plans will cover many interests it would seem that a general meeting would be desirable. In case it is held I would certainly delay until Dr. Goucher's return. I suppose we may look for him at the latest very early in December. The delay of course is unfortunate but the alternative seems less fortunate still.

I have, as I presume you have, a latter from Dr. Shore, submitting his resignation and asking appropriate action on the election of Dr. Endicott to the Board. He suggests also that Dr. Endicott be chosen a member of the Executive Committee. I would say amen to this by all means and am also saying to Dr. Shore that I trust Dr. Endicott may be chosen promptly as secretary of the committee. As you know the bulk of the correspondence is at the Rooms in Toronto. I am voting yes on all the propositions mentioned by Dr. Shore, though on the appointment of Dr. Endicott to the Board I suppose there is strictly no call for action by us, as the election of their representatives is in control of the several Boards.

I am returning the pages of the Sun giving the statement of Yuan Shih-k'ai. I was very glad to read this and thank you for sending it to me. I wish I could feel more confidence in

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the new president of China. I have, however, much confidence in the forces that are sure to dominate there and have all confidence in the force that is over-ruling all.

With warm regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Oct. 31, 1913.

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Mrs. Beulah H. J. Woolston,
164 West Chelton Ave.,
Germantown, Pa.

My dear Madam:

Dr. H. T. Hodgkin of London has sent to me as Treasurer of the Board of Governors of West China Union University your check for $100, in payment of a subscription for the endowment fund of the Institution.

Allow me on behalf of the Board to express to you their warm appreciation of this gift. They have strong confidence in the possibilities of this work and are very grateful to those who assist in promoting their realization.

Yours very sincerely,

Wollaston, Mass.,
Nov. 27, 1913.

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