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January 3rd, 1913.

E.B.Reynolds,
10 & 12, Broad Street,
Leominster.

Dear Friend,

I have got the blocks made for the perspective views of the Medical College and Normal School, and the engravers are being asked to send them direct to you. I enclose pulls of them, with the name on each.

I also enclose a few paragraphs in reference to the scheme which I hope you will find suitable for the purpose. I do not know whether this is about the amount of material that you will wish to have, but send it in the hope that it will be satisfactory.

Would you be kind enough to let me know in which issue of "The Friend" this is to appear, as I am proposing to make a reference to it in this month's "Our Missions".

Yours sincerely,

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January 4th, 1913.

Rev. T.E.E.Shore, M.A., D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Shore,

I suppose that you have been giving some work to the preparation of the Annual Report of the University. I should be glad to receive this as soon as possible, as I am hoping, during the next few months, to interest people in this country in the work, and Silcock will also be giving time to it. It will be very much better for us to have the latest report rather than one which is out of date.

I suppose that you have also given attention to the question of drafting an amendment to the Constitution, allowing for the increase of the number of co-opted members on the Board of Governors. This matter must be dealt with at once if we are to have the full notice given which is provided for in the Constitution, and I hope that you will send a copy of the amendment as drafted to us in order that it may be considered by our Committee in good time.

I have been giving some time to the preparation of a short printed statement about the University which can be left with those who have already been interested in it in order to remind them of the main points. I hope to be able to send you a proof of this in the course of a few days. I have the manuscript ready. I am proposing to print it with English coinage; but I have also retained the American coinage so that, if you think that it will be useful in America also, I can have the type altered to that extent, and let you have as many copies as you wish. I should be glad if you could let me know, when you receive the proof, whether you think that it would be useful on your side of the Atlantic, and, if so, whether you would like me to have this done, and how many copies you would wish to have. No doubt Carscallen and Taylor will have opinions on this matter.

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I have recently had some conference with a young lady who is wanting to get a teaching post, and is thinking of Canada. She has not got a degree, but has had three years' experience of teaching. She began her degree work, but could not afford to finish it. Do you think that there would be any possibility of her getting a position in Canada? She does not wish to teach in a family, but would like to obtain a post in a school. If you think that there is any prospect of her being able to do this, with whom should she communicate? I should be glad if you could give me any light on this point.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Similar letter sent to:

~~F.S. Brockman, Y.M.C.A., Shanghai.~~
Cyril Knott, Griffith John College, Hankow.
Dr. Cochrane, Union Medical College, Peking.
R.R. Galley, Y.M.C.A., Peking.
Bishop Roots, Hankow.

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Dr. Graham, Ichang.
Mr Whitewright, Chi Nan Fu, Shantung.
Dr. Bowen, Union University, Nanking.
Dr. Lavington Hart, Anglo-Chinese College, Tientsin,
Dr. Wm Cadbury, Canton Medical College.

January 10th, 1913.

The Rev. F.S. Brockman,
Y.M.C.A.,
Shanghai.

My dear Brockman,

This is to introduce to you Mr Fred Rowntree of London, who has recently been appointed by the Board of Governors of the West China Union University as Architect for that Institution. He is going out to visit Chengtu and study the situation for himself. He is particularly anxious to see the best types of Chinese architecture and, where possible, of Western buildings erected in China especially for educational purposes. I should be glad if you would render him any assistance in your power. So far as time permits, he would also be glad to get into touch with missionaries and others who have local knowledge.

Thanking you in anticipation for any kindness you may be able to show him,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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January 10th, 1913.

Dr. Burton,
5525, Woodlawn Avenue,
Chicago.

Dear Dr. Burton,

Mr Rowntree, who has recently been appointed architect for the West China Union University, is just leaving for Chengtu, and is proposing to come back by way of America. He wants to see something of American educational architecture, and I have advised him to make a point of breaking off in Chicago. Any help that you can give him will be very much appreciated by

Yours very sincerely,

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January 10th, 1913.

Fred Rowntree,
11, Hammersmith Terrace,
W.

My dear Rowntree,

I enclose several letters of introduction. The people I have selected are those who have special knowledge of China and the Chinese, and who will be able to help you, in nearly all cases being on your obvious route of travel. In the case of Mr Whitewright, this is not so: but I believe that it will be worth your while to visit Chi Nan Fu, in which case you will find him of very great help to you. He is a man who stands for a sympathetic attitude to the Chinese, and he has been putting up buildings, which have done something towards the adaptation of Chinese style, in his particularly interesting museum in that city. The Y.M.C.A. men will only show you buildings of an utterly Western type: but, while they have done nothing in their buildings towards meeting Chinese ideals, they have, perhaps, done more in their work in this direction than any other organization in China. They have the confidence of the Chinese to a remarkable degree, and both Galey and Brockman are able men -- the latter peculiarly so.

Through these men you will be able to get into touch with others in the same centres, if you wish.

If you have no introduction to anyone in Mukden, and wish to stop off there, I think that I could get you one, though I do not know anybody whom I can be sure is now in that city.

I hope that these introductions may be of some use to you.

Yours very sincerely,

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With kind regards,

Jan 13th, 1913.

Yours very sincerely,

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

Dear Dr. Barbour,

This letter is to inform you that I have received the sum of £41. 3. 1. (representing, I suppose, \$200) from Mrs. Wright, of Chestnut Avenue, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pa., for the University fund. This sum came quite unexpectedly, and it is nice to have an indication of the fact that one's efforts in regard to the West China University are still bearing some fruit. Of course you will send an official receipt to Mrs. Wright.

I am retaining this sum of 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 Rowntree 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 meantime, I send you a receipt for the amount, which will, I suppose, be sufficient for the purposes of the auditor. If a certain sum is paid to Mr Rowntree, I think that it could easily be done by buying a draft for that amount, less £41. 3. 1., and instructing me to pay over a cheque for that amount to him.

I hope that other funds are coming in for the work of the University. I should be interested to know how things stand now in regard to the General Endowment Fund both as regards actual gifts and promises. We are now planning to start a campaign in this country on behalf of the West China University, and I hope that, in the course of the next few months, we may have some material amount to send to you.

I am happy to say that the financial year of the F.F.M.A. has closed pretty well. We may have a small deficit when all the accounts from the Fields are in: but our subscription list is

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I am retaining this sum of 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. Rowntree on account of his tour to China. It is a rather foolish idea by the Board of Governors. It would, therefore, be foolish for me to buy a draft on New York and lose by the exchange rate over. Of course I will forward the money to you as soon as you have any objection to this course being taken. In the meantime, I send you a receipt for the amount, which will, I suppose, be sufficient for the purposes of the auditor. If a certain sum is paid to Mr. Rowntree, I think that it would really be done by paying a draft for that amount, less \$1,000.00, and instructing me to pay over a cheque for that amount to him.

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January 13th, 1913.

Thanks for your letter. The plans sent in for the University competition are being dispatched today. I held them for a few days in order that Mr Rowntree might have a look at them.

January 13th, 1913.
T.B. Silcock,
47, Milson Street,
Bath.

Mrs. Wright,
Chestnut Avenue,
Chestnut Hill,
Philadelphia.

Dear Mrs. Wright,

Your letter enclosing a cheque for \$11.81 has just been received at this office, and I thank you most heartily for it. An official receipt will be sent to you by the Treasurer, Dr. Harbour, which will, I hope, reach you a few days after this letter.

We are now making plans for a presentation of the needs of the University on this side of the Atlantic, and I hope that we shall add still further to the sums which have been received. I shall send you a report of the work of the University for last year as soon as it is out; but, of course, not very much has been done on account of the unsettled state of things in West China as in other parts of the country.

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With very kind regards to her and to yourself, and with best thanks for your most welcome help,

I am,
Your sincere friend,

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F. B. Silcock,
47, Wilson Street,
Bath.

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Chestnut Hill,
Philadelphia.

Dear Mrs. Wright,

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With very kind regards to her and to yourself, and with best thanks for your most welcome help,

I am,
Your sincere friend,

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January 15th, 1913.

Rev. T.E.E. Shore, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street, West,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Shore,

This morning I received the following cablegram from you:

"Executive defers Rowntree visit China fifty
acres not secured money not available writing
Shore".

The receipt of this message has put me into an extremely difficult position. Since writing to you on the 13th December, when I put the whole question before you, more than a month has elapsed, and if Mr Rowntree was to go out at all this spring it was necessary for him to begin to make his arrangements. I expected that if you and others did not approve of the suggestion, I should have heard by cable before now, and I have, therefore, encouraged him to go forward with making his plans. In fact I told you in my letter that he was making plans "to leave early in February in the expectation that the Board of Governors would fall in with the suggestion". Under these circumstances, I think that you will understand that my not hearing from you led me to conclude that, while you might have suggestions to make in reference to the terms of his going, you were not proposing to offer any objection to his going at all. Of course what your cable says is simply that you wish the journey to be deferred. This, however, has become almost impossible owing to the lapse of time. Mr Rowntree has engaged his seats and paid a deposit on his ticket: he has arranged with his brother to go with him (of course at his own charges) and he has planned all the work of his office so as to be able to take this long time away from it. To defer the visit would, of course, mean leaving it till after the summer, if not till later still. Things have worked out well for him in planning to go this spring, and it would very likely be impossible for him to be away during the autumn of this year. In that case, there would be a delay of a full year before he could make his visit to West China. In his opinion this delay

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would mean holding up all the University buildings. He feels that he could not plan any of the buildings in their final shape until after he has paid this preliminary visit.

Moreover, there is the other building which is being done by the Missions. It seems to me especially now that Mr Rowntree has been appointed, that he should consult with the Missions on the spot in reference to their buildings, and especially in regard to the sites.

The most serious question which your cable raises is that of the 50 additional acres not having been secured. I suppose that the Senate is negotiating in regard to this matter at present, and even if the land has not been purchased, they will probably have a fair idea as to the one or two possible pieces of land, sufficient, at any rate, for Mr Rowntree to discuss with them the various problems involved in the lay-out, even if he could not fix the lay-out in its final form while in Chengtu.

In regard to the financial side of the proposition, I have proposed to Mr Rowntree that he should accept my guarantee for an inclusive sum of £300 to cover travelling expenses for the entire journey (including the return by way of America) and that the question of the fee should be held over for discussion between him and the Executive and adjustment in relation to the fees due on account of actual buildings erected. This may involve him in some immediate embarrassment; but he is prepared to accept this as a solution of the present impasse.

To put the matter in a nutshell: Mr Rowntree, with my approval, has carried his arrangements for going to such a point as to make it almost impossible to go back upon them. My approval was given on the assumption that I should have heard before today had the Executive disapproved of the course suggested in my letter of December 13th. Moreover, Mr Rowntree would find it difficult, if not impossible, to defer this journey for less than a year, if it had to be deferred at all, a fact which would not have been in the minds of the members of the Executive when they reached the decision which you have cabled to me.

Under these circumstances, I propose to communicate with all the British members of the Board, asking them to agree with me in approving of Mr Rowntree's going forward with his preparations to leave on the 1st February, on the understanding that the question of the fee is held in abeyance, and that I personally guarantee

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his travelling expenses as named above. I have very little doubt that I shall be able to raise this sum in a special gift for this purpose. Thus the Board is not involved, at the present moment, in any out-of-pocket expenses, and we are able to secure, as soon as possible, Mr Rowntree's valuable advice, after a personal inspection of the situation, and he will secure the great advantage of first-hand knowledge of conditions and Chinese architecture before going forward with the final plans for the University buildings. The Senate will also have the advantage of full consultation with him in reference to buildings and lay-out.

In making this suggestion I recognise the gravity of the step which I am taking in opposition to the views of the Executive, as expressed in your cable. I only take it because I believe that, if the Executive were here and discussing the matter with Mr Rowntree and me at this moment, they would agree to the course proposed. The situation in which I find myself is of a character which must almost inevitably arise in the handling of an enterprise like this in which the governing body is separated by such long distances. Were it possible to cable the whole situation to you and receive your reply, I should adopt this course, but that seems out of the question in view of the complexity of the situation, and I fear that a cable would only confuse the issue and make it more difficult. I have, therefore, felt bound to take this very serious responsibility, and I can only throw myself on the mercy of the Board, and ask that, if I have done wrong, I may be excused. I am only anxious that the best interests of the University should be served, as you well know, and I trust that I shall not be shown, by the event, to have made a mistake in this case.

I am sending this letter today in order to get to you as quickly as possible; but I shall not act upon the suggestions contained in it until I have heard from the British members of the Board of Governors, and I shall write to you again on Saturday informing you of their replies. I shall send on Saturday a copy of this letter to each of the members of the Executive in order that the matter may be fully before them, and I shall be greatly relieved if they are prepared to agree to this action, and if you can inform me of their agreement by cable before Mr Rowntree leaves. He is most anxious to avoid doing anything which will prejudice the work of the University or embarrass the harmonious management of it at the home end. The matter has gone so far now that I am compelled either to say, in the light of your cable, that he must defer his visit for a year and accept the

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consequences (which I believe would be more serious than the Executive realised in reaching this decision) or to propose some such course as that which I have suggested.

With sincere regret at finding myself, as it seems to me, under the necessity of acting contrary to the judgment of the Executive Committee,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) HENRY T. HODGKIN.

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Letter also sent to:

J. Edmund Clark.
Dr. Sadler.

January 16th, 1913.

Albert J. Crosfield,
5, Madingley Road,
Cambridge.

Dear A. J. Crosfield,

I enclose a copy of some correspondence with America in reference to Mr Rowntree's work as architect of the University, and especially with regard to his proposed trip to West China. There seems to be no course open which will enable me to get a reconsideration of the verdict contained in the cable just received from Dr. Shore.

The matter is presented pretty fully, I think, in these two letters, and what I ask of you is your approval of my taking this unconstitutional action. If you are not prepared to support me in acting contrary to the judgment expressed in this cable, I shall be compelled, with the greatest possible regret, to advise Mr Rowntree to cancel all his arrangements, even at this late hour. I think that this would be a very serious step to take, especially as he has now so arranged his work and time as to make this trip, and would find it extremely difficult to do the same another time.

I should be glad if you would let me know whether you feel that the course of action which I am proposing is a wise one. Please let me have your opinion at once. My own strong feeling is that were the Executive in possession of all the facts as I see them now, they could only reach the decision to sanction Mr Rowntree's proceeding to the field.

Yours very sincerely,

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January 18th, 1913.

Dr. Sadler,
University,
Leeds.

Dear Dr. Sadler,

Many thanks for your letter. I am glad that you approve of Rowntree's going out at once to West China.

I have consulted Mr Clark and Mr Crosfield in reference to the question of cabling, and, on the whole, feel that, although there is the liability of misunderstanding and of a wrong decision being reached through a cable, it is, perhaps, wiser to risk this.

I may say that the question of any disinclination to employ a British architect need not come in, as the appointment of Mr Rowntree was made by the Board itself first of all at the full meeting in Toronto, and then ratified by the Executive when it met in New York later. The only question really is that of the time when Mr Rowntree should go out.

I am, therefore, proposing to send a cable as per enclosed. I am very much obliged to you for your prompt answer to my letter.

I enclose a proof of the pamphlet which I am getting out for work in connection with the Chengtu University. If you have any suggestion to make in reference to it I shall be glad.

Yours very sincerely,

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January 18th, 1913.

Rev. T.E.E.Shore, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Shore,

I am sending a letter, as per enclosed, to the other members of the Executive. I may say that I am in touch with a friend who will very possibly give the sum of money required for this purpose, although I have not yet got a promise, nor can I expect one for some little time.

I enclose a proof of the pamphlet which I am getting out in this country for use in connection with the University Campaign, and should be glad to know at once whether you would like to have copies of it for use in America, altering, of course, the coinage from pounds to dollars.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Also to

Mornay Williams, Esq.,
Dr. Barbour.

January 18th, 1913.

Rev. J.F.Goucher, D.D.,
Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Churches,
150, Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Dr. Goucher,

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,

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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Extracts from letters received from Dr. Sadler and Mr Clark.

Dr. Sadler writes:

"I have read your letter and enclosures and am strongly of opinion that it would be a misfortune if Rowntree did not go at once to West China. The arrangements which he and you propose are generous, and will enable the Governing Body of the University to have a good architect's opinion and help at an extremely moderate rate."

Mr Clark writes:

"Thanks for the documents received with regard to Frederic Rowntree's journey to Chengtu. These certainly raise a serious problem. While, possibly, plans on this side have been pushed on a bit too rapidly, any delay must be seriously deprecated in view of the unavoidable complications in turning councils to deeds."

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January 18th, 1913.

TWP Shore
33 Richmond Street West
Toronto

YOUR CABLE MOST PERPLEXING ROWNTREE'S ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED
AS NO REPLY HAD BEEN RECEIVED TO MY LETTER DECEMBER 13.
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY MET BY GUARANTEE SPECIAL GIFT EXPENSES
AND FEE HELD OVER FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. ROWNTREE THINKS
ALL NEEDFUL INFORMATION LAYOUT OBTAINABLE BEFORE PURCHASE
COMPLETED. BRITISH MEMBERS BOARD UNANIMOUS DESIRABILITY
ROWNTREE GOING NOW. ESSENTIAL FOR PROCEEDING WORK.

HODGKIN.

January 23rd, 1913.

Rev. T.E.E. Shore, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Shore,

I have today received a cable from you as per enclosed. I sum this up as conveying a conditional assent from the Executive Committee, the condition being, on the part of one, that the expenses be paid, and, on the part of others, that the full amount, including the fee, be guaranteed.

As I said in my previous letter, I am prepared to guarantee the expenses, and Mr Rowntree is prepared to waive the fee without prejudice. This involves him in a considerable financial risk: but he feels prepared to take this, even if he never gets the fee at all, rather than forego the visit. He is thoroughly keen on the work, and wants to do it properly. He does not feel that he can do it properly without this visit, and he does not see how he could pay the visit for another year if it is not paid now. These considerations have led him to take up this position.

I shall make it my aim to collect the fee, as well as the £200 required for expenses: but I have not guaranteed this to him, nor can I guarantee it to you. Mr Rowntree is prepared to go without my guarantee, and on the understanding that, if I cannot raise the sum, the Board is not responsible for the amount. I hope that this puts the matter on to a thoroughly satisfactory basis.

I fully admit that it would have been much better if Mr Rowntree's visit could have been paid after the additional land had been purchased. This, however, means delaying materially the building of the Normal School, which we all feel ought to be gone forward with at once, and of the Medical College, as Mr Rowntree does not feel that he ought to prepare the final plans until after this visit has been paid. I think that it will help him very materially in the modification of his plans to have the opportunity of talking things over with the Senate,

Rev. T.E.E.Shore, D.D.

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and I am also glad to think that he will return by way of the United States, and so meet with members of the Board of ^{may} Governors. I hope that an Executive Committee might be arranged to meet with him and talkover the results of his trip.

I am very sorry if I have seemed to press this matter beyond the point to which the Board was prepared to go. I very much dislike the position of seeming to oppose my colleagues, and, as I said before, I could never have taken up this position had I not felt that the apparent opposition was only due to an incomplete knowledge of the facts, and would have been removed if we could have discussed the whole thing together. We have never taken any important step in this enterprise other than unanimously, and I hope that, when my letters and all the material is before the members of the Executive, there may be such an approval of the action taken as to make this also really a unanimous step.

If, after you have read all that I have said on the subject, you and other members of the Executive still feel that I have made a mistake in this matter, I hope that you will tell me so quite frankly in order that I may avoid falling into any such mistake in the future. You need not be afraid of doing so, because I well know that the position is one in which it was very easy to go wrong, and I would much rather know it if you feel that I have erred.

In regard to the last sentence of your cablegram, I have not yet received any such letter from you. Perhaps you would be kind enough to send a duplicate of it, as it must have missed in the post, it being now a fortnight since the letter was sent.

We are hoping in a very short time to have our appeal brought to the notice of prominent people here.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Rev. T.E.E.Shore, D.D.

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and I am also glad to think that he will return by way of the United States, and so meet with members of the Board of ^{may} Governors. I hope that an Executive Committee might be arranged to meet with him and talk over the results of his trip.

I am very sorry if I have seemed to press this matter beyond the point to which the Board was prepared to go. I very much dislike the position of seeming to oppose my colleagues, and, as I said before, I could never have taken up this position had I not felt that the apparent opposition was only due to an incomplete knowledge of the facts, and would have been removed if we could have discussed the whole thing together. We have never taken any important step in this enterprise other than unanimously, and I hope that, when my letters and all the material is before the members of the Executive, there may be such an approval of the action taken as to make this also really a unanimous step.

If, after you have read all that I have said on the subject, you and other members of the Executive still feel that I have made a mistake in this matter, I hope that you will tell me so quite frankly in order that I may avoid falling into any such mistake in the future. You need not be afraid of doing so, because I well know that the position is one in which it was very easy to go wrong, and I would much rather know it if you feel that I have erred.

In regard to the last sentence of your cablegram, I have not yet received any such letter from you. Perhaps you would be kind enough to send a duplicate of it, as it must have missed in the post, it being now a fortnight since the letter was sent.

We are hoping in a very short time to have our appeal brought to the notice of prominent people here.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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January 23rd, 1913.

Fred Rowntree,
11, Hammersmith Terrace,
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My dear Rowntree,

I send you a copy of the cable which I read to you over the 'phone. I am sending a copy of it also to the British members of the Board, and I have no doubt that they will take the same view as I do. The consent is a conditional one, and the conditions are fulfilled, as far as I can gather from the cable.

I enclose a letter which I have just received from Harold Morrison. I dare say that it will interest you. I should be glad to have it back at your convenience.

I also enclose a copy of the letter which I wrote to Dr. Shore on the 15th instant.

Yours very sincerely,

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A.J.Crosfield.

P.S. I should be much obliged if you could forward me the cheque for £50. to which I will add a similar amount myself, and send these to Fred Rowntree. The money will be reimbursed, I have no doubt, by the Finance Committee when it meets on the 14th February, and the additional hundred pounds required for expenses will also, I hope, be advanced by them temporarily out of the College fund, as I suggested in talking the matter over with you the other day.

Dear A.J.Crosfield,

I have this morning received the following cablegram from Dr. Shore:

"Williams University's Rowntree's trip now but consents conditional you providing all expenses. Harbom urges deferring trip pending later understanding and land purchase. Urges delay unless trip definitely guaranteed without cost to Board. Concher and Wood approve trip providing you raise £4 money required. Myself prefer trip delayed until purchase fifty additional acres definitely assured. Sent you letter January seventh asking you Board within two months provide fifty five hundred dollars towards total twenty two thousand available land. Shore."

The closing sentence does not concern us particularly except that the latter referred to has not arrived, and possibly some other communication may have missed us.

The cable, as I summarize it, seems to be that four members of the Board give a conditional assent to Mr Rowntree's trip, the condition being either that the expenses of that trip amount, including the fee, should be provided from this end. Dr. Shore himself does not give an assent; but, since he only uses the word "prefer," I take it that we should be at liberty to proceed with the arrangements. Mr Rowntree has told me that he is satisfied to have the question of the fee left entirely, although, of course, it involves some embarrassment to him. I shall, of course, do all that I can to raise this money, as well as the £200 required for the expenses which I have already guaranteed. I therefore propose to write to Dr. Shore telling him that, under all the circumstances, we have decided upon this course of action. From my previous correspondence with you I gather that you would approve.

Yours very sincerely,

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Also sent to Professor Sadler.

January 22nd, 1913.

James Edmund Clark,
Asgarth,
Riddlesdown Road,
Purley, Surrey.

Dear J. E. Clark,

I have this morning received the following cablegram from Dr. Shore:

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Yours very sincerely,

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January 23rd, 1913.

H.T. Silcock,
11, Kennington Road,
Lower Weston,
Bath.

My dear Harry,

I saw Nelson Bitton the other day, and he suggested your seeing Mr Tyau, the First Secretary of the Chinese Legation, a Christian man who is deeply interested in educational matters, and who would be able to bring you into touch with recent affairs in China. He says that he would probably be a help to you in many ways, and that it would be a good thing to get to know him. I would suggest your calling upon him when you are in London.

I enclose a copy of some recommendations in regard to educational policy in Egypt and Syria by Mr Sailer. Of course there is a good deal in it which is not applicable to the situation in China; but I felt sure that you would read this with great interest, and that there would be some things which you would feel applied helpfully to our work in China.

James Edmund Clark, who, as you know, is one of our Board of Governors, feels strongly that Joseph Rowntree of York should and could be interested in the work of the West China University. He knows Joseph Rowntree well, and I think that it is most important that you should see James Edmund Clark before you go to York. I hope that this will be possible. If not, will you correspond with him on the subject. His information will help you to approach Joseph Rowntree in the right way.

Yours affectionately,

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Fred Rowntree, 215-
11, Hammersmith Terrace,
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January 23rd, 1913.

Fred Rowntree,
11, Hammersmith Terrace,
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My dear Rowntree,

I enclose two cheques for £50 each as agreed the other day. I hope that there will be no inconvenience to you in the meantime until after the Finance Committee, when, I have no doubt, a cheque will be drawn for the full amount agreed to for expenses, namely, £200.

Yours very sincerely,

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January 23rd, 1913.

I enclose for your consideration certain recommendations in reference to educational work in West China. I think that they will be particularly helpful to you. The letter up by Mr. Salter, of the American Presbyterian Mission, West China, contains very much that is new to you: but they will be suggestive as corroborating ideas which you have already had before you, and will, perhaps, in some few cases suggest new lines of work. As a whole, seems to me to be a valuable piece of work.

My dear Wallace,

I hope that, by the time this reaches you, you will have had a thoroughly satisfactory trip, and that Mrs. Wallace also will have stood the journey well. How much she will have enjoyed all the new scenes through which she has been passing during these weeks!

I very much hope that, within a few weeks of your receipt of this letter, you will meet Mr Rowntree, who is intending to go out to West China and look at the situation in the University for himself. I know that you will do all that you possibly can to help him.

I think it very important that we should have got as far as possible with the negotiations for the purchase of new land before he arrives. It may be that this matter is already well in hand. Of course I know how difficult it is to hurry these things up: but, if there is a fair prospect of a certain piece of land being procured, it will, no doubt, make it much easier for Mr Rowntree to discuss the problems of lay-out. At the same time, if the land has not been secured as yet, he will, I know, be able to render very valuable assistance in many ways, and he will be able to see the various sites which are under discussion as possibly additional ones for purchase. I have been wondering myself whether we really need quite so much as another fifty acres. I am inclined to think that we have a little bit overstepped the margin there, when we remember that the dormitory accommodation and most of the residences for teachers are to be provided by the various colleges. We have a good deal of property already, and I think that it would be a mistake to invest too much of our money in property while we have not a very large capital to draw upon. Of course I know that the Board of Governors has sanctioned the purchase of the

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With all good wishes,
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January 37th, 1913.

I am in receipt of the paper and envelopes
and of the copies of Constitution
forwarded by you on the 14th instant. Please
accept my best thanks for same.

Miss J. Milloy,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
Toronto.

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

January 29th, 1913.

Rev. T.E.E.Shore, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Shore,

Many thanks for your full letter of January 17th, which is just to hand, and for the copy of the Minutes of the Executive Committee held in New York on January 14th.

In reading these through, I realised the point of view of the Executive Committee in regard to Mr Rowntree's visit in a way that I had not done before. At the same time, I cannot help feeling that we have taken the right step.

The main point is the question of the adjoining land. There are probably only two or three alternatives, owing to the way in which our land is placed and the progress which has already been made with the scheme. Probably, in a month or two's time, the Senate will know pretty well which of these alternatives is the most likely; but, even if that were not so, it will be possible for Mr Rowntree to see the land in the neighbourhood, and to talk over the various possible methods for laying out with the Senate. This may mean a little extra work; but he feels that the final lay-out can quite rightly be determined by him at this end after he has seen all the land in the neighbourhood, and gone over the ground with the Senate and discussed matters fully on the spot. I have just heard from him that he is glad that we are able to go forward in the matter, as he feels more than ever that his trip to China is the right thing at the present time.

I am very glad that you are consulting other missionary societies in regard to the question of the fees for building. I do not think that we need anticipate any difficulty with Mr Rowntree on this head. I think that he will be as glad as I am myself that

such consultation is being undertaken. His desire is to be entirely reasonable with the Board, and, if it appears that the basis which he has suggested is excessive, as compared with what has been customary in other cases, I am quite sure that he will be prepared to accept modification of it. Would you like me to make enquiry of missionary societies in this country? I think that perhaps there may be some experience here on similar building undertakings which would be of value. In regard to our own buildings, we have scarcely ever employed a foreign architect, and, where we have done so up to date, I think that it has been someone who has been known to us, and has done the work gratuitously, though I remember one case in which a fee was given for a set of plans which were submitted and sent out to the field, but where the architect did not himself supervise the building and consult at all stages. Of course we have no experience of anything on this scale.

I have nothing further to report in regard to the fund for Mr Rowntree's expenses and fees for this trip: but we are only just beginning to get to work on the canvass on this country.

I note the various other points raised in the Minutes of the Executive, and approve of the action taken in each case.

I particularly note Minute 80, in which my attention is drawn to the regulation about accounts. I think that I cannot be mistaken in saying that the amount referred to was paid prior to the passing of this regulation. I hope that we shall strictly adhere to it. The persons in this office who might have to deal with such a matter in my absence have been informed about it.

This is confirmed by our accountant

I think that it is quite clear that we ought to have a superintendent for University building, and I hope that a suitable person may be found. I suppose that this is a matter which ought, before final ratification, to be discussed with Mr Rowntree. There is a bare possibility that Mr Morrison, who is now in China undertaking certain buildings for us, could be liberated for a while for University work if there were difficulty in finding anyone else; but I am not able to make any promise about this, and I do not wish to raise any hopes in the matter. If arrangements could be made without calling him away from the work which he is now doing, so much the better. In a year's time I hope that he will be in Chengtu engaged on our College building. He served his apprenticeship, or part of it, under Mr Rowntree, so that, if he were liberated for this work, he would probably be well able to fall in, with Mr Rowntree's ideas.

When you say that the full amount which Dr. Barbour has in hand for the Building and Endowment Fund is a little over \$2000, you do not include, of course, the amount which has already been paid by the China Emergency Committee, which I believe comes up to \$4500. Then, again, there are, I suppose, certain promises which will be fulfilled in the near future.

I am sorry that more was not received from the Rogers brothers. I knew that they were pretty much involved in Pickering College. Perhaps they may give more later. I suppose that Mr Elias Rogers has not responded at all.

To revert for a moment to the question of fees, I think it important that we should discover what the cost of building is in the places about which information is received. If we could get the cost per cubic foot of the buildings erected in Canton, the information contained in your letter would be much more valuable. Probably the cost per cubic foot is at least double what has been estimated for the buildings in Chengtu, and this would, of course, put rather a different complexion on the proposition. I think that this is a material point, and one which ought, in each case, to be ascertained.

I am very sorry to hear that you had such a severe attack of sickness, and hope that, by this time, you are thoroughly recovered.

The matter of the grant for the additional land will come before my Committee next week, when I hope to have some information to send to you.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

January 31st, 1913.

Rev. T.E.E.Shore, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Shore,

In further reference to our recent correspondence, I have now had a long talk with Mr Rowntree, and have discussed with him the matters raised by the minutes of the Executive Committee.

In regard to the question of fees, he fully agrees with what I have written to you, and I have no doubt that the matter will come up in conversation when he is in America. I think that you will find him entirely reasonable in regard to it. He agrees with me in feeling the necessity of discovering the rate at which the buildings in Canton or other places were put up. This, of course, is very material for our purposes. I think that you will find him quite ready to comply with any reasonable suggestion that we may make.

Mr Rowntree expects to reach San Francisco on the 8th July, where his address will be "C/o W. Grey, American Biscuit Company". He would be glad to hear from you at least by that date, making suggestions as to his meeting you and other members of the Board of Governors before he leaves New York on the 23rd July. He could defer his departure from New York somewhat if it was absolutely necessary. According to his present plans, he will proceed almost at once from San Francisco to Chicago, where he will see the buildings of the Chicago University, and probably stay with Dr. Burton. From there he will either go direct to New York, or, at my suggestion, he is quite willing to go, say, on the 18th or 17th, to Toronto, where he could spend a day or two and meet you and other members of the Board, going to New York, say, on the night of the 18th or 19th, where he would be able to meet with other members. He would probably run over for a day to Philadelphia. If, during that time, it was possible for him to meet the Executive as a whole, it would, no doubt, be advantageous: but you will know whether that can be arranged or not.

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I should be glad if Mr Rowntree could have an opportunity of meeting Mr Rowell, Mr Flavelle, and Professor Bowles while he is in Toronto.

You can catch Mr Rowntree any time up to June 3rd by addressing him "C/o T. Cook & Son, Hongkong", or up to 21st June by sending "C/o T. Cook & Son, Yokohama". It would probably be just possible for you to reach him by letter at Chengtu within a week or two of your receiving this from me: but, as he is only going to be a few weeks in the City, that would, I imagine, be cutting it rather fine. He is leaving tomorrow.

I asked Winston's of Philadelphia to send you a little volume containing an address which I delivered while in America, and which may be of interest to you. I wonder whether it reached you. If not, I must write to them about it.

With kind regards to Mrs. Shore and yourself,
I am,
Yours very sincerely,

P.S. In reference to Minute 119 of the meeting of the Board of Governors, the amendment proposed is recorded, but no statement follows to say that the amendment was passed. This, of course, is merely a clerical oversight, but it ought to be remedied in the official copy of the minutes. If you will send me the wording which you propose to enter, I will add it to my copy.

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

January 31st, 1913.

Rev. Joseph Taylor,
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society,
Ford Buildings,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Taylor,

I have been hoping to hear something from you as to the canvass, and also in response to letters that I sent to you both just before and just after my voyage to and from America. It is possible that some letter of yours has missed me, as I have information of one other American letter which has somehow failed to arrive during the last few weeks.

I hope that you received the full notes which I sent in regard to the persons whom I saw in Philadelphia. I think that I know all whom I there undertook to keep in touch with; but I am not quite sure in regard to one or two, and I should be much obliged if you would rapidly run through the papers that I sent you and note down the names of all whom I say there that I will personally keep in touch with.

I am writing now to some of the people whom I met when I was in America, and whom I am specially anxious to follow up myself, with a view to their making some contribution to the work of the University. It is, of course, difficult to do this following up by correspondence; but there are some cases in which I feel that it would be better for the person who is already in touch with them to follow up in this way than for a new person to come in. In other cases I sincerely hope that you are finding it possible to do something in the way of following up. This is especially true of people like Mr Grevelle and Mr Ayer.

I should be particularly interested to know what plans you have made for Chicago, and how things there are turning out.

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We are now trying to work up a campaign in this country, and Silcock is at present in York visiting Friends with a view to interesting them in China, and especially in the University. We are anxious to obtain the sum of money which is needed for the purchase of additional grounds, and also to get the fund which I have guaranteed for Mr Rowntree's visit to West China.

I enclose half a dozen copies of the booklet which I have just had printed here for use in connection with our campaign. You may be glad to have these, although British currency is used. I have asked Dr. Shore if he would like to have copies of it printed with the currency altered for use in America. My object in printing it is not to give a complete statement of the University, which would introduce persons to it, but to have something concrete to leave with those who have already been interested by conversation or otherwise.

I had a nice letter from Mr Voegle at Mansfield, and he said that he might later ask you to go there for a meeting, but did not make any definite promise. I think that we shall have to leave it either until my return to America, or until he writes himself.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

P.S. I hope that you have been able to follow up my interview with Mr Woodward in Washington, as I feel that that is a case where the personal touch through a denomination will probably count for most.

P.P.S. The half a dozen booklets referred to above are being forwarded under separate cover.

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

January 31st, 1913.

James Wood,
Mount Kisco,
New York.

Dear James Wood,

I have just been talking with Fred Rowntree. He is leaving here tomorrow. I hope that you and other members of the Executive will not be dissatisfied with the decision which was reached by us at this side. We felt that there was a clear case, and, as the financial difficulty could be met, decided to go forward.

I enclose a booklet about the University which I am having printed for work on this side, and I am asking Dr. Shore if he would like to have it for work in America, with the necessary changes in currency.

Fred Rowntree is expecting to be in America from the 8th to the 23rd July. He arrives at San Francisco on the former date, when his address is "C/o W. Gray, American Biscuit Company". He expects to reach New York about the 17th or 18th, and leave by the "Mauretania". I have no doubt that you will be glad to see something of him, and I hope that you may be in New York and able to have him out at Mount Kisco for some part of the time. I want him to meet Dr. North and Mr Williams also while he is in New York.

I am sorry to hear that you have been having such a bad time with influenza, and I hope that you are now quite recovered.

With kind regards to the whole family,

I am,

Your affectionate friend,

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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.

Mr Williams.
Dr. Goucher.
Dr. Barbour.
James Wood.

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

February 5th, 1913.

Rev. T.E.E. Shore, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Shore,

Many thanks for your splendid letter of the 23rd January, which gives such full information in regard to the position of the Executive in relation to Mr Rowntree's proposed trip to West China.

I am grieved indeed to see that it contains also news of your being in a bad condition of health, and having to take a prolonged holiday. I am extremely sorry for this, and hope that, by the time this letter reaches you, you will be thoroughly set up again, and fit for full work, and that your trip in the West will be satisfactory in every way.

As I read your letter I felt very sorry that I had not known more fully what the views of the Executive were in relation to the proposal for Mr Rowntree's visit to China. Had this information been before me earlier, and especially had I realised the hesitation which the Committee seem to have had on the ground of their not knowing what Mr Rowntree's fees would be and their feeling that the matter was being rushed forward unduly, I need hardly say that my action would have been different. As it is, I did not realise, from the cables received, that there was quite so strong a feeling as that which is expressed in your letter.

Your letter arrived two days after Mr Rowntree had left for West China, and you will understand from my previous letter how it was that we went forward with the matter. The fact that all his arrangements were made, and the difficulty of reopening the question at such a late date, certainly did put us here into a very difficult position. At the same time, even that difficulty would have been faced had we appreciated the very considerable hesitation that the Executive evidently feel in regard to the matter on the grounds referred to above.

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Now, however, that Mr Rowntree has gone, the matter is, of course, past recall, and I can only say again that I am extremely sorry if I have acted with undue haste in this matter, as I am afraid that it appears that I have done. You know, of course, without my assuring you of the fact, that it has only been in order to do the best possible for the University, and I hope that my fault may be pardoned in this case. I cannot help hoping sincerely that the results of the trip may appear in the end to amply justify the step which has been taken.

I have just received a gift of £300, which, I understand, is applicable to this particular purpose, and I have no doubt whatever about the covering of the financial obligations.

So far as the question of regular fee is concerned, Mr Rowntree is entirely ready to fall in with what has been the practice in similar cases, and has no desire to stick out for an unusually high rate.

I have today received the following cable from you: but this, too, is, of course, too late to alter the decision:

"Methodist Episcopal Board cannot make appropriation land until November Baptists not until May and then doubtful Williams unfavourable Rowntree's visit on this uncertainty only consent on understanding contained your letter January Twenty Second. Shore."

I am sorry to hear that the other Missions are not yet able to put up the money. I have every reason to hope that we shall soon be able to record some funds available for this purpose in England.

The only point on which I am not quite clear is whether money raised by us for the central fund of the University may be contributed for this specific purpose, or whether we must ask that the money should be given direct to the F.F.E.A. in order to count as their contribution to the University fund. Of course the matter is largely one of how it is presented to the individual, and anyone who was giving money at my request would, I think, be willing to give it in either way. Personally I should have preferred that all the money for this new purchase had gone into the funds of the Board of Governors, and then been paid out by them, rather than that it should be levied as a pro rata contribution upon the various Missions. I think that in England we could quite well raise our share of that fund.

There is a great deal of truth in what you say about the necessity of having someone who is well able to raise money getting to work on this proposition for a year or two. In fact I think that

you are right in thinking that this is the only thing which will secure the funds. If Mr Beech is the man (as I think perhaps he may be) I hope that we shall be able to secure his help during a prolonged furlough.

I note your point about the difficulty of preparing an Annual Report which will provide any additional information beyond that given in the Report for 1911. It may be that it would be wiser for us, especially now that there has been this inevitable delay, to withhold the Report altogether. We do not want to spend money unduly on such things, and, of course, we are now getting out further information for the canvass which may, to some extent, obviate the necessity of preparing a fresh Annual Report.

I note also what you say about having a hundred copies of the printed statement, but am not taking any action in reference to the matter until I have heard from you and other members of the board after you have seen the statement. Then I should be glad to know also whether you would wish to have the figures altered as suggested. I have, in the meantime, only ordered the number which I require for the canvass in this country.

Many thanks for your information in reference to teaching appointments in Canada. I have communicated this to the lady who has been making enquiries.

I am sending this letter to your office as usual, in the hope that Miss Willoy will deal with it during your absence. I am forwarding copies of it to the other members of the Executive in order that they might appreciate the position and to save my writing again at a time when I am unusually busy.

With kind regards and best wishes,
I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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February 6th, 1913.

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant, I am sorry that I cannot help you with regard to the question of fees for work in connection with the Canadian Methodist Mission College building. Nothing passed between your father and myself on the subject.

Douglas W. Rowntree,
11. Hammersmith Terrace, W.

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February 19th, 1913.

Cecil Harris, Esq.,
Airlie Gardens,
Kensington, W.

Dear Mr Harris,

My friend, H.T.Silcock, recently of Oxford, and now at the head of the Normal Department of the West China Union University, is making an effort to interest people in this country in the work of the University. I dare say that you remember that I was myself associated with it in its early stages, and am now Secretary of the Board of Governors. I have no doubt at all that you will be interested in what he has to say, and glad to meet him.

Of course I do not know whether you will find it possible to give him any financial help or not; but, quite apart from that, you may be able to give him useful advice as to whom he could suitably approach, and in what method it would be best to set to work. A considerable sum of money is needed for the University, and, of course, it is not an easy thing to launch a scheme of this kind, as you well know.

Silcock was for some time Travelling Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement before he went abroad, and I am sure that you will find him a kindred spirit.

Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

February 21st, 1913.

Mornay Williams, Esq.,
35, Liberty Street,
New York.

My dear Mr. Williams,

Your letter of the 3rd February arrived at this office while I was away in the country. I have just returned, and want now to thank you for it.

We received Dr. Shore's cable after Mr Rowntree had left. I note that you feel that we have gone ahead a little too fast, and that your Board is embarrassed on that account. You can well understand the regret that I feel that this should have been so. The question of Mr. Rowntree's expenses is, however, entirely covered, and there will be no call on your Board for any payment on this account.

As far as the purchase of the new land is concerned, our Board is not yet in a position to do anything: but we are hoping that we may be able to raise the money by a special gift or gifts. Mr. Rowntree realises that the land will probably not be purchased by the time he reaches Chengtu. At the same time, he felt that he would be able to see how the land lay, and go over all the ground which might possibly be obtained, discussing the principles of the lay-out with the men on the spot, and reaching general agreement as to what should be done. He did not feel that it would make a very great difference to him to know, when he was there, exactly which piece of land was to be used for the erection of the buildings. All that one can do now is to hope that, in the end, the visit may prove to have been really worth while, and that we may come to feel that, although we should not, in the light of our present knowledge, have acted in that way, we have yet been somehow led to do the thing which was best for the work. Perhaps you may say that this is an undue spirit of optimism: but at least it expresses my hope and, I think I may say, my expectation.

With very kind regards,
I am,
Yours sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

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,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

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,

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March 19th, 1913.

Lord Peckover,
Bank House,
Wisbech.

Dear Friend,

I am much obliged to you for your letter of yesterday's date, and appreciate greatly your suggestion in reference to adding to the sum already given to the fund for disabled missionaries. The cheque should be made payable either to the Friends' Foreign Mission Association or to myself. As you know, Joseph Storrs Fry is now far from well, and he is not able to take active part in our financial work. We do not even like to trouble him with the endorsement of cheques.

I had been intending to write to you, some time during the next week or two, in reference to the work of the West China Union University, and perhaps I might add a word or two about it in this letter. As you know, the University is being established jointly by four missions, three of which are on the other side of the Atlantic, the F.F.M.A. being the only British Missionary Society carrying on higher educational work in West China. We have just sent out Frederic Rowntree in order that he might go over the ground thoroughly and perfect plans for the various permanent buildings which will be required for the University. He will be reaching Chengtu very soon. It is our desire to raise a sum of about £100,000 to cover the various buildings, and to provide an endowment for some of the professorships in the University.

When I was in America recently I met a good many wealthy people and presented the claims of the University to them. We have already received in America about 35,000 dollars. I am now trying to interest a few individuals on this side also. Of course this is one of those claims which cannot be well presented to a large number of persons who would only be able to give small sums. One feels that it is better to attempt to raise this amount by a comparatively small number of large gifts from those who appreciate the nature of the present opportunity and the tremendous importance of doing first-rate Christian educational work during the next few years if China is to be reached by the Christian Gospel during this generation. Almost every mail

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Lord Peckover.

I feel sure that you will be interested in knowing as
 brings me fresh information which shows how ripe the ground is.
 Only last night I received a letter from R.J. Davidson telling me
 of the way in which the head of the Government Educational De-
 partment in Chengtu had approached him in reference to co-operation
 between the Government University and our own. Their evident
 desire to work with us and to avoid anything like competition
 between the Christian and Government education is a most welcome
 sign, and an entire change from even the time when I was in
 Chengtu myself. This makes it all the more necessary that we
 should do thoroughly good educational work. The readiness on
 the part of the Chinese to receive help from the missionaries at
 the present time is nothing short of remarkable. One of the
 large provincial Parliaments has recently asked the Young Men's
 Christian Association to establish branches in every one of the
 county capitals throughout the country. The President of the
 Republic has himself given large contributions to the work of
 the Association, and many of the young men who are now guiding
 the new China are themselves Christians, and eager to see Christian-
 ity established as the religion of the new republic. I feel
 that the present opportunity is one which is worthy of our very
 best efforts, and that, during the next ten years, we may be able
 to achieve, by God's grace, such victories in China as to change
 the whole future of that country, and profoundly influence the
 future progress of mankind.

I therefore do not feel that I need to make any apology in
 presenting such an important piece of work as this. I know your
 entire interest in the work which we are doing in China, and I
 can only say that it would be a great encouragement to us if you
 felt able to take a share in establishing the University in
 West China on a thoroughly sound and satisfactory basis. Person-
 ally I do not feel that there is any place in the world where the
 Society of Friends has before it a larger opportunity at the
 present moment than in West China. Our complete co-operation
 with other Christian bodies makes it possible for Friends to
 exercise an influence which would be quite impossible if we were
 only working in an isolated district with the number of men we
 have out there. I am thankful to say that we have some very
 able and consecrated men in our China Mission at the present time,
 and that they are doing their utmost to meet the present oppor-
 tunities.

I could easily write much more in reference to the way in
 which things are developing in China and the engrossing interest
 of the present situation: but I fear to tire you by too long a
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Lord Peckover.

I feel sure that you will be interested in glancing at the enclosed statement of Friends' present opportunity in West China as well as at the booklet about the University. Only in the way in which the head of the Government Educational Department in Chungking and approached me, I am, in reference to co-operation between the Government and the University. With kind regards, Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, E.C.

March 31st, 1913.

Mrs. Marriage Allen,
"Sunnylea",
Chelmsford,
Essex.

Dear Mrs. Allen,

I have been too long in sending you the enclosed statement in reference to the money expended in Chengtu out of the fund specially raised for the College. You will note that we have a little over £2,000 now in hand, and we are hoping shortly to obtain another thousand pounds or so, in order to have ample for the erection of the College. When the first block of the College is erected with this £2,000, we expect to draw the sum of from £2,500 to £3,000 granted already by the Arthington Trustees for the erection of the second block. This should give us ample accommodation for fifty or sixty students, and perhaps for more, depending, of course, on the way in which the accommodation is arranged: that is to say, how much is provided by way of lecture room and laboratory and how much dormitory.

I also enclose the little booklet in reference to the University which has the photographs of Fred Rowntree's plans for Medical and Normal School buildings. This I am sure will be of interest to you if you have not already seen the book. If you have, perhaps you may have an opportunity of passing on this copy to someone else.

I much appreciate your kind and continued interest in the work in Chengtu, which, as you may well understand, lies nearest of all to my own heart. While one tries to be impartial in one's affections for all the work of the F.F.M.A., one cannot help having a specially warm corner for that which has been more intimately bound up with one's own life than any other.

With kind regards and hoping to see you at the Board meeting this week,

I am,
Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, E.C.

April 1st, 1913.

Professor Sadler,
University,
Leeds.

Dear Dr. Sadler,

I have had enquiries from a man who is hoping to go out as a teacher to the West China Union University as to courses in education. He is taking his Classical Tripos at Cambridge this summer, and he would like to spend a year taking an educational diploma. The alternatives seem to be between a provincial university such as Leeds, Manchester, or Birmingham, and London. His home is in London, and, if he studied here, I should like to know whether you feel that he would be better advised to take the work in connection with University College, or that provided by the Day Training College. I believe that Professor Adams is still at the Day Training College, and I have heard very well of his work. So much seems to me to depend upon the person of the teacher and the inspiration which a man can get from him, and this is why I am writing to you. I do not know who has been appointed in place of Roscoe at Birmingham: but I suppose that you will know if an appointment has been made, and you will probably also have information as to what the man is like. I believe that Roscoe himself was particularly good, and his students seem to have been inspired by him.

If you can give me any light on this problem, I shall very much appreciate it. I am sorry to trouble you: but you have always been so ready to help in anything connected with the work in Chengtu that I make bold even to come to a busy man like yourself on such a point.

With kind regards,
I am,
Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, E.C.

April 1st, 1913.

H.G. Wood,
Woodbrooke,
Selly Oak,
Birmingham.

My dear Wood,

Can you tell me if any appointment has yet been made at Birmingham in the place of Roscoe, and, if so, who is appointed? I have just been having enquiries in reference to a man who wants to go out to Chengtu, and would like to take a course in education. If you know who is appointed, can you tell me what he is like, and whether he is the type of man who will inspire his pupils?

Yours ever,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.
April 1st, 1913.

Rev. T.E.E. Shore, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Shore,

I am now sending you by book post 25 copies of the American edition of the Chengtu pamphlet, and by carrier 375 copies. This is rather more than the number asked for: but, as I have had one or two other letters, I thought that I might just as well, while I was doing it, have this number printed. I hope that good use will be made of them. Taylor, I know, wants some, and I think that it might be well to send some also to each member of the Board of Governors in the hope that they may be able to use them. I suppose that, if Carscallen is still working on the campaign, he will also be glad of a number. It might be worth while sending to some of those whom I or others have visited in connection with the campaign. I shall send copies myself to a few people whom I undertook to follow up.

I hope that you and Mrs. Shore have had a satisfactory trip in the west, and that you are thoroughly yourself again now.

With kind regards to Mrs. Shore and yourself,
I am,
Yours very sincerely,

15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

April 1st, 1913.

Rev. Joseph Taylor,
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society,
Ford Buildings,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Taylor,

Many thanks for your letter, which I received a month ago. I am sorry that I have not answered it sooner.

I was glad to have the list of those whom I had undertaken to follow up, and expect, in a week or two, to find time to write to most, if not all, of them.

It is good to know that Mr. Flavelle has given this £10,000, and I hope that others will come forward soon. I have had a gift of a thousand dollars here, but am holding it at present, as it may be required for Mr. Rowntree's journey. I am anxious to get the matter before Friends and others in this country: but it is extremely difficult to find time, in the midst of many other engagements, to attack a big problem of this kind. I am sorry that Mr. Swasey was not prepared to give any more at that time. I hope that he will, before long, do so. I am interested to know how things are going on, and should like to know whether funds are coming in any more. We have a big job in front of us if we are to raise the whole amount, and we need to have someone who has a special gift for it. I am afraid that neither you nor I have shown ourselves, as yet, to possess just the kind of gift that is required: but perhaps it will be developed in the course of experience.

I hope that you are now better than when you last wrote, and that you are not over-doing things.

I have sent a number of the booklets to Dr. Shore, and have asked him to mail some to you. I have sent him altogether four hundred, and hope that this will be fully enough for the campaign. Perhaps you will think that it is too many: but one hopes that opportunity may arise for the use of something like that number.

With kind regards and all good wishes,
I am, Yours ever,

April 19th, 1913.

Leonard Gow, Esq.,
45, Renfield Street,
Glasgow.

Dear Mr. Gow,

I have frequently recalled the pleasant intercourse which we had at Crieff last February, and, among other things, what you told me about a church in Glasgow (I think perhaps your own) which had raised funds for sending out a new missionary, but had not been able to find a suitable man to support in the field. In connection with that, it has occurred to me whether it would be at all likely that your church would undertake the support of a Presbyterian working with another Mission. The circumstances are somewhat peculiar, and I thought that I would mention them to you, although, of course, it is quite possible that, by this time, the difficulty to which you referred has been solved by someone offering to go out as your own missionary under the Church of Scotland Missionary Society.

The man to whom I refer is Clifford M. Stubbs, a New Zealander, who is very highly qualified, and was recently appointed by our Board to a position in the West China Union University as a Professor of Chemistry. The appointment, however, has had to be conditional on his support being specially received, as we have barely enough money to send out Friends, let alone those who are not members of our Society. As a matter of fact, we have several missionaries now who are not Friends working with us. In this case the University is an interdenominational one, and the only reason that Mr. Stubbs has applied to the Friends' Foreign Mission Association is that it is the only missionary society joining in the University whose headquarters are on this side of the Atlantic. The University in West China represents the entire missionary body, and has arisen out of a full union of all the missions doing work in West China. This educational union is now in close touch with the Government, and it is probable that certificates granted by our union will have the full value of Government certificates. We are also in touch with the Government, on their initiative, with a view to co-ordinating the work of

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the two Universities -- theirs and ours -- so as to prevent undue overlapping in the higher branches of education. Our University ministers to a population of nearly one hundred million people, and the opportunity before it at the present time is greater than ever before. I enclose one or two pamphlets dealing with it which will give you information in a general way about it.

It seemed to me possible that your difficulty and ours might be met by your supporting Clifford Stubbs, say for two or three years, without definitely deciding as to whether you would continue his support permanently or not. If you thought of doing this, I would, of course, wish him to get in touch with your church, and I feel no doubt at all as to his commending himself to members of the congregation. He is a man who has done excellent work, not only academically, but also as a Christian worker, and I feel sure that there is a bright future before him. Of course if your difficulty has already been met in other ways, you will not wish to go any further in this matter, and it may be that in any case you will not feel that the suggestion is a particularly suitable one; but anyhow I thought no harm could come of my mentioning it to you.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

April 18th, 1913.

Joshua L. Bailey,
15th Street,
Philadelphia,
Pa., U.S.A.

Dear Friend,

When I last had the pleasure of seeing you in Philadelphia, you kindly expressed an interest in the work which we are trying to do in West China, and in the foundation of the West China Union University. I now have pleasure in enclosing a small pamphlet which sets out the main scheme of the work. Towards the total of half a million dollars required, we have not yet received quite one-tenth, and although this is a good beginning, it is very far from adequate to the needs of the present situation. I very much hope that you may feel led to give some help in this matter. Several Friends in this country have already responded, and I am hoping to get quite a little more here; but the scheme is, of course, a pretty ambitious one, though not at all beyond the urgent needs of the present situation.

I think that you will be interested in seeing the brief statement in reference to the present opportunity for Friends in China which has recently been written by Henry T. Silcock. I therefore enclose a copy of this also.

I look back with very great pleasure to my recent visit to the United States, and to all the kindness which I received from so many Friends in different parts.

I am glad to see that "The American Friend" has made a good beginning in its new form. The editor has recently asked me to contribute occasional articles to it, and I am hoping to be able in this way to show, from time to time, my practical sympathy with Friends in America in their various problems, and my continued interest in the work of the Society on your side of the Atlantic. It happens that tonight I am addressing a group of Friends here on the same lines as my recent address at the Five Years Meeting.

With kind regards,
I am, Your sincere friend,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

April 18th, 1913.

Dr. George Woodward,
North American Building,
Philadelphia.

Dear Dr. Woodward,

When I last saw you in Philadelphia, you asked me to let you know, early in the year, how the fund for the University in Chengtu was progressing. Almost immediately after I saw you, I left New York for this country, and have not been in close touch with the financial campaign that has been carried on since my return.

We have been able to raise some money on this side, and altogether have made what might be regarded as a fair beginning to the fund of half a million dollars which we have been trying to raise for getting the West China University thoroughly on its feet. We have, however, not quite got one-tenth of the whole amount yet, and I should be very glad if you could see your way to help us, as you kindly let me to understand that you might be able to do. One cannot help appreciating the fact, when engaged on work like this, that there are a very great many similar claims being made on generous givers like yourself. At the same time, I hope that this piece of work may so far commend itself to you as to receive some part of what you are putting aside for such undertakings.

You will be interested to hear that we have recently received information from China showing the very friendly attitude of the Chinese Government towards this undertaking and towards all our educational work. The head of the department of education for the province has approached us with a view to granting certificates which shall be of value in either Government or Mission Schools for boys passing from one to the other. At the instance of prominent members of the Government, a joint educational union is now being formed in West China, the membership of which will be open to teachers in the schools managed both by the Government and foreign missions, and I have also had information of approaches made by the representatives of the Government Educational Department with a view to the co-ordination of the higher educational work in order to prevent overlapping in the more advanced departments. They are proposing to establish their University on lines which, while similar to ours in the courses leading up to the Baccalaureate

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Degree, will diverge in the post-graduate work, so that students will take this work at one University or the other, according to the subject in which they are specializing. Ever since the earliest negotiations for the opening of the University, it has been my constant effort to keep in close touch with the Government: but, until recently, this has amounted to very little because of their somewhat suspicious attitude. Now, however, all this is changed, and the opportunity for Christian education in West China is greater than it has ever been. I feel that it is most important that we should be able to take full advantage of this opportunity, and am, therefore, hopeful that you and other friends who have already expressed some interest in the scheme will be prepared to come forward and help it to a large position of usefulness.

I enclose a brief statement of the University's work with a reproduction of the plans for two of the proposed buildings, and I have no doubt that this will be interesting to you.

You will note that the Treasurer of the Board of Governors is Dr. Barbour. It will probably be more convenient to you to remit directly to him in the event of your feeling able to respond to this request.

With kind regards, and thanking you for your interest in the work,

I am,
Yours sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

April 18th, 1913.

Charles W. Kolb, Esq.,
Butter & Broad Street,
Philadelphia.

Dear Mr. Kolb,

I remember with much pleasure the interesting talk which we had, when I was in Philadelphia, in reference to missionary matters, and the kind hearing which you gave to my statement of the situation in West China. Since then, matters have developed with considerable rapidity. One of the most promising features of the situation, which I was not able to refer to then, is the way in which the Government has opened up negotiations with the representatives of the missionary educational work in order to plan for the education of the province jointly. They are proposing a system whereby certificates granted by Government or Mission Schools shall be available for students passing from one to the other. They have put forth proposals for the establishment of a joint educational union which will be open to teachers in both Government and Mission Schools, and they are now discussing with the University authorities the question of so arranging the post-graduate work in the Government and Mission Universities as to avoid unnecessary overlapping. All this means a complete change from the old state of things, and a vastly larger opportunity for us than we have ever had before.

It is my most earnest desire that we may be able to enter into this widely open door, and I am therefore venturing to bring to your notice again the needs of the West China University. I enclose a little booklet, which I have recently had printed in reference thereto. We have now received nearly one-tenth of the total amount needed, namely, \$50,000 out of \$500,000: but, of course, this is a long way from reaching the total. I feel that, within the next six months, we ought to make rapid progress towards the attainment of that end. I very much hope that you may feel inclined to make some contribution, or to give me some definite promise of one during the next year or so. When we look at the striking results which have been achieved through the missionary educational work done in China during the last fifty years, and the way in which the graduates from Mission Schools and Colleges have come to the front at this time of China's crisis,

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Charles W. Kolb, Esq.

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we cannot but realise that this form of missionary effort is a highly multiplied one, and that it behoves us, now, when we have such an opportunity as we have never had before, to do the utmost that is within our power to establish thoroughly sound educational work on Christian lines in China. This University, as you will remember, is the only one provided by Christian Missions for an area and population representing about one-quarter of the entire country, and springs out of a complete union in educational work among all the Missions engaged in work in West China.

With kind remembrances,

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Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, E.C.

April 18th, 1913.

Rufus M. Jones,
Haverford College,
Haverford, Pa.

My dear Rufus,

I do not think that I have sent you hitherto any copies of the American edition of the little booklet on Chengtu which I have recently got out. I am now forwarding, under separate cover, half-a-dozen copies of it. The only other Friend to whom I have sent one of these as yet is Joshua Bailey. I may possibly forward one to Wistar Brown.

We have now received about one-tenth of the sum required: but this seems only a very little to show for the work which has been put into this effort. What we want is half-a-dozen good big subscriptions to help us to get the thing well forward. I have just received £200 from Joshua Rowntree, and hope that I may get more from him as time goes on. It sometimes seems a pity that the financial side of these undertakings has to loom so large: yet, after all, in many cases the giving of financial help is just the point which clinches a man's interest in the thing, and shows whether it has gripped him or not.

I wonder whether you are coming over to England this summer. If so, I hope that somehow we may contrive to meet, and, if possible, that you may come and see my wife and bairns. I am leaving on the 26th of June for Madagascar, and expect to be away until the beginning of November. I have been kept pretty busy all this Spring, and have still a good deal of work in front of me before leaving for Madagascar.

It is encouraging that the last year has closed without more than a very slight deficit, which is fully met by the balance carried over from last year. It makes a wonderful difference to one's light-heartedness if the finances of the work are on a satisfactory basis.

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Rufus M. Jones.

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I am afraid it is likely to be some time before I shall be over in America again, at any rate for more than a very brief visit; but I continue to feel a great deal of interest in the work of Friends on your side of the Atlantic, and wish that the way might open for me to give more service to the cause.

With warm love to you both,
I am,
Yours affectionately,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

April 24th, 1913.

Rev. T.E.E. Shore, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Shore,

I want to express my very deep sympathy with you and Mrs. Shore in the news which was contained in your letter of April 3rd. I feel it a great personal loss to think of your giving up the work in connection with the Canadian Board, and I most sincerely hope that this will not involve your withdrawing from the Executive Committee of the West China Union University, as I feel that you are almost the only person on your side of the Atlantic who can really be counted upon in connection with the scheme. I greatly hope that Mrs. Shore's health may not be permanently impaired, and that residence in a more suitable climate may restore her before long to robust health again. I received today information from Canada as to the public announcement of your retirement, and also that of your assistant. I am sure that I deeply sympathise with the Board also in this step which you have been compelled to take. Of course I gather that, in the meantime, you will continue to act as Joint Secretary with me of the Board of Governors, as no other appointment can very well be made before the next meeting of the Board, and I hope that, for long enough, you will feel yourself able to retain this position.

I have not yet received the minutes of the Executive held on the 28th March, but suppose that these are now on their way here.

I have received the copies of the letters from Dr. North and Mr. Huntington, which make the position quite plain, so far as the purchase of new land is concerned. But so far as our Board is concerned, we are not yet in a position to make any grant. I hope that we may be able to raise the money on this side specially. I am so much involved in various things before leaving for Madagascar, that I do not know how to get time to turn my attention to this problem. If one only had a few clear months to devote to nothing else, I feel quite confident that the money required from persons in this country could well be raised: but it does take time and thought to get to work on a question of this kind,

Rev. T.E.E.Shore, D.D.

and just at present I am severely handicapped on this account. I note what you say in reference to the various possible methods of raising finance for the University, and agree with you that, if we could secure a President, and if he should prove to be a suitable man for the raising of funds, this would be of all means the best. I have just seen what can be done by an energetic man giving time to a piece of work, in which he thoroughly believes, in connection with a somewhat similar enterprise for which a very considerable sum of money has just been raised in this country. I have no doubt at all as to the financial possibilities in connection with it.

Again expressing my very deep sympathy with you and Mrs. Shore,

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Yours very sincerely,

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Duplicate sent to

Fred Rowntree,
C/o "General Delivery",
San Francisco.

15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
London, E.C.

May 29th, 1913.

Fred Rowntree,
C/o T. Cook & Son,
32, Water Street,
Yokohama.

My dear Rowntree,

I am afraid that I have treated you extremely badly in the matter of letters. I know that you have received a good many from others, and there have not seemed to be any questions on which it was important for me to write to you, partly because I did not know the way in which things would develop on the field, and partly because you were already well informed as to my views, in a general way, in regard to the questions which you were discussing. I have now received yours of the 27th April, which demands a reply, and I am glad to have a few minutes in which to answer it after an exceptionally busy time at Yearly Meeting.

You will hear from others about the way in which the situation in China took hold of Friends at Yearly Meeting, and about the appointment of a very strong Committee on China to carry out, as far as possible, the concern of the Yearly Meeting in this direction. I feel that we have a very great deal to be thankful for in the way in which things went, although the discussion was not nearly so full as we should have liked, owing to the exigencies of the agenda. You have naturally been much in our thoughts recently, and, if there had been time, Ted Harvey would have read your letter to him, or part of it, to the Yearly Meeting; but the speech which I hoped he was going to give was crowded out.

I have been very pleased to hear of the discussions which you have had in regard to the style of the buildings, and am delighted to know that others have come round to your views on this question. Nothing shakes me in the least in the strong conviction, which I have held for years, that we want to have this style of building for our University, and every fresh victory of the idea is fresh cause of congratulation and satisfaction. I

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hope that, when you get to Canada and America, you will be able to convince some of those who are still quite sceptical on this question. I think that your experience in China, and especially your knowledge of what leading Chinese think on the subject, will prove to be of the greatest possible value, and I hope that you will take matters up very fully with Dr. Shore and others.

You will probably have heard that Dr. Shore has sent in his resignation from the Secretaryship of the Canadian Methodist Board. This is a great blow to us. I do not know what it will mean for the West China University: but I hope that he will continue to hold his position as Joint Secretary of our Board, at any rate for the present. I feel that he is almost the only man on that side of the Atlantic who could really fill the position properly, as he has been out himself, and has a grip of the situation, as well as having that executive power which is so necessary in this early stage. I am sure that you will be glad to meet him, and will enjoy talking with him: but you will find, perhaps, that it is not altogether easy to convince him on the question of architecture, as he holds rather strong views in an opposite direction from yours and mine.

It seems to me that the course suggested of putting up the Administrative block first is the natural and logical one, if that block can be made to contain a sufficient number of classrooms for handling the classes for the next few years. Of course there will also be some classrooms in the buildings of the various Missions, and I imagine that, with that help, we shall be able to last for some time. I am most anxious to get forward with these buildings, and hope that, before long, we may be able to get Friends at home more thoroughly aroused on the subject.

We have not yet got very much money for the University, as apart from our own College, in this country, and we have been somewhat disappointed up-to-date, I must confess, in the amounts given and promised in America: but, now, with the fresh urgency that can be given to the appeal through your visit and through the present conditions in China, I think that we shall probably be able to get quite a large sum, sufficient, at any rate, to go forward without delay in the erection of the Administrative block, and, I hope also, of the Library. The idea was to approach Carnegie, or, rather, the Carnegie Trust, with regard to the Library, in the hope that he might give the whole amount. What would be needed would be that we should prepare very careful plans, and send them up in first rate shape, with a clear statement of what was wanted and why. I understand that Carnegie likes to have things done very well, and, if there is anything second rate or slipshod in the way in which the thing is presented to him, it

at once gets a bad mark in his books. I hope that you will talk this matter over carefully with Shore, and that, if you have your plans forward enough, you will together prepare a statement to present to Carnegie, so that we may know whether he is going to act in this matter or not. There are several persons who might help us in approaching him. I think that Dr. Shore already knows about these, such as, for example, President Elliot, late of Harford, who would, I believe, be ready to help in a matter of this kind, and who is very intimate with Carnegie.

I note especially what you say in regard to the supervision of buildings. I do not quite see how I can approach Nicholls until we know what line the Board of Governors will take about the whole thing. Of course they naturally feel that, until the money is actually in hand, they are in great difficulty as to going forward. I cannot think that it would be the most satisfactory arrangement for Dr. Canright to undertake this work. Of course in some lines he has unexceptionable knowledge: but I very much doubt whether he would be sufficiently adaptable, and whether his technical knowledge, from the home point of view, would really be enough. I entirely agree with you that, whoever does the work ought to be the servant of the Senate, and not a member of it, and, if, in the end, Dr. Canright were appointed for it, I think that he should not have a seat on the Senate. Of course it would make it very much easier if the Senate were dealing with a man who went out on purpose for this work, and who had not previously been one of their own body, and an intimate friend of many of the members of the Senate. I think that, since you have already written privately to Nicholls, I will wait and see whether I hear from him or not. I do not see how I could go forward in the matter until you have had the opportunity of talking things over with the members of the Board ~~of the Board~~ of Governors in America.

I hope that the Senate will have made a minute emphasising their sense of the opportuneness of your visit. I think that this would help me a good deal with the Board of Governors, because I feel that, even now, things are not quite straight in that direction.

I have been so very much pressed myself with work of one kind and another that it has been simply impossible for me to give the time which I ought to have given to raising funds for the University. One needs a little quiet thought for work of this kind, and that is just what it is so very difficult for me to get. I believe that, if I had a month clear of all other things, I could go round and see a number of people and raise a considerable sum; but I do not know how I am going to get this time.

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Fred Rowntree.

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I have recently written some letters to America which I hope may lead to some result in this direction.

Hoping that everything will continue to go well in your travels and your work,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 30th, 1913.

Stubbs,
Kingsmead,
Selly oak.

APPROVE YOUR WRITING DAVIDSON AS
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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate,
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May 30th, 1913.

Clifford M. Stubbs,
Kingsmead,
Selly Oak,
Birmingham.

My dear Stubbs,

Many thanks for your letter. I am sorry indeed that we did not get the chance of talking things quietly over together. I have never had a more strenuous time at Yearly Meeting than I have had this year, as I had a number of special addresses to give, and also the writing of the Epistle, and other matters pressed heavily upon me.

The questions raised in your letter are so very important that I feel that it would be right for me to talk them over with the Chairman of the China Committee before giving you even a provisional reply, and I understand, of course, that, on your side, you write only in a tentative way. I should, however, be glad to know whether I might have liberty to talk the matter over with A.J. Crosfield, as, of course, I should not wish to do so without having your full permission. I think that, if he and I could agree to recommend some definite course of action when the matter comes up, it is likely that the Committee would fall in with the proposal. I noticed something in the minutes of the Senate, I think, suggesting that you should make yourself acquainted with these certain processes. I suppose that, from Birmingham, you will be able to visit places where they are in use, and this, along with your present knowledge of the underlying principles, and any special reading which you might do, would, perhaps, be sufficient. Of course, if you were to go into all the details it would take you, I suppose, some months of further work, and would probably necessitate your putting off your departure to China.

As far as I can judge, it would be very suitable for you to go to the Students' Conference, as well as to the Young Friends' Conference in Kent; but I hope that you will not allow these things to crowd you too much and prevent you from seeing something of your people, and having full time for preparation before going out.

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The points which you raise about the fittings for the laboratories, etc., are very important. I think that it would be well that you should prepare some memorandum on these points, touching on practical questions.

In regard to apparatus, I do not see that you can very well do anything in the way of purchase now. In any case, of course, there will be a year or two before you get into regular work in the University, on account of your language study, and, during that time, with your knowledge of apparatus, and by reference to catalogues, you will be able, will you not, to order what is wanted almost as if you were to see the things yourself.

I was very much distressed to hear about Mr. Williams's return. I understand that it is on account of his wife's illness. It does not look very hopeful for his getting back to Chengtu. I suppose that there is someone on the spot who can deal, in an elementary way, with the chemistry courses in the meantime. I think that it would be well for you to write to R.J. Davidson and find out exactly how matters stand. You might also make some enquiry from him about apparatus. He did the teaching of chemistry in the Middle School, I believe, and has a fair knowledge of the subject.

The Board of Governors appointed one of the American members to write the report for 1912. When he came to look over the material, he found that, with the interruption through the revolution, etc., there was not very much material, and he asked the Executive whether they would be content not to have a report this year, but include the two years' working in the next report; so that I am sorry that I cannot accede to your request in this matter.

I am sending you the following wire:- "Approve your writing Davidson as suggested", as I was quite unable to deal with this letter yesterday, being pressed all the day long.

Thanks for the copy of your paper, which I have only glanced at, but which indicates evidently a lot of careful, hard work.

Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

June 2nd, 1913.

Rev. T.E.E. Shore, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street, West,
Toronto.

Confidential.

My dear Shore,

Many thanks for your letter of the 22nd May just to hand. I shall, of course, not bill you for more than the hundred copies of the Chengtu pamphlet. I thought that, if you required that number for your own purposes in connection with any canvass that might be undertaken in Canada, it would be probable that a certain additional number would be required by others who might be doing work in the States, and that it was just as well, while I was at it, to get the larger number printed. Of course, unless we can inaugurate a more vigorous and thorough campaign, we shall not have use for these pamphlets: but it seems to me that we simply must get something done in this direction. All the letters which come to us from China now show how necessary it is that we should proceed without delay in regard to the buildings, and the matter weighs heavily upon my own mind. I wish that I could pull out of my own work for a month or two, and get into communication with various centres here, and with influential individuals in order to get the thing thoroughly on foot. A lot of spade work still needs to be done, and the great question is, Who is to do it?

I have been thinking much of this question in the light of your retirement, and I feel led to make a suggestion to you which I hope may have your earnest consideration. This is that you should, during the next year or two, devote some considerable proportion of your time to helping the West China Union University. I can hardly think of any piece of work which you could undertake which would mean more for the advance of the Kingdom, and I know no other person who could do anything like the work which you could do in this respect. I have no doubt that, in withdrawing from the full responsibility of work in connection with the Canadian Methodist Mission, you have in mind the thought of taking some rest from your strenuous life: but I know that a man of your temperament will not find it possible long to remain in the resting stage. I have thought again and again what a splendid thing it would be for the University if you could devote a considerable

amount of time to its interests in Canada and the United States. I believe that this would just set the University on its feet, and enable us to go forward, in a year or two's time, with renewed energy. So long as you, or anyone else who has responsibilities for the University, is tied up with the heavy duties of the secretaryship of a large Society, or with business and other engagements, we cannot possibly hope to get the amount of financial support which is necessary if the University is to go forward. I should like that the Board of Governors should ask you to undertake this definite piece of work, and, although I know that it is not the kind of work which one would naturally choose, and that it must be, to some extent, distasteful to anybody who does it, still I cannot help having confidence that you would not let that stand in the way if you felt that it was a definite call, and that there was a service here which you could render to the work in West China which you have so much at heart. I am venturing to write to Dr. Goucher also on this subject, as I feel that it is a matter that ought very soon to be laid before you if anything is to be done.

I am delighted to hear a better account of Mrs.Shore's health, and much hope that she will soon be thoroughly recovered, and that you will not have further anxiety about her.

May I say, with regard to your position on the Board of Governors, that I should be strongly in favour of your being added as a co-opted member of the Board in the event of your Mission appointing someone else in your place, as I suppose they will probably wish to do when you retire from the secretaryship. It seems to me that your having visited the field, and your intimate knowledge of all the details of the work; mark you out as one whom we should most certainly have on the Board as a co-opted member. I hope that it may certainly be possible for you to be at the meeting next October. I, as you know, cannot possibly be there on account of my visit to Madagascar, and it would surely be the greatest loss to the Board if neither of its past Secretaries could attend the meeting.

I suppose that, by this time, you will have heard from Mr. Rowntree, and I hope that you will be able to see him as he passes through America., even if you are not able to be present at the meeting of the Executive which may be called to meet with him in New York. You or someone else will, of course, let me know what has been decided in consultation with him in reference to various matters which he brings up. I will try to obtain information about architects' fees as soon as possible, and let you have the same.

With kind regards,
I am,
Yours very sincerely,

15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, E.C.

June 3rd, 1913.

Francis William Fox,
The Reform Club,
London.

Dear Friend,

As you know, all the permanent buildings for the University in West China are now in the hands of our friend, Fred Rowntree, and he has just been spending three weeks in Chengtu discussing all the details with the Senate.

I have now received from the Senate a statement as to the order in which the buildings ought to be put up. They feel that the first buildings to be erected should be the Administration building and the Library. The former of these would be used, if their idea is carried out, in the first place largely as a Normal School. The Normal Department is already well provided for. H.T.Silcock has specially prepared himself for it, and has been appointed as head of the Department, and E.W.Wallace, who has been appointed Educational Secretary for all the Missions in West China, will give him assistance in it. The progress which has been made in the Normal Department has undoubtedly been accelerated by the action of the China Emergency Committee, and this has served to throw emphasis upon the importance of getting forward with this department immediately.

The question which now arises from the decision of the Senate in reference to the order of the buildings is whether the China Emergency Committee would feel that the University was justified in applying its gift in the meantime for the erection of the Administration building, holding over the erection of the Normal building for, say, three to five years. The Administration building would be so arranged as to provide ample accommodation for the Normal School work, and the idea would be simply to invest this money, in the meantime, in the building which was serving the purpose of the Normal School with a view later on to turning it over to the special building for Normal work alone. The matter has not yet come before the Board of Governors, and it is, of course, possible that they may feel it best to keep to the order originally intended, which calls for the erection of the Normal building at once: but naturally they will give great weight to the opinion of the Senate, arrived at after full discussion with the University Architect, and, in any case, before the matter is

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discussed by the Board of Governors, it will be a very great help to us to know whether you feel that any exception would be taken to the course proposed by the Senate. I think that you may feel, on the one hand, well satisfied that the action of the China Emergency Committee has had a very material effect in keeping the interests of the Normal work to the front, and, on the other hand, that these interests would not suffer at all by the proposed alteration. A line from you in regard to this matter would help me greatly.

I have made further enquiries about the "Yarra", from which it appears that she is a better boat than most of the Messageries vessels, and it seems as if we might have confidence in going out with her. I understand from the report that you gave that Lloyds are not willing to insure any of the Messageries vessels. If so, of course, the fact that they do not take the "Yarra" is of relatively less significance. I very much appreciate the kind thought and attention which you have given to this matter, and your solicitude on our behalf.

With kind regards,

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Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

June 3rd, 1913.

James Wood,
Mount Kisco,
New York.

Dear James Wood,

I enclose a copy of a letter which I am sending to Dr. Goucher, and which sufficiently explains itself. In the event of your being called to a special meeting of the Executive, I hope that you will do all that you can to secure that some action be taken in regard to this matter, -- whether by calling Dr. Shore, or by finding someone else for the work, I do not so much mind, although personally I feel that there could be nobody better qualified than he if he were willing to take it up, and I should myself be prepared to press him very strongly, even though, at first, he might refuse.

The letters which we have had from Fred Rowntree are full of encouragement, and I am delighted to think that he will, before long, be seeing you and telling you about the conditions which he has found in West China, and how plans are progressing.

I saw the other day in the papers that Mr. Rockefeller had given a sum of a million dollars for a University in Japan. Would that we could get him to give a like gift to West China. It seems to me that, from some quarter, we ought to get a good large gift now to help us to face the situation and carry this thing through.

Yours very sincerely,

Encl.

15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

June 3rd, 1913.

Mornay Williams, Esq.,
27, Cedar Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Williams,

I enclose a copy of a letter which I am sending to Dr. Goucher. I feel the matter very deeply, and, if it seems to you that action ought to be taken, it may be that you will feel justified in calling a special meeting of the Executive, or in communicating with the other members of the Executive thereon. It seems to me that we cannot afford to lose time at this point, and that we ought to use the wide interest that there is in China for the purpose of securing large gifts.

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Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

June 3rd, 1913.

Rufus M. Jones,
Haverford College,
Haverford, Pa.

My dear Rufus,

I am afraid that I shall not see you while you are in England, as I suppose that you will not be arriving for a few weeks yet, and I am expecting to leave, in about three weeks from now, for a five months' absence. I hope that you will have a good time here.

I enclose a copy of a letter which I am sending to Dr. Goucher. This will keep you in touch with University matters, and, in the event of Dr. Goucher's writing to members of the Board in reference to this proposition, you will know what I feel about it.

Our Yearly Meeting took up the question of China quite warmly, and has appointed a strong Committee to look into the whole question, and into the relation which the Society of Friends ought to bear to China at the present time, and how we may help. I hope that some good may come out of this Committee. We have had, on the whole, an encouraging time at our Yearly Meeting. The drafting of the Epistle fell again to me, and I hope that it may be found to contain a real message.

With warmest regards to you both and to Mary,
I am,

Yours affectionately,

P.S. On the 4th September we are having a meeting at Devonshire House to say farewell to a number of our missionaries who are going back, or going out for the first time, this autumn. The hope has been expressed that you may be able to be present with us then and say a few words of parting counsel and encouragement to those who are going forth. I should be very glad if you could fall in with this suggestion.

Walter F. Nicholls

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I am sorry that I cannot answer your letter more fully at the present time: but you will understand that, as Secretary of the Board of Governors, I am only able to do so far as the Board itself has gone in these matters, and on this question they have no recommendations from the Architect before them. If you wish to have the matter named to the Executive when they receive Mr. Rowntree's report, I shall be glad to forward to them a letter from you either asking for an offer of opening up the question as you have done in your letter under reply.

15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, E.C.

June 3rd, 1913.

Walter F. Nicholls,
The Ridge,
Upton St. Leonards,
Gloucester.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,
I am,

Dear Friend,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 31st May, to which I have given careful consideration both in itself and in relation to information received from Mr. Rowntree. I am sorry to say that I cannot, at the present moment, give you the kind of information which you require. The fact is that the Board of Governors, which is an international body whose headquarters are in America, has not, as yet, given consideration to the question raised. They are waiting for Mr. Rowntree's report, and the Executive will discuss the whole question with him on his return from West China. In a month or two he will be in the United States, and, while there, will meet with the Executive, and, no doubt, out of that meeting some definite action will result.

I imagine that the Board of Governors would wish to find some person who would go out to undertake this work in a missionary spirit, and on the same sort of financial basis as missionaries. That means the receipt of an allowance which comfortably covers all expenses of living, and provides a small margin for sickness, etc. The missionary allowance is not regarded as a salary for work done, but simply as a maintenance given to those who are giving freely of their services. This, of course, may not seem to be quite satisfactory from a business point of view, and, perhaps, some additional allowance should be made in the case of one who is employed for a short time, because he would not come under the system of retiring allowances provided by the Missionary Societies in the case of those who are permanently employed; but on this point I cannot speak with any confidence. Of course the mention of any particular figure amounts to almost nothing, as it is decided in relation to prevailing prices in West China and the cost of living there. Allowances vary in the different Societies from about £180 to £250 a year for married missionaries; but the smaller allowance is generally accompanied by special grants-in-aid for such purposes as holidays, education of children, etc., etc.; so that there is not really very much difference between the scale of one Society and that of another, when these facts are taken into account.

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I am sorry that I cannot answer your letter more fully at the present time: but you will understand that, as Secretary of the Board of Governors, I am only able to go as far as the Board itself has gone in regard to these matters, and on this question they are awaiting recommendations from the Architect before reaching any decision. If you wish to have the matter named to the Executive when they receive Mr. Rowntree's report, I shall be glad to forward to them a letter from you either making a definite offer or opening up the question as you have done in the letter under reply.

I am,
With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

Walter F. Nicholls,
Secretary.

Dear Friend,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 31st inst. to which I have given careful consideration both in itself and in relation to information received from Mr. Rowntree. I am sorry to say that I cannot, at the present moment, give you the kind of information which you require. The fact is that the Board of Governors, which is an international body whose headquarters are in America, has not as yet given consideration to the question raised. They are waiting for Mr. Rowntree's report, and the Executive will discuss the whole question with him on his return from West China. In a month or two he will be in the United States, and, while there, will meet with the Executive, and, no doubt, out of that meeting some definite action will result.

I imagine that the Board of Governors would wish to find some person who would go out to undertake this work in a missionary spirit, and on the same sort of financial basis as missionaries. That means the receipt of an allowance which definitely covers all expenses of living, and provides a small margin for sickness etc. The missionary allowance is not regarded as a salary for work done, but simply as a maintenance given to those who are giving freely of their services. This, of course, may not seem to be quite satisfactory from a business point of view, and, perhaps, some additional allowance should be made in the case of one who is employed for a short time, because he would not come under the system of retiring allowances provided by the Missionary Societies in the case of those who are permanently employed: but on this point I cannot speak with any confidence. Of course the mention of any particular figure amounts to almost nothing, as it is decided in relation to travelling prices in West China and the cost of living there. Allowances vary in the different Societies from about £120 to £250 a year for married missionaries: but the smaller allowance is generally accompanied by special grants-in-aid for such purposes as holidays, education of children etc., etc.; so that there is not really very much difference between the scale of one Society and that of another, when these facts are taken into account.

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

June 3rd, 1913.

Rev. J.F. Goucher, D.D.,
Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Goucher,

Ever since hearing, some months ago, of Dr. Shore's prospective retirement from the position of Secretary to the Canadian Methodist Mission, I have felt much concern on account of the University, because of this step. He has written to me suggesting that this will mean his withdrawal from the Board of Governors, as his successor in the position of Secretary is likely to be appointed by the Canadian Methodist Church as a member of the Board in his stead. I think that, in any case, the Board of Governors ought to secure his services as a co-opted member, in the event of the Canadian Methodist Church taking such a step, and I hope that he will be induced at all costs to attend the next meeting of the Board of Governors during the second week in October.

There is another matter in regard to which I should like to approach you. It seems to me that it is absolutely imperative that we should take some steps in a more vigorous way for the raising of the sum of money required for the Chengtu University. It is perfectly clear, from recent reports from the field, that the permanent buildings must be erected in the near future unless we are to lose the great opportunities that now open out before us. We have, as yet, very little money for this purpose, and nothing short of a very vigorous campaign by the most able persons procurable will suffice for the raising of this sum of money. It seems to me that it may be that Dr. Shore's retirement from the secretaryship of the Canadian Methodist Board is providential from the point of view of the West China University. Ought we not to try to secure his services for a certain part of the year, say for six months, or more or less, in order that he might undertake an active propaganda in Canada and the United States on behalf of the West China Union University? It seems to me that he is just the man for it. He has personal knowledge of the field, and an intimate acquaintance with the working of the Board. He is a man of winning personality, and has already proved his

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ability to interest business men in missions from the financial point of view. I suppose that there are few men who have done more than he in this respect. I cannot think of anybody who is better able to do this work, and hope that the Board of Governors will present the matter very strongly to him, and that it might come as a real call of God, so that he will undertake this work, which cannot to anyone be agreeable, but which will be done, I believe, by someone who can put his whole heart into the thing, and feel that it is what Friends would call a genuine "concern". As it is possible that it may seem best for the Executive Committee to make a move in regard to this question, I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Mornay Williams, as Chairman of the Executive. I hope that, if it commends itself to you and others, no time will be lost in getting into touch with Dr. Shore in regard to this question. I have written to the latter in a purely private way broaching the matter, but, of course, in no sense committing the Board.

If this scheme does not commend itself to you, can you think of any other means by which we can speedily get to work on this financial campaign. Time is passing quickly, and it will only become more difficult to raise the money in a year or two's time if we do not press forward actively now.

I hope that, before long, you will have the opportunity of seeing Mr. Rowntree. I have no doubt that you will be much interested in hearing his account of things in Chengtu. He evidently has been deeply impressed by what he has seen in China generally, and especially in Chengtu, and I believe that his return to England will serve greatly to quicken interest in all that is going on there.

with kind regards,
I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, E.C.

June 5th, 1913.

Walter F. Nicholls,
The Ridge,
Upton St. Leonards,
Gloucester.

Dear Friend,

Thanks for your letter. I quite understand your position in regard to the matter. I think that the best way to bring it forward would be for you to write a letter to me, as Secretary of the Board of Governors, stating what your position is in regard to it, and then I could forward the same to the Secretary of the Executive, so as to make sure that it was considered at the time that Mr. Rowntree presents his report. I should be glad if you could write to me in a week or so, as I am leaving England shortly, and should be glad to deal with the matter myself rather than leave it to be dealt with in my absence. When I receive your letter, I will address a covering letter to the Secretary of the Executive, who will act in my absence. I hope that this will help matters forward.

With kind regards,
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Yours sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

June 8th, 1913.

Mornay Williams, Esq.,
27, Cedar Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Williams,

I send you a copy of a letter which I have just received from Francis William Fox, the Chairman of the recent China Emergency Committee. This makes it clear that the sum of money contributed for the Men's Normal Training School buildings can be applied to the erection of the Administration Block in the first place, if the Executive of the Board of Governors decides to proceed first with it as recommended by the Senate. I expect that, when the Executive meets and discusses matters with Mr. Rowntree, it will be glad to have this information before it.

With kind regards,

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Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, E.C.

June 6th, 1913.

Francis William Fox,
Reform Club,
Pall Mall, S.W.

Dear Friend,

Many thanks for your kind note in reference to the grant for the West China Union University. I am glad that you feel that the money can be used in this way, and shall forward the information to the Chairman of the Executive of the Board of Governors, who, no doubt, will be pleased to receive it.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

June 12th, 1913.

Cleveland H. Dodge, Esq.,
11, Cliff Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Dodge,

As Dr. Mott is now back from the Far East, and you will be able to talk matters over with him, I should be glad if you could see your way to take an opportunity to do so in reference to the matter of our talk a few months ago. You will remember that I then put before you the nature of the united work which was being done by all the missionary societies working in the great area of West China, and asked you to consider whether you could not make a considerable gift to help us to get the proposed University in West China started in a satisfactory way.

I now enclose a pamphlet setting forth briefly the character of the work, and what it is proposed to do. This will recall to your mind the main lines of our conversation. Since I spoke to you the University Architect has been out to Chengtu, and has discussed the situation with leading Chinese and with the University Senate. The plans proposed by him have had the fullest approval of all with whom they have been discussed, and we are anxious to proceed without any delay in the erection of the main University buildings. If you could see your way to make yourself responsible for one of these, or for part of it, you would be doing a very great service to the cause of Christianity in China at this time. Scarcely any piece of work that is being done seems to me to have larger possibilities than this. The intimate friendly relations which are established with the Chinese, the confidence which they have in us and our work, and the fact that the missionaries are almost the only foreigners on the spot in West China, and thus are working, as it were, in virgin soil, mark out this enterprise as a peculiarly hopeful one, even among the various hopeful efforts that are now being made in the new Republic.

With kind regards,
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Yours very sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

June 13th, 1913.

J.H.Lloyd,
Edgbaston Grove,
Church Road,
Birmingham.

Dear Mr. Lloyd,

I think you know that I am leaving in a week or two for Madagascar, and shall be absent from this country for about five months. There is one matter which I am not happy to leave quite in its present state, and I am, therefore, writing to two or three Friends in the hope that they may see their way to help in regard to it.

As you know, the Society of Friends, in common with three other bodies working in West China, have put their hands to a big educational undertaking in the West China Union University. We have recently sent out Fred Rowntree in order that he might make a study on the spot of the local conditions and the need for permanent buildings. He, in consultation with some of the leading Chinese and the members of the University Senate, has worked out plans for several buildings which we hope shortly to be able to erect. We are in very close touch with the Chinese Government, and they have suggested that this Christian University should share with them the task of providing for the higher education of the province of Szechwan, with its fifty million or so inhabitants. They have proposed that, in the higher branches of education, the work should be shared between the two Universities, so as to prevent overlapping and duplication of departments. They have been fully consulted about plans for buildings, etc., and are in complete sympathy with the style of buildings suggested by Fred Rowntree, although at first they expressed a preference for out and out foreign style buildings.

As soon as Fred Rowntree gets back, and the plans are passed by the Board of Governors, we shall want to go forward with the building. The great difficulty is that we have not funds in hand sufficient for this purpose. One friend in Canada has made himself responsible for the Medical Building, which will probably cost something between £5,000 and £7,000. We have a gift of about a thousand pounds towards a Normal Building: and one or

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two other large sums have been promised in Canada and America. It is obvious that there are comparatively few English Friends whom I can approach in regard to this matter, both because our Society is so small, and because there are so many other claims on those who have means. I have thought the matter over very carefully, and felt that I might, perhaps, approach you about it. The first building that the Senate wants is the Central Administration Building. Exactly how much this will cost I cannot say; but I have estimated it at £4,000 in the enclosed brief statement of needs. With the increased price of building, it may run to somewhat more than this. Would it be at all possible for you to make yourself responsible for this building, either in whole or in part. Of course the building erected at this cost will be two or three times what could be put up for the same price in this country, the difference being largely in the immense saving on labour. I should have preferred to defer this request until Fred Rowntree had come back, and I had been able to submit to you the plans which he has made in consultation with Chinese ^{/some leading} and the Senate; but, as I am leaving for Madagascar, I want, if possible, to get something in hand before I go. By the time I return, things ought already to be under way.

I know that this is making a very bold suggestion. At the same time, I feel that there is scarcely any piece of work that the Society of Friends is doing which has larger possibilities before it than the work of this University. I need not reiterate what you already know about the extraordinary ripeness of the opportunity in China at the present time, and the importance of our seizing this opportunity before it has gone. You will realise, I think, that there is no better way of taking it than by providing higher educational facilities on Christian lines. I am very anxious that we should not leave the main burden of finance in this enterprise with those on the other side of the water who are interested in it, but that we should take our full share in the University itself. Friends have already subscribed pretty well for our own College, where our students will reside, and are, of course, taking their full share in the co-ordinated Primary and Secondary education which forms the basis on which the University work is being erected.

If you would like to go into the matter more fully before reaching any decision, probably the best plan would be to talk matters over with H.T.Silcock, who is now in Birmingham, and who has an intimate knowledge of the University work, being himself responsible for guiding its Normal Department. The actual expenditure of the money would be spread over a period of twelve months or more from the date when building operations were begun, which is not likely to be for another six months.

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I wish that one could give, in a brief space, any sort of adequate idea of the amazing opportunities which are open to us now in China, of the confidence which the people have in the work of missions, and of the far-reaching influence which would be exerted by a thoroughly sound piece of work undertaken now. These thoughts are emphasized and driven home to me by letters which I receive from China by almost every mail.

I feel sure that you will be good enough to give this matter your most careful thought, and thank you in anticipation for doing so.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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7, Old Park Ridings,
Winchmore Hill, N.

12 June, 1913.

Alfred Backhouse,
Hurworth Grange,
Croft, Darlington.

Dear Alfred,

I wonder whether you would feel inclined to help with the University at Chengtu. I don't think any work Friends are doing has larger possibilities than this. We are in close touch with the Chinese authorities, and our educational work will probably be included in the government system. Fred Rowntree has recently been in close consultation with them about plans, and has had their enthusiastic approval of the line he has taken. It is likely that an arrangement will be come to whereby we may share the higher educational work for the province with the Chinese Government. Were I not off to Madagascar, I should wait till F. Rowntree were back and I could tell exactly how things stand before asking any further help. As, however, I shall be away until the end of the year, and there is an urgent need that something be done at once, I write to you and am writing also to a few others. I want to raise enough in this country for one of the University Buildings, say £4,-5,000. I am hoping to get this in fairly large sums -- obviously it is not an object for which I can appeal to some of the very poor who relatively support missions most generously. It is rather for those, like ourselves, who know the value of a good education, and who are happily in a position in which we can help others to have it too.

I enclose a pamphlet which gives a general idea of the scheme, and should be glad to answer any questions and give fuller information.

Hoping you may see your way to furthering this effort in a practical way,

I am,
Yours affectionately,

(Sgd.) HENRY T. HODGKIN.

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

June 17th, 1913.

Walter F. Nicholls,
The Ridge,
Upton St. Leonards,
Gloucester.

Dear Friend,

I have received your letter addressed to me as Secretary of the Board of Governors of the West China Union University, and am forwarding the same to America. I am glad that you have written to me fully, and have no doubt that the matter will receive the fullest possible attention from the Board when it meets.

Yours sincerely,

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15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

June 17th, 1913.

Rev. T.E.E.Shore, D.D.,
Canadian Methodist Mission,
33, Richmond Street West,
Toronto.

My dear Shore,

I enclose a letter which I have received from Mr. Nicholls. I think that it explains itself pretty well. I know something of the firm, and have had some connection especially with his brother in various matters that have come forward recently. I believe that they are thoroughly reliable, and that Mr. Nicholls's work would be valuable, though whether the Board of Governors is prepared to go forward in this matter at the present time I cannot, of course, judge. I think that it is no good for me to add anything on the subject. No doubt it will be thoroughly discussed when you meet with Mr. Rowntree.

Yours very sincerely,

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July 2nd, 1913.

Rev. E.W.Wallace,
West China Union University,
Chengtu.

Dear Mr. Wallace,

Your letter of the 21st May arrived just a day or two before Dr. Hodgkin left for Madagascar. He had time to read it, but not to send any reply. I am, therefore, sending you just an acknowledgment.

Yours sincerely,

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July 8th, 1913.

James Wood,
Braewold,
Mount Kisco P.O.,
New York.

My dear Friend,

At Dr. Hodgkin's request I send herewith a copy of a letter which he has sent to Dr. Shore with reference to the meeting of the Board of Governors of the West China Union University. I may say that, when Dr. Hodgkin wrote this letter, he had no idea that Dr. Goucher would also be unable to attend the meeting of the Board of Governors if held in October. With Drs. Goucher, Shore, and Hodgkin away, I should think that it is very doubtful whether the meeting of the Board of Governors will be held on the original date.

Yours sincerely,

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Copy sent to:
H. Wilson Harris.
James Wood.

S.S. Yarra,
nearing Port Said.

30 June, 1913.

My dear Shore,

Your letter was handed to me as I was leaving London on this trip to Madagascar. Many thanks for it, and for writing so fully. I am very sorry that you have so poor an account to give of Mrs. Shore's health, and you and she both have my sincerest sympathy. I can fully understand your inability, at the present time, to consider any such suggestion as that which I made to you. It must be most perplexing to have these various claims pressed upon you. May we not hope that, considering your deep interest in the work and its great importance, you will not conclude any other arrangement, when the time comes for it, without letting us consider the matter again? One cannot doubt that you will be able some day again to take up active work, and, when this time does come, I hope that the W.C.U. University may have a place in your thoughts. In any case I cannot think that we should wish you to sever your connection with the Board, and I hope you may be coopted if your Board feels it necessary to fill your place by the new Secretary. By the way, has that amendment on the question of coopted members been considered on the field, and will it be ready for action when the Board meets?

I am very sorry I cannot be with you in July when you discuss Mr. Rowntree's report. It is sure to be a most important meeting. I am anxious that there should be no delay in getting ahead with the buildings, but I realize the great difficulty. I have recently approached two men in the hopes that one of them, at any rate, may be willing to make himself responsible for a building. In neither case have I yet received an answer, but if one comes during my absence it will be communicated to you. I have been unable to bring the University needs before persons in this country at all to the extent I had wished, as so many other things have claimed attention. In the Spring I would much rather devote a few weeks to endeavouring to enlist help for the University than in crossing the Atlantic for a special meeting of the Board. Personally, quite apart from this, I feel that it would be best to adhere to the original date. These are my reasons:-

- (1) There was a strong expression of opinion in Toronto that we should agree on a regular time for our meetings, and the 2nd week of October was chosen as the best time for a regular annual meeting.

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- (2) To put off the meeting will delay the passing of the Budget and the preparation of the annual report, which latter must be presented this year as none was produced last year.
- (3) If a President is selected or buildings are to be erected, or any other important step taken, the Board and not the Executive should take full responsibility.
- (4) To put off the Board meeting largely because any one member cannot be there seems to me a vicious principle which, if once introduced, will lead to many difficulties.

I am hoping that we shall at any rate be able to send one representative. My Committee realizes the importance of the gathering, and is making an effort to find the right man. Perhaps, along with this letter, news may be sent you from my office of an appointment having been made.

I see, in looking again at your letter, that you suggest that you also might not be able to be present in October. Of course this alters one of my points, but even so I feel that it would be best, if at all possible, for the Board to meet. However, I must leave that for you and others to determine.

I hope you will fulfil your prospect of talking with Mott about the University plans, especially about the election of a president, the approach to certain men, e.g. J.D.R., Carnegie, Cleveland Dodge (to whom I wrote a while back, and who promised to give something) and John Wanamaker, who practically promised to make a contribution when he was through with commitments to the Y.M.C.A. I think Mott may be able to help in several directions, and something must be done so to get ahead.

I hope the Executive may feel that Rowntree's trip has proved to be the right thing at the right time. I am very glad you will be able to see him and talk things over. I hope that Mr. Harris may be able to send you some particulars re fees which will be of use to you, though I find very little of this kind has been done on our side. In reference to the correspondence you sent, we ought to find out what relation to New York prices the Canton ones bear, and what to Chengtu prices. The arrangements there seemed likely to make a suitable basis for discussion. I have not a copy of the letters by me, but Mr. Harris will have written you the result of our conversation.

You will remember that I guaranteed personally the £200 for travelling expenses. I have not yet raised the whole of this, but will do so. I have been delayed because of the illness of one friend from whom I had a conditional promise. The question of the

further £500 was waived in the meantime. I am interested to see that £700 was just the amount a similar five months' trip was to cost in another case mentioned in your correspondence. I am sorry I cannot be with you to help in these negotiations, but do not anticipate any difficulty.

With very kind regards and best wishes for you and for the Executive meeting,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) H.T.HODGKIN.

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Copy of letter from Dr. Hodgkin

to

H. Wilson Harris.

s.s. Yarra,

nearing Port Said.

30th June, 1913.

My dear Wilson,

I am wondering much how things will go this week, both as regards China Committee and yourself. How I wish I could be with you, and also that I might have news sooner than will be possible. However it is no use speculating on these things. I hope I may hear something from you after Wednesday.

When I got to the train on Wednesday last I had handed to me a letter from Shore suggesting that the date of the Board of Governors be deferred until January especially in view of (1) the Executive Committee, which will be held next month and which will decide many important questions with F. Rowntree, and (2) the possibility of my being present and meeting the Committee in January.

I can tell you I don't want to do that and should be very sorry to be compelled to leave home again so soon after the return from Madagascar. However it may be rearranged in any case and if that is done I may practically be compelled to go whether or no. I am asking the office to send you Shore's letter and a copy of my reply.

If the meeting is held in October as arranged I think it will be very important for you to go, especially as Harry cannot be there. In case this turns out to be possible and for the use of another if you should not after all go let me put down as you suggested my thoughts about the main questions for discussion.

1. Building ought to be commenced without delay - beginning on the administrative block for which we can use in the meantime the £900 given by the China Emergency Committee. (see letter in my office from F. W. Fox agreeing to this proposal). The rest of the money ought to be raised by subscription direct to Board of Governors and not from the Societies.

2. This brings one to the second question, viz: finance. I think we must get some able man to give his whole time for a year or more to this side. Beech of West China may be the man as Shore says he cannot think of it - but I still hope Shore may be persuaded to give a good deal of help on this work. There is no one better able. He knows the constituency. He knows the field. He has done other similar work with marked success. He is very keen on the University. However it seems clear we must let him wait awhile until his and his wife's health are better. But someone we must get, and quickly unless the whole thing is to fizzle out or be done in the minor key. Goucher ought to give us a lead. He is a man of wealth and can give in a princely way if he likes. The fact that he has not put down a large sum makes collection in U.S.A. and Canada very hard, and I think someone perhaps Shore, ought to put this plainly to him.

I think also we ought to press forward with asking Carnegie for the Library on lines I have already mentioned to Shore and others and see if more cannot be done about J. D. Rockefeller who means to help someday, but who should be made to see that delay is costing us very dear. Mott might be consulted on these questions and on the general question of the financial campaign.

3. The President ought to be elected before long. This I think very important, but I confess to being still quite in the dark about a man. I think it will probably have to be a Canadian or American and I think we ought not to be afraid to "fly high". I should like to see one or two members of the Board go round to the chief Universities and enquire as to possible persons who had done and are doing good work and might be approached. Advertisement will not get us our man. We want someone - too - who will feel the call and will not be afraid of hard work. I can't escape the feeling that he will be compelled to do something in the financial way, much as I should wish to spare him this.

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I think this is all I need say. Anything more you can get from H. T. S. His views and mine on the development of the University are almost identical.

If you go, you will of course keep in close touch with James Wood who knows our position fairly well, and with Rufus Jones who is now on the Board.

Yours ever,

(signed)

HENRY T. HODGKIN.

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