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At a meeting of the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, held at the Congregational House, Boston, January 20, 1920, at which a quorum was present, it was

VOTED:- That the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions underwrite the purchase of the proposed site of Peking University to the amount of one-third of \$100,000 Mexican, the stated purchase price, upon the understanding - which thus becomes the action of the Committee in this matter -

- 1st, that the form of the underwriting agreement shall be satisfactory to our counsel, Mr. Wellman;
- 2nd, that at least two other cooperating Boards in the University take similar action;
- 3rd, that the Trustees shall press their organized effort to secure this and other sums needed for the maintenance of the University, and that the amounts of money advanced through said underwritings shall be a first charge upon and shall be liquidated from funds coming into the treasury of Peking University from sale of lands now owned, and (or) sums raised by the University either in connection with the Interchurch World Movement or through the direct organized effort of the University itself.

A true copy from the Minutes

(Seal)

(Signed) W. E. Strong,
Clerk of Prudential Committee.

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

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First Congregational Church,
Portland, Oregon,
March 30, 1920.

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Dr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. North:

I am this morning back from Berkeley, where I interviewed Mr. Bailie, Professor Woodworth, and President Barrows of the University. I wired you my judgment of Bailie, and his scheme as favorable, and advised that Bailie would come to New York to address the annual meeting of trustees. I received your reply by wire endorsing the suggestion and informed Mr. Bailie that he should proceed to New York, planning to reach there about April 10th and report to you.

Mr. Bailie has received no salary since he arrived in this country, but said he could manage to get to New York. I told him to do so and his expenses would be provided for somehow when he arrived in New York. Since we have authorized him to go it may fall upon the Peking University treasurer, but I was uncertain whether the Presbyterian people would not really expect Mr. Bailie to come East to report to them and so purposely left it entirely indeterminate who would pay the expense of his journey. That will have to be decided by conference with Dr. Brown and you.

While the scheme which Mr. Bailie proposes is rather novel and seems to be somewhat of a diversion from the ordinary university program it seems to me so practical and so in accord with present day needs of China that I am convinced of its value and of the wisdom of our encouraging it. Woodworth has gone into detail regarding the scheme to a bewildering extent, but it will be possible to begin simply and enlarge as occasion suggests. Bailie and Woodworth are confident that money can be raised for the scheme independently of other funds of the University, and they would be willing to devote time to a campaign for funds so far as they personally are concerned. The question how Vincent's

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Dr. Eric M. North, 2.

plan is to be yoked with their plan remains to be worked out. It is not different but similar in character, and Bailie will seek a conference with Vincent as soon as possible, that they may come to a common understanding. Both Bailie and Woodworth are confident that the leather business proposed by Vincent is entirely practical, Julien Arnold to the contrary notwithstanding. Bailie and Woodworth look for a separate incorporation of their industrial university, and aim to build it up as an affiliated institution with Peking University. All these points of detail concerning the plan itself will be explained by Mr. Bailie so I will not write them.

President Barrows very graciously came to call upon me in Berkeley and we talked the scheme over for half an hour. He seemed rather favorably impressed with the whole plan and offered no objection to the loaning of Professor Woodworth until I mentioned the item of his salary being continued by the University. He felt that to be impossible, but left it to be considered whenever the whole matter is brought formally before their Board through a communication from our Board. I think the presence of Professor Woodworth in China would be of great value to this plan and to our work generally in Peking. Possibly if the University refuses to continue his salary he and Mr. Bailie will be able to raise enough to cover that item also. As I told you in my wire, Bailie has no plan for his own support other than that it come from the Presbyterian Board. His understanding was that that board would continue his support. If they decline to do so then some other plan will be necessary. Possibly that also could be raised in their special campaign.

After listening to their intensely practical scheme it seemed to my mind the sort of a thing which would appeal to Henry Ford. If an ~~arrangement~~ ^{agreement} could be obtained from Ford with this plan and Bailie and Vincent and Woodworth, one or all, Woodworth being perhaps the most valuable of the three for the purpose, could explain to Mr. Ford, I can see in my mind's eye Mr. Ford endorsing the whole thing and adopting it as his pet to support. It looks like a little contribution toward the peace of the world, the doing for China of a very essential service which would be done otherwise by the Japanese, and might lead to complications later on. I think this includes the substance of what I want to say to you as a report of my interview.

I shall be out here until the first of May and shall be vibrating between ~~between~~ Plymouth Church, Seattle,

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Dr. Eric M. North, 3.

and First Church, Portland, during the month of April. I am extremely sorry not to be at the annual meeting of the Trustees, and hope you will express to them my greeting and eager interest in the welfare of the University. My wife has just arrived from New York, and informs me that Mr. Lew has had another serious operation upon his nose, and is advised by his physician that he will be unable to sail for China as soon as he had planned. I had expected that but hope he will get off just as early as possible, avoiding any further delays in this country. He is a very valuable man for us, and my own most intimate acquaintance with him has lead me to understand how valuable he will be to President Stuart in Pekin.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Edw. Lincoln Smith

Address

*Plymouth Church
Seattle.*

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April seven
1920

Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith,
Plymouth Church,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Doctor Smith:

I have your letter of March 30, reporting upon your conference with Mr. Baillie and with Mr. Woodworth in San Francisco.

I am glad to know your judgment about it and will see that the Trustees are informed concerning your impressions of the industrial enterprise. I note the improbability of the support of Woodworth coming from the University. I do not believe we would be prepared to undertake his trip to China without resources coming from some entirely outside agency or individual.

I am sorry to hear of Lew's further delay but hope he will come through his physical difficulties in good condition.

I hope you will be able to send us, as a result of your work in Portland and Seattle, names of men to whom we might send literature descriptive of the University. We should, of course, be very glad to regard any directions you may care to give concerning financial approach to them with scrupulous care. I sincerely hope you will find it possible to stir up definite interest in the University and to leave this interest to bear good fruit for our needs.

A little later I will send you the full batch of material which I am preparing for the Annual Meeting.

With all good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

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May 1, 1920

American Board of Commissioners
for Foreign Missions,
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass. ✓

Gentlemen:

At the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of Peking University held recently it was voted to send to the various Boards that have relations with that University the appreciation of the Trustees of the inclusion by the Boards in their financial askings for the current year of certain quotas for this University. I am accordingly writing to you to thank you for including in your denominational budget \$20,000 for this University, and \$200,000 in the Inter-church budget.

You may be interested to know the apportionments of the other Boards towards the University for these same Interchurch and denominational campaigns. The Presbyterian Board has allowed in their denominational budget \$50,000 and \$250,000 in the Interchurch budget. The Methodist Episcopal Board, in their Centenary Movement, have assigned \$500,000 to the University. The action of the American and of the Presbyterian Boards is for one year; that of the Methodist Episcopal Board covers five years.

While the totals asked through the Interchurch are almost large enough to meet the next year's building needs of the University, we are not certain yet of the outcome of this campaign. The totals written into the two denominational budgets of the Presbyterian and American Boards, which will probably be subscribed, are \$70,000. The subscriptions from the Methodist Centenary Movement have already been made. The building operations for the first year for the University, for the new plant on the new site, according to carefully revised estimates made by the architects, Murphy & Dana, from their Shanghai office, will require \$910,000.

In regard to the quotas of the various Boards on the staff of the University, the representation is as follows:

The American Board, five men, including a new appointment, and in addition, the salary of one Western-trained Chinese is being secured from their constituency; the Presbyterian Board, six men; the Methodist Episcopal Board, seven men; the London Missionary Society at present, including a new appointee, has four men connected with the University. For obvious reasons, this latter Society cannot be placed on an equal basis with the American Boards in regard to contributions for property or towards current running expenses.

There is need for additions to our staff, and action by our Board of Trustees, with requests for new men to be appointed by the various Boards will

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be sent to you later.

After their Annual Meeting the Trustees lunched together, and Dr. Paul S. Reinsch, the former American Minister to China, was present, and made the statement that "a Christian university in Peking, well staffed and financed, would be the greatest single influence in the reorganization of China in the century immediately before us." We are happy to have a part with the various Boards in the establishment and development of such a university, and thank them for their interest in this common task before us.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary

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May 13, 1920.

Mr. W. Reginald Wheeler
Secretary Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Wheeler:-

May I suggest that in writing to the American Board on behalf of Peking University you should send your communications to me in order to make sure of their delivery. A communication has just been put into my hands, dated May 1, addressed to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. All such communications go to the Treasury Department, and if they belong to some other department and it is not perfectly apparent on the face of it as to what department they belong they are liable to fail of delivery. So, as I say, yours of May 1 has just reached me.

With reference to the Interchurch, I fear that we can expect little from that source, as reports coming to date indicate that it has failed most materially to raise even its own expenses, and therefore, while having nothing to contribute for the work abroad, will be compelled to draw upon the Boards for an appropriation to meet expenses already incurred. This does not make an especially inspiring outlook so far as the expected large sums are concerned for these great institutions abroad.

It is very evident to me that when we get past this Interchurch attempt we shall be able to launch a campaign for Peking University which will stand upon its own feet. I believe there is a fair chance of that being done successfully, if we go at it right.

Very sincerely yours,

James L. Barton

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Sign 3- May 21, 1920.

Mr. W. Reginald Wheeler
Secretary, Peking University
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Wheeler:-

I gratefully acknowledge yours of the 19th inst. and want to drop a note to you to urge you to keep up your good courage. Do not let this failure of the Interchurch to secure large sums in the B Class lead us for a moment to relax effort for Peking University or to believe that the bottom has dropped out of that great enterprise. Peking University can stand on its own feet, although there may be delay in getting it where we would like to have it. But we must take hold and work with patience, knowing that the cause is right and will win.

We must not forget that very few great universities in this world have come up in any other way than by gradual growth and development. The only one that I now recall that did not grow in that way is the Chicago University which had back of it Mr. Rockefeller's millions. While we would like and appreciate such large sums to put Peking University well upon its feet at once without going through the process of growth, which has been the experience of all other institutions of its kind, we must not forget that other institutions have done this and have become great and strong, and that Peking University can do it. History and precedent are on the side of more gradual development. You have a splendid cause and one that will win.

Very sincerely yours,

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May 22, 1920.

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

Mr. Eric M. North, Secretary,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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Dear Sir:-

Dr. Barton has handed to me your two letters of May 21st, regarding the Peking University. I think your second letter practically states what I am about to write, viz., that this Board voted to underwrite and that the form of the underwriting agreement should be satisfactory to our counsel, Mr. Wellman. You have sent an ordinary note, and I do not feel that the Treasurer is authorized to endorse said note. A meeting of our Prudential Committee, however, will be held on Tuesday, and I will take the matter up again and will write you later.

Yours very truly,

Frederick A. Gaskins
Treasurer.

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May 26, 1920.

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY
MAY 27 1920

Mr. Eric M. North, Secretary,
Trustees Peking University,
150 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. North:-

I enclose herewith draft for \$25,000.
payable four months after date, which I have duly endorsed
in accordance with the vote passed by the Prudential Com-
mittee of the Board. I think I might say that the
Prudential Committee would prefer in future that I endorse
notes simply for our share of this underwriting, which I
understand to be one-third of \$100,000. If this can be
arranged, I should appreciate it.

Yours very truly,

Enc.

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Frederick A. Gaskins
Treasurer.

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Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith,
Chairman of the Executive Committee,
Trustees of Peking University,
105 East 22nd Street, New York City.

My dear Dr. Smith:-

You will remember that early last Autumn the Trustees approved a cablegram to Dr. Stuart authorizing them to draw \$30,000 gold of which \$25,000 was to pay off an overdraft which they were carrying on the Liu property, and \$5,000 for current expenses. Mr. Krause did not draw the \$25,000 at the time so it seemed advantageous to carry the overdraft and pay interest instead of drawing on the authorization at the ruinous rate of exchange. He did draw, however, from time to time, up to \$13,600. without further authorization. My conclusion was that he had to draw for current expenses and was doing this against a property authorization because of necessity and that he would postpone altogether the dealing with the overdraft until further negotiation with us.

What was my astonishment to receive notice through a letter from Mr. Krause to Mr. McBrier (4/17/20 rec'd 5/18/20) saying that in accordance with the authorization of last Autumn he had drawn \$25,000 at sight. The one thought in my mind, and I presume in Mr. McBrier's, was to protect the standing of the University and somehow meet the draft. It happened that at that very time the formal papers came from the three boards stating their agreement to underwrite the Trustees to the extent of \$100,000 for the purchase of the new site. Inasmuch as the draft for \$25,000 was due the next day, Mr. McBrier and I at once took the matter up with the bank, secured the loan of \$25,000 for four months at 6% on a note endorsed by the Treasurers of the three boards. The Methodist board cashed the draft and held it over the three or four days which were necessary to secure the endorsements of the note.

Not until three or four days later, in thinking over the occurrence did I realize that the action was not strictly in accord with the actions of the Trustees or the boards and that though it was for a necessary property item it was not for the new site. This results in an embarrassing situation. I believe an early meeting of the Executive Committee should be called to consider it.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Eric M. North

P.S. Letter from Stuart gives total cost of new site as \$150,000.

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Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith,
Chairman of the Executive Committee,
Trustees of Peking University,
105 East 22nd Street, New York City.

My dear Dr. Smith:

It has gradually been becoming apparent to me and perhaps to others that the administrative affairs of the University particularly the financial matters need closer supervision than they now receive and than it is possible for me to give. Indeed, the extent of administrative work and of responsibility which I have met with in acting as Secretary to the Trustees has involved me in so much responsibility and required so much attention that it has caused very serious loss to the work which I am primarily responsible for and which I am paid to do.

When I came to the Board of Trustees last July as Secretary it was with the supposition that my work was that of a recording secretary. This soon involved correspondence with the field in transmitting the actions of the Trustees and the administrative correspondence has continually grown. I have not been unwilling to tackle some of it in the hope that the affairs of the University might thereby be furthered at this critical time, that Mr. Luce and Mr. Wheeler might thereby be the freer to conduct the financial campaign, and that there would not be too much of such work. It has, however, reached the point where I can no longer continue to carry it. I had not supposed that the Secretary of the Trustees was responsible for supervising the finances of the University and I have taken active measures only when it became evident to me that such were required to meet immediate issues and I have not made a point of studying the financial administration. It is apparent to me that either the one who holds the position of Secretary must take such responsibility or that fuller responsibility therefore must be taken by other officers of the Board.

May I therefore request that other arrangements for handling the administrative work of the Trustees be made within the next ten days as I shall have to present my resignation at that time? I shall, of course, be glad to give whatever guidance is necessary to acquaint whoever takes over the work with the matters now on hand.

Faithfully yours,

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June 3rd, 1920

Dr. James L. Barton
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

My dear Doctor Barton:

I wish to thank you for your letter of the 21st. The failure of the Inter-Church to secure large sums in the B Class, as you have written, has placed Peking University in a precarious position. We cannot afford to wait as the other universities have had to do for their plants for if we allow the faculty and students to remain in their present temporary quarters for the next three or four years we will be so hopelessly far behind that it will be extremely difficult to ever retrieve our lost ground. We are trying to get the Presbyterian Board to assign Peking an amount in their askings for next year that will be more adequate to the demand of the present situation and I am hopeful that the American Board will see its way clear to do the same. Every other university or college in China has most of its permanent plant and equipment; it would seem the best strategy to concentrate the assignment of money for higher education at Peking, at least until the university catches up with the others, rather than to assign an equal amount to all the institutions of higher learning as is now being done. Only the most prodigious efforts can win out at Peking and we need the united support of the boards and the trustees if the project is not to meet defeat.

I am hoping that I can go to the Tercentenary to be held the last of this month and the first of July, and perhaps may have the pleasure of seeing you there.

With kindest regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

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October 26, 1920

Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith,
11 Darling Street,
Nantucket, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Your note of the 24th came in today, bringing word that you could not be present at the meeting on the 28th. I am very sorry, as we had counted a lot on your being there; but we shall try to do the best we can under the circumstances. We set the meeting as late in the month as was possible from the standpoint of cabling to Peking before the 31st. I appreciate, of course, the difficulty of changing your own plans; and if Dr. Barton or Mr. Perry can come we shall look to them for representation of the American Board.

I had assumed that one of the form letters to the Trustees concerning the meeting had been sent you. The three main items that will come before us are:

(1) The matter of the land, for the purchase of which we have already secured favorable action from the three Boards expressing their willingness to endorse a note for \$100,000. I am hoping that this action will stand, although, as you suggest, it may not, on account of changed conditions. The question of the location of the site is a difficult one, and I had hoped that we could secure some place nearer the city. It seems that we shall have to follow the judgment of the Board of Managers in this matter, remembering that Tsing Hwa is out in that direction, and that the Government University intends to move even farther out.

(2) The question of the campaign and the method of putting it across will come up for decision. I shall present the detailed proposition from Tamblyn & Brown; and we have invited Mr. Schell to come in to speak about it from the standpoint of the Presbyterian Board. He is heartily in favor of it, and will do his best to put it across. I believe you stated that you were in favor of considering it seriously, and I am hopeful that favorable action will be taken. I wired you today asking if you would approve of this plan, provided I secured the funds for the initial expenses, as I wanted to have your favorable vote, if necessary. We talked over with Mr. Schell the means of raising the money needed to start the campaign; he said he would give \$5000; and I think I can be responsible for a like amount. We have a gift of \$5000 coming in through Dr. Luce. I wonder if you would be willing to allow your subscription of \$5000 to go toward this initial expense?

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We shall need \$5000 to begin on, and \$2000 a month after that. If we can secure subscriptions of promises of \$20,000 to start on it will be enough. If it would not be too much trouble, and if you are in favor of the Tamblin & Brown proposition, I should appreciate a wire from you in time for the meeting on Thursday morning stating whether you would be willing to let your own subscription go toward this initial expense of the campaign.

(3) The third matter to come up will be the election of an Executive Secretary. I had intended, if you had come, to have a meeting of our Committee at nine o'clock, and we would probably recommend Dr. Culbertson. I have received a note from him saying that he is open to any further negotiations. Mr. Schell has talked with us about him, and thinks we had better go ahead and get him. If we can't get him, we can turn to Hanscom.

Another important matter to come up will be the question of a Secretary-Treasurer for the five union universities. A meeting of the representatives of these universities has been called for 3:30 on Thursday afternoon, and a decision will probably be reached at that time. In your absence we shall have the Trustees elect a representative in your place. The cost to each of the five universities would be about \$15000 but it would secure a man permanently on the job who would handle the finances, keep the records, and take care of the routine work, which at present is scattered through the various Boards, and from my own knowledge of the various institutions, has not been done in the most efficient or thorough-going way. This arrangement would not have anything to do with the promotional side of the work, but would be merely to straighten out and keep straight our administrative details. The campaign and the Permanent Secretary come first and are most important but the other matter must come up for decision; and possibly it may go through too.

There are other details, but these four subjects are the main ones that will come up. This really is the most important meeting of the year, and we need wisdom and courage in trying to settle these problems.

Please give my kindest regards to Mrs. Smith.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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October 29, 1920

Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith,
11 Darling Street,
Nantucket, Mass.

Dear Dr. Smith:

We needed your presence at the meeting of the Trustees yesterday. Our good ship hit a snag when the question of authorizing the cable for the site came up, and went finally on the rocks in regard to the subject of the campaign. Another meeting has been called for Monday, November 9th, at 9:30, in the Methodist Board Rooms, to take up these subjects and to finish our docket. I wired you asking if you could come last night.

The main difficulty in securing the authorization for the cable to purchase land seemed to be in Mr. Perry's disinclination to agree to this until he had conferred with his associates of the American Board. The total amount, \$80,000 Mex., represents about \$60,000 Gold at the present rate of exchange, which divided among the three Boards would mean \$20,000 apiece. We had already secured authorization from the various Boards for amounts much larger than this; the Presbyterian and Methodist Boards agreed to \$43,000 Gold and your Board to \$33,000 Mex. If we purchase only the smaller plot of ground for \$60,000 Mex, this would mean about \$45,000 Gold, a \$15,000 apportionment to each Board. As you have already underwritten \$5000 of this, the action necessary to get through your Board next Tuesday is really the willingness to consent to a liability of \$10,000, which, under the circumstances, seems rather a small amount when the importance of the decision is considered. This fact was brought out and discussed in the meeting, but in deference to the facts of the situation, a cable was sent to Peking asking for delay until we could hear from your Board.

I am going to Boston this week-end, and will try to call on Dr. E. C. Moore and any other men I can reach.

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If it would be any help I should be glad to stay for the meeting on Tuesday. I am going out to Wellesley and to Cambridge over Sunday, but can be reached by mail at the Copley-Plaza, where we will be Friday and possibly Monday.

The question of the campaign will come up also at the meeting on November 8th. A certain amount of opposition was expressed by Bishop Wilson, but I am sure that we can get the consent of the majority of the Trustees to the plan. In any case, we will bring it up at the meeting. I am sending out a detailed docket and statement of the plan to all the Trustees with the notice of the meeting. I shall return from Boston probably Monday night.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

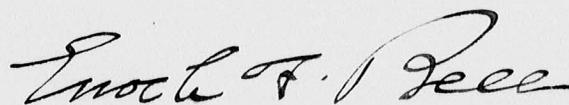
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At a meeting of the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, held at the Congregational House, Boston, Mass., November 23, 1920, at which a quorum was present, it was

VOTED:- That the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions underwrite a note of the Peking University to the extent of one third of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) gold, and the Treasurer, Frederick A. Gaskins, be and he hereby is authorized to sign, execute and deliver a guaranty to the Irving National Bank of New York in the sum of Twenty-six Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-six Dollars and 67/100 (\$26,666.67), it being understood that the money borrowed on said underwriting be used to finance the purchase of a site for Peking University to be selected outside the walls of the City of Peking.

A true copy from the Minutes



Asst. Clerk of Prudential Committee

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AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Dec. 8, 1920.

Mr. W. Reginald Wheeler,
Peking University,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:-

I enclose herewith under-
writing of the American Board for \$26,666.67
and also a certified copy of the vote
giving us authority to execute it. Please
acknowledge receipt of the same.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

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April 21, 1921.

H. W. Luce, D.D.
Peking University
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Luce:-

The Trustees of the Hall Estate have hitherto, as I understand, given nothing for plant, buildings or equipment. Their gifts are purely for endowment. We have not yet received the fifty thousand dollars which they have virtually promised for Peking University, but I think when it is paid over it will be paid over to the Treasurer of the University and not to the American Board, this with the understanding which we have with them that it will be regarded as a contribution on behalf of the American Board, though it will not relieve the American Board, as I understand, from any of its present obligations. It will be an additional contribution for the support of the University. I think that is one of the conditions that the Trustees put upon their gifts everywhere, that they shall not relieve any present organization of what it is putting into the institution but it shall be an additional aid to the institution for running expenses.

I think we did have a good meeting in New York. It looks now as if we were settling down to business. The women's department is moving ahead under the Joint Committee of the Women's Union Christian Colleges in the Orient. I sat four hours yesterday in the meeting of that Committee, of which I happen to be Chairman. They have already paid over \$31,866, and there will be soon, I think, a larger amount to be paid for land, building and equipment for the Women's College at Peking. This cannot be used for endowment. I think we shall have within the next month or two for the purposes of the Women's College not far from \$80,000 in hand. This will ease up a little bit on the land problem and will probably furnish money to begin construction on a women's building.

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Dr. Luce--2

We have no reason for feeling any way than encouraged with reference to the University. It is moving along finely and I believe the campaign for funds will materialize. I believe the University has one of the best pleas of any educational institution outside of the United States and cannot fail to interest a wide constituency, if properly and consistently pushed.

Very faithfully yours,

James D. Baxter

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Mrs. Lee Peabody

May 20th, 1921.

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Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith,
c/o American Board of Commissioners
for Foreign Missions,
287 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Your letter of April 15th addressed to my mother in Pasadena was referred by her to me for answer. She appreciated very much your writing as you did on behalf of the Trustees in regard to the gift of the chapel.

I have in my possession the written pledge of my mother for \$25,000., one of my own for \$5,000., and one of my sister, Mrs. Rachel Wheeler Farley, 251 Culver Road, Rochester, New York, for \$5,000. I am hoping that from the other two members of our family I can secure pledges for \$5,000. each, which would bring up the total to \$45,000. Gold. We have made all these pledges payable five years from May 1st, 1921. (I wish very much that we could make payment earlier, but in the present condition of my father's estate this is impossible, and we are taking quite a chance in making the pledges under present conditions, on account of the tremendous debt we owe the Federal Government and our inability just at present to sell ^{any} timber to meet it. Nevertheless I am trusting that if we will give this money toward the work of the Lord He will open up the way for its payment.) The estimates passed for the chapel were originally 60,000 Mex., so that the sums already indicated would more than cover this amount. I have taken up with Mrs. Peabody of the Woman's Committee the possibility of these pledges being credited in their campaign so that we might receive an additional \$10,000. or \$12,000. from the Rockefeller Foundation. This question hinges entirely on whether or not on the date of the closing of their campaign they must have the entire sum in cash in their hands, or whether such pledges can be credited towards the total. If the latter is true we can build a better chapel, and as we expect that it will be in use both by the men and women of the University this arrangement should be satisfactory.

We wish to make the chapel a memorial to my father, Nelson P. Wheeler, and mother has chosen as the verse to be placed under his name - "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13. *Rev 14:13*

I am writing you in this detail in answer to the questions in your letter of the 15th of April. I hope to see you soon.

I am at present installed in Dr. Halsey's former office, Room 813, of the Foreign Board.

The decision of the Methodist Board to take over our property holdings in Peking is a most welcome one and with the progress being made by the Women's Colleges Campaign, I feel that we are getting out into smoother waters. I am happy indeed

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to have had some part in the work of the past two years for the University, and am conditioning my service here in the Board on the assumption that we can return to China when this is possible and can maintain some relation to the University. We may be in this country for two more years. I had a wonderful time on the West Coast and found the situation most encouraging. I have many ideas which are bursting for expression in my plans for the next two years and shall hope to have the pleasure of talking them over with you some time in the near future.

Mrs. Wheeler is at present in Pasadena and will not come on until September.

With best wishes to Mrs. Smith and to yourself, I am

Sincerely yours,

WRW-AS.

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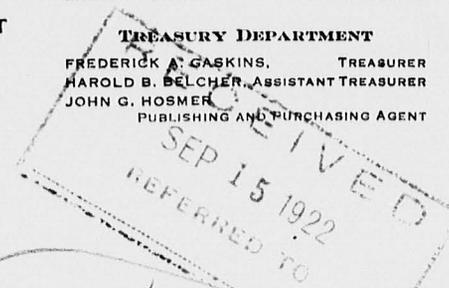
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Mr. George D. Tamblyn,
17 East Forty-second Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Tamblyn:

Mr. Schell, of the Presbyterian Board, asked me to write to you as to the American Board crediting gifts from its constituents which may be received in connection with the million dollar campaign of the Peking University. He quotes what Dr. Barton wrote as to the impossibility of such gifts from the Congregationalists being credited on the apportionment of the local churches.

Dr. Barton's statement on that point is entirely correct. The five million dollar budget of askings of the denomination, of which the American Board should receive twenty-eight per cent, provides for the regular on-goings of our work, and not for extraordinary campaigns such as that of Peking. All gifts going to your campaign will be what we call "specials" --that is, applicable to the development of the work under our hands, but not applicable on the regular budget. There will be no difficulty, however, about our treasurer handling such funds as specials. They will not be credited on the apportionment of the church, but they will be credited to the Board and to the denomination as extra specials. What Mr. Schell says as to the way the matter will be handled by his own Board applies, also, to the American Board.

Our treasurer is Mr. Frederick A. Gaskins, and he will be very glad to handle any funds which you may secure. As to the collection of pledges, whether that will rest with him or with you is a matter which you had better discuss with Mr. Gaskins direct.

If I have not made the matter entirely clear, kindly let me know, and I will try again.

Sincerely yours,

Cornelius H. Patton

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Bankers Trust Company

January 2nd, 1923.

Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith,
 424 Harvard Street No.,
 Seattle, Washington.

My dear Dr. Smith:-

Would you just note on this sheet and return to me whether you think we should still keep on our Seattle mailing list the following two names:

Mr. William K. McKibben, 541 Henry Building, Seattle. He was formerly secretary of the China Society but I understand he has removed from the city.

Mrs. A. H. Anderson, 718 Minor Avenue, Seattle. I called on her at her home but was referred to her secretary, Miss Wilson, who was in her office at 1210 Alaska Building, Second and Cherry. Miss Wilson was one of the coldest propositions I have ever struck. I understand that Mrs. Anderson gave freely to the Y. W. C. A. and the Symphony concerts. I have also heard she was a Christian Scientist. We of course want to keep her on our list if you think there is any chance of our securing her co-operation.

As you know, during the fall we have been laying plans in co-operation with Messrs. Tamblin and Brown and fire the first shot at Dayton on January 11st. We have a strenuous year before us. It does seem like a tremendous task to endeavor to secure a million dollars before December 31st.

Dr. Stuart and Prof. Lucius C. Porter will be here to co-operate in the campaign. Perhaps it may be possible during the year to carry out our cherished hope for Seattle in connection with Peking University. Our literature, especially the Peking News, is going to the list of names we secured there last February. We are about to publish another illustrated pamphlet of thirty-five or forty pages similar to the earlier one with the dark brown cover. We can send you additional copies of any of the material

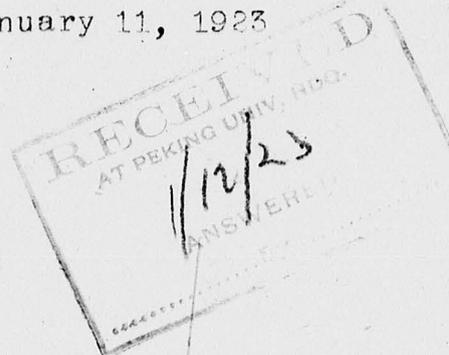
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 has nothing exact
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 lives in Seattle
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 so by some miracle
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Copy to Mr. Strong - 156 Fifth Avenue, NYC

January 11, 1923



Dr. William E. Strong,
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Strong:

I am inclosing a letter from Miss Jones of the firm that is handling the Peking University campaign which explains itself, together with an inclosure to which she refers.

Of course, in connection with the campaign there is a certain amount of publicity which we are expecting to have through the different denominational publications. If you think "The Congregationalist" will take care of this first article I shall be glad to have you turn it over to them; also to have you give me your reaction on the second paragraph. Probably the "Missionary Herald" will also be glad of some other material which we are going to get out.

The Methodist Board has definitely voted to put into their askings of the denomination this year \$100,000.00 for the Administration Building of the University to be known as The Bashford Memorial Building, and another \$100,000.00 for endowment; and all moneys raised by churches and individuals for this \$200,000.00 above their apportionment applies to the apportionment of the church. I mean to investigate this entire apportionment plan of the Methodist Church--there may be some good points for us to copy.

I am hoping to present this general matter to the American Board and see whether or not they would also like to approve of a Memorial Building to be named from either some departed or living Chinese Missionary of the Congregational faith, and I hope that the Presbyterian Board will take some like action.

It is very unfortunate for the University that Dr. Barton is away for not only is he on the Board but he is enthusiastic in its program and could probably influence some particular channels for large gifts.

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Dr. William E. Strong

January 11, 1923

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AT PEKING UNIV. HDO.
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By

Mrs. Warner was operated on for appendicitis yesterday morning. I am keeping Miss Kyle of the Women's Board posted so you can follow her recovery through that channel if you are interested.

Yours very truly,

(Dictated but not read by) FRANKLIN WARNER

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Handwritten initials and faint circular stamps.

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American Board

C O P Y

January 17, 1923

"Dear Mr. Warner:

I am rather slow in replying to your request for an endorsement of the Peking University campaign, but I want to assure you that the delay in no wise indicates any lack of interest on the part of the officers and the Prudential Committee of the American Board.

"We consider this university to be the leading Christian educational enterprise in China, and since China is the leading mission land, this university must be considered of paramount importance in the missionary world.

We have gone into this enterprise heartily and with large expectations, as you may judge from the fact that we merged our North China College in the joint enterprise and stand committed to support three members of the faculty in addition to making certain monetary grants. We are proud to have our Mr. Lucius Porter Dean of the College of Arts, also to have Mrs. Murray Frame dean of the Women's College.

"We consider that this union scheme for higher education in the Capital of China has started off auspiciously, and we earnestly hope that the present financial campaign may be carried through to full success."

Sincerely yours,

(signed: Cornelius H. Patton-B)"

*American Board of Commissioners
for Foreign Missions*

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American Bd

(January 22, 1923)

C O P Y

January 20, 1923

"Dear Mr. Warner:

Thank you for your letter of January 11 with enclosures of a letter from Miss Jones regarding the Peking University campaign, together with a copy of a news item concerning that campaign intended for publication.

The question which you raise regarding this Board's practical participation in the effort to raise an endowment for the University is a serious one, especially in the present financial plight of the Board when we are declining right and left requests from the field on the ground that present commitments are up to the limit of what can be undertaken this year. Your suggestion of course does not look towards an appropriation from current funds but rather from the solicitation of special gifts. Unfortunately we have on quite a number of quiet hunts for extra sums for somewhat similar projects, though not of so large amount, I do not feel prepared off hand and on my own judgment to say what can be attempted.

According to a cable dispatch from Dr. Barton, he was to sail for home today. If he carries out that plan, he will be here within a week or ten days. Under the circumstances I think it best to hold your letter, with simple acknowledgement, leaving it for consideration with him when he returns. I am sure he will give it full and sympathetic consideration.

Very cordially yours,

(signed) W.E. STRONG"

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Feb. 1. '23.

REV. EDWARD LINCOLN SMITH
2520 MOUNT BAKER DRIVE
SEATTLE

Dear Dr. Stuart,

Yes. Your letter of Jan. 6th was seen & has remained on my desk unanswered partly because I did not know what to say. Your letter rec'd this week finds me in the same condition -

I took your last letter to the Trustees of the China Club yesterday & asked them how they felt about the proposal. They were not at all enthusiastic - did not think it could be done, did not think that their business etc. One said "It would have to take in the whole state

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to be possible", another "it would take
two years", the Pres, "not an business"
etc. The Club has a new Secy
new. Kirby was asked to resign
for what seemed like financial laxity,
dealing with the Club others - The new
man is J.C. Herberman - new to the
job & not very resourceful for such
work as this.

Of the interest which might be
aroused, the attention & contributions,
you can probably judge best from
your experience in other cities of
this kind. The reaction after war,

the high taxes & high costs of living make people fretful over being asked for money. I find people remaining away from Church for this reason and our budgets for '23 are far from being subscribed altho' the year is well along.

Personally I am not able now to do for the University more than I am doing in insuring Lewis' salary to you. And I hesitate to advise a campaign in the city when I can't do what would be expected of me as one of the prime backers of such campaign. To you see how the matter lies in my mind. The business ^{men} talk about a prosperous time ahead but I wonder if they believe it. Were it to come, there might be a prospect of putting this across but now I am not sanguine. It could not be done in a week. Much careful preliminary work would be required & that must be done by the men you send. There is no one here who could be relied upon. My time all belongs to my church and that work takes all of my strength. I rather expect now to be away during April for a rest. If you think best to undertake it in spite of all

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these discouraging outlooks, you will
have my sympathy & moral
backing in the community.

I should think that a year
later might see things in better
condition for such a campaign
in Seattle. However the sowing
of seed may be done a year
before the harvest is expected.

There is certainly no other work
or institution in the mission field
in which I believe more than P.U.

With kindest regards
Edw. Lincoln Smith.

REV. EDWARD LINCOLN SMITH
2520 MOUNT BAKER DRIVE
SEATTLE

P.S. I do my work by hand because
the Church can't afford a Sec'y.
I can't afford one myself & I
prefer hand to type writer.
Hope you can read it.

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March 10, 1923.

Trustees of Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Attention Leslie B. Moss, Sec'y.

I think we have finally got ironed out the matter in connection with Mr. Porter's salary during the time that he was in this country. Our original correspondence I find all hinged on the question of allowing to the University that part of Mr. Porter's salary which was contributed by his supporting church at home. This church is the Clinton Avenue Cong. Church of Brooklyn and its contributions cover practically one half of the support of Mr. Porter. As Mr. Porter was on the field for five months, it would seem right to count 7/12 of the gift from the Church for 1922 as returnable to Peking University. This would figure to be \$685.62. I am therefore enclosing check to the order of Peking University for this amount.

I have not had opportunity to talk with Dr. Stuart concerning this, but he left a message asking that if the money was sent to the Trustees in New York, information be immediately forwarded to the field, so that the money would be available there. I trust you will see that this is carried out.

I understand from Mr. Porter that he will remain in this country a second year so under this arrangement the University would be due for all of the gifts from this Church toward his support during the year 1922. Last year this amount was \$1,175. so I would expect that the Board of Managers on the field could count on that amount as available this year. I think it would be better, however, to make the actual remittance at the end of the

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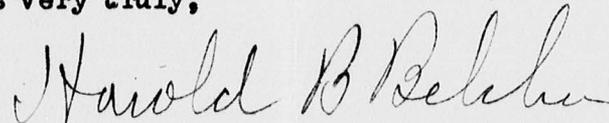
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year when all of the gifts from the Church are in.

I am sorry that there has been the delay in this matter and that our Mission Treasurer failed to receive the authorization to pay over this amount on the field, which of course would have been the most satisfactory way.

I am glad that the campaign here in Boston seems to be going along so well and hope that it will result in some real support for the College.

Yours very truly,



Asst. Treasurer.

Enc. - ck.

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March 29, 1923.

Trustees of Peking University,
Attention Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Moss:-

I am enclosing copy of the letter which
I have addressed to Pres. Stuart of Peking University,
since I thought you would be interested in having for
your files a record of the matter.

The Board payment to the University in the
case of the salary of Mr. Porter will be as I outlined
in my previous letter.

Yours very truly,

Harold B. Belcher

Asst. Treasurer.

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Enc.

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March 29, 1923.

Rev. J. Leighton Stuart, D.D.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Stuart:-

As agreed in our conversation of the other afternoon I took up with the Prudential Committee the question of releasing for Peking University the full salary of Rev. Lucius Porter during the time that he was on furlough. The Committee, while realizing that the University has been counting on the larger amount, felt that under the present conditions and circumstances it must regretfully decline to make any change in its previous vote, which as you remember allowed the University the share of Mr. Porter's salary which was contributed by his supporting Church, this being an amount at approximately \$1,200. a year. Although the Committee has recognized as its quota six teachers in the University, it feels that there is no binding guarantee to furnish these. In fact a guarantee in the case of Peking University would put that Institution in a more advantageous position than the other Institutions in which the Board is cooperating, and in which it is often impossible to supply the full number of teachers that would seem to fall to our allotment. Because of this fact, and because of the crucial financial situation, the Committee felt that it would not be wise and best to grant the larger amount.

I can realize the disappointment that this will be to you and the added burden it will make upon the financial planning of the University. I am sure, however, that you will realize the considerations

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behind the Committee action and understand that in no way does it indicate any lack of interest or minimize its desire to cooperate with the work of the University.

Yours very cordially,

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Asst. Treasurer.

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April 4th, 1925.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

Your letter came duly to hand. I fully appreciate the local difficulties toward the realization of the undertaking that had seemed more promising when I passed through Seattle. It is especially disappointing to me because it is of a piece with much that we are experiencing elsewhere. The whole campaign is about as discouraging as could be imagined, and while we have friends everywhere who wish us well, and while everyone admits that we have an exceptionally strong and even imperatively urgent case, yet there are very few who seem able to assist us toward the securing of funds for new buildings, without which our prospects must be delayed, and even our present achievements and morale largely weakened. I trust, however, that others can visit Seattle in the autumn and at a more auspicious time be able to get substantial results.

I am sailing from Vancouver May 17th and shall probably go direct to that port from whatever appointments I have in the Middle West on the previous Sunday. I should like to renew the pleasant experiences of previous visits in Seattle but I am afraid that the schedule will be too close this time to permit it.

Let me enclose two names with which you are already doubtless acquainted. Miss Green has been in China for some months, spending most of the time in Peking. She has been approached in the interests of the University of Nanking which makes it unfitting that we take up our needs with her, at least until the matter had been settled. I am told that she has large means with no one dependent upon her. She is familiar with our general situation. It may be that the name of her friend has been furnished me by her with a similar objective. Would you care to keep both of these ladies in mind in planning for the Seattle building which I am sure you want to see put up upon our Campus.

With cordial regards to Mrs. Smith, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Edw. Lincoln Smith

Seattle, Wash.

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Edw. L. Smith

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Boston, Mass.
April 11 1923

Trustees of Peking University
Attention Mr. Leslie B. Moss, Sec
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY

Dear Mr. Moss:

Under the new arrangement lately entered into concerning the gifts of certain friends of the American Board toward the support of Rev. T. T. Lew, of Peking University, these funds pass through our Treasury. It would seem the best plan to forward them to you as they are received and I am therefore enclosing check for \$250. on account of the first payment on Dr. Lew's salary for 1923. I would be glad if you would see that this goes along in the proper way.

Yours very truly,

Harold B. Belcher

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AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Boston, Mass.
May 22, 1923

Rev. Leslie B. Moss,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Moss:

Dr. Barton has handed me your letter of May 9th relating to the support of Mr. T. T. Lew of the staff of the Peking Union University.

You state that you had notification from Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith to the effect that hereafter you are to look to the American Board for the \$1500 per year pledged for the support of Professor Lew. This is correct. But in order that there may be no misunderstanding on the subject, I think I should state that the Board's obligation in the matter is contingent upon Dr. Smith raising the necessary funds. Hitherto, Dr. Smith has been paying a large portion of the salary himself, and he has been collecting the balance from certain personal friends, East and West. In order that the churches represented by himself and his friends might have credit under the denominational apportionment plan, he has asked that the Board formally take on the support of Mr. Lew as one of its quota of six professors, with the understanding that the money would be furnished the Board from time to time. We entered into the new arrangement, one clause in the Vote reading: "We agree to appropriate the above sum to Peking University from year to year, if and when received."

While we have every reason to think and expect that the money will be forthcoming as hitherto, under the above arrangement I think we ought not to guarantee your treasury that the \$1500 will be in hand on any given date.

I note that you desire to have the amount made up by June 30th so as to be available at the end of your present fiscal year.

I am passing the correspondence over to our Treasurer with the request that he aid you in every way in his power.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Cornelius H. Patton

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December 12, 1923.

Rev. E. Brewer Eddy,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Eddy:-

Some months ago when we were in Cleveland we had a conference of representatives of the three denominations concerned in Peking University and one Methodist man agreed that if the M. E. Churches would give \$7500., that he would match it, thus providing two residences for our faculty. Presbyterians felt that they should do the same and they have raised sufficient for one of these residences, and yesterday the Cleveland Presbytery endorsed the plans for securing a second one.

The Congregational men and women who were present at the original meeting felt that they should be responsible for one residence as their share, and the matter has passed from that informal meeting up to the local Congregational Union, of which Mr. Allen is Chairman. They have practically officially accepted their responsibility for this sum, but the method of securing it is a problem.

Mr. Allen's committee is largely responsible for the home mission work in this district and it is just a little out of his line under the conditions to assume the burden for this foreign item. I talked the matter over a few days ago with Dr. Blanchard and he is much interested, as is Dr. Bradley. Dr. Blanchard feels that the only way it can be done is to get a group of Congregationalists, many of them from his own church, at a luncheon some day and put the matter up to them so that it would appeal to their denominational pride as well as their interest in a great project.

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I have said to him that I felt Cleveland ought to be responsible for one of the six Congregational residences, and he quite agreed with me, as do Mr. Davis and Mr. Allen and the others. With this in mind, Dr. Blanchard said that he wished it were possible for you to stop off in Cleveland some time when you are coming this way early next year and present the matter to a selected group. I am sure that he and Dr. Bradley and others will co-operate in getting these people together, and he and I both thought that it might be possible for you to present this as a concrete proposition at the same time that you were bringing a message about American Board matters in general.

I wondered if you would not be coming to Cleveland, say possibly late in January or early in February, and if so, if you could not arrange to present the matter in this way. You could be in Cleveland at noon and at many another point in northern Ohio for an evening gathering, if desirable, or a trip from Boston to Cleveland and back might be justified if you had this and something else to put up to the people. It would of course mean one whole day and parts of two others.

You will see by the enclosed carbon that my own plans are such that I will not be connected with the University after the first of January, but I will be tremendously interested and am hoping that many of the lines already laid down may bring fine results.

I would appreciate it greatly if you will let me know what your general reaction is concerning this Cleveland matter at your convenience. I will be in New York in a week or ten days.

With all best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

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Dec. 13, 1923 .

Mr. Herbert K. Caskey
Care Hotel Statler
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Caskey:

You may be sure that I will follow up your letter most earnestly. I am writing to Blanchard today. He is a very close personal friend, and from his church comes most of the response in Cleveland. But I raised \$3,000. there from his pulpit only a few months ago for an extra gift like this. I would doubt if he would be very enthusiastic about this at the present time, but you never can tell.

We are moving here from the Board's point of view, trying to urge different friends to consider Peking University, and we have some considerable hope, but nothing to report as yet.

It is a regret to learn that you are severing your connection, but I know that your interest will always remain as this is one of the significant Christian projects today.

Very sincerely yours,

BE: ER

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Dec. 17, 1923.

President Leighton Stuart
Peking University Office
156 Fifth Ave.
New York City.

Dear President Stuart:

I have dictated a letter in Dr. Barton's name to Mr. and Mrs. Forbes, heartily commending Peking, and suggesting a visit shortly to help toward the decision.

I have written Mrs. Hill a long letter today, suggesting that this combination of circumstances be made use of. Now you can communicate with her, or go to Poughkeepsie to talk it over, urging her at the same time to ask me to talk it over with Mrs. Jewett. I will take Dr. Barton with me if she will write her sister and inform when she has done so. She need not go into details, but just open the way.

In order to reach Harry Luce a telegram would have to go by next Thursday night, to Chicago, wouldn't it? Meanwhile, you write Harry that this matter may eventuate, and be sure that he knows the address of the brother in Seattle.

Dr. Barton's letter to Mr. Forbes mentions \$50,000. as a try-out. May our prayers be answered!!

I suggest that you try to get from Harry Luce that picture of the type of building to be put up. That would give me one more chance for a letter to Forbes, or else you send it with yours.

Very truly yours,

BE:ER

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December 18, 1923

Dr. D. Brewer Eddy
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Eddy:

Your long distance call brought great rejoicing and adds a large part to the Christmas happiness of all our group. It is also an earnest of the completion of that quadrangle which with two other dormitory buildings will put us out of anxiety as far as the first unit of construction on the campus is concerned.

You will be happy to know that yesterday I had the good news that a Methodist in Ohio had promised one of these.

I shall write Mr. and Mrs. Forbes and enclose a photograph of the dormitory now under construction.

My plans have somewhat changed so that I shall be back in New York for the 28th, to speak at the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Translation of the Bible into Chinese by Robert Morrison. For the following three weeks or so I shall be in or near New York, after which I am planning a trip to the Southwest.

I want to keep free from any definite commitments that might interfere with your plans for our Chicago trip, but as appointments are being made it may avoid later confusion if we fix the time for that as early as is convenient for you. Another reason for this is the fact that the Congregational group in Cleveland, who have undertaken one residence as their part of the Interdenominational effort in that city, want to tie the thing up definitely by a luncheon at which you would speak. The Methodists and Presbyterians are each undertaking \$15000, which seems to be fairly well assured in each case and would be aided by the definite action of the Congregational group. They want to know sufficiently in advance when you would be with them to insure the attendance of the significant men.

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December 18, 1923

I am writing now because you will probably want to combine the two errands on one trip.

Let me take this occasion to thank you again for your own very energetic and effective assistance. It has been the most heartening single experience I have had on this trip and the fellowship in work and prayer is itself a deep satisfaction.

With the season's greetings,

Yours in the best of bonds

JLS:S

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December 19, 1923

Dr. D. Brewer Eddy
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Eddy:

In the excitement over the new dormitory yesterday, I failed to speak of my visit to Mrs. Hill. Her husband, as you perhaps know, is president of Fukien Christian University Trustees and on the Cairo University Board. She seems pretty well tied up for the present and he, no doubt, is primarily interested in these and other special interests of his own. However I had a good talk with them and told her what we counted on from her in hoping for a dormitory to be given by the family. As I understand her attitude, it is that of hearty approval and readiness to do her part if the others take the initiative, and when she is in a position to subscribe.

I feel that Harry Luce should ask Mr. Fred Weyerhaeuser to take the lead and I am urging him to stop off as he goes west after Christmas. If he does and can report favorably, it would be a great help if Mrs. Eddy and you could interview Mrs. Jewett. I shall let you know of developments.

You may be amused to hear that because the Hills had been away to New York and had not read their mail, he opened yours and read bits of it while I was in the midst of my story.

I hope you are going to have as much happiness during the Christmas holidays from your good work for Peking as you have given me.

Again with the season's greetings,

Sincerely yours

JLS:S

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Dec. 19, 1923.

President J. Leighton Stuart
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

Dear President Stuart:

Earnest thanks for your kind letter of December 18. I wrote to Ferdinand Blanchard about the luncheon plans there. No answer has come yet. I gave him definite dates in case their plans had reached the point where a luncheon could be organized, and shall do my utmost to sound the right note and get them to come across. Until I hear something definite from them the matter must rest.

Hurray for our side! It is wonderful to hear that a Methodists in Ohio has come through with another building. I judge you mean a wing and not a quadrangle. Hearty Congratulations! It won't take but a few weeks at this rate to see things coming your way.

I hear rumors also that Mr. Warner has secured, or is about to secure, a slice of endowment from the Hall Estate for Peking University. We hope that it will go through.

I never met Nichols in Brooklyn. If I knew him I would take you to him and ask for the other wing. The fact that he wouldn't listen to \$135,000. is no evidence that he won't give \$50,000. now that someone else has given it. If Warner knows him, he might make a try. I expect to speak in that church one of the Sundays in March, either the sixteenth or the twenty-third, whereperhaps he would hear me, and I might get a chance.

Dr. Barton is glad to help in any possible way. I am going to suggest to him when he comes back, two or three weeks hence, that if he could go to Mr. Nichols, in his present condition, it would prove a wonderful devotion and interest on his part. The letter from Mr. and Mrs. Forbes comments on this, and Dr. Barton's letter was a principal factor in winning their interest. They spoke very highly of you and your qualities for the position. They felt the Boards were to be congratulated in having your leadership in these formative years.

In my first talk with you and Dr. Barton I expressed the opinion that if we found a \$50,000. dormitory now this year, I would feel we had done very well. There are two other objects that I have got to help now - one for \$25,000. and the other for \$20,000. So I am not going to prosecute next steps for Peking until Dr. Barton swings into line and tries Mr. Nichols for either the \$35,000. or \$50,000. building. I am saying this frankly so you won't misunderstand.

I am just writing to see if I can get the Chicago interview, and am wholly uncertain as to the outcome there, or as to whether I would be justified in asking you to come to Chicago for the brief presentation. He has never answered a letter

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of mine and I am sure it is going to be very difficult to get any definite reply from my friend. I am quite clear at that interview that I must include Peking University with two other appeals, and I can't give it first place in securing the \$50,000. wing.

This letter will be somewhat of a disappointment to you, but it is Dr. Barton's move and a letter from you, looking toward the interview with Nichols, seems to me to be the right lead. For goodness sake, don't quote me to that effect.

Very earnestly yours,

BE: ER

Eddy

after Nichols answer is clear
I am ready to try.

Happy Christmas

I advise Porter & you to try
Nichols - ask 50,000 definitely

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Dec 22 /23

BREWER EDDY
NEWTONVILLE, MASS.

Dear Stuart:

A long talk with Mr. Jeremiah
Barton persuades me that you
and Lucius Porter should try to
see Mr. Nichols personally. He
is greatly pressed, but conscientious.
He greatly admires Lucius. If he
will bear the brunt of asking Mr. N.
for the interview, and then you
two use the recent good news as
the justification for asking him for
the other wing, you have a strong
chance of getting it. His letter
to Mr. Barton opens the way. You
have half fulfilled his vague conditions.
If he will give the \$50,000 tell him we
have hopes of the \$35,000. He is a chemist

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touch on that gift.

If you get him, write me &
we will try hard on the \$35,000.

A deep, abiding, encouraged and
joyful Christmas be yours

From us all,

Brewer

Dec 22.

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REV. EDWARD LINCOLN SMITH
2520 MOUNT BAKER DRIVE
SEATTLE

Jan. 25. 1924

Peking University
156 - 5th Av - N.Y. City

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Gentlemen:

On the salary of J. J. Lew
for 1923, I was able to raise only
\$1250. ^{OK}

In December you received
from Samuel Woolverton \$250. which
was to apply on the salary for the
calendar year 1924. He always sends
before Dec. 31. for the following year.

Another \$250 has just gone to
American Board to apply on 1924. ^{Probably}
Yours very truly
Edward Lincoln Smith. <sup>the item in
cash book
"24-24</sup>

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January 30, 1924.

President Leighton Stuart
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

Dear President Stuart:

Just a hurried word because I was due twenty minutes ago in the Prudential Committee meeting.

The conversation in Chicago did not turn out as successfully as I had hoped. They don't want to make any definite plans now, but I talked over Peking University among other interests pressing upon the Board. I was definitely told that they liked best a list of small things ranging from \$200. to \$6000. The man said, - "It seems to me we must do some of these 'first aid' matters of necessity before we try any big buildings, but we will be glad to know more about Peking University."

If you go ^{out to} ~~and~~ develop Mr. Nichols' interest and meet his conditions, I have hopes the second wing of the dormitory will come from him. Any time in the next six or nine months we can go back to my friends in Chicago. I couldn't see any possibility that they would do a \$50,000. unit. They might help with \$10,000. when we get some other money to go with it.

We won't go to Mrs. Jewett now until you see whether you are coming back to Boston. If you decide to return to China without touching us here, I will be glad to talk the matter over with her. It is worth following up.

Heartily yours,

BE: ER

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January 30, 1934

President Leighton Stuart
185 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear President Stuart:

Just a hurried word because I was due twenty minutes in the
Presidential Committee meeting.

The conversation in Chicago did not turn out as I had hoped. They don't want to make any definite plans now, but I talked over Peking University among other interesting things upon the board. I was definitely told that they had a list of small things ranging from \$200. to \$8000. The said, "It seems to me we must do some of these 'first aid' matters of necessity before we try any big buildings, but we will be glad to know more about Peking University."

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Heartily yours,

James L. Barton

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Rev. H.E. Brubaker

2631 Endley Ave

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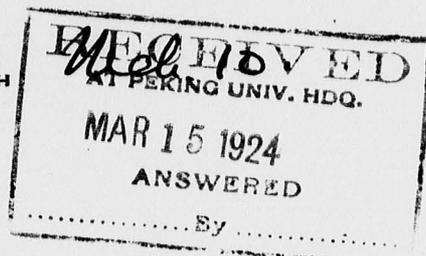
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China from Mrs. Jewett

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REV. EDWARD LINCOLN SMITH
2520 MOUNT BAKER DRIVE
SEATTLE



Dear Dr. Stuart

Thank you for your
letter. It is a relief to know
that you will be here the
latter part of April. I shall be
glad ready to do my best
for with you to get that
residence. Please let Dr. Rice
know that you are coming here.
We shall both be glad to see
you. Election tomorrow!
Yours ever truly
Edward Lincoln Smith.

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April 11, 1924.

Dr. D. Brewer Eddy,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Brewer,

I have been back a few days from a trip on University business to Great Britain, and am sailing with Lace from Seattle on May 8. Before leaving for what I hope will be a long period I want to send you a message of farewell of hearty appreciation for the very practical help you have been, and of confidence that you will, as opportunity offers, carry through to its completion the part of our programme undertaken by the American Board

I might say that if we could get the remainder of that Quadrangle and four more residences we would have now all the buildings necessary to move out; in fact, the difference between being able to do so or not is just about represented by these units.

You will be glad to know that we have a man who seems to be the one we have been looking for as permanent executive secretary--Mr. James H. Lewis. I hope you and he can soon meet and get acquainted with each other. He is the son of the late Bishop Lewis and has himself had service in Peking and as candidate secretary of the Methodist Board. He has also been a pastor in the West and because of failing health has had successful business experience in the oil fields of Oklahoma.

You thought when you last wrote that the friends in Chicago might be approached next autumn for some relatively small amount. If they could be interested in getting a residence and an annual salary for the occupants it would be a very helpful form of assistance. Call on Mr. Lewis if it would be any value in carrying through

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Dr. D. Brewer Eddy..2

April 11, 1924

this plan. Otherwise we leave all such matters to you.

Will you kindly tell Mrs. Eddy good-bye for me I go back to China quite a bit richer in the friendship with you both and shall long remember that pleasant and profitable joy ride last December.

Very sincerely yours,

JLS LM

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April 14, 1924.

President J. Leighton Stuart
Peking University
156 Fifth Ave.
New York City.

My dear Leighton:

It is good to hear from you again, and to know that you are back from England, and that very soon you can carry out your hopes of going on to the work in China. I am glad for all the good things I have heard about Peking University and your success in presenting its needs to many groups of friends.

I have a deep and sincere hope that your interview with Mr. Nichols will eventually bear fruit. It is by far the liveliest prospect in our denomination at present. Mr. Porter is closest to him of all the friends connected with the Board. Mr. Warner is planning an interview, I believe, between Mr. Nichols and one or two business men of the Board of Trustees. I am not quite sure that the business men on the Board are exactly the sort that Mr. Nichols described to you, but you will know in conversation with Mr. Warner whether the most favorable presentation is to be made. Unfortunately I never met Mr. Nichols and cannot help in any way but I sincerely hope that this prospect will be developed into at least a \$50,000. wing of a dormitory.

I have never had an answer from my friend in Chicago and see no immediate prospect of being able to persuade him to come through with any large gift.

I assume, of course, that you are writing Mr. and Mrs. Forbes before you leave and are sending them any recent word. I trust you did not fail to send them an adequate picture of what the dormitory would look like, such as the one Harry Luce carries around. I am hoping to take Dr. Barton out to see the Forbes soon, simply to renew their interest but would like to be assured that you have kept them in close touch and that they have seen the pictures of the kind of building you are going to put up.

If you could see the Weyerhausers en route surely you would land a dormitory there with two of the sisters absolutely in favor of it.

God's blessing be with you. You face big problems, a great advance and rich opportunities. May every promise be fulfilled.

Most sincerely yours,

BE:ER

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May 8, 1924.

Mr. James H. Lewis
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you for your good letter of May 6th. It would be a pleasure to talk with you at any time about Peking University. But Dr. Barton is on that Board I believe and officially represents the University. He has many more contacts with people of means than have I and your approach to the American Board for Congregational houses should be through him and Mr. Warner.

I gave a lift on this first wing of the dormitory to start it along. But I have never taken any responsibility in the matter of these houses.

The next step is through Lucius Porter and Mr. Warner to secure the rest of the dormitory from Mr. Nichols. Good luck to them and to you in all your good work!

Very heartily yours,

BE: ER

Eddy

Am glad you are "on the bridge"

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March 4, 1925.

Mr. Eric M. North, Sec'y,
Trustees Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

PEKING

Dear Mr. North:- Re Appropriation for Union Universities

TRANSFER

cross-ref.

The enclosed check covers \$548. on account of the American Board appropriation for the home office expenses of the China Union Universities, being made from the appropriations of our fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1925. I would be glad if you could let me know just what period of your office budget is covered by this appropriation.

Re Salary Lucius Porter

cross-ref.

It is our understanding with the Trustees of Peking University that during the period that Mr. Porter was teaching in Columbia University, the share of the amount received from the Clinton Avenue Church, Brooklyn toward his support we would refund to Peking University.

During 1924 Mr. Porter's time was $\frac{1}{2}$ American Board and $\frac{1}{2}$ Columbia University. We should therefore remit to the Trustees of Peking University one half the amount received from the Church, which is \$749.90. The enclosed check covers this amount.

Re Support of Rev. Robt. M. Bartlett

cross-ref.

I think the understanding is clear that the American Board contributes to Peking University toward its support of Mr. Bartlett and his wife the amount that it would cost us to support a single man on a three-year appointment, the authorization which our Committee has approved. This amounts to \$1,142. and the amount due for the year 1924-5 is covered in the enclosed check.

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Mr. North - - 2 -

It was understood that the Trustees of Peking University would refund to the Board the expenses incurred in arranging for the outgoing of Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett. I am therefore enclosing our bill on this account and would be glad if you would take this up with the Trustees for payment.

I am enclosing check to the order of the Trustees of Peking University for \$2,439.90 covering the following amounts explained above -

American Board appropriation for Union Universities 1924-5	548.
$\frac{1}{2}$ amount received from Clinton Ave. Church, Brooklyn for support of Lucius Porter 1924-5	749.90
American Board appropriation toward support of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Bartlett 1924-5	1142. ✓

Yours very truly,

Harold B. Belcher

Asst. Treasurer.

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April 15, 1925

Rev. James I. Barton, D.D.
14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Barton:

You will recall writing me last summer about the interest the Trustees of the Hall Estate had shown in a kind of Graduate School of Chinese Studies, stressing Archeology Art, etc. in some way affiliated with Harvard University. You may know that Mr. Langdon Warner came to China last January. Mr. Warner came here rather prejudiced against Mission Colleges and tried to form other connections that seemed to him more satisfactory for the interest here represented. I shall not go into detail over what is now past history, but am happy to report that he has come to a position of whole-hearted advocacy of the establishment of a School of Chinese Studies involving the reorganization of the present North China Union Language School and its affiliation with or its incorporation into Yenching University. Mr. W. B. Pettus, the Principal, and I are in hearty accord as to the mutual advantages of this proposal. Our thought is that the study of Chinese both in elementary and advanced courses together with courses on Chinese cultural subjects for foreigners would all be given in the plant of the present Language School, but that all courses for Chinese students would be on our campus. If this plan is approved, it would mean that our University would be second to none in the quality of the courses it would be able to offer to its students in their own literature, philosophy, history, etc. In view of the present violent nationalistic impulse, and the awakening appreciation of their own culture involving criticisms of Mission schools as failing to emphasize this, such a development in our work would be of much greater advantage than hitherto. This is all the more the case because the National University of Peking and Tsing Hua (the Indemnity College) are both going in for these same features, and it is fitting that the only Christian College in the Capital should not be inferior to them in this respect. Mr. Warner has cabled the Harvard people, and has written urging that Pettus and I be invited at once to America to confer with them. If they do ask us to come, it is quite possible that we will leave next month for this purpose. We, of course, have no way of knowing how they will feel about the proposition or what the attitude of the Hall Estate Trustees will be. The latter, as you know, are rather cryptic in their dealings and are not accustomed to rushing through any such matters. Personally, if I must go to America I would much rather make the trip after the summer, but would do anything to put through this particular undertaking. Because of your active interest in it, I am writing you to acquaint you with the developments and am sending Mr. F. H. Warner a copy of the letter.

With affectionate remembrance and the hope that you are retaining your fine vigor of body and mind.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. LEIGHTON STUART

(no note from F. H. Warner's office)

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April 15, 1925

Rev. James T. Watson, D.D.
14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Watson:

You will recall writing me last summer about the interest the Trustees of the Hail Watake had shown in a kind of Graduate School of Chinese Studies, stressing Archaeology and, etc. in some way affiliated with Harvard University. You may know that Mr. Langdon Warner came to China last January. Mr. Warner came here rather prejudiced against Mission Colleges and tried to form other connections that seemed to him more satisfactory for the interest here represented. I shall not go into detail over what is now past history, but am happy to report that he has come to a position of whole-hearted advocacy of the establishment of a School of Chinese Studies involving the reorganization of the present North China Union Language School and its affiliation with one of our member universities. Mr. W. R. Patton, the Principal, and I are in hearty accord as to the mutual advantages of this proposal. Our thought is that the study of Chinese both in its history and advanced courses together with courses on Chinese culture and subjects for foreigners would all be given in the light of the present Language School, but that all courses for Chinese students would be on our campus. If this plan is approved, it would mean that our University would be second to none in the quality of the courses it would be able to offer to its students in their own literature, philosophy, history, etc. In view of the present violent nationalistic impulses, and the awakening appreciation of their own culture involving criticisms of Mission schools as failing to emphasize this, such a development is most desirable.

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Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. LANGDON WARNER



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W I T N E S S E T H:

to be known as "The D. Willis James Foundation for Peking University"

WHEREAS: Donor desires to give to the University the sum of One hundred thousand Dollars (\$100,000), said principal sum, however, to be held by the Board as custodian upon the following agreements and conditions, and

WHEREAS University and the Board desire to accept the said gift upon the said conditions,

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED that the conditions and agreements hereinabove referred to and subject to and upon which the above gift has been given and received are the following:

FIRST: The Board agrees to accept the said principal sum of One hundred thousand Dollars (\$100,000) as custodian and to hold the same intact as a permanent fund, and to invest, reinvest and keep invested the said principal sum, in such manner as to earn such income as shall be compatible with safety of investment, it being understood and agreed that the Board shall not be required to invest said principal sum in legal investments for trust funds, and further, in case circumstances should, in its judgment make it desirable the Board shall have power to turn over to the University said principal sum and accumulations if any to be held by it in accordance with the provisions above contained in this paragraph. Said principal sum and accumulations

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if any, are hereinafter designated as the "Fund."

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SECOND: All the income from the Fund shall be paid to Peking University ~~as and when the same shall be received by the Board.~~ *at fixed intervals - agreed upon.*

THIRD: It is understood and agreed between the parties hereto that the said income may be used by the Trustees of the University, for the benefit of the University, in such manner as in their discretion they may decide. Said income so paid to the University shall not be treated or considered as a part of the contributions which the said Board is accustomed to make to the University.

FOURTH: In the event that the University, for any reason, is unable to continue its work on account of political conditions in China or otherwise, the Board, or if at that time the Fund has been turned over to the University, the Board of Trustees thereof, may add said income to the Fund or donate the same to some other similar educational work preferably in China, in such manner and in such amounts as the Board or the Board of Trustees of the University, as the case may be, may determine.

FIFTH: As and when the University shall be able to recommence its work, it shall so notify the Board and may again apply the income accruing thereafter as provided in Paragraph "Third", or, if at that time the Board holds the Fund the income thereof accruing thereafter shall again be paid to the University as above provided in Paragraph "Second."

SIXTH: In the event that the University, for any reason, is forced permanently to abandon its educational work, the Board of Trustees thereof shall so notify the Board, and if the Board then holds the Fund, its obligation to the University shall thereupon cease and determine, but the Fund shall continue to be held as provided in Paragraph "First" and the income thereof shall be applied to educational work of a similar nature in

China; but if such application in the opinion of the Board shall have become inadvisable, then to similar educational work in some other country. If at the time the Board of Trustees of the University notifies the Board as above provided, the Fund is held by the University, the University forthwith shall pay over the Fund to the Board to be held by it and applied as in this paragraph above provided.

Donor

AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS
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Dear Eric: This is no joke. But
I was glad to hear from you and will
have the \$2,000 in your hands in
large part or in whole before the end
of June. The residence to be called
Seattle House and to be for use
of Timothy Tuffay Lew. So you can
proceed accordingly. Most regards
to all the Knights of Peking who recall
me. Yours affectionately
Edw. Wood Smith

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