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Hotel La Salle

Chicago Dec. 8 1912

Dear Dr. Barbours, -

Your favor of the 4th inst. has just reached me here in Chicago, and I am glad to reply immediately. It is good to hear from you.

Mr. Hutchins is a studious and scholarly man, - well read and growing. He has excellent administrative ability. In nearly all of the union movements in our city, he has been chairman of the most important committees, as a rule, and has attended to arrangements and business well. I have not heard him preach and can judge of his pulpit ability only as I know his general qualifications. He has some personal peculiarities, but such as appear on the surface and would be seen by a congregation, if he came before them as a

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supply. He was hard working in Leviston,
and deserved, I think, a success there which
the conditions of the city, and particularly
that part where his church is located,
rendered impossible. I think he would be

a good preacher, pastor and leader. I would
suggest that the church in question make
an arrangement, which will not be em-
barrassing, if he is not liked, - for him
to serve as a three or six months
supply. Could it thus be done? I do
not think he would divide the church.

I am at the Federal Council and am
proud to belong to the larger Baptist
brotherhood. Baptists show up strongly
here.

I hope you are well -

With warm regards to you & yours

Sincerely yours

Leopoldus Anthony

Barnes

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CABLE ADDRESS: "TAVOY, BOSTON"

December 19th, 1913.

Rev. T. S. Barbour, D. D.,
P. O. Box 10,
Wollaston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barbour:-

We acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 18th inst. enclosing two checks; one for \$6,000. to reimburse us for honoring draft from China; and the other for \$4328. for which amount we are sending a draft to Mr. Stafford to be placed to the credit of the Treasurer of the Senate of the West China Union University. This letter will serve as your receipt.

We hope that you will spend a very very Merry Christmas.

Cordially yours,

John F. Barnes
Vice Treasurer.

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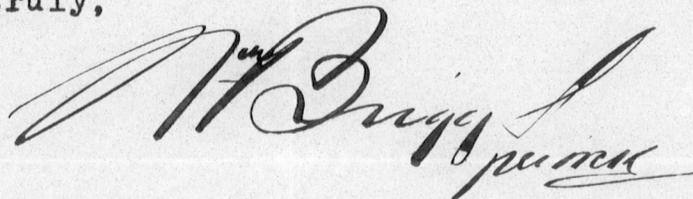
TORONTO, Aug. 14, 1913.

Mr. Thomas S. Barbour,
Stoddard, N. H.

Dear Sir,-

The item about which you write in your favor of
the 12th instant was charged to the Mission Rooms in January last. They
settled their account in full including this item on July 10th last.

Yours truly,



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August 23, 1907.

Rev. Thomas S. Barbour, D.D.,
Ford Building, Boston.

My dear Dr. Barbour:-

I am sorry to have delayed so long my reply to yours of July 27, but the delay has been unavoidable. I have had a visit from Rev. Joseph Beech concerning whom you wrote me, and some subsequent correspondence with him. I learn that, as you state in your letter, and as I had also understood, it is the thought of the brethren of China that each of the colleges shall make for itself some provision for theological instruction. For myself, I would only venture to add the suggestion that the preliminary organization should not exclude the possibility of ~~the~~ future co-operation in theological work if this should ever be found to be desirable.

I understand from Mr. Beech also that, as you state in your letter, the separate colleges will be financially maintained by the several missionary organizations. I understand, however, that it is the thought of the missionaries in China that the proposed university shall be maintained by that body in America, whether it be a single university or a body representing several universities, which undertakes the responsibility of its establishment. I gathered from him that the relation of the university to the denominational colleges is expected to be much like the relation of Oxford to its

colleges. It will not be a graduate school as distinguished from a college. It will not, at first at least, assume the responsibility for the professional work, but will on the one hand constitute the unifying factor for all the others, and on the other, will itself do a part of the college work. As a consequence, just as at Oxford, the term university will bear a double sense, in one sense denoting the central instructional institution, and in another the complex of all the colleges, unless for convenience the central unit be called the University College, and the name University be reserved for the aggregation of colleges including the central unit.

The University College - if we use that term - would therefore have, first a faculty giving instruction in certain college subjects, the particular subjects to be determined by arrangement with the denominational colleges; second, a President who would also be the president of the whole university; third, a building in which the professors of the University College should give instruction, and probably, fourth, residences for its professors. I understand from Mr. Beech that a site has been already selected, perhaps not actually bought, and that the central site has been assigned to the University.

The Board of Control of each denominational college would, I assume, elect the faculty of that college, and the Board proposed in my former letter to be elected by the three co-operating universities would elect the faculty of the University College. In order to secure the necessary unity of educational policy throughout all the divisions of the University there might be constituted an all-university faculty, or a University Senate, consisting of the more mature members of all the faculties, and possibly including all the members of the faculty of the University. Members of this Senate would, I suppose be nominated by their own Boards and elected by the home Board of the University, or by the Local Board of Control. In the former case the Senate might indeed constitute the Local Board of Control.

The expenses of the four matters named above as coming within the scope of the University College, would fall to it, and would have to be provided by whatever body in America undertakes the task.

In my talk with Mr. Beech I have formed a rough estimate of the initial cost of such a University. I suggest it now, not because it is in any way officially authorized,

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but because it may furnish a basis for a consideration of the question, whether the work should be undertaken by one university or more. This estimate is as follows:

1. A building for administration, general assembly, library and lecture rooms	\$10 000
2. Furniture, Equipment, libraries	8 000
3. Residences for professors	10 000
4. Traveling expenses of the faculty from the United States to China	<u>2 000</u>
Total	\$30 000

In explanation of the small sum named for the building I may state that Mr. Beech tells me that there has recently been built in Chentu a hospital constructed in good European fashion of gray brick, 140 feet long, 60 feet wide, 3 stories high with a tower 180 feet high, total cost of which is \$10 000. As the university is to begin in a modest way a building of approximately these dimensions, or equivalent ones, would seem to be large enough. On the other hand if the University should undertake Biology, as its special field of work, including Botany, Zoology, Physiology, as it seems very likely might be desirable, the estimate for building might be too small, since laboratories are expensive of space.

Current expenses might perhaps be estimated for the first few years somewhat as follows:

1. President	\$3 000
2. Three or four professors	6 000
3. Books and printing	500
4. Incidental expenses of home administration	<u>500</u>
Total	\$10 000

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Dormitories would be provided by the colleges, and the colleges would also undertake to pay to the university an annual sum for incidental expenses of the university in China.

Of course these figures refer only to such a modest beginning as might be wise at the outset. I was not able from my conversation with Mr. Beech to form any definite idea of how rapidly the university might safely grow, or to what dimensions it might safely reach. Inasmuch as theology is already provided for in the colleges the most obvious direction of expansion in the near future would be, first, enlargement of the college itself to provide greater range of study, and to make provision for an increasing number of students; second, the creation of a college for teachers; third, the establishing of a medical school. As respects the first only experience can determine how rapidly enlargement would be needed.

As respects a medical school Dr. Beech tells me that a beginning in this direction might be made at no great expense, since with each of the missions there is connected a physician who could give instruction in a medical school, and who being supported by the mission with which he is connected would not require additional salary from the university. There is also a hospital connected with one of the missions which would obviate the necessity of immediate expense in this direction. Yet of course the establishment of a medical school would call for expense in the buildings, apparatus, and pro-

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bably in the appointment of at least one professor and dean who should give his whole time to the school and be paid by the university. But here also we are speaking of a branch of the work which on one side need not be at once established, and on the other, once established might grow, we know not to what dimensions.

I must beg your pardon for taking up these matters of organization and expense so in detail. I do so with no conceit of knowledge, but because they affect directly, I think, the question whether the enterprise should be undertaken by one university, or by a board representing several universities. I find Mr. Beech favorably disposed to the latter plan, and I gather from a letter received from him lately that President Harris of the Northwestern University to whom he suggested the plan was favorably inclined to it. As I have myself further considered the matter after gaining from Mr. Beech the data for the above rough estimate of initial cost, and annual expenses at the outset, I am rather confirmed in my feeling that the plan of a board representing three universities has advantages over the other. As I think of proposing to any university board of trustees that they should appropriate \$30,000 for initial expenses, and assume a budget of \$10,000 a year, or even a much smaller sum, I feel sure that their answer would be that to appropriate their funds for this purpose would be, however excellent the work contemplated, a violation of trust, since the money was not

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given for this purpose. If on the other hand, they were asked to raise the money for this purpose, it seems to me certain not only that they would hesitate to undertake the task because not organized for this purpose, but also that if they should undertake it they would be met at once in soliciting funds by the question whether they were not exceeding their proper function in undertaking an educational work not only outside the United States, but outside of the English speaking world. If the suggestion that a single university undertake the task means, not that the university as such through its board of trustees should do it, but that a voluntary organization connected with the university should assume the responsibility, as has been done, for example, at Yale, the objections above mentioned are obviated, but the appeal for funds must also be limited to the faculty, students, alumni, and trustees of the particular university undertaking the task.

While it is true that the effort at Yale has been successful, progress has been slow with them, and I must confess to a doubt whether any other university would be as successful even as Yale has been. There are special reasons which I could state if I had opportunity of conversation with you, which lead me to believe that while those who are interested in the University of Chicago, and have contributed to its support, are also deeply interested in mission work in general, and in educational work in oriental countries in particular, yet these persons would not be disposed to choose the Univer-

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sity of Chicago as the channel through which they should do what they desire to do in the matter of education on the mission field. At the same time the fact that the public generally does not understand this situation, and could not be informed of it, would act as a barrier to obtaining the necessary funds from other persons.

It seems to me also that there are obvious advantages in the plan of a board officially related to, but legally independent of some three universities, such board would be able to make its appeal for funds with the advantage that the plan of education considered would have practically received the endorsement of these universities. It would be able to solicit funds not only from persons connected with all three of the universities, but also from persons interested in the educational side of mission work without reference to these universities.

Of course, as before, I am speaking only as an individual. I have not only had no consultation with persons who might be expected to contribute toward the necessary funds, but I have had even less opportunity than in the case of my former letter to confer with any of my colleagues in the university.

Let me add that while it appears to me probable that the bulk of the necessary funds would have to be obtained from men of relatively large means, yet I hold the opinion also that some share of the financial responsibility should be put

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upon the faculty and students of the co-operating university.

I am expecting to be in Boston and vicinity the latter half of September, arriving probably about the 16th. If I can be of any service in this matter at that time I should be glad to be used.

Very truly yours,

EDB.

Ernest S. Ruston

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NEW YORK

Oct 29th 1912

Rev. T. S. Barbour D.D.
Wollaston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barbour:

Some time in the course of the next week or so I would be glad to receive a cheque from you for fifty or seventy-five dollars, as the seventy-five dollars received through Dr. Shore for the expenses of our financial campaign have been exhausted.

You will be interested to know that our dinner in New York has finally been arranged for. It is to be given at the Union League Club on the evening of November eighth. The invitations will be issued tomorrow or next day. I trust that you will be able to come up

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for the meeting, as we are anxious to have
a good line up of members of the Boards of
Governors of the two Universities.

In a letter from Dr. Hodgkin today he
reports a good meeting at Chicago on Saturday
last.

Yours very sincerely
C. R. Caswell

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Cushing

Permanent address 13 Pleasant St.

My dear Dr. Barbour

Plymouth
Mass.

I am sending
you an account of the
change of the First Church of
Plymouth, the coming &
departure of Rev. Adoniram
Judson father of the missionary.

The homestead which is
now my home is next house
to the Judson home.

My mother was eight years
old when Adoniram left home
for India. The event impressed
her deeply, and her children
were kept informed of mission
history. To this I owe the
impression, from a child, that
I should be a missionary
in Burma.

It was a great pleasure to
meet you last week.

Yours very sincerely
Edward H. Cushing

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Rev. Chandler Robbins was
settled as pastor of the First
Church of Plymouth, Jan. 1st 1760
and remained such until his
death in 1799. During the
latter part of his pastorate
some of the members became
dissatisfied with the doctrines
preached, being convinced
they were not those of the Bible.
Four or five years before the
death of Dr. Robbins a portion
of the Church proposed to
withdraw and form another
body; but the movement was
frowned upon and was dropped
largely out of respect to Dr.
Robbins.

The 1st day of Jan. 1800 the
Rev. James Kendall was
installed pastor.

Not long after, the
dissatisfied members requested

Mr. Kendall to preach a ²
sermon wherein his real
sentiments should be revealed.
The result was a statement
of Unitarian doctrines.

Then the settled purpose of
those who determined to be true
to the faith of their fathers
culminated. Fifty two persons,
thirty four females and eighteen
males, one less than half the
entire membership, asked
dismissal and formed the
Third Congregational Church of
Plymouth ^{the 12th day of May 1802.} (The second church had
been formed in the southern part
of the town). The 12th day of May
1802 Rev Adoniram Judson was
called to be the pastor.

The original church from that
time has been Unitarian; but by
reason of the majority of one
retained the records. The church

edifice and the ground upon which it stood.

This was the first of many similar movements throughout the state in the early part of the 19th Century.

In 1812 Adoniram Judson Jr. left the homestead for a life work in India. Later he sent to his father the notes of his study of baptism, made during the voyage to Calcutta.

After prolonged examination of the scriptures the father also concluded that immersion was the biblical mode of baptism, asked to be released from the pastorate and was baptised into the Baldwin Place Church, Boston.

Mrs. Judson said to her husband "well, Pa, though you are

baptised and make this
great change, yet - I will not."

Nevertheless she did and
went to Boston for baptism.

There was no Baptist Church in
Plymouth at that time.

Later Mr. Judson was called
to the church in Canandaigua
N. Y.

The church true to the
faith of the Pilgrims is now
called "The Church of the Pilgrimage"
and stands on the site of the
original church, a stone's
throw from the Unitarian
Church, the so-called "First Church
of Plymouth."

W. China Union Univ¹⁶

216 West Beard Ave
Syracuse
N.Y.
Dr. Barbour Sir

Enclosed
please find twenty five
dollars, (25.00), the first
payment on the one
hundred pledge given to
Mr Taylor for the West
China Union University -

I have been very ill or
would have sent it before

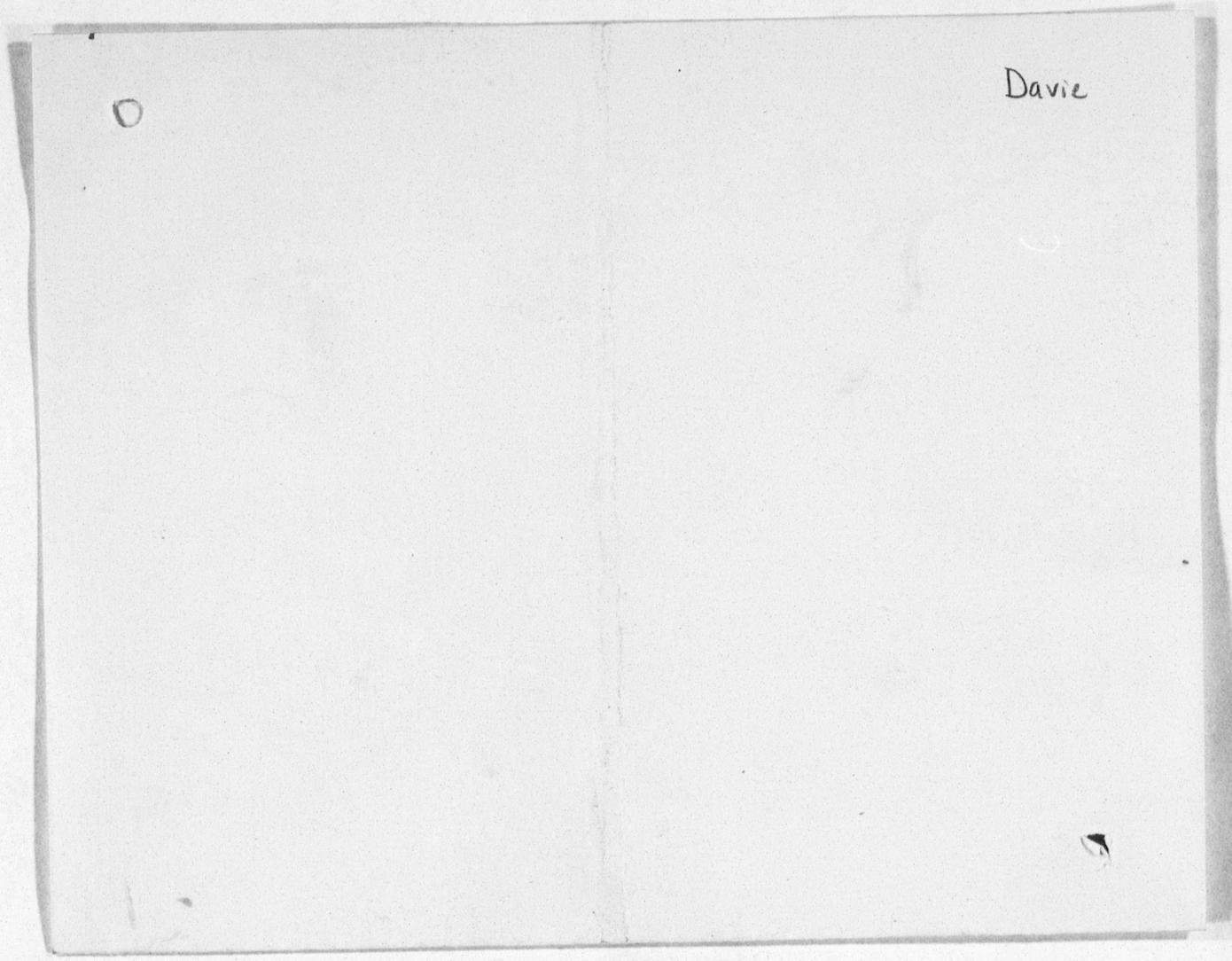
Yours Respectfully

Mrs Fidelity & Davis

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D. S. Dye.

Dye

26 Range Road, Shanghai, China.

July 1st, 1912.

Dr Thomas S. Barbour,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barbour;-I am sorry that Mr Neumann and I did not make the matter re the Central Scientific Order payment clear. I paid it out of my own salary thru "The Rooms" just about a year ago. Then I presented the bill to Mr Neumann, and he presented the bill as you received it and I had the money paid to my father, A.T. Dye of New Matamoras, O. We thought this perfectly clear without involving any irregularities, except that I had my own money tied up in the project for eight or nine months and that does not involve anyone but myself. Fortunately I have another bill of the

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Dr T.S.Barbour

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order which I turn over to Mr Neumann which he has forwarded you.

We are eagerly awaiting the time that we can get West again. It is difficult to decide whether it is wise to attempt the trip before September even if the political condition justifies the going.

Personally, I have had a splendid good term with the Shanghai Baptist College. It has done me good to work with them there for a time. It is an inspiration indeed. A visit to the Nanking University broadened my horizon somewhat. And on the way to Nanking I saw the independent, as yet, Soochow University. This time has not been a total loss even from the standpoint of work and language preparation. There is work down here, work that we sympathise with and could enter ~~into~~ with heart service; but the West calls.

Yours and His, *Dan. S. Ong*

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CABLE ADDRESS: "TAVOY, BOSTON"

August 13, 1913.

Rev. Thomas S. Barbour, D.D.,
Stoddard, via Hancock,
N. H.

My dear Dr. Barbour:-

I have just received your letter of August 12th, with enclosure from Mr. Ricker, estimating his expenses to China by way of the different routes proposed. I agree with you that it is advisable for him to go by way of Siberia, as he will save much time by such an itinerary. However, I know by experience that he should engage his accommodations beyond Moscow as early as possible.

Mrs. Franklin and I traveled second class from Chang Chung to London. By securing tickets through to some European point, we were able to register as much as 110 lbs. of baggage per person, without additional charge. Besides the amount carried in the baggage car, each passenger is allowed to take into his compartment as much luggage as can be accommodated without inconvenience to others in the same compartment. Mr. Ricker should try to secure a two-berth compartment, in which case he will probably find racks for fully as much luggage as he will desire to take with him on such an overland trip. I think we had three large suit cases, a large canvas roll, two hand bags, and two or three boxes in our compartment. We found the second class fairly good, and nearly all the missionaries, if not all of them, travel that way. Mr. Ricker, however, is quite right in planning to go from Chang Chung to Peking first class. I am wondering if he needs to go to Shanghai at all. Why could he not proceed by rail from Peking to Hankow? It has also occurred to me that he could send extra luggage by way of the Pacific as freight, in order to avoid the excess rate from London to Shanghai, which, I think, is something like .25 gold per pound. His other estimates will about cover his expenses.

and Mrs. Ricker
Mr. Ricker should insist upon a two-berth compartment. Most of the compartments second class have four berths, and it would probably be necessary for them to be separated, if they did not secure a two-berth compartment. They are going at the rush season, and it may be difficult for them to secure accommodations. Five months before I started home, I was told that the two-berth compartments in second class accommodations were taken for April; but I secured mine, and really made an exchange only four weeks before starting.

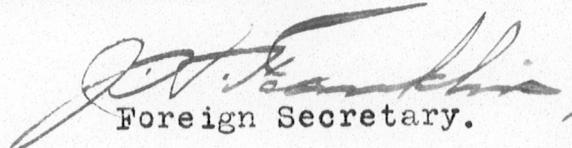
If Mr. Ricker finds difficulty in securing a compartment in the through sleeper to Chang Chung, he might be accommodated

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in the car for Vladivostok as far as Harbin. From Harbin to Chang Chung the ride is by daylight, I think, and additional equipment is provided. If my experience is of any value to Mr. Ricker, I shall be glad to serve him. I suppose Mr. Ricker knows that there are only three trains per week carrying through sleepers, and it is desirable that he catch the International Express if possible. Should he fail to get accommodations on the International Express, he should make sure that there is dining car service on his train. I think he will find the sleeping cars exactly like those on the International train, and the schedule is as fast. He should by no means attempt to use any other than one of the three fast trains.

Very cordially yours,


Foreign Secretary.

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GOUCHER COLLEGE,
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

November, 18, 1912.

Dr. Thomas S. Barbour,
Wollastin, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barbour:

It was a great pleasure to me to have the opportunity of fellowship with you during my brief stay at Worcester.

A letter received this morning from Dr. Shore reminds me that you and I are a special committee to make inquiries concerning the possibility of securing Dr. W. W. Comfort as President of "The West China Union University." I will be glad to cooperate with you in any way possible in securing the information desired, and will be pleased to talk the matter over with you when we meet, ~~at the Council later in the week.~~

Enclosed you will find statement which I made in Clark University so far as it relates to "The West China Union University." I am trying to get in touch with part of my mail this morning, and am called off to a funeral a little later in the day, so am much crowded.

Cordially yours,

Just Goucher

Enclosure.

Your check was received all right? Thanks.

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GOUCHER COLLEGE,
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

January 31, 1913.

Rev. Thomas S. Barbour, D. D.,
Wollaston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barbour:

Your letter of the 29th inst. has just been received, and I think you are quite right in your reply to Dr. Hodgkin, and the small item of exchange is not to be compared with the establishment and maintenance of thorough business methods. I understood from Dr. Shore's telegram that the expenses of Mr. Roundtree had been provided by a special gift, and on that basis it had my approval. I have no right to express an opinion, as I was not present at the Executive Committee meeting, though it was not my fault that I was absent; but I could not have voted in favor of incurring any considerable expense for such visitation.

There are one or perhaps two educational enterprises in China which have heard of the service we received from our consulting architect, and are desirous of having the benefit of his judgment in some of their buildings under consideration. I have written to Mr. Morney Williams today, asking him to give me his address, and I will put him in correspondence with them *or them with him,*

Cordially yours,

Just Goucher.

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Extract from letter of H. T. Hodgkin of the
Friends' Foreign Mission Association.
Dated April 30, 1910.

I understand that it will not be practicable for the members of the Joint Commission to arrive in England sufficiently early for these meetings to be held prior to the Conference, and we are, therefore, planning to arrange for the Joint Commission to meet either in London or in some place between Edinburgh and London, beginning on Saturday, the 25th June.

It would be a very great assistance to us if we might know what members of the Commission will be present, as representing the A. B. M. U., and if there are any missionaries of your Society whom you would especially wish to have attend the meetings. We are hoping to get hospitality for all members of the Joint Commission and it is important that we should know, as soon as possible, who are coming. I should also like to know how long they will be able to stay. Our present thought is that we should continue the meetings until the 29th of the month, and I very much hope that your representatives will be able to stay at least until that date. Should it prove necessary for us to continue the meetings longer, our representatives would be willing to stay, even at very considerable personal inconvenience.

We feel that at this time, the large questions connected with the Chengtu University should be discussed as fully as possible, and that the scheme should be organized in such a way as to make it possible to appeal to the public for support, without delay.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the headquarters of the other missions.

I should be glad to know if you and the other members of the Commission would be favorable to our inviting Professor Michel Sadler, of Manchester University, who is acting as Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Education for the Edinburgh Conference, to attend our sittings? He is keenly interested in the subject and is giving careful consideration to a proposition to visit Chengtu in the not distant future himself.

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FRIENDS' FOREIGN MISSION ASSOCIATION.

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Home Secretary:
HENRY HARRIS.

July 9th, 1912.

Rev. T.S. Barbour, D.D.,
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society,
Ford Buildings,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barbour,

Many thanks for your letter of the 10th ultimo, which I ought to have acknowledged long ago. I am sorry that it has lain so long on my table: but it has not been unattended to. I have been getting the particulars which you require, and am now able to submit a statement which I hope you will find to be thoroughly satisfactory.

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.

I have to make one or two suggestions in regard to the way in which funds for the University should be dealt with as between the home end and the field end. These are as follows:

1. That all expenditure, whether in China or at home, which is incurred on behalf of the four Boards acting jointly, should be provided out of funds paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Governors by the Home Boards, and that the method which has been adopted in some cases of paying for certain items on the field by the four local Treasurers should be entirely discontinued.

2. That every grant asked for and sanctioned by the various Missions for joint purposes be remitted to yourself or your successor as the Treasurer of the Board of Governors, irrespective

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Rev. T.S.Barbour, D.D.

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of the condition of the fund in your hands. By this means I hope that we shall always keep you in funds, and that it will not be necessary for you to run into debt on account of the work of the Board of Governors. At the same time, I think that we shall avoid difficulty between payments at this end and those in China which have made the account-keeping more intricate than is necessary.

Of course in the case of payments for appliances, etc., made in this country or on the Continent, we can always make those, and debit you with the amount, crediting you with such sums as are allocated on behalf of our Board for University purposes; but this is merely a question of account keeping as between ourselves. The main point is that we should not instruct the treasurers on the field to have any financial transactions with the Treasurer of the Senate on account of Union expenditures.

I expect to be able to enclose with this letter a dollar draft to cover the 1250 dollars (our share of the working expenses this year), and the sum of £900, being the amount of the grant made by the China Emergency Committee for the Men's Normal School. As I shall be out of town when this is dispatched on Wednesday, my accountant will enclose exact details of the draft.

I am much looking forward to seeing you again when I am in America, and hope that we may be able to make good progress with the financial canvass.

I trust that you are keeping in better health than was the case last autumn.

Yours very sincerely,

Henry J. Hodgkin
HJH

Dictated, but not personally signed
because of absence from the office.

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January 18th, 1913.

Rev. T.S. Barbour, D.D.,
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society,
Ford Buildings,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barbour,

The enclosed letter to Dr. Shore explains itself.

I have now received answers from all the British members of the Board of Governors, and the suggestion has been made that I should first cable to Dr. Shore trying to state the difficulty, as far as it may be possible within the compass of such a message. Although I am afraid, owing to past misunderstandings, of the results of dealing with the matter by cable, I have nevertheless decided, after consultation by 'phone with Mr Crosfield and Mr Clark, to accept the suggestion made by Dr. Sadler that the matter should be taken up by cable.

The cable, as enclosed, will, therefore, be sent today to Dr. Shore, and I hope that the Executive may feel prepared to agree to the suggestion made.

I enclose also extracts from letters received from Dr. Sadler and Mr Clark. Mr Crosfield's answer was given verbally.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Henry T. Hodgkin

P.S. I am sending under separate cover a proof of the pamphlet which I am getting out in this country for use in connection with the University Campaign, and I am asking Dr. Shore if he would like copies of it, with the necessary alteration from pounds to dollars, for use in America.

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FRIENDS' FOREIGN MISSION ASSOCIATION.

Secretary: HENRY T. HODGKIN, M.A., M.B.

Telephone: 9379 Central.
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February 5th, 1913.

Copy of letter from Dr. Hodgkin to Dr. Shore enclosed for
information with Dr. Hodgkin's kind regards.

Dr. Barbour.

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February 21st, 1913.

Rev. T.S.Barbour, D.D.,
 American Baptist Foreign Mission Society,
 Ford Buildings,
 Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barbour,

I have received letters from you dated the 25th and 28th January. These arrived while I was away in the North of England, and I have not had time to deal with them hitherto.

I now enclose two receipts, and thank you for the money sent, and for a receipt in respect of the money spent on the Roneo Duplicator.

In regard to the latter, I explained to Dr. Shore that this item had been dealt with a long time prior to the passing of the regulation referred to by the Executive, and can hardly be considered as covered by that. I am fully in accord with you and them in feeling that no bill should be settled by individual societies, but that all should come to the general treasury and be paid directly from that source. This particular item is only accounted for by the fact that the expense was incurred prior to any recognised system having been introduced.

Mr Rowntree has now, as you know, started for West China. I have written to Dr. Shore at some length expressing my regret at the way in which the thing has been handled at this end, and my sorrow that anything should have taken place which has seemed to you as if we were pressing things unduly. I think that you will understand that the situation was made very much more difficult here by the fact that a whole month elapsed between my first asking Dr. Shore's opinion and the receipt of the cable which indicated the opposition of the Executive to this move. I have already received a gift of £200 which can be appropriated to this purpose, and would completely cover the liability which I personally have incurred in guaranteeing Mr Rowntree's expenses. I may say, however, that I am hoping to obtain this money in another way, as this donor would prefer that his gift should not be earmarked for this purpose, though willing, if necessary, to allow it.

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I shall send you shortly a draft covering the sum of money received by me from America, for which I have already sent you a receipt.

The China Committee considered the other day the request for a grant for the additional land. We then knew of the action taken by the other Boards, and, in view of this and of our own financial difficulty, we did not feel justified in recommending the Board to make an appropriation. We have, however, every expectation of being able to raise this sum on this side of the Atlantic by one or more special gifts.

In regard to the item of \$200, I have made further enquiry, and can easily see how the difficulty has arisen. The statement which I made to you as to the cancelling of the amount was correct; but there had, in the meantime, been a payment on the field by Silcock to Neuman (who was then acting as Treasurer of the Temporary Board of Management) of 440 Mexican dollars. This sum ought to be shown in the accounts sent in from the field to you, and I suppose that you have the annual statements sent in from the field in your office and can check them. If not, Silcock says that he has little doubt but that he can send to you the actual receipt, if you would like that. It was left with his papers when he came home, but these have been somewhat disturbed since on account of the revolution, and it is possible that he may have some difficulty in getting them. In any case, however, the Treasurer's receipt book would show the stub, and the amount could be verified. Of course it is quite clear that this was an irregular way of dealing with the matter, and would not be repeated; but this also was before we had any recognised method of dealing with these questions. I am sorry that you had so much trouble about it.

With kindest regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Henry P. Hodgkin

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March 4th, 1913.

Rev. T.S. Barbour, D.D.,
 American Baptist Foreign Mission Society,
 Ford Buildings,
 Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barbour,

I enclose herewith a draft on Boston for 200 dollars and 68 cents, being the amount realised by the sum received from Philadelphia, for which I have already sent you a receipt. In this case we seem to have gained 68 cents on the double exchange, which is a gratifying result, though certainly an unusual one.

I hope to be able to write you further in reference to finance before long.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Henry T. Hodgkin.

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
December 12th, 1913.

Rev. T.S. Barbour, D.D.,
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society,
Ford Buildings,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barbour,

Among the letters which arrived at this office during my absence in Madagascar was one from you, dated the 26th July, in which you state:- "I enclose the statement of contributions by your Board. Will you kindly compare this with your figures, and, if divergence appears, correspond with your Treasurer upon the Field", etc. This statement, I am informed, never reached this office. If there is any outstanding question of difficulty, we certainly ought to clear it up. If I remember rightly, there was some contribution which other Societies had paid, and there was some doubt as to whether our Society had paid this or not. I am anxious to get this matter cleared up, if it has not been done already, in a satisfactory manner. I gather from your reference to this statement that there is still some question in your mind about it. Would you be kind enough, therefore, to furnish me with the statement, if you still think that there is any matter about which a question is likely to arise. I should be glad to deal with this prior to the meeting of the Board of Governors, if possible.

Yours very sincerely,

Henry T. Hodgkin

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
December 22nd, 1913.

Rev. T.S. Barbour, D.D.,
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society,
Ford Buildings,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barbour,

I enclose for your information Minutes passed at an informal meeting of the British members of the Board of Governors held while Dr. Goucher was in this country, and under his chairmanship. The object of the meeting was to have an informal expression of opinion on some of the more important questions that were likely to come before the Board of Governors in January next, with a view to enabling the members of the Board of Governors to understand the position of the British members, none of whom would be likely to be present. Of course you will understand that we do not wish at all to dictate to the Board of Governors, but simply to present our views for their information, in order that they may be taken into consideration, along with the views of members who are present at the discussions. I think that, on the one hand, you will be glad to have some idea of what the British members feel on these important questions, and, on the other hand, will guard against the danger of giving too large a place to the opinion of members who are not present when the matter is discussed, and whose views might be different had they the opportunity of taking a part in the discussions.

I am sending copies of these Minutes also to the Chairman and Secretary of the Board, and to Mr. James Wood, Mr. Mornay Williams, and Dr. Rufus Jones.

With kind regards,
I am,
Yours very sincerely,

Henry T. Hodgkin

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because of absence from the office.

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West China Union University.

Chengtu, West China,
October 7, 1910

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Rev. T.S. Barbour, D.D.,
American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society,
Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Bear Dr. Barbour:-

At the meeting of the Temporary Board of Management yesterday afternoon, the question was raised as to the most satisfactory way of paying bills in America and England for the University. As it is understood that the Treasurer of the Board of Governors would be able to pay such bills, I was asked to write an order on you which could be sent with an order for biological supplies previously approved by the Temporary Board. I am enclosing a duplicate of the order sent to Philips, Harris & Co., London, from whom these supplies are being purchased. It is understood here that each Board has appropriated \$750.00 Gold for apparatus, and that such part of this as needed to pay this apparatus bill will be released by the participating Mission Boards on your request. As I suppose you are aware there has been or is about to be used on this account here on the field \$200.00 Gold from each Mission, leaving a balance subject to call of \$550.00 Gold with each Mission Board. I trust that this will cause you no inconvenience and will meet with your approval.

As to the future, I am sure the Temporary Board or Senate will cordially welcome any suggestion from you as to the most satisfactory method of accomplishing this end, i.e., payment of bills in America, England or Germany. It is thought here that bills contracted in England and possibly those in Germany would be paid through the Friends' Board in England. But however this may be, would it be advisable to have printed some blank requests to pay bills, which could be sent with orders for goods? I might say that our own Board, the Methodist Episcopal, has used this method for some time and that it has proved a very great convenience to the men on the field and I think the least possible inconvenience to the men in the home office. Of course this is merely a suggestion.

I am not certain as to just how detailed reports you would care for from the Treasurer of the Board or Senate here on the field but if at your convenience you could give me some idea both as to detail and to frequency, we would gladly comply with your suggestions.

I presume it is needless to say that the men here on the field have been very much encouraged by the report of your meeting in London and desire to do everything possible to merit your confidence.

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Sincerely yours,

*George B. Neumann,
Treasurer of Temporary
Board of Management.*

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Chengtou, West China,
October 7, 1910

Rev. T. S. Barbour, D. D.,
American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society,
Boston, Mass. U. S. A.

Dear Sir:-

As Treasurer of the Board of Governors of West China
Union University, please pay the bill presented by Philip Harris
& Co., Ltd., Birmingham, England, for apparatus for the
biological department, amounting to 103/1/3. *

Faithfully yours,

George B. Neumann,
Treasurer of Temporary Board of Management,
West China Union University.

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West China Mission Conference,
Methodist Episcopal Church

Treasurer's Office

Shanghai, June 25 /12
Chengtü,.....191.....

Geo. B. Neumann

Rev. Thomas S. Barbour, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barbour:-

I was very greatly pleased to receive your letter of May 17, with the enclosed order for \$650.00 for the University. In your letter you raised several questions which referred to several forms which you were sending and also to the Minutes of the Board of Governors' meetings. As yet the forms have not come to hand, nor have any copies of the Minutes reached the Secretary. I saw him but a short time ago, and he thought that perhaps the Minutes had been sent to West China and had missed him here. Inasmuch as there various actions concerning the treasurer on the field, would it be possible for me to have a copy of the Minutes? I will be very grateful if you ~~will~~ could have such a copy sent to me. My address will be c/o Meth. Pub. House, Shanghai. Mail so addressed will be forwarded to me at any time.

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In regard to the purchases made from the Central Scientific Co., Chicago, for which you kindly paid to Mr. A. T. Dye of New ~~Matamor~~ Matamoras, Ohio, the sum of \$170.31, let me give the following explanation. Mr. D. S. Dye is in charge of the department of Physics in the University, and prepared a list of additional apparatus and supplies for that department. These, as I understand it, were paid by Mr. Dye's father, and the request which you refer to was to secure for him the return of his money. These supplies before being ordered were discussed by the Senate and the order was approved at one of the Senate meetings. I might say in addition that we will charge this amount to capital accounts, as these supplies are by way of addition to our present equipment, and not replacing old stock. I have received no receipt, but will ask Mr. Dye about it, and try and write you again shortly.

As soon as the forms arrive, I will try and answer your questions in regard to them promptly. As soon as I get back West, I shall try to prepare a statement of all accounts and send to you. When we left Chengtū, we rather expected to have trouble on the road and so left valuable accounts etc. in the safe in Chengtū.

Thanking you again for your very kind letter, and for all the interest you show in the work of the University,
Very sincerely yours,

Geo. B. Neumann.

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Geo. B. Neumann.

Shanghai, July 6 /12

Dr. Thomas S. Barbour,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barbour:-

After I had written to you a couple of weeks ago, I saw Mr. Dye again, and find that I misunderstood the matter of the payment of the bill by your Board to the Central Scientific Co., of Chicago. The bill was originally paid by your Board on Mr. Dye's request and charged to him personally. He settled with your treasurer here on the field. The receipt from the company is probably therefore in the office of your Board. Mr. D. S. Dye asked that when the University returned the money to him, that it be returned at home and not here on the field. Accordingly I wrote the note asking, according to his request, that the money be sent to his father, Mr. A. T. Dye of New Matamoras, Ohio. If you would like a receipt from Mr. Dye here I should be glad to get it and send it to you. I hope that this will clear the matter up and I hope that you will excuse me for stating it wrongly in my last letter.

Because of the very low rate of exchange I have not cashed your order. I will leave the draft with Mr. Stafford for the time being, hoping that exchange may improve before we start West.

Several of us hope to ~~start~~ start back the middle of August if conditions continue quiet. Memories of this stay in Shanghai will always be saddened because of the death of John Cherney and the death of Mr. Hockin of the Canadian Methodist Mission. John was one of our party of five that started to the Famine Relief work together, and he did much to make the journey happy.

With kind regards, I am
Sincerely yours,

Geo. B. Neumann
Treas. W. C. U. U.

G. B. Neumann, B. D.

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Shanghai, July 6 /19

Dr. Thomas S. Barbour,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barbour:-

After I had written to you a couple of weeks ago, I saw Mr. Dye again, and find that I misunderstood the matter of the payment of the bill by your Board to the Central Scientific Co., of Chicago. The bill was originally paid by your Board on Mr. Dye's request and charged to him personally. He settled with your treasurer here on the field. The receipt from the company is probably therefore in the office of your Board. Mr. Dye asked that when the University returned the money to him, that it be returned at home and not here on the field. Accordingly I wrote the note asking, according to his request, that the money be sent to his father, Mr. A. T. Dye of New Martinsburg, Ohio. If you would like a receipt from Mr. Dye here I should be glad to get it and send it to you. I hope that this will clear the matter up and I hope that you will excuse me for stating it wrongly in my last letter.

Because of the very low rate of exchange I have not cashed your order. I will leave the draft with Mr. Stafford for the time being, hoping that exchange may improve before we start West.

Several of us hope to start back the middle of August if conditions continue quiet. Memories of this stay in Shanghai will always be saddened because of the death of John Chertney and the death of Mr. Hookin of the Canadian Methodist Mission. John was one of our party of five that started to the famine relief work together, and he did much to make the journey happy.

With kind regards, I am
Sincerely yours,

G. B. Neumann
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Chengtú, West China,
October 7, 1910.

Rev. T. S. Barbour, D.D.,
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society,
Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Sir:--

As Treasurer of the Board of Governors of West
China Union University, please pay the bill presented by
Philip Harris & Co., Ltd., Birmingham, England, for ap-
paratus for the biological department, amounting to 103/1/3.

Faithfully yours,

George B. Newmann

Treasurer of Temporary Board of Management
West China Union University.

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Treasury Correspondence
West China University

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Birmingham, Eng., December 13, 1910.

Dr. T. S. Barbour,
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society,
Boston, Mass. U.S.A.

Dear Sir:--

We have received an order from Mr. Parker M. Bayne, West China University, Chengtu, who informs us that you are sending a cheque amounting to £ 103.1.3 as per copy of letter at foot.

Up to the time of writing, we have not received this, and thought it advisable to write you to this effect. We are in the meantime preparing the order, and the same is well in hand.

Thanking you in anticipation of your reply,
We are, dear Sir,

p.p. PHILIP HARRIS & CO. LTD.

Copy of letter received by us dated Oct. 7th.

Rev. T. S. Barbour, D.D.,

Dear Sir:--

As Treasurer of the Board of Governors of West China Union University, please pay the bill presented by Philip Harris & Co. Ltd., Birmingham, England, for Apparatus for the Biological Department, amounting to £ 103.1.3.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) G. B. Newmann.

Treasurer of Temporary Board of Management
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Dec. 31/13

Rev. Thomas S. Barbour, D.D.,
Wollaston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barbour:-

In a letter received from you, dated Stoddard, N.H., September 22nd., you wrote that you would write again when you had returned to your home. Not having received such a letter I have concluded that you have been hindered from writing, and so will not delay further my letter to you.

As I wrote to you some time ago we were sending an order on you to Mr. Stafford in Shanghai to be presented to the Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corp. He has notified me that that order was accepted, so I am sending you a receipt for the ~~order~~ amount of the order, viz. \$6000.- Gold. I shall hope to hear from you before very long as to whether or not sending an order on you to the Bank is acceptable to you or not.

I have mentioned in several of my letters during the past year that as yet we have received nothing on account of the 1913 Budget, which was originally the 1914 Budget, and have several times asked that it be sent. Thinking that perhaps the simplest way to straighten the matter out would be to send you one of the regular forms which you kindly provided some time ago, I am enclosing one which has been approved by the Senate and endorsed by Mr. Stewart. I very much hope that the money is already on the way, and that this order will therefore not be needed.

The Senate looks forward to the year 1914 very optimistically. It is considered very probable that an arrangement can be made with Mr. Shen, President of a college in the city, to teach Chinese subjects in return for like service on the part of one of our staff in some foreign subject in his institution. This would bring the institution prominently and favorably before the Chinese gentry. The Senate has also invited a prominent Chinese young man to be Principal of the Middle School. He is a member of the Friends' Church and also President of the Y.M.C.A.

With cordial New Year's greetings, I am
Sincerely yours,

George B. Klumpp

*P. S. The secretary of the Senate is
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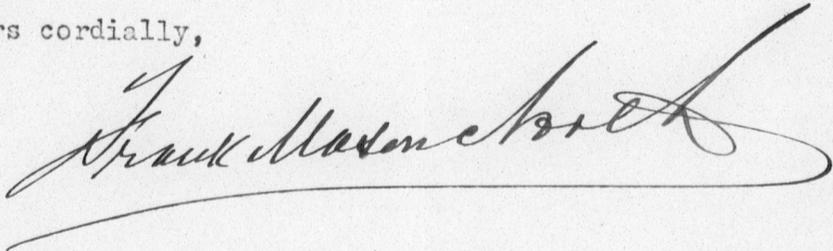
My dear Dr. Barbour:

Mr. S. Earl Taylor has handed to me your favor of June 27th, which asks attention to the matter of a uniform statement of expenditures by the four organizations represented in the West China Union University. We are new, as perhaps you will remember, to the duties of the administration here and are working under very great pressure because of the rather embarrassing financial conditions which we find. We will, however, give as prompt attention as possible to your request and hope that our report will not be behind those of the other organizations. I note that you wish the statement by the middle of July, but I think I must say that we can hardly be prepared for that date. As soon thereafter as possible you shall have the memorandum.

I am noting also that certain payments called for have not been attended to. Attention will be given to this part of your inquiry.

Begging your consideration of our delay, in view of the stress upon us, I am

Yours cordially,



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July 19, 1912.

Rev. T. S. Barbour, D.D.,

P.O. Box 10,

Wollaston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barbour:-

At its meeting on Tuesday took up the questions included in your letter to Dr. Stuntz concerning the action of our Board in the case of West China University and the payment of amounts agreed to. This matter has been a little new to me, but I think I have the details now in mind.

The action was referred to Dr. Goucher and Mr. W.O. Gantz who are the members of our Board representing us in the Board of Governors with authorization to furnish the required statement and to certify any financial obligations not yet provided for.

Action was taken in December last authorizing the payment of \$300, which I presume is the item referred to. I will follow this to a conclusion as early as possible.

Yours cordially,

Frank M. North

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Oct. 16, 1912.

Rev. T. S. Barbour, D.D.,

Ford Building, Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barbour:-

I have carefully examined the records of our Board action and find that no definite authorization has been made for the payment of the \$1250 allotted to us, out of the \$5000 required for the West China Union University this year. The Board at its meeting yesterday made a grant of this amount. Our fiscal year ends with Nov. 1st. We are making a hard effort to secure the income necessary for the year's expenditures and to provide ^{against} ~~for~~ an accumulation of debt. In some ways it would be a more convenient to make this payment at the beginning of the next fiscal year than to make it now. I am ready to meet the obligation if the state of the treasury requires that it should be done. I had not the advantage of hearing your report as treasurer when I was in Toronto. Will you be good enough to advise me at your early convenience, whether, in view of the appropriation having been made, the actual transfer of the funds could, without embarrassment, be delayed for a couple of months?

Concerning the statement of expenditures on our part for the University, I strongly suspect that it will be necessary for me to put the matter up to the field. I am writing to the treasurer, and will make the preliminary inquiry in my letter. So far as I can judge it would be very difficult for us in the office here to make a clear analysis of the

matters.
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Yours cordially,

Charles W. North

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Tura, Assam, September 10, 1910.

My dear Dr. Barbour,

I think that I have just enough time for this to catch you in London. I wish first of all to thank the Board for their action, the notice of which you enclosed in your letter of the 3 d of August, and also to thank you for your letter enclosing it. I deeply appreciate the feelings which prompted the action, and the expressions of affection in your letter. It is a gratification to know that such feelings exist. I assure you that the affection is reciprocated. It has added much to the pleasure of work in this far away land.

I most fully agree with the Board in thinking that Mr. Walter Mason should not for a moment seriously think of cutting off a year from his furlough to come to our help now. He needs all the rest that is due him. We felt that the heavy burdens he was carrying, the strenuous work he was constantly doing often endangered his health. He should not deprive himself of the full benefit of the full furlough. I trust that we shall be enabled to pull through. Of course we miss very much Mr. Dring's efficient help, and his leaving has put unexpected burdens upon others of us. I shall have to confess to feeling the tax rather severe, many times. But the burdens must be taken, and strength is given for each day's tasks, and I believe will continue to be. Miss Holbrook has given very material relief in taking from me a good share of the general accounts, which I took over from Mr. Dring. I have an efficient native assistant in the care of the village correspondence, in the conduct of the village school work. I do not see how I could do the work without him. As you know, it is the special cases, where sinful human nature asserts itself and threatens the interests of the kingdom which overdraw the deposit in the nerve bank account.

The Goalpara work, which falls to my care, should not be very heavy, did every thing move along as it ought to do. But I am very sorry to write that there is much there to distress us at present. A young and recent convert whom

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Mr. Bowers had appointed as an evangelist on the north side of the Brahmaputra, I have had to dismiss for bad conduct, and the new and promising work there is seriously set back, if not threatened with extinction. In Goalpara the Rabha evangelist is under a cloud and I have asked him to suspend his work until I know more fully the facts of the case. He was addicted to drink before he was employed as evangelist. It would seem from his own statement that he had gone astray a little while Mr. Bowers was here, but ^{was} forgiven and continued on, but according to the report of others, confirmed by the other workers, he has been addicted to the habit since Mr. Bowers left. The Golapara school is without means of support of the pupils. They have had the work of clearing the jungle in the station, but their work has not been satisfactory, it seems, and the work is refused further. There are other items along similar lines. The work is suffering for want of a missionary on the ground. It is not only difficult to conduct the work from this distance, but it is almost impossible to do the work justice. I think, Dr. Barbour, that we ought to have a missionary for the Garo work there, in addition to one for the Rabha work, and the work that should be continued on the North bank from there. For the present, until the Rabha work greatly enlarges, he could look after ^{that} ~~the other~~ work in such a time as this, ~~wh~~ when the regular missionary for the other work is absent.

I need not say that I feel disappointed in not being able to do what I hoped to do in the line of the much needed literary work. But with the care of this village work, of the Goalpara work, the work of editing and to a considerable extent making copy for the Garo monthly paper, and a large part of the mission accounts till Miss Holbrook came to my rescue, I have had to drop almost all other literary work. But the Master knows what is best. May he guide.

We are looking forward to your visit, and the opportunity we hope it will give us in solving many perplexing problems, here and throughout Assam. I hope we may have the great pleasure of having you with us here again in Tura. A warm welcome awaits you.

Mrs. Phillips still suffers much from the broken ankle. She joins me in warmest personal regards

Very sincerely yours,
E. S. Phillips.