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Boston, September 19, 1908.

Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D., Cor. Secy.,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Leonard:

By instruction of the conference recently held in your Board Rooms concerning the proposed union university at Chengtu, I write to advise you of the following action taken most cordially by the conference.

VOTED: unanimously; That we express our hearty appreciation of the courtesy of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church in placing at the disposal of the conference the comfortable rooms in which our sessions have been held.

I have sent to Dr. Raymond a full copy of the minutes of the conference for the use of the representatives of your Board.

With sincere regard,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington

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Boston, September 19, 1908

Rev. Alexander Sutherland, D. D.,
Methodist Mission Rooms,
Toronto, Can.

My dear Dr. Sutherland:

I am sending to you herewith a full copy of the minutes of the conference in New York together with a copy of the revised draft of the constitution for the proposed university with notes and comments as made in the conference. I would call your attention particularly to the "Statement of Principles" beginning on page 8 and to the second and third resolution on page 17. On behalf of the conference, I would respectfully urge that such matters as call for action by the interested mission Boards be presented to your Board at an early date. If there is anything in the minutes that is not clear, I would be very glad to answer any inquiries. We very much regretted that you and Dr. Carman were unable to remain for the closing sessions of the conference.

With sincere regard,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington

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Boston, September 19, 1908.

Rev. Bradford P. Raymond, D. D.,
President Westland University,
Middletown, Conn.

My dear Dr. Raymond:

I am sending to you herewith a full copy of the minutes of the conference in New York together with a copy of the revised draft of the constitution for the proposed university with notes and comments as made in the conference. I hardly know to whom I should send the copy intended for your Board. Dr. Goucher suggested that I might communicate with you. I would like to have consulted with you as to the phrasing of some of the resolutions but the necessity for getting a copy to Dr. Sutherland before next Tuesday when he leaves for Vancouver made this impracticable. If any suggestions occur to you, however, I would be glad to make note of them and send a supplemental letter. In accordance with the instruction of the conference, I would call your attention particularly to the "Statement of Principles" beginning on page 8 and to the second and third resolutions on page 17. On behalf of the conference, I would respectfully urge that such matters as call for action by the interested mission Boards be presented to your Board at an early date. I am writing to Dr. Leonard at the request of the conference to express appreciation of the courtesies of entertainment.

With sincere regard,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington

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124 East 28th St., New York.
September 21, 1908.

My dear Mr. Huntington:

I am much obliged to you for the minutes, etc. of the Conference which I received this morning on arriving here. You are much to be congratulated on getting them in hand so quickly and I thank you on behalf of my colleagues as well as on my own.

In reference to the telegram you are right as to the secretary of the Chengtu Com. Rev. R. J. Davidson and "Davidson Changtu" is enough address. According to a code agreed on between us before I left the figures 795 mean "consult Western telegraph code for this cable" and if you add the figures 92 at the end you add also the phrase "meeting of Board in America" by which he will understand the meeting just concluded. This may save you a little in code words, but if you do not want the words in juxtaposition it will be necessary to prefix by a 7 again making 792 as the code word for the meeting in America.

Our Board next meets the first week in November and will doubtless take action at once on the matter to which you draw attention. As they are already part of what our board has agreed to I have little doubt of their going through.

Thank you for mentioning the point about the name "Senate". We didn't at all wish to press the name, but as you say that the new arrangement obviates the need for a change in name it certainly may as well stand.

It was a great pleasure to meet with you and we shall hope to have many opportunities in days to come of increasing the friendships made during the days in New York.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Henry T. Hodgkin.

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October 1, 1908.

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In consideration of
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Boston, October 1, 1908.

Rev. R. J. Davidson,
Secretary, Temporary Board of Management,
Chengtú, West China.

My dear Brother:

It was my pleasure to serve as secretary of a Conference recently held in New York of representatives of the four missionary Societies interested in the proposed Union University at Chengtu. In this capacity, I was instructed to communicate to the Temporary Board of Management in West China certain results of that meeting. You will have opportunity to learn of the details of the meeting from Dr. Hodgkin and Mr. Beech who I understand are to return to the field at an early date. I may say, however, that the Conference was held in New York city in the Rooms of the Methodist Episcopal Board on September 15, 16 and 17, five prolonged sessions being given to consideration of the business in hand. Each of the four Boards was represented by appointed delegates and by one missionary from West China. The action of the Conference was in every case unanimous. I believe that all were gratified by the spirit of fraternity and by the real progress made toward the end before us.

In accordance with action taken at the Conference, I am sending to you today the following cable message:

"Davidson Chengtu
79592 Cendrille University Cernieron Exoravimus

Perendinum."

"Consult Western Union Telegraph Code. Boards in America in consideration of University. Constitution should be amended. Full particulars will reach by letter of October 1.)

The cipher message in figures was given me by Dr. Hodgkin. I trust that the message reached you safely and promptly and that you had no difficulty in making the correct interpretation. The cable was sent in order that at the coming meeting of the Temporary Board of Management at Chengtu you might be advised of the fact that some suggestions had been made by the Conference here regarding the Constitution.

I would call your attention to the three papers enclosed herewith.

Enclosure 1 comprises certain resolutions adopted by the Conference in some of which specific matters are referred directly to the Temporary Board of Management and others, while of a more general character, will indicate the progress which the enterprise has already made and the action we are hoping to secure from our respective Boards. The series of resolutions at the beginning of the paper designated a "Statement of Principles" will be brought to the Boards for action at the earliest opportunity, together with

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certain other matters upon which action is desired.

Enclosure 2 is a revised draft of the proposed constitution of the University. A tentative draft prepared by a sub-committee on the field had been forwarded to some of the Boards and the representatives of the Friends' Foreign Mission Association in coming across to New York prepared this very careful revision of the tentative draft. Both the original draft and the revision were considered in detail in the Conference and a number of suggestions were made. Some of these are incorporated in the text of the constitution and others are presented in the form of notes. (see enclosure 3.)

Enclosure 3. You will observe that these notes are largely suggestive. It was not the desire of the Conference to elaborate in detail the constitution. They preferred to refer the matter back to the Temporary Board on the field with the request that a new draft be prepared in harmony with the "Statement of Principles" and embodying as far as practicable the suggestions made in the "Notes." The constitution in its completed form will naturally be presented again to the Boards or to the permanent Joint Commission which we trust will be created without delay.

I may say that the missionaries present were appointed a committee to make inquiries with regard to the water supply and lighting plant. I presume they will report directly to the Temporary Board.

I do not need to assure you that all of the Boards represented are deeply interested in this enterprise. We have high expectations of the service which the University will render to the cause of Christian education in West China. We shall look with great interest for suggestions from you as to the points raised in the enclosed papers. We trust that it will not be long before the work of the institution can be inaugurated.

Communications intended for the Conference of the Boards may for the present be addressed to me in Boston. You will be advised of the organization of the Joint Commission as soon as this is effected.

With sincere regard,

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington.

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ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST

MISSIONARY UNION, NOVEMBER 30, 1908

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the report and recommendations presented from the Conference recently held in New York City with representatives of other Boards respecting the proposed Union Institution for higher education at Chengtu, West China.

A statement prepared by the Conference setting forth the general principles to be recognized as controlling in the establishment and conduct of the institution was read as follows:

"Whereas the various Christian missions operating in West China have reached practical unanimity in regard to the vast importance of Christian education in that Empire; and

Whereas the Christian Educational Union of West China has outlined a plan of union in educational work which received the hearty approval of a Missionary Conference composed of over 150 delegates representing thirteen different missions which met in the city of Chengtu in January 1908; and

Whereas the missions of four of the Boards working in the province of Szchuan, namely, the American Baptist Missionary Union, the Friends' Foreign Mission Association of Great Britain, the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, agreed to recommend to their respective Boards a plan of united effort in higher education which involved the purchase of a large property outside the walls of Chengtu, the division of the property among the participating missions, the erection by their respective Boards of the necessary buildings, and the adoption of suitable curricula with a view to the organization at the earliest practicable date of a Christian University for West China; and

Whereas the Boards of these participating missions have signified their approval of the general plan of union in educational work, and have authorized their respective missions to join in the purchase of sufficient land to afford room for the necessary buildings of the several missions; and

Whereas the participating missions, acting under the authority of the Boards, have purchased some sixty-five acres (English) and now await authority to proceed with building operations;

Resolved: That this conference, representing the four Boards already mentioned, recommends to said Boards a policy embracing the following points;

1. That the plan for union in primary and secondary education, already adopted by a number of the missions in West China, be approved.

2. That the project of union in work based on curricula

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leading up to the baccalaureate degrees be approved.

3. That a Senate be constituted, representing the participating bodies, which shall have authority to prescribe the curricula, assign to the departments such professors and other instructors as may be set apart by the participating bodies, provide for examinations, grant diplomas and degrees, administer funds for the current expenses of the University and discharge such other duties as properly belong to a University Senate.

4. That each participating body provide residence for its own professors, dormitories and dining hall for its own students, class rooms for its denominational work and such other accommodation as may be found necessary.

5. That no one of the participating bodies duplicate any work of the University except with the approval of the Senate.

6. That each participating body be responsible for the salaries of any of its missionaries employed as professors and instructors in the University.

7. That other necessary expenses, such as salaries of Chinese teachers or of other Chinese employees, be provided out of the income of the University from students' fees for matriculation and graduation, from contributions from the participating bodies, from special donations, etc.

8. That buildings to be erected in the immediate future be erected by the several participating bodies upon the plots of land respectively assigned to them, and that the central portion of the land be reserved for the future development of the University.

9. That provision be made at the earliest date possible for graduate and technical courses on conditions that shall be mutually satisfactory to the contributors for this purpose, to the participating bodies and to the Senate.

10. That a Board of Trustees in the home lands be created to hold in trust for the purposes of the University all properties, funds and securities not held or controlled by any of the participating bodies.

11. That a Joint Commission in the home lands consisting of five (5) members appointed by the Boards of each participating body be constituted by these Boards to represent them in all correspondence and conferences relating to the University, and that an Executive Committee of the Joint Commission be created consisting of two representatives of each of the participating Boards."

VOTED: That the Statement of Principles be adopted.

Upon recommendation by the Conference, it was also

VOTED: That, in view of the great benefit to the cause of education in West China to be derived from good central buildings and well

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equipped schools, in which the work of the University can be efficiently carried on, the Executive Committee, in reaffirmation of action already taken, agrees to the principle of associating with the University, if opportunity offers, some western university or universities which may be able to render help in the direction indicated.

Upon recommendation of the Conference, it was also

VOTED: That, in the event of no other body or persons erecting central university buildings and of the necessity thereby arising for the participating bodies to establish them, the Executive Committee will consider in conjunction with the other cooperating bodies the advisability of contributing in equal shares the sum of money required for the purpose; such buildings to be erected under the direction of the Senate and to become the property of the University.

With respect to the recommendation of the Conference that, in the event of its being found necessary for the University to provide scientific apparatus, (chemical, physical, anatomical, etc.) tools, engineering plant, or other teaching equipment, for use in the laboratories, workshops or class rooms of the University or of its constituent colleges, such apparatus, etc., not having been presented to the University by a benefactor or benefactors, the representatives of each of the four bodies participating in the union apply to their home Boards for a grant of \$750 which shall form the nucleus of a common fund to be known as "the Teaching Equipment Fund" and from which apparatus and equipments may be purchased and that if such a fund be established, it be placed under the care of the treasurer of the University, who from it shall only pay out moneys or settle accounts which have been authorized by resolution of the Senate; also that all equipments so purchased shall form part of the property of the University and be held by its Trustees,

VOTED: That the suggestion is noted with approval, action with regard to appropriation being deferred pending receipt of advice from the mission Conference in West China.

VOTED: That the matter of creation of a Board of Trustees in the home lands be referred to the Joint Commission for consideration and report to the cooperating Boards.

(Signed) George B. Huntington
Recording Secretary

Boston, December 8, 1908.

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C O P Y.

Boston, December 8, 1908.

Dr. John F. Goucher,
Woman's College,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Dr. Goucher:

Your favor of December 7 is just at hand. I am sorry to learn of your illness and trust that the recovery has been complete.

I regret that the communication regarding the action taken at the conference in New York was not clear. As I wrote Dr. Raymond, I thought the representatives of each Board present at the conference should have a complete record of all the proceedings whether it was to be referred immediately to the cooperating Boards or not. In fact, I was instructed by the conference (see page 12 of the Minutes to "forward a copy of the full minutes of the sessions of this conference to the representatives to each Board participating therein.") There are, of course, a number of items which do not need to be considered by the Boards at this time, among them the draft of the Constitution with suggestion made by the conference. It is stated in the Minutes (see page 13) that this Constitution was "to be referred to the missionaries on the field with request that they re-draft the same in harmony with the Statement of Principles submitted to the participating Boards and report to this body or to such other body as the participating Boards may hereafter create."

The fundamental matter to be brought to the attention of the Boards was, of course, the Statement of Principles. I quote from my letter to President Raymond concerning this. "In accordance with the instruction of the conference, I would call your attention particularly to the Statement of Principles beginning on page 8 and to the second and third resolution on page 17." I did not think it necessary to make a separate copy of the Statement of Principles since it was included in full in the Minutes beginning on page 8, as stated above.

I am glad to be able to report to you the action taken by our own Executive Committee at a meeting held last week. A number of causes conspired to prevent earlier action but the Committee very heartily approved the principles outlined by the conference. I quote this action in full on a separate page and enclose it herewith. We understand that it was desired by the conference that action should be taken by the Boards upon two or three matters in addition to the Statement of Principles. You will find these noted in the action of our Committee.

Our Committee also took steps looking to the appointment of five representatives upon the Joint Commission referred to in the last section of the Statement of principles. As we have not yet

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had opportunity to correspond with those whom we are asking to serve as our representatives, I have omitted this section from the action which I report. I will advise you as soon as our representative on the Commission is secure.

I have not heard formally from our Canadian brethren or from the English brethren but I am informed privately that the Canadian Methodists have heartily approved the general plan.

I trust I have sufficiently answered your inquiry. If the papers which you have are incomplete in any way, I would be glad to supplement them. I shall be glad to know at your convenience of action that may be taken by your Board.

With sincere regard,

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington

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P. S. I am mortified that I have just now discovered an error in copying by which a phrase is omitted from Section 11 of the Statement of Principles in the copy of the Minutes which I sent to Dr. Raymond. You will find the full and correct reading in the enclosed paper giving the action of our Committee. May I ask you to make the correction in your copy of the Minutes? The second line of paragraph eleven should read as follows: "five members appointed by the Board of each participating body be constituted by these Boards to represent them" etc.

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Copy of enclosure referred to may be found with Dr. Goucher's letter of even date.

Boston, December 10, 1908.

Dr. William Wilson,
Secy. Friends' Foreign Mission Assn.,
15 Devonshire St., Bishopsgate,
London, E. C., Eng.

My dear Dr. Wilson:

At the conference in New York last September of which I and the other representatives of the Missionary Union have the pleasantest recollections, I understood that you were leaving immediately to proceed upon a journey to the mission fields of your Society. For that reason, I sent the copy of the minutes of the conference to Dr. Hodgkin. I presume that before this they have reached your office. It ake pleasure in writing to you directly at this time to acquaint you of the action taken by the Executive Committee of the Missionary Union upon the "Statement of Principles" adopted at the conference and certain other resolutions affecting preliminary steps in the organization of the Institution in West China in which we are all so deeply interested.

A number of unforeseen causes have combined to delay consideration of the matter by our Committee but action has now been taken most heartily and sympathetically. I enclose on a separate sheet a report of our action: I believe it was understood that the draft of the Constitution and certain other technical matters were to be referred back to an Educational Committee on the field for consideration and report at a later time to the Boards of the cooperating bodies or to the Joint Commission that might be created by these Boards. All such matters were promptly reported to Mr. Davidson, the Secretary of the Committee in West China. I presume we shall hear from that committee in due time.

In addition to the action herewith reported, our Committee also took steps looking to the appointment of five representatives upon the Joint Commission referred to in the last section of the "Statement of Principles". As we have not yet had opportunity to correspond with those whom we are asking to serve as our representatives, I have omitted this section from the action reported. I will advise you as soon as our representation on the Commission is secured.

I understand that the American Methodist Board is to consider the report at a meeting to be held next week. While I have not yet heard formally from our Canadian brethren, I am informed privately that they have taken action heartily approving the general plan. I have written Dr. Sutherland asking for more definite information as to their action.

I regret that I have only just now discovered an error in copying by which a phrase is omitted from section 11 of the

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"Statement of Principles" in the copy of the minutes sent to Dr. Hodgkin. You will find the full and correct reading in the enclosed paper giving the action of our Committee. May I ask you to make the correction in your copy of the minutes? The second line of section 11 should read as follows: "five members appointed by the Board of each participating body be constituted by these Boards to represent them" etc.

I beg leave to enclose a card which I failed to hand you in New York.

With sincere personal regard and deep interest in the enterprise to which we are jointly committed, I remain

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington.

Secretary of Conference

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Copy of enclosure referred to may be found with letter to Dr. Goucher of even date.

Boston, December 10, 1908

Rev. R. J. Davidson,
Chengtou, West China.

My dear Mr. Davidson:

You will have received I trust the communication which I sent you some time since on behalf of the conference which met in New York last September for consideration of plans for united effort in higher education in West China. I am pleased to be able now to write you of action by the Executive Committee of the Missionary Union upon certain items in the report of that conference. A notice of the action upon a separate sheet is enclosed herewith. A variety of causes has conspired to delay action but our Committee has very heartily approved the principles outlined by the Conference.

It was understood that the cooperating Boards should be asked to act now only upon the "Statement of Principles" and upon two or three other matters preliminary to more perfect organization of the proposed Institution. The draft of the Constitution has not been presented to the Boards as it was thought best that this should be referred again to the Union Committee in West China to be worked over by them and submitted afresh to the Boards at a later time. We should be greatly interested to have report from your committee in due time.

In addition to the action reported herewith, our Committee also took steps looking to the appointment of five representatives upon the Joint Commission referred to in the last section of the "Statement of Principles". As we have not yet had opportunity to correspond with those whom we are asking to serve as our representatives, I have omitted this section from the action reported. I will advise you as soon as our representation on the Commission is secured.

I have reported our action fully as well as the action of the New York Conference to Mr. Taylor the representative of our mission upon the Union Educational Committee.

I am not sure whether the copy of the "Statement of Principles" which I sent you contains an error which I have only just now discovered in some of the copies made. Section 11 should read: "That a Joint Commission in the home lands consisting of five (5) members appointed by the Board of each participating body be constituted by these Boards to represent them" etc.

With renewed assurance of our deep interest in this enterprise, I remain

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) George B. Huntington
secretary of conference

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Copy of enclosure referred to may be found with letter to
Dr. Goucher of even date.

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Boston, December 10, 1908.

Rev. Alexander Sutherland, D. D.,
33 Richmond St., West,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Dr. Sutherland:

I take pleasure in reporting to you herewith action by our Executive Committee at a recent meeting upon certain items in the report of the conference held last September in New York with reference to cooperation in educational work in West China. I enclose herewith on a separate sheet an extract from the records of our Committee covering this subject. I understood that we were asked to act primarily upon the "Statement of Principles" and also upon two or three other resolutions of the conference relating to preliminary steps in the organization of the proposed institution of Chengtu. A number of causes conspired to prevent earlier action but the Committee have very heartily approved the principles outlined by the Conference.

I believe it was understood that the draft of the Constitution and certain other technical matters were to be referred back to the Educational Committee on the field for consideration and report at a later time to the Boards of the cooperating bodies or to the Joint Commission that might be created by these Boards. All such matters were promptly reported to Mr. Davidson, the Secretary of the Committee in West China. I presume we shall hear from that committee in due time. In addition to the action herewith reported, our Committee also took steps looking to the appointment of five representatives upon the Joint Commission referred to in the last section of the "Statement of Principles". As we have not yet had opportunity to correspond with those whom we are asking to serve as our representatives, I have omitted this section from the action reported. I will advise you as soon as our representation on the Commission is secured.

I regret that I have only just now discovered an error in copying by which a phrase is omitted from Section 11 of the "Statement of Principles" in the copy of the minutes sent to you. You will find the full and correct reading in the enclosed paper giving the action of our Committee. May I ask you to make the correction in your copy of the minutes? The second line of section 11 should read as follows: "five (5) members appointed by the Board of each participating body be constituted by these Boards to represent them" etc.

I would be glad to know at your convenience what action has been taken by your Board in regard to the matter.

With sincere regard and pleasant recollections of our meeting in New York, I am,

Fraternally yours,
(Signed) George B. Huntington
Secretary of Conference.

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THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL UNION

Chengtu, West China,
December 26, 1908.

Mr. George B. Huntington,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am duly in receipt of your communication of October 1 with three enclosures in reference to the Conference of the four Missionary Societies' Representatives, who met in New York to consider details regarding our Union University.

I have had copies of the same typed and distributed to each of the same Missions on the field and assure you that keen attention will be given to them as quickly as possible both by the Temporary Board of Management of the University and by the different Missions at their Annual Meetings, all of which are in usual order due to meet early in the coming year.

The cable message was also duly received and would have been acknowledged by me at once, had I known definitely where to write but we imagined that it had been sent off by Dr. Hodgkin and that he was probably on his way back to England or China.

I am glad to say he has now reached us again, and it is a fresh inspiration to us on the field to receive your hearty greetings and information both in your communications and from Dr. Hodgkin's report of the Conference.

You may rely on my writing again as soon as I have anything further to report.

Meanwhile I am, dear Sir

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) R. J. Davidson.

Secretary of the Temporary
Board of Management, Union University,
Chengtu.

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FRIENDS' FOREIGN MISSION ASSOCIATION

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

December 31, 1908.

Mr. George B. Huntington,
Fond Building,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 10th is to hand, and it falls to my lot to acknowledge it, in view of Dr. Wilson's absence in India. We do not expect him back in England until March or April next.

Minutes of the Conference. These duly reached here via Dr. Hodgkin. We are glad to hear of the action taken by your own Executive Committee upon the "Statement of Principles", and await word from the other Bodies concerned, with interest. Our own Board, in November, also accepted the "Statement of Principles" as a basis for future united action. We note that you have sent draft of the Constitution to our Mr. R. J. Davidson, as Secretary of the Committee in West China.

The Constitution. To enable our missionaries more readily to consider the constitution, and also for the help of our Board members at home, we have put the constitution into type. I have pleasure in sending you half a dozen copies of this printed document, under separate cover. You may find them of service and if you have any comments to make (should any note not agree with note you made at the time) we shall be glad to have them.

Joint Commission Our Board appointed James Edmund Clark, Albert J. Crosfield, H. Wilson Harris, Dr. Wilson, and myself as its representatives on the Joint Commission of the Missionary Boards, while H. Wilson Harris and Dr. Wilson are appointed upon its Executive Committee. You may be glad to have these names. They will show, I think, that we understood the Minute correctly despite small inaccuracy pointed out in your letter.

You will be interested to hear that a cable was received on the 17th inst. reporting Dr. Hodgkin's safe arrival again at Chengtu, presumably he had reached there on the 15th, having made almost a record journey, in point of time, from London to Chengtu.

With best wishes for our united work, and for your own Society's labours in 1909, I am, dear Mr. Huntington,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Marshall N. Fox.

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FRIENDS' FOREIGN MISSION ASSOCIATION

15, Devonshire St., Bishopsgate,
London, E. C. Eng., May 28, 1909

Mr. George B. Huntington,
Ford Building,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Sir:

I have before me your letter of December 10 last, mentioning the appointment of the members of the Joint Commission on the part of your own Board and of the American Methodist Board. We have just received from China the Draft Constitution of the Union University at Chengtu, as revised by a Committee of the Temporary Board of Management in China. Our friends in China expect, I assume, that their revised draft will be considered by the Joint Commission. It appears, however, that the lines have not yet been laid down upon which the Joint Commission is to act in such matters. At a meeting of the College Sub-Committee of our China Committee yesterday, the following Minute was made:

"We shall be glad to hear ~~what~~ from the Secretary of the Conference what steps it is proposed to adopt for formally constituting the Joint Commission and for arranging the methods of communication between the different sections of it."

We shall be glad of anything you care to communicate on the matter. It has been suggested to us that possibly some, if not all the members of the Commission from your side, will be attending the World Missionary Conference at Edinburgh next year. If this should be so, a meeting of the Joint Commission, or at least Executive, might be arranged over here. Will you be good enough to give this matter also your consideration, letting me know what you feel to be the possibilities in this direction.

You will be glad to hear that Dr. Wilson returned from his visit to India and Ceylon in April. He is out of town just now or would be writing you himself.

Thanking you in anticipation for the favor of a reply; with sincere regards, I am

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Marshall N. Fox.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL UNION OF WEST CHINA

Chengtú, Sze., June 22, 1909

Mr. George B. Huntington,
Boston, U. S. A.

Dear Sir:

I have pleasure in forwarding to you a copy of the Constitution of the Union University as finally revised by the Temporary Board of Management, also copies of some of the more important Minutes and Resolutions of the Board of the past few months.

It has taken a considerable time to get the Constitution into its present shape. During the visit of Dr. Burton and Prof. Chamberlin of Chicago University we discussed its details with them and made several important alterations. The principal one is the proposal to place a greater amount of control in the hands of the Joint Commission than was suggested in the first draft. See Section 5, Control (b). According to this plan the Joint Commission would hold a relationship to the University similar to that of the Mission Boards to each of the Colleges, having control of all matters of policy and general management.

You will note also, the change proposed in the constitution of the Joint Commission. It is thought that its membership at the discretion of the present representatives for the Missions might be enlarged so as to include men interested in this Missionary educational movement, who would add much to our resources both in men and money. It was thought Dr. Burton might be one so added to the Joint Commission, at any rate we hope the Joint Commission will arrange to have an interview with him as soon as possible. He has much to communicate about the conditions prevailing in Chengtu.

We did not see the necessity for having a Board of Trustees, as well as a Joint Commission. The less complicated the machinery the better. There will be quite enough Bodies to consult before business can be done without this one. No doubt the Commission will give due consideration to this point as to the legal aspect of the question. Dr. Burton can give information as to our reasons for this change.

Under the Section Faculty you will note Paragraph 2 (a) makes provision for teachers appointed directly by the Commission. There is a strong feeling at this end that it may be well if the Commission can see its way to find teachers for the University, other than those provided by the Missions interested. Continuity in the staff is of the utmost importance and this is difficult to maintain from men allotted to the Colleges who receive their appointments annually from their Mission on the field, and who may be removed frequently. See the resolution enclosed which was passed at the last meeting of the Board. We trust the Joint Commission may, at

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an early date, consider this proposition.

The position of President was very fully debated at this end and while at first there was considerable amount of opinion in favor of making the office a merely nominal one, reserving the government almost entirely in the hands of the Senate, the President acting as Chairman of the Senate meetings, finally we came to the conclusion to make the office a much more responsible one, looking forward to possibly the appointment of a capable administrator from one of the home countries. You will see the method of the President's appointment, Section 9, which is quite different from the other officers of the institution. This also is a question requiring the early attention of the Commission. Were it possible to find a suitable man, he should come to the field as soon as can be arranged. We believe if such a man can be obtained it would add much to the prestige of the University. The President must be a man of broad outlook, keen sympathies, and one who has had considerable educational experience, and would be willing to devote himself earnestly to the great problems before us in this country. We quite understand that it may be difficult to obtain the right man, but from our discussions during Professor Chamberlin's and Dr. Burton's visit, we came to the conclusion that we should attempt it.

From the enclosed minutes, you will learn that we decided to postpone the erections of buildings so that the plans of each College should be laid before the Joint Commission for unification. We hope that these have reached you ere this, and that expert opinion may be obtained about them. It was suggested that the Commission might get an architect to come out here and give some time to the study of architecture in China, and possibly devise a style for all the University buildings. Here again I would refer you to Dr. Burton.

No doubt you know that we hoped to obtain very definite help from Chicago University, but when Dr. Burton was here he led us to understand that there was little prospect of Chicago University as such participating in the Union University in West China. However he gave the impression that other methods of obtaining help might be devised, and that he would give the subject very careful consideration. We hope that something very definite may come out of the visit of the Chicago Commission.

In view of the postponement of the erection of the College Buildings, it is proposed to put up some temporary structures, so as to begin work next year if possible. It is hoped that the Missions and the Joint Commission will approve of this course.

I would call your attention to the request of the Temporary Board of Management for a grant of \$800 (gold) for Chemical and Physical apparatus. We will apply through the Missions for this sum, as the money is required at once, if we are to prepare for next year's work.

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In future I will keep you informed of the business transacted by the Board, as it is desired at this end that we work now as far as possible to the Constitution. This will involve considerable responsibility being borne by the Joint Commission, and for this, information of progress at this end will be necessary.

You will probably have heard, through your own Mission, of the union of Middle Schools in Chengtu last January. The three Missions in Chengtu having Union Schools then united, and we have had a large school during the past months, which has so far been found very satisfactory and has given us very definite experience in union work. The School is on the University site at present. It is really preliminary work to the University. We have about one hundred students on the roll. We are looking forward to the Baptist Mission joining us next year.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely

(Signed) R. J. Davidson

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS BY TREASURER OF WEST
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RECEIPTS

From Anonymous Gift to University.....	\$ 675.67	Mex.
" Rents.....	1525.33	"
" Forwarded by Uniting Missions.....	36081.98	"

	\$38282.98	"

DISBURSEMENTS

For purchase of Land (about 65 acres).....	\$36416.76	Mex.
" Improvements, such as Roads, Drains, Fences, etc.....	1866.22	"

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John W. Yost

Treasurer.

June 23, 1909.

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C O P Y.

Boston, June 24, 1909.

Rev. Marshall N. Fox,
15, Devonshire Street,
Bishopsgate, London, E. C.,
E N G L A N D.

My dear Brother:

Your favor of May 28 was duly received. Pardon the delay in acknowledging it. Our time has been crowded to the utmost in preparation for the annual meetings which open tomorrow in Portland, Oregon.

I note your inquiry regarding the constitution of the Joint Commission representing the societies interested in the union university enterprise at Chengtu. I believe no further steps have been taken by the American societies since I wrote you last December, Dr. Barbour, our Foreign Secretary, as you know, has been absent a large part of the year on a tour to mission fields in the Far East and since his return has been unable on account of demands connected with preparation of our schedule of appropriations and our annual reports to give special attention to the university scheme. He had an interview, however, when he was in Shanghai with Mr. Taylor, one of our representatives in West China, and is deeply interested in the enterprise. Mr. Taylor has now been authorized by our Board to remove permanently to Chengtu to forward our interests in the union educational work.

I think your suggestion as to a possible meeting of the Commission in connection with the World Missionary Conference at Edinburgh next year is an excellent one, and we will be glad to correspond with the other boards on this side of the water regarding the matter. I trust we shall have no difficulty in completing the organization of the Joint Commission in the early autumn at the latest, and if this is done I do not see why a meeting cannot be secured at the time you suggest.

Remember me most kindly to Dr. Wilson.

With most kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington.

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Christian Educational Union of West China.

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Chengtu, Sze., 27 July 1909

Rev: G. B. Huntingdon. B.A.

My dear Mr. Huntingdon.

You will no doubt ere this have received the Minutes of the Temporary Board of Management of June 17th, containing the request for an appropriation of G.\$800, for the provision of Chemical and Physical Apparatus for the University.

I write now to say that the orders, for these, have been prepared and copies sent forward, one to the United States, and the other to care of the F.F.M.A. in England.

We would be glad if you could inform the M.E.M. in New York, and Dr, Wilson of the F.F.M.A. in London if these grants have been made by the various Missions, so that the orders may be got in hand at as early a date as possible.

We recognize that the Joint Commission may not yet have decided whether it will undertake the duties devolving upon it by the draft of the ~~NEW~~ Constitution as revised by us, but the Temporary Board of Manggement thought we had better work to the Constitution at once.

It seems very necessary to have some controlling Body as soon as possible, to apply to in all matters pertaining to the policy of the Institution.

We will be glad to hear from you when you have decided on your method of conducting the business of the Commission.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely

R. J. Davidson

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL UNION OF WEST CHINA

Chengtu, Sze., July 27, 1909.

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With kind regards, I am

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(Signed) R. J. Davidson

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Boston, August 20, 1909.

Rev. R. J. Davidson,
Chengtu, W. China.

My dear Mr. Davidson:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 22 enclosing the summary of important action by the Temporary Board of Management of the University also a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws as revised by your committee last May. All will be reported to our Executive Committee in due time and we will notify you or our representative in Chengtu, Mr. Taylor, of any action that may be taken. We are hoping to secure the attendance of Dr. Burton at an early meeting of the Executive Committee that we may have the benefit of his report concerning work in Chengtu as well as in other sections of the field where our Society is interested.

I am sorry to say that the full organization of the Joint Commission has not yet been effected. I trust this can be done during the early autumn. I doubt if a full meeting of the Commission with attendance of representatives from England can be secured before next summer. The suggestion has been made that a meeting be held in connection with the World's Missionary Conference at Edinburgh. An earlier meeting can doubtless be arranged by the representatives on this side of the water and we can correspond with the Friends in England.

I am not quite certain whether you wish me to forward your communication to the other Boards that participated in the Conference last September. I presume that they will have received direct communications either from you or from their representatives on the field. I will correspond with them, however, and in case they have not received copies of the minutes will see that they are provided with the same. We will write you again as soon as there is any definite word to send.

With sincere regard,

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington

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CABLES: "ENHEARTEN, LONDON."

TELEPHONE: 9379 CENTRAL.

Friends' Foreign Mission Association.

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SECRETARIES:

DR. WILLIAM WILSON,
MARSHALL N. FOX.

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PREMIER AND ECCLESIASTICAL.

15, Devonshire Street,

Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

12th November, 1909.

Rev. George B. Huntington,
American Baptist Missionary Union,
Ford Building,
Boston, Mass. U.S.A.

My dear Sir,

Since writing you on the 12th July last, you will have received the sad news of the death of Dr. William Wilson, Secretary of this Association.

Dr. Wilson's death, and the removal of Marshall N. Fox to Syria, has caused two vacancies in the representation of the Friends' Foreign Mission Association upon the Joint Commission. We are hoping to get these vacancies filled in the near future, one member of whom will, naturally, be the new Secretary of the Association, when he is appointed. I may say that we have asked Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin, of Chengtu, if he is willing to undertake this important position, but have not yet had time to receive a reply from him.

In the draft Constitution sent from Chengtu in May of this year, you will note that under Section V, Clause b, it states that the control of the University shall be vested in a Joint Commission constituted in the home lands, but does not state how many members each Body should appoint. My Committee has made an amendment to this Section, so that it now reads "Consisting of an equal number of members, &c." I presume that the Bodies on your side will do the same thing. We have also kept to the number (5) as we have heard nothing from you as to the appointment of more representatives.

I should be glad to know whether the American Societies concerned in the University have appointed their members upon the Commission, and also what arrangements are being made as to a Meeting in Edinburgh at the time of the Conference next year?

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Rev. G.B.Huntington (2)

You will also notice in the same Clause (V) that practically the whole control of the University is proposed to be vested in a Joint Commission. It is extremely difficult to gather from the field, exactly what this means, whether the Home Boards will have any voice in the affairs of the University, or whether there will be any control at all left to them. Of course, one can see that much of the work must be left to a smaller number than the participating Bodies, separated as they are. At the same time it seems important that when once the University has been started, the Home Boards should not lose entire control. Probably it is just one of the questions that had better be considered when the Commission gets together, so that we may hear from Missionaries home from the field exactly what is proposed. Any views that you may have upon this subject will be most welcome.

On the 30th August last I received a letter from Robert John Davidson, Secretary of the Temporary Board of Management, enclosing an order for apparatus and chemicals for the University, the cost of which it was suggested should be met by each Mission contributing 200 Gold Dollars. In his letter R.J.Davidson states "My view is that I send the order to you asking you to fill when you hear from Mr. Huntington that the other Missions have made the necessary grant, and our Mission has done the same. If work is to be begun in the University Temporary Buildings next year, these things are required". At our Board Meeting held on Thursday, the 4th inst., the grant of 200 Gold Dollars (£40) was made, subject to the other Missions making grants of equal amount for the same purpose. Will you kindly let me know when such grants have been made, so that the order may be put in hand, and the goods despatched with as little delay as possible?

A grant of £100 was also made from our Board for the erection of Temporary Buildings on the University site. This, too, is subject to the other Missions interested making a like grant. Here again perhaps you will let me know when these grants have been made.

Trusting that your Mission is in a flourishing condition, and with kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Richard H. Smith
Assistant Secretary

C O P Y

Chengtou, West China, Nov. 13, 1909.

Mr. G. B. Huntington,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Aug. 20 to Mr. R. J. Davidson, was read at the meeting of the Temporary Board of Management of the West China Union University, yesterday, and I have been instructed to reply.

We regret that the Joint Commission has not yet been fully organized. So far as we can see, the work of our University will practically be held up until the Joint Commission is organized and is doing business. As you will see by the minutes, copies of which I enclose, we have asked the Friends' Mission Board in England to take the initiative in arranging for a meeting of the Joint Commission in Edinburgh, next June, and we have taken the liberty of suggesting that a week be devoted to the consideration of our problems.

The Temporary Board has also instructed me to request you to arrange for a meeting of the American and Canadian members of the Executive previously. It suggests that Dr. O. L. Kilborn, of the Canadian Methodist Mission, who is now in Canada and who has been in close touch with our Educational work all along, be invited to be present, His address is 163 Quebec Ave., West Toronto, Canada.

Hoping that you may be successful in your efforts in our behalf,

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) C. R. Carscallen

Secretary Temporary Board of
Management of the Union University.

* His decision would be of great value.

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C O P Y.

Chengtú, West China.
November 20, 1909.

Mr. R. H. Smith,
Secretary, F.F.M.A.

Dear Sir:

A communication to the Temporary Board of Management of the West China Union University, from Rev. G. B. Huntington, Boston, U.S.A. (elected at the New York meeting of the Boards, Provisional Secretary of the Joint Commission), was read at a meeting of the Temporary Board, Nov. 11, in which he informed the Board that the full organization of the Joint Commission had not yet been effected, and that he was having difficulty in arranging for a full meeting of the Commission.

The Temporary Board of Management passed the following resolutions:-

(1) Whereas we have found it advisable to make plans already for teaching of University grade, and thus to commence the actual work of the University in the near future, and

Whereas we have, as yet, no president, no constitution no University buildings, and no certain prospect of any income other than that supplied by the four participating bodies,

be it resolved that we make an urgent request that as full a meeting as possible of the Joint Commission be held at the earliest possible opportunity, and preferably about the time of the Edinburgh Conference when several members of this Board are likely to be available as well as many members of the Joint Commission.

and that we respectfully urge that a full week be set apart for the deliberations of that body, in view of the many difficult and important matters that press for decision on their part.

(2) Resolved that we request the Board of the Friends' Society to take the initiative in arranging for a meeting of the Joint Commission, at Edinburgh, next June, and to draw up an agenda therefor.

In accordance with these resolutions, I am writing to request your Board to try and arrange for such a meeting of the Joint Commission. We realize that some one Board must take the initiative in this matter, and, as the one Board who will be on home ground during the Conference, we naturally turn to you.

To us the organization of the Joint Commission is a matter of great importance. Without it, our whole work is held up, and we are unable to proceed.

Trusting that you will be able to oblige us in this regard, and further in this way our common work,

I am, on behalf of the Temporary Board,

Respectfully yours,

C. R. Carscallen.

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December 3, 1909.

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Rev. C. R. Carscallen,

Secretary, Temporary Board of Management,
West China Union University.

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My dear Mr. Carscallen:

a view to completing the establishing of a Joint Commission,

Mr. Davidson informs me that you have been chosen Secretary of the Temporary Board of Management

for the West China Union University in view of his anticipated
departure for furlough.

Our Committee have also taken favorable action with

You will know that our Executive Committee have had before them the proposed constitution of the University as recently revised upon the field but have felt that it was wise to defer definite action upon this in view of the anticipated opportunity for personal conference with Prof.

Earnest D. Burton who visited West China last Spring. The interview was delayed somewhat by conflicting engagements but Dr. Burton was present at a recent meeting at our Executive Committee and spoke at length and in a most interesting and illuminating manner regarding the general educational situation and aspects of missionary education in China. I

After hearing Dr. Burton, our Subcommittee on educational work went over in detail the proposed constitution and all the recent correspondence respecting plans for the Institution. Upon their recommendation the Executive Committee took action at a meeting held last week.

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Dr. Barbour our Foreign Secretary who would naturally write you regarding this has been called away from the city for an absence of two weeks or more but wished me to report to you the action of our Committee. I enclose it herewith on a separate sheet. As soon as Dr. Barbour returns we will take up correspondence with the other Boards with a view to completing the establishing of a Joint Commission, which as you know was practically authorized at a conference of the representatives of the Board held a year ago last September.

Our Committee have also taken favorable action with regard to immediate participation in the Union Middle School work and in the inauguration of the college work in temporary quarters next Chinese New Year and have made appropriations reported as necessary by our missionaries on the field. Mr. Davidson asked me to correspond with the other Boards in this country regarding the appropriation for apparatus and to notify the Secretary of the Friend's Foreign Missionary Association in England of such a action as had been taken. This will be done at once. I have naturally delayed until I could speak definitely of the action of our own Board.

A full record of this action is sent of course to Mr. Taylor, our representative in Chentu. I do not need to assure you that our Committee are deeply interested in this enterprise and that they appreciate the warm fraternal spirit which has made possible such cordial

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coöperation in the educational work among the several
Missions working in West China.

With sincere regards.

Fraternally yours,

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Rev. C. R. Carscallen,
Secretary, Temporary Board of Management,
West China Union University.

My dear Brother:

November 22, 1909,

VOTED: That the Executive Committee of the Missionary Union have read with interest and in general with approval the proposed constitution for the West China Union University at Chentu as revised by a committee representative of the cooperating mission bodies in West China.

That the Committee are prepared, in conjunction with the other three cooperating Boards, to establish a Joint Commission, as provided in Article V of the Constitution, to represent the Boards in correspondence and action respecting the University.

That suggestion be made to the other Boards that in the interest of effective administration, the Joint Commission shall consist of ten members, two appointed by each of the four participating Boards and two chosen at large by the direct appointees of the Boards.

That the Constitution be referred to the Joint Commission upon its formation for consideration and recommendation to the Boards for adoption with such modifications as may seem desirable.

VOTED: That, in accordance with recommendation by the West China Reference Committee and in pursuance of action by the Executive Committee, June 7, 1909, appropriations be made to Rev. Joseph Taylor for the proportionate share of the Missionary Union in expense for middle school work in Chentu for the year 1909-10.

Apparatus for chemistry and physics.....	\$150 Mex.
Share in middle school buildings.....	500
Chinese teacher.....	500
Dormitory.....	900
Furniture for dormitory.....	60
Servants for dormitory.....	265
Total	<u>\$2375 Mex.</u>

That the sum of \$1610 Mexican of this appropriation be charged to the Property Account.

VOTED: That, in accordance with recommendation by the West China Reference Committee, authorization be given for participation by the mission in the opening of college work at Chentu as proposed in the year 1910.

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That appropriations of \$400 U. S. for temporary buildings and \$200 U. S. for apparatus be made in care of Rev. Joseph Taylor as the proportionate share of the Missionary Union in the expense connected with the inauguration of this work.

On behalf of the Executive Committee.

J. S. B.

Foreign Secretary.

Boston, December 1, 1909.

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C O P Y

Boston, December 3, 1909.

Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D.,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Leonard:

Mr. Davidson, the Secretary of the Temporary Board of Management to the Union University in Chengtu, West China, has written to us of the request made that each of the four Boards cooperating in this enterprise should appropriate the sum of \$200 U.S. for the purpose of scientific apparatus for use in college work which they are planning to inaugurate at the next Chinese New Year. He has asked me as Secretary of the Conference which met in your Rooms a year ago last September to correspond with the other Boards and in case they have taken favorable action to report the same to the Friends' Foreign Mission Association in England to whom the order for the apparatus has been sent.

Our own Committee representing the Missionary Union at its last meeting appropriated the amount requested together with other funds asked to provide for our share of the expense in inaugurating this work. I would be glad to know whether your Board has taken any action in the matter. A letter has just come from the Secretary of the Friends' Association in England inquiring whether the appropriations have been made.

Our Committee have also considered the proposed constitution as recently revised on the field and have authorized correspondence looking to the early organization of the Joint Commission provided for in Article V of that constitution, the principle of which as you know was approved by the Conference a year ago. Concerning this however, we will write you more fully on the return of Dr. Barbour, our Foreign Secretary, who is now absent from the city.

With sincere regard,

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington.

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C O P Y

Boston, December 3, 1909.

Rev. A. Sutherland, D. D.,
33 Richmond St.,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Dr. Sutherland:

Mr. Davidson, the Secretary of the Temporary Board of Management of the Union University in Chengtu, West China, has written to us of the request made that each of the four Boards cooperating in this enterprise should appropriate the sum of \$200 U.S. for the purchase of scientific apparatus for use in college work which they are planning to inaugurate at the next Chinese new year. He has asked me as Secretary of the Conference which met in New York a year ago last September to correspond with the other Boards and in case they have taken favorable action to report the sum to the Friends' Foreign Mission Association in England to whom the order for the apparatus has been sent.

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I have never learned whether your Board took action upon the report of the New York Conference. All of the other Boards reported a cordial endorsement of the statement of principles adopted at the Conference and also suggested that they had taken steps to appoint members of the Joint Commission. I would be glad to know what action your Board has taken if any.

With sincere regard.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
of the
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

150 Fifth Ave., New York.
December 22, 1909.

Mr. George B. Huntington,
Ford Building,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Brother:

Our Board at its regular monthly meeting, December 21, approved the grant of \$200 for the purchase of scientific apparatus to be used in the Union University, Chengtu, West China, on condition that all of the four Boards cooperating in maintaining the University make the same grant. Do you know whether the Friends' Association of England have yet taken action?

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Homer C. Stuntz.

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FRIENDS' FOREIGN MISSION ASSOCIATION

15, Devonshire St., Bishopsgate,
London, E. C., Eng. Dec. 23, 1909

Mr. George B. Huntington,
Ford Building,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Sir:

I have received a letter from the Rev. C. R. Carscallen, of Chengtu, a copy of which I enclose herewith. In it you will see that Mr. Carscallen is rather anxious about the Meeting of the Advisory Committee at the time of the Edinburgh Conference.

I understand that no meetings, except those directly connected with the Conference, will be permitted during the time of the Conference, so that it looks as though a Meeting of the Joint Commission must be held either before or after the Conference.

Mr. A. J. Crosfield, Chairman of the China Committee and who you will remember was one of the delegates to New York, suggests that the Meeting might be held in London.

I should be much obliged if you would let me know, at your earliest convenience, the names of the Commissioners appointed by the respective Bodies in America, and also which of them hope to be present at the Edinburgh Conference and would be able to devote additional time to the work of the Commission in London.

As mentioned in a previous letter, we shall be glad to make whatever arrangements we possibly can, on this side, for the Meetings of the Joint Commission, but I must leave it to you to arrange for the details on your side.

In view of the fact that plans have already been made for teaching in connection with the University, notwithstanding that there are, at present, no University buildings and no certain prospect of any income, indeed one might almost say that we were putting on the roof of the Scheme before the foundations are laid, I think you will agree that it is most important that something should be done with as little delay as possible.

Awaiting your early reply, and with kind regards,
I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Richard H. Smith.

P. S. Your letter of December 3 came to hand safely, with many thanks.

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Boston, December 24, 1909

Rev. H. C. Stuntz, D. D.,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Stuntz:

Your favor of December 22 is at hand.

I am glad to know of the action of your Board in appropriating the amount requested by the Committee on the field for scientific apparatus for the Chengtu University. I will report this action at once to the Friends' Association in England. I understand from a letter received from them that they have already taken action. This leaves only the Canadian Methodist Society from which I have not yet heard. I will advise you in case I hear from Dr. Sutherland.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington.

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C O P Y.

Boston, December 24, 1909.

Rev. A. Sutherland, D. D.,
33 Richmond St.,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Dr. Sutherland.

I wrote you on December 3 asking whether your Board had taken action upon the request of the Committee in West China for an appropriation of \$200 from each of the four cooperating Boards for purchase of scientific apparatus for the university work in Chengtu. Not hearing from you I write to ask whether my letter reached you. I have heard from all of the Boards excepting that of the Canadian Methodists and have reported their action to the Secretary of the Friends' Board in England in accordance with the request of the West China committee. I think they are anxious to know the result as early as possible in order to make the necessary purchases and it is understood that the appropriations already made are dependent upon favorable action of all of the cooperating Boards.

With sincere regards,

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington.

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C O P Y.

Boston, December 24, 1909.

Rev. R. H. Smith,
15 Devonshire St.,
Bishopsgate, London, E. C.,
England.

My dear Brother:

I have just received word from the Secretary of the American Methodist Board to the effect that they have made the appropriation of \$200 U. S. requested by the Committee in West China for purchase of scientific apparatus for the Chengtu University subject to similar action by the cooperating boards. I have yet to hear from the Canadian Methodist Society. I wrote to Dr. Sutherland sometime ago but have had no word as yet. I will write him again and will advise you at once of the result.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington

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FRIENDS' FOREIGN MISSION ASSOCIATION

15, Devonshire Street, London, E. C.,
January 4, 1910.

Mr. G. B. Huntington,
Ford Building,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Friend:

Your letter containing the information that the American Methodist Board have made the appropriation of \$200 for purchase of scientific apparatus for the Chengtu University, subject to similar action by the Cooperating Boards, is to hand today. I note that no mention is made of any grant towards the erection of Temporary Buildings. You will remember that an application was made for \$400 U. S., from each of the Participating Bodies for this purpose, and in yours of December 3, you give the information that your own Board made that grant in addition to the \$200 for apparatus.

Both the Grants are subject to similar action by the Cooperating Boards, so that if the American Methodist Board is not prepared to make the grant of \$400 for Temporary Buildings, the request for that Grant cannot be complied with.

We shall be glad if you would make the necessary enquiries from the American Methodist Board, lest the request for the \$400 Grant should have been overlooked.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Richard H. Smith.

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C O P Y.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

Toronto, January 7, 1910.

Mr. George B. Huntington,
Ford Building,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Huntington:

At a meeting of our Executive
Committee this week I presented the request for a
grant in aid of scientific apparatus needed for the
University Work in Chengtu, West China. The Committee
authorized the grant asked for, namely \$200 (Two Hundred
Dollars) on the understanding that similar action is
taken by the other Boards concerned.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) A.Sutherland.

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C O P Y.

Boston, January 14, 1910.

Rev. C. A. Carscallen,
West China Union University,
Chengtou, West China.

My dear Mr. Carscallen:

Your letter of November 13 enclosing the report of recent meetings of the Temporary Board of Management came duly to hand. We have heard also from Mr. Smith of the Friends' Association in England respecting the matter of organization of the Joint Commission.

You will be interested to know that Dr. Barbour who as our Foreign Secretary has general charge of the interests of the foreign work is expecting to meet representatives of the Canadian Methodists and of the American Methodists in New York city this week for informal conference regarding organization of the Joint Commission and general plans for the university work. I am sorry that the English brethren can not also be represented at this meeting but I have no doubt that it will be possible to take the necessary preliminary steps through correspondence and that arrangement will be made for a meeting of the Joint Commission either in Edinburgh or London next June as a number of the members from this side of the water will doubtless be in attendance at the Edinburgh Conference.

I have just received from Dr. Sutherland notice of favorable action by the Canadian Board upon the appropriation for scientific apparatus. I have notified Mr. Smith of this action. As all of the Societies have now acted, the funds will be available at any time.

We will endeavor to keep you promptly advised of all progress that is made in this country respecting university interests.

With sincere regard.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington.

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C O P Y.

Boston, January 14, 1910.

Rev. R. H. Smith,
15 Devonshire Street,
London, E. C., Eng.

My dear Mr. Smith:

A note just at hand from Dr. Sutherland of the Canadian Methodist Board indicates that they have taken favorable action upon the request of the Temporary Board of Management in Chengtu for an appropriation of \$250 for the purchase of equipment for the teaching of Science in the University. This completes, I believe, the list of the American Societies so that the full appropriation should be now available.

I will be glad to know just what the understanding is regarding the payment of these appropriations. I think you stated that the orders for the equipment had been placed with you. Will it be sufficient to have the appropriations made to our respective missionaries upon the field or is it desired that the payment should be made to you in England? I do not know how the other Boards will be affected but I think it would make practically no difference to our Board which course is followed.

Your letter of December 23 enclosing a copy of the letter from Mr. Carscallen came duly to hand. We also received a letter from Mr. Carscallen respecting the matter of the Joint Commission. I understand that Dr. Barbour, who, as our Foreign Secretary has general charge of the work upon the foreign field, is expecting to meet Dr. Sutherland and representatives of the American Methodist Board in New York where the Conference of Foreign Missions Boards of the United States and Canada is now in session. They are expecting to have an informal meeting of American members of the Joint Commission with a view to considering plans for further procedure and organization. I think we shall be able to communicate with you more definitely regarding the matter after Dr. Barbour has returned from New York. I have no doubt that all will be glad to arrange for a formal meeting of the Commission either in Edinburgh or London next June as probably many of the American members will be in attendance at the Edinburgh Conference.

With sincere regard,

Faternally yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington.

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SECRETARIES:

DR. WILLIAM WILSON,

MARSHALL N. FOX.

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PREMIER AND ECCLESIASTICAL.

15, Devonshire Street,

Bishopsgate, London, E.C.

24th January, 1910.

Rev. G.B. Huntingdon,
American Baptist Missionary Union,
Ford Building,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Huntingdon,

Many thanks for your letter dated January 14th, and for the information contained therein. As in the case of the American Methodist Board, I note that the Canadian Methodist Board have made no appropriation for temporary buildings, so that the matter under that head now stands as follows:- The appropriation for temporary buildings can only be made when all the Bodies participating have agreed thereon. As only your Society, and ours, have made the appropriations, nothing can be done until we hear definitely from the others. I shall be glad, therefore, if you will kindly make inquiries as to whether they are agreed upon the \$400 for temporary buildings, or not.

With regard to the payment of these appropriations, I think the best course will be for us to keep a separate account in connection with the purchase of scientific apparatus. And when we have received all the accounts, including freight and Charges in China, to inform you how much will be required from the Bodies on your side. I should propose to send a full Statement of Account, showing proportions from each Body. Payments could then be made direct to us here. I think this will save complications in China.

I am glad to hear that Dr. Barbour and Dr. Sutherland are hoping to meet to consider plans for further procedure and organization in connection with the general Commission. But, by-the-bye, we have received no information from your side as to the membership of the Commission. It would help us very much if we knew who were appointed by the three American Bodies.

I have very much pleasure in informing you that Dr. H.T. Hodgkin has accepted the Secretaryship of this Association

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and will be leaving Shanghai about March 15th., arriving in England about the 23rd April. Whilst we recognize the loss it will be to the work of the University in China, we believe that it will be more than counterbalanced by the advice and help that he can give at home.

With both Dr. Hodgkin and Mr. R.J. Davidson, who has been assisting with him in the work of the University at Chengtu, from its inception, in England during the time of the Edinburgh Conference, as well as the China Missionaries who will be coming over from America, we ought to be able to come to some definite working understanding for the future.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Richard H. Smith

FRIENDS' FOREIGN MISSION ASSOCIATION

15, Devonshire St.,
Bishopsgate, London, E. C.
January 24, 1910.

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Ford Building,
Boston, Mass.

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With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(SIGNED) Richard H. Smith.

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FRIENDS' FOREIGN MISSION ASSOCIATION.

15, Devonshire St., Bishopsgate,
London, E. C., Eng., Feb. 3, 1910

Mr. G. B. Huntington,
Ford Building,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Huntington:

We spent some time last evening considering plans for a Meeting of the Joint Commission of the Chengtu University, which is proposed to be held in London in June.

On account of our Committees following during the week after the Edinburgh Conference (June 27 - July 1), it will be impossible for us to arrange for a meeting of the Joint Commission during that week. I have, therefore, sent a cable to you today as follows:

"Arranging Joint Commission London, commencing June 6".

J. B. Hodgkin (Chairman of the F.F.M.A. Board) and Dr. H. T. Hodgkin (the Secretary elect) have been appointed Joint Commissioners in the place of Marshall N. Fox and the late Dr. Wilson.

A meeting of the Commissioners appointed by the F.F.M.A. will be held on Monday next to consider an Agenda, so that I hope I may be able to send you further particulars by next mail.

I hope that we may have a good representation from the Societies on your side of the Atlantic, so that the Chengtu University might have a good start off.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Richard H. Smith.

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FRIENDS' FOREIGN MISSION ASSOCIATION.

15, Devonshire Street, London, E. C.
February 4, 1910.

Mr. G. B. Huntington,
Ford Building,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Huntington:

I omitted to mention in my letter yesterday that Mr. R. J. Davidson states in a letter from Chengtu, dated 22d November last, that the Missionaries at his end consider that it would be of great value if Dr. Burton's attendance could be secured at the meeting of the Joint Commission which it is proposed to hold in London in June. Although I shall be quite willing to write to Dr. Burton if necessary, I thought that perhaps, as you acted as Secretary to the Conference held in New York last year, and also as the members of your own Missionary Society had seen Dr. Burton, it might be better for you to extend a very cordial invitation to him.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Richard H. Smith.

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FRIENDS' FOREIGN MISSION ASSOCIATION.

15, Devonshire Street, Bishopsgate,
London, E. C. Eng., Feb. 9, 1910.

Mr. G. B. Huntington,
Ford Building,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Huntington:

The F.F.M.A. members of the Joint Commission met on Monday last, the 7th inst., and spent some time in the consideration of a suggested Agenda for the meeting with the Joint Commission which we hope to hold in June. Herewith I send copies of the Minutes passed at that meeting, together with the suggested Agenda. You will note that the Agenda is to be reviewed later.

Will you be so good as to forward copies, which I also enclose, to the Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, also to the Secretaries of the Methodist Episcopal Mission, and the Canadian Methodist Mission, respectively, asking them to give some attention to the suggested Agenda, and forward criticisms etc. to me as quickly as possible. I should also be glad if you would kindly forward any suggestions you yourself may have.

May I call your attention to Minute 4? We shall be very glad to endeavor to arrange for hospitality at the houses of members of the F.F.M.A. and other Missionary Societies, for the Joint Commissioners who expect to attend the Conference. Before making any enquiries, however, I shall be glad to hear from you how many delegates may be expected, and also if they would wish us to arrange for hospitality, and whether they would prefer to be entertained by members of their own denomination? We shall be very glad to do all we can to arrange for their comfort during the time of the Conference.

You will also note that we have endorsed the suggestion that Dr. Burton and Dr. Chamberlin should be specially invited to attend the meetings of the Commission. The matter is left in your hands to arrange, unless you wish for it to be done from this end, in which case, I shall be glad to write.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Richard H. Smith.

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FRIENDS' FOREIGN MISSION ASSOCIATION.

15, Devonshire Street, Bishopsgate,
London, E. C., Eng., Feb. 14, 1910.

Mr. G. B. Huntington,
Ford Building,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Huntington:

I am much obliged by your letter of January 29, together with the Minutes of a Conference held in New York City on January 14.

I am sorry that there has been some slight misunderstanding with regard to the appropriation for temporary buildings. You will remember that the appropriations were to be made in each case subject to the other affiliated bodies also granting the same amount. In my view, this means that each body must know what the others are doing; which was confirmed when I received the information respecting your own Society. As I have only been in communication with you in connection with this matter, I was, of course, expecting to hear that appropriations had been made, both for the temporary buildings, and the University apparatus. It is just one of those questions which will be much more easily dealt with after the meeting of the joint Commission, and when we know who is appointed to act for the different bodies.

I note the change suggested in the membership of the joint Commission, and am writing to the Chairman of the F.F.M.A. Section on the subject. You will have received my letter together with the minute making the appointment of two members to take the place of Marshall N. Fox and the late Dr. Wilson. I may say that this appointment is to be confirmed by our Board.

You will have also received my cable, followed by letters, with regard to the joint meeting of the Commissioners in England. The proposals contained in them rather modify the suggestion that the first meeting of Representatives should take place in Edinburgh at Luncheon on June 16. I shall doubtless have some further communications to send you, so refrain from adding more now.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Richard H. Smith.

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
of the
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

150 Fifth Ave., N. Y.
February 16, 1910.

Mr. George B. Huntington,
Ford Building,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Huntington,

Our Board of Managers at its session yesterday granted \$400 toward the erection of temporary buildings for the college work at Chengtu, China.

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Homer C. Stuntz.

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C O P Y.

Boston, February 24, 1910.

Rev. A. Sutherland, D. D.,
33 Richmond St.,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Dr. Sutherland:

I have just received a letter from Mr. Richard H. Smith of the Friends' Foreign Mission Association in England enclosing a suggested agenda for the meeting of the joint Commission of the West China Union University which it is proposed to hold in London after the Edinburgh Conference next summer. He has asked me to forward a copy of the agenda with the accompanying notes to your Board and to the Methodist Episcopal Board in New York. You will note the suggestion that an invitation be extended to Dr. Burton and Prof. Chamberlain to attend the meeting of the Commission. Would it be your desire to unite in extending such an invitation?

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington.

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C O P Y.

Boston, February 24, 1910.

Rev. R. H. Smith,
15 Devonshire St.,
Bishopsgate, London, E. C.,
England.

My dear Mr. Smith:

I write in acknowledgment of your letters of January 24 and February 3 and 4. You will have received, I trust, the report of the conference held last Monday in New York city in which representatives of the three interested American Societies participated. That will inform you of the present status of the enterprise on this side of the water. Your cable message respecting the meeting of the Joint Commission was duly received. I am sure that Dr. Barbour, who expects to be at the Edinburgh Conference will do all in his power to facilitate the meeting of the Commission as proposed. We are earnestly hoping that Dr. Burton may attend the Conference as a delegate of our Society and in that case we shall urge most strongly his attendance at the meeting of the Commission. We shall be very glad to extend to him the cordial invitation which your letter contains.

Your favor of February 9 forwarding suggestions for an agenda for a meeting of the Commission in London is just at hand. I will be glad to forward copies to the American and Canadian Methodist Societies.

A communication has just been received from Mr. Carscallen, Secretary of the Temporary Board in West China respecting the need for an Educational Secretary. This will come to our Executive Committee for consideration at an early meeting.

With sincere regard,

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington.

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C O P Y.

5 Madingley Rd., Cambridge, Eng.,
February 24, 1910.

Dear Mr. Huntington:

In accordance with the Minutes received from China from the Advisory Committee of the Chengtu University, the Friends' Foreign Mission Association has been making preliminary arrangements for a meeting in London of Commissioners of the four participating bodies to be held if at all possible the week before, but otherwise shortly after, the Edinburgh Conference.

As pointed out from China there are many points in the scheme which require to be carefully considered in joint conference of all the participating bodies.

Since we began our preparations we have received from you information of the meeting in New York of the three participating bodies. We see that you have already gone through the proposed constitution of the University as amended in China, and have introduced several proposed changes, some of them of a far-reaching nature.

Whilst we are thankful for this preliminary work, we still see reason for a meeting of Commissioners to be held at which there would be sufficient leisure to go into the reasons which have led you to suggest these changes, and into many other points that must have an important bearing on the future working of the University. Indeed, unless such opportunity can be found, we almost despair of ever being able to work in harmony, in face of the difficulties of distance from one another and from China, to say nothing of the varying laws of the countries represented.

We have also received from China a request that ample time shall be given for a Conference between the representatives of the participating bodies, now that there is an opportunity of their being able to meet in Great Britain.

We note the conclusion come to in New York to meet at luncheon in Edinburgh on the 16th of June. Such a meeting would be very agreeable from a social point of view, but we are persuaded that it would not give the opportunity needed for even a preliminary discussion. Still less could we at such a time give adequate attention to so great an enterprise as the founding of the Chengtu University.

Moreover, the promoters of the World's Missionary Conference specially ask that no other Committees be arranged to meet during the days allotted to the Conference, and it seems only right to follow their strongly expressed wish on this point.

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Do you think it would be possible for the Commissioners from the United States and Canada to arrive in time to meet in London during the week before the Conference, to give five days, or if that be absolutely impossible, at least three days to serious considerations of the many difficult problems involved?

We should be very glad on our part to do our utmost to facilitate the holding of such a meeting, and we have already obtained permission to meet in the very comfortable rooms of the British and Foreign Bible Society at the Bible House, 146 Queen Victoria Street, London, a very central position.

We are endeavoring to arrange hospitality for those members of the Commission who come from your side of the Atlantic, and our Commissioners are putting aside other engagements so that they may be able to attend.

Our own Foreign Mission Committees, some of them of considerable importance, will occupy most of the week beginning on Sunday, the 26th of June, and we earnestly hope it will be possible to choose some other week for the sessions of the Joint Commission but we would rather even sacrifice our own attendance at these Committees than lose the opportunity for full and unhurried conference with our transatlantic colleagues.

Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin, late of Chengtu, is returning to London to be the Secretary of our Association, in place of the late Dr. Wilson, so we shall have his expert help as one of our Commissioners.

May we ask you kindly to communicate with the Commissioners in the U. S. and Canada and let us know, as soon as possible, if they are able to fall in with our proposals.

With kindest regards,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Albert J. Crosfield.
On behalf of the British Commissioners.

C O P Y.

Boston, February 24, 1910.

Rev. H. C. Stuntz, D. D.,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Stuntz:

We have just received a letter from Mr. Richard H. Smith of the Friends' Foreign Mission Association in England enclosing a suggested agenda for the meeting of the Joint Commission of the West China Union University which it is proposed to hold in London after the Edinburgh Conference next summer. He has asked me to forward a copy of the agenda with the accompanying notes to your Board and to the Canadian Methodist Board. You will note the suggestion that an invitation be extended to Dr. Burton and Prof. Chamberlin to attend the meeting of the Commission. Would it be your desire to unite in extending such an invitation?

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington.

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C O P Y.

Boston, February 28, 1910.

Rev. C. R. Carscallen,
West China Union University,
Chengtou, West China.

My dear Mr. Carscallen:

Your favor of December 29 enclosing the minutes of the Temporary Board and dealing particularly with the question of appointment of an Educational Secretary to work in cooperation with the missions in West China came duly to hand. Dr. Barbour wishes me to say that the matters presented will be brought to the attention of our Executive Committee in due course and we will advise you of any action that may be taken.

Dr. Barbour wishes me to send you the enclosed copy of the minutes of the conference held recently in New York city by representatives of the three Societies on this side of the water who are interested in the University movement. Dr. Burton was present at the meeting by special invitation and as you will see made a report in considerable detail of impressions gained by him in West China.

You will note the suggested modifications in the constitution which are proposed for consideration on the field.

As you will probably have learned through the Friends' Association in England, plans are now definitely under way for a meeting of the Joint Commission probably in London after the Edinburgh Conference next June. We are hoping that Dr. Burton may be present and note with pleasure that there will also be representatives from the field.

With sincere regard,

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington.

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C O P Y.

Boston, March 11, 1910.

A. J. Crosfield, Esq.,
5 Madingley Road,
Cambridge, England.

My dear Brother:

Your favor of February 24 is at hand. I am sure you will understand that the brethren who met in New York did not regard the action taken by them as in any sense final, particularly as regarding the proposed changes in the university constitution. We have received from Mr. Smith a formal communication suggesting a meeting of the Commission in London after the Edinburgh Conference, also the agenda suggested by your committee. These papers have been sent to each of the American Boards. I trust there will be no difficulty in arranging for a meeting that will give full opportunity for discussion of the important matters under consideration. I am confident that our representatives will welcome the opportunity for this. I doubt whether it would be practicable for all of the representatives to arrive in England early enough to arrange for a meeting of the Commission before the Edinburgh Conference. We will take the matter up with the other Boards, however, and advise you as to what seems practicable from our side. We are very glad that Dr. Hodgkin is expected to return in time to meet with the Commission.

With most sincere regard.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington.

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
of the
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

En route, Atchison, Kansas.
March 11, 1910.

My dear Mr. Huntington:

Yes, I agree quite heartily in the proposal to extend invitations to Professors Burton and Chamberlin to be present at the meeting of the Joint Commission of the West China University to be held in London next summer.

Please pardon delay. I am with the Laymen's Conventions.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Homer C. Stuntz.

Mr. George B. Huntington,
Boston, Mass.

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C O P Y.

Boston, March 11, 1910.

Rev. R. H. Smith,
15 Devonshire St.,
Bishopsgate, London, E. C.,
England.

My dear Mr. Smith:

Your favor of February 14 was duly received. We have heard from Mr. Crosfield respecting plans for the meeting of the Joint Commission. I do not think it was anticipated by the brethren who met in New York that the suggestion for a gathering at luncheon some time during the meeting of the Conference in Edinburgh would give the full opportunity needed for conference regarding the important matters involved in plans for the University. If such a meeting could be secured, however, it would give opportunity for members of the Commission to become better acquainted and for arranging more definitely for further conference. We will take up with the other Boards the suggestion as to the possibility of a meeting prior to the Edinburgh Conference. I fear, however, that it will not be practicable for some of the representatives from this side to change their plans so as to arrive in time for such a meeting.

Dr. Barbour wishes me to advise you of the following action taken by our Committee respecting the proposed meeting of the Joint Commission and other matters relating to the University:

VOTED: That the proposal for a meeting of the Joint Commission in London after the session of the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh next June meets with the hearty approval of the Executive Committee and special effort will be made to secure the attendance of representatives of the Society at the meeting.

That the Committee heartily unite with the missionaries of the field and with other societies interested in the University in the hope that Prof. Burton and Prof. Chamberlin may be able to attend the meeting of the Commission.

That action respecting matters recently considered by the Temporary Board of Management in West China be deferred pending the meeting of the Joint Commission.

The copies of the agenda suggested by the representatives of the Friends' Association and the covering letter were sent out to the interested Boards and we will write to Prof. Burton and to Prof. Chamberlin adding the endorsement of our Committee to the

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invitation to these brethren to be present at the meeting in England.

Dr. Stuntz of the American Methodist Board advises me that they have appropriated the \$400 gold as their share of the cost of temporary university buildings. I do not know whether the Canadian Methodists have taken similar action. Possibly Dr. Sutherland has communicated with you directly.

We have received a short time since from Mr. Carscallen, Secretary of the Temporary Board, a special communication regarding the need for an Educational Secretary to work in cooperation with the West China Educational Union and the University. The communication was reported to our Executive Committee but it was deemed wise to defer action until there had been opportunity for thorough canvass of the situation by the Joint Commission.

With warm personal regard,

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington.

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Boston, March 18, 1910.

My dear Prof. Chamberlin:

I have been asked to communicate to you and to Prof. Burton a cordial invitation to attend a meeting of the Joint Commission of the West China Union University which it is proposed to hold in London after the World Missionary Conference next June. I think the suggestion was first made by the Temporary Board of Management in West China and it was heartily endorsed by the committee of the Friends' Foreign Mission Association in England. Our own Executive Committee have most cordially expressed the hope that you and Dr. Burton may be able to attend the meeting of the Commission and Dr. Stuntz, on behalf of the American Methodist Board, has also written concurring most heartily in this expression. I am sure that if you or Dr. Burton or both are to be in England at the time your presence at the meeting would be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) George B. Huntington.

Prof. T. C. Chamberlin, D. D.,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Ill.

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I give and bequeath to "THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH," incorporated by the Legislature of the State of New York, the sum of _____, and the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK,

Apr. 29, 1910

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Dr. Geo. B. Huntington,

Ford Building, Boston, Mass.

My dear Brother:-

We have just received the inclosed print from Rev. Jos. Beech, Chungtu, China. Bro. Beech requests us to forward the picture to you as it shows their choice of style and elevation. It seems that this picture was sent to China by mistake, instead of to you. Bro. Beech returns it with the request that we forward it to you at once.

Yours very sincerely,

G. M. Fowler

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Rev. G. B. Newmann,

Chengtou, W. China.

My dear Brother:

November 28, 1910,

VOTED: That, subject to reconsideration upon receipt of advice from the West China Reference Committee, approval be given to the budget of the West China Union University for 1911 as prepared by the Temporary Board of Management and that an appropriation of \$231.25 Mexican be made to Rev. Joseph Taylor as the share of the Foreign Mission Society in the proposed expenditure, this action to become effective in case of concurrent action by the other participating bodies. (X)

On behalf of the Board of Managers.

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Foreign Secretary.

Boston, December 2, 1910.

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Boston, December 9, 1910.

Rev. G. B. Newmann,
Chengtu, W. China.

My dear Mr. Newmann:

Your letter of October 7 to Dr. Barbour is at hand. Dr. Barbour is now in India making an extended visit to our mission fields and does not expect to return to this country until next May. I am a little perplexed as to what to do with the order which you enclosed but have written to Mr. Shore who is the American Secretary of the Board of Governors and a member of the Executive Committee asking for advice. Possibly the Executive Committee can name an acting treasurer in Dr. Barbour's absence. I am sure effort will be made in some way to meet the situation and avoid embarrassment to you on the field.

I should think it would be an excellent plan to have blank orders printed as you suggest as to the nature of the reports. I will also consult the Executive Committee and write you of any suggestion that may be made.

I enclose a notice of action recently taken by our Board regarding our share of the budget of the University for the year 1911. It is customary to have an expression of advisory judgment from our mission body on the field but, in view of the shortness of the time, this appropriation is tentatively made to

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become effective at once if the Reference Committee approve,
and if the other participating bodies take similar action. I am
notifying Mr. Taylor, our representative at Chengtu, of this action.

With sincere regard.

Fraternally yours,

G. B. H.

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