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Dear Friend:

This card and the enclosure are to remind you of two facts:

- (1) That the Methodist Episcopal Church is now making most earnest efforts to bring its Centenary giving up to proper standards—the minimum for our urgent world program.
- (2) That you can help the Church in this great task and at the same time honor the memory of Bishop Bashford and contribute vitally to making Peking University a worthy monument to his genius and devotion.

Cash paid to the Bashford Memorial during October will help make the Centenary Clock STRIKE TWELVE!

Sincerely yours,

FRANK MASON NORTH
MORRIS W. EHNES

October 17, 1923

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A MEMORIAL



JAMES WHITFORD BASHFORD



PASTOR
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An Influence That Will Live

SOMEWHERE in China must rise a memorial to James W. Bashford.

It is unthinkable that the Protestants of America should allow the years to pass without rearing some enduring tribute to a life that has so deeply impressed that land.

Where shall this memorial stand? Inevitably in Peking. Bishop Bashford covered all China; but Peking was his episcopal residence and the center of all his working. There it was that he set the imprint of his mind and character on the leaders of China. To it he turned after all his journeyings.

This memorial in Peking must have a part in the diffusion of the new spirit throughout all China, as well as in the Chinese capital itself. Only as it meets these conditions will it adequately represent the great bishop.

The proposal is that the memorial take the form of the Administration Building for Peking University—

BECAUSE Peking University is bound to be the most influential Christian institution in Peking, and with all the currents that flow through the city, its influence will not stop there. Move Peking and you move China.

BECAUSE the Administration building, which will include also class rooms and possibly an assembly hall, is so placed in the architectural scheme as to be the most important and impressive of the academic buildings. It will be the heart of the university.

The Bashford Memorial



BECAUSE Bishop Bashford was tremendously interested in the development of Peking University. But for him the great union Christian institution might never have been effected. Speaking of the University he wrote in his diary:

"Hence today, March 25th (1911), we held a meeting with representatives of the Anglican Mission, the American Board, the Presbyterian, and the London Missions; and the resolution which I presented in favor of a Christian union university was unanimously adopted. We have either made or marred history today. I believe under God we have helped to make it."

THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW PEKING UNIVERSITY, AMERICA'S GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO MODERN EDUCATION IN CHINA FOR THE CHINESE.

In the perpetuation of those highest ideals that Bishop Bashford so well represented—and as an enduring monument to the man and his work—all who believe in the guarding of the Christian ideals of America are invited to share in this enterprise.

The estimated cost of the proposed Memorial and Operating Endowment is \$200,000.

The Church and the Memorial

PEKING UNIVERSITY is, for our Methodist work in China, most pivotal and is in our judgment one of the most strategically located and important missionary institutions in the world.

Approximately \$200,000 for University buildings and \$330,000 for endowment and student loan funds were approved as Centenary askings. Toward these purposes the Board of Foreign Missions has as yet been able to pay only \$23,000.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church held in New York City, November 22, 1922, the Board approved the proposal reported by the corresponding secretaries for erecting the Bashford Memorial Building on the campus of Peking University. The Board regard it as highly fitting that the authorities in China have emphasized this project for special attention in connection with the Jubilee Celebration of 1923. They cordially invite gifts designated for this purpose as being a part of the Centenary program.

Contributions made to the Peking University campaign, particularly those designated for the Bashford Memorial, may receive Centenary credit if such payments are in excess of the Centenary pledge of the individual donor. Where churches or other groups within our denomination desire to designate to the Bashford Memorial part of their total Centenary giving for 1923, this may be done, provided the amount so designated for the Memorial, shall be over and above the total Centenary *payment* of the local church or group during 1922.

Frank Mason North
Ralph A. Ward
Morris W. Ehnes

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A Letter from Mrs. Bashford

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I am glad to hear that you are in America and speaking in the interest of Peking University.

This cause was very dear to the heart of Bishop Bashford. From the time he went to China in 1904 he was deeply interested in the promotion of union in Mission work.

On his first visit to Peking in May, 1905, he realized at once the strategic importance of union in higher Christian education in the nation's capital; and to the furtherance of this object he gave the best efforts of head, hand and heart through all his later years.

In his last illness in 1919 he rejoiced in your call to the presidency of the University and in the new and enlarged plans for its development.

He lived to see union effected, and his prayers, toils and hopes in process of fulfillment. He was then content to lay down the burden, assured of ultimate success.

May you and your co-workers be cheered by the hearty support of the Christian Church in China and America.

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) Jane F. Bashford

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



"Bishop James W. Bashford identified his life in a very unusual way with two distinct fields. He gave fifteen outstanding years to Ohio Wesleyan University, then put an equal period into China with such ability, statesmanship and consecration as have not been surpassed on any mission field. Ohio Wesleyan will see that he has a proper memorial there. The Church must see that he has a proper one at Peking. The inspiration of his life and name must be visibly perpetuated in the land with which the crowning years of his life were spent. I should count any man highly honored who has a share in building the Bashford Memorial in the capital of China."

WILLIAM F. McDOWELL

PEKING UNIVERSITY
American Headquarters
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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THE BASHFORD MEMORIAL

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An Opportunity and a Centenary Asset.

(Ralph A. Ward)

A Memorial to Bishop James W. Bashford is to be erected on the campus of Peking University. Funds for it are being provided during 1923.

It is to cost approximately \$200,000. It is to consist of the Administration Building of the University and about \$100,000 of endowment.

Peking is the political, cultural and inter-racial center from which are determined major relationships between the Chinese and peoples of other nations, and races.

The founding of Peking University as a Union Christian institution was one of the chief contributions of Bashford to China.

Trustees of the University have given a genuine privilege to Methodists in allowing them to provide the central building on the campus as a Memorial to Bishop Bashford.

Bishop Bashford towered high above denominational barriers.

The total investment now sought for the University is One Million Dollars.

This is small in contrast with amounts for similar purposes in America today.

The inestimable value of modern education is evident to all thinking men today.

This amount for Peking University is a very modest sum for the firm establishment of the only Christian University in the capital of China.

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basis would be \$333,333.
included \$500,000.

The Methodist share on a percentage
The Centenary Program Pledge in 1919
Only \$25,000 of this amount has been
paid. This was given by John Doe, specifically designated for a
Theological Building at the University.

Two Hundred Thousand Dollars for the
Memorial to Bishop Bashford is less than half of the amount pledged
by the Centenary under estimates made out six years ago.

Gifts for the Bashford Memorial will
receive Centenary credit.

It is expected, however, that at this
late date, no one will designate for it, any part of his original
Centenary subscription. The present financial situation of the
Centenary requires that personal payments be made in keeping with
the pledge of earlier years of the Centenary, without a change of
designation at this time. The giving of the Church at the volume
of 1922 is necessary to carry on the volume of work already begun
quite aside from the larger and hitherto unfulfilled parts of the
Centenary Program.

Personal contributions to the Memorial,
therefore should from the individual, be an addition to his
Centenary pledge of 1919. There are many, however, who thru
increased income or for other reasons will gladly share in this
fine tribute to Bishop Bashford, thru gifts over and above their
Centenary pledges.

Money from a local church in excess of
what it gave in 1922, may to the amount of the increase be desig-
nated for the Bashford Memorial, and receive full Centenary credit.
The Bashford Memorial, therefore, is
a welcome means of increasing the total Centenary giving of the
individual, the local church, the district and the area.

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The Bashford Memorial is a testimonial which Methodism and admirers of Bishop Bashford, outside as well as inside the Methodist Church, are glad to establish to the memory of our great inter-racial prophet.

His life and ideals and visions will thus be placed in even bolder outline against the sky of the nations, as a stimulating example to the youth both of China and America.

Send your subscriptions or requests for further information to the Office of the University, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, or the Office of your Area Secretary.

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156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

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Relation of the Church to the Bashford Memorial

"Contributions of churches made to the present property campaign of Peking University, particularly those designated for the Bashford Memorial, may receive Centenary credit, provided the amount so designated for the Memorial, shall be in excess of the total Centenary payment of the local church during 1922."

Signed - Frank Mason North.

"Money from a local church in excess of what it gave in 1922, may, to the amount of that increase, be designated for the Bashford Memorial and receive full Centenary credit."

Signed - Ralph A. Ward.

"As we have arranged with Doctor Ward, we are giving Centenary credit for all amounts which are sent through the regular channels for Peking University."

Signed - Morris W. Ehnes.

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OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
DELAWARE, OHIO

JOHN W. HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT

February 8, 1923

Mr. K. A. Wee,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Wee:

I have your letter of January 30. It would be an almost impossible task to get the students here for the fifteen years of Bishop Bashford's regime. As you know, most of them were in work where they would not be of very much use to you.

As to the personal friends of Bishop Bashford, if you would write to President Grose of DePauw University, who was an intimate friend of his, I think he could give you a list of people who would be interested in him.

The trouble with us here is that the older men, like Dr. Gray and Mr. White, who could have given, are dead. Of course, Mr. Gamble of Cincinnati you know, as also Mr. Selby of Portsmouth. But I do not know the attitude of these men toward Bishop Bashford. Dr. Grose does know, however, about Bishop Bashford's intimate friends.

✓ We are quite willing to include in our Quarterly any announcement you may want to make concerning the memorial. As I told you, you must not stress Ohio Wesleyan too much, for if you do you will lose the support of the Methodist constituency. They will feel that this is an Ohio Wesleyan affair and pull away from it. I would emphasize the fact that it is a Methodist affair and not an Ohio Wesleyan. Our men are willing to help, but they must be kept in the background or it will make it worse for you. I am quite willing to do whatever I can myself. I am leaving for the West and will not be back before the middle of March.

I sent your recommendation and hope you received it. I also hope that you will succeed in every respect.

With the heartiest of all good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

John W. Hoffman
President.

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MEMORANDUM

This memorandum is made by way of report to persons immediately concerned in the enlistment of interest of people in Ohio, in the Bashford Memorial at Peking University. It is based on various conversations, Committee Meetings, and conferences, with those to whom it is sent and many other Methodists in Ohio, and particularly Ohio-Wesleyan people. For our common understanding I shall mention facts which already may be known in part to one or another of the persons to whom this is sent.

I. The Area Meeting at Columbus.

The Overseas work of the Church is to be represented at Columbus by Bishop Wilson, Dr. F. M. North, Professor William Hung and others.

Early in February, E. Dow Bancroft and R. A. Ward were in conference in Columbus and the latter suggested that Professor William Hung would be an asset to the program of the Area Meeting, bringing as he does, not only a message from Eastern Asia, but the added inspiration which comes thru a personal messenger. R. A. Ward telegraphed to R. E. Diffendorfer the proposal, in which E. Dow Bancroft concurred, that Professor Hung speak at the Area Meeting. Subsequently in conversation between R. E. Diffendorfer and R. A. Ward it was agreed that there would be a decided asset for increasing Centenary giving, in the Ohio region, if Mr. Hung spoke at the Area Meeting, directly on the Bashford Memorial at Peking University. It was hoped that any emphasis along this line by William Hung would be in harmony with the total presentation of the Overseas work of the Church as made at the Area Meeting.

II. The Bashford Memorial.

The arrangement made by the Board of Foreign Missions and the Committee on Conservation and Advance and the Trustees of Peking University, provides that money designated for the Bashford Memorial may receive Centenary credit. The designation of funds for the Memorial, however, is to be safe-guarded by the following emphasis. - Individual gifts solicited for the Bashford Memorial should be on the understanding that money designated for the Memorial is over and above the pledge of the donor to the Centenary, and that any money designated by a Church or other group,

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✓ as a whole, for the Bashford Memorial, should be a part of the giving of that Church or group for 1923, in excess of the amount given to the Centenary in 1922. The Bashford Memorial and the interest of people in Bishop Bashford and his work in China are in a very real sense, stimuli for increased giving on the part of the individual and of the Church or other group.

III. Response to Date. (In part.)

The matter of the Bashford Memorial has been brought to the attention of hundreds of people, publicly and privately, in various parts of Ohio. The response has been hearty and without a single dissenting objection. The name of Bashford lives in the imagination and affections of a multitude of people in Ohio. Pastors already have undertaken with their official boards, to set a goal of five hundred, or one thousand, or two thousand dollars of increase in the giving of their local churches during 1923, said increase to go toward the Bashford Memorial. Various individuals have already made definite pledges. For instance, Mr. Frank A. Arter of Cleveland has said that on condition the Presbyterian and Congregational groups of Cleveland provide a quota proposed by the Peking University for them, and on further condition that the Methodist pastors of Cleveland would secure \$7,500., he, Mr. Arter, agreed to secure or to give, \$7,500. for the Memorial. The matching of Mr. Arter's pledge is in able hands and we have reason to believe that the Memorial will be a real means of helping to increase the total Centenary giving of our Cleveland Churches in 1923.

It has been suggested by people in the Cincinnati Area, that the Area Meeting would be an excellent time at which to present not only the program of Peking University, and the Memorial project but to launch as a part of the goals of the Area for 1923, the provision of the Bashford Memorial as a contribution over and above the amount given in 1923.

IV. Ohio Wesleyan Interest.

President Hoffman and members of the Board of Trustees of Ohio Wesleyan have expressed their cordial approval of the Memorial and their desire to extend hearty co-operation. President Hoffman personally offered to contribute to it. Mr. Walter S. Jones, President of the Board of Trustees, and many members of the Faculty as well as alumni, have heartily endorsed the undertaking and gladly agreed to join other Ohio Wesleyan people in bringing this matter favorably to the attention of others, and to those who were students during Bishop Bashford's presidency of Ohio Wesleyan, and to those who are interested in his work.

V. Proposed Means of Enlistment.

Solicitation of individuals who were personally related to Bishop Bashford. Underwriting of definite amounts, to be included in the Budgets of local churches during 1923.

Helpful recognition of the Memorial and its significance for Centenary cultivation in Ohio at the Area Convention Meeting in Columbus, February 27th and 28th.

Circularizing of students of Ohio Wesleyan during Bishop Bashford's presidency. Circularizing of people who were interested in Bashford's work overseas. This work will be based on a mailing list made up of names suggested by local pastors and others.

Special addresses on Peking, the Bashford Memorial and the general question of education in Eastern Asia, given in pulpits of the Ohio region in as large a number as possible. (Members of the Staff of Peking University and other China missionaries, as well as others personally familiar with Bashford's work in China, will be available for these meetings thru the Office of Peking University and the Area Office at Columbus, and the New York Office of the Board of Foreign Missions.)

Presentation of the matter will also be made by special speakers, at dinners and parlor conferences and other local affairs, where desired, by those locally in charge.

Literature is to be prepared by the Trustees of Peking University and made available for distribution.

VI. Peking University.

Peking University is the only Christian University in the capitol city of China. This is a union institution. Four American Boards co-operate. They are Presbyterian, Congregational, and Methodist. From Great Britain, the London Missionary Society. The University has secured an admirable site north of the city of Peking, and in the vicinity of the National University, under the Chinese Government, and the Tsinghua Indemnity School. Buildings are now going up on this site. It is imperative that the students and the work of the University be transferred to this new site during 1924.

The Trustees are in the midst of a campaign to close with the end of 1923, for securing \$1,000,000. for land and buildings and endowment. There is no rigid allocation of responsibility on the part of the co-operating missions. Speaking in general terms, however, the Methodist Church should contribute about one-third of the amount.

VII. The Bashford Memorial.

Bishop Bashford went to China as one of the chief leaders of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the program of Christian education in China. He gave himself as a Christian educator to China. He was a student and forceful interpreter of China's resources and needs, and a prophet of her development. He saw the necessity of close co-operation of Christian forces in giving Christian education to China. Bishop Lewis said of him that Bashford's life actually was shortened by the exhausting struggle which he found necessary to secure union of Christian forces in the shape of Peking University. The present years are the time in which the Church should register in evident form, its appreciation of Bashford and his service to China, and to the new civilization of the Pacific.

The Memorial on the campus of Peking University is not only a tribute to Bishop Bashford but is also a means of attracting the attention of tens of thousands of the youth of China, to a great Christian educator who made to the new civilization of the Pacific Basin a contribution the like of which should be undertaken by a multitude of others. The Trustees of Peking University have accorded the Methodist Episcopal Church and friends of Bishop Bashford, a very genuine privilege in allowing that the Central Administration Building be a Memorial to Bishop Bashford. This building is to cost about \$100,000 Gold. With the cost of the building is to be carried approximately \$100,000 for endowment. The total of the Bashford Memorial, therefore, is \$200,000 Gold. This should all be provided in cash during 1923. Where delay in payment is necessary, adjustment can be made but every emphasis should be given to the securing of this \$200,000 during the calendar year 1923.

March 16th 1923.

Dear Doctor Gage:

Doctor Stuart received the impression that your office was very kindly proceeding with arrangements of your own for securing the \$25,000 which you and Bishop Hughes so generously underwrote at the time of the Peking University luncheon. Our Mr. Byrd, however, understood that you wished to have us send to you a cut showing the Bashford Memorial building, which appears in one of our leaflets. This cut is still in the form, because the type for that leaflet has been held for further editions. If you wish to reproduce this, we shall be glad to pay the expense of having a new cut made. Probably a satisfactory one could be produced from a copy of the leaflet itself. If not, we could send you the original drawing or have the cut made here. In view of Dr. Stuart's understanding, we shall take no further steps in this connection until we hear from you further.

You may rest assured that the Committee and all others connected with the University appreciate most heartily the splendid attitude and cooperation of yourself and the others at Boston. We wish to help in any way you may desire in securing the funds you have underwritten.

We understand that Doctor Ward will be seeing you on Monday and are asking him to convey to us information regarding any steps you might wish to have us take. Needless to say, the more that can be done direct from your office, the more effective we believe it will be.

Very sincerely yours,

For the Promotion Committee.

Dr. James M. Gage,
501 Boylston Street,
Boston,
Massachusetts.

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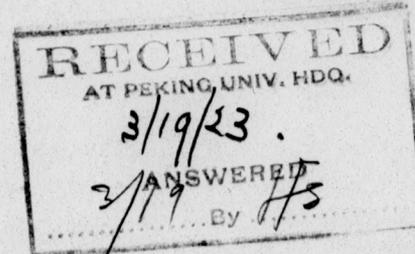
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Mr. Harold F. Strong
Peking University
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.



My dear Mr. Strong:

Yours of the 16th is at hand. We did very much desire a cut to use on the front page of our monthly Bulletin. However, that is now in print and will be mailed the first of the week. Hence we will not use it. I expect to see Dr. Ward as you indicate in your letter, since we have placed him for Sunday.

We are exceedingly anxious to do our our full share toward the Methodist third of the million to be raised. I do not think your letter states quite accurately the facts concerning Bishop Hughes and my position at the luncheon. We did not underwrite any amount but stated that it seemed perfectly feasible to us to secure \$25,000 toward the Bashford Memorial in New England. Our goal will be larger than that.

Very cordially yours,

JMG/MEG
March 17, 1923.

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CLEVELAND DISTRICT
NORTH-EAST OHIO CONFERENCE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ISAAC E. MILLER, *Superintendent*
791 The Arcade
CLEVELAND, O.

March 22, 1923

To the Pastors of Cleveland District,
Methodist Episcopal Church

My dear Brothers:

The Peking University project, or as it is better known in Methodist circles, the Bishop Bashford Memorial, in China, as you know, has been brought to the attention of our City Methodism.

It was acted upon favorably by the Board of Managers of The Methodist Union, the District Finance Commission, the Executive Committee of The Methodist Union and the Ministerial Association.

Particular emphasis should be laid upon the fact that Centenary credit will be received for all contributions. The following is a copy of the final action:

"We recommend that the individual churches designate their Easter Week tithe offerings for the Peking University.

"That it is our judgment that 50% of amounts raised for the Centenary this year above amounts paid last year by any church be permitted to be applied to the Peking University with the understanding that Centenary credit shall be given for such amounts as are contributed".

Will you kindly take this matter up immediately with your Board and report on enclosed card on or before Noon, Wednesday, March 28th, 1923.

Sincerely yours,

Isaac E. Miller

District Superintendent

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Bushford Memorial

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March 29th, 1923

Mr. K. A. Wee,
Hotel Statler,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Brother Wee:-

I write in reply to your letter
of March 23rd. Let me take up its items seriatim. -

1. I think that local churches will have no difficulty in securing Centenary credit for an amount paid toward Peking University in 1924, if this amount is in excess of the payment of 1922.
2. Practically, if not all, of the monies paid to the "I Will Maintain" Fund received Centenary credit, and therefore counted as Centenary money, even if the pledges made in that campaign were added to the original Centenary pledges. The campaign was designed to secure new money above amounts previously pledged to the Centenary. Of course, in many cases, persons who were delinquent in their Centenary payments sent in money due to date.
3. By "the year 1922" we mean the Conference Year when referring to that year as a basis for figuring increases which may be designated to Peking University.
4. There may be one or two or several Peking University pictures in one or another of the stereopticon lectures circulated from the Area Offices. I have not looked these over for at least two years, and therefore cannot say definitely. If you have a use for such slides, it might be well to state the opportunities and the range of pictures needed, to Dr. Stuart and Mr. Strong, with the thought that the University Office might make pictures available.

I am glad you are finding encouragement in the work in North-East Ohio Conference. I have heard very fine reports from your activities. May I in turn send you Easter Greetings at this particularly blessed and hopeful time of the year.

Fraternally yours,

Ralph A. Ward

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The city of Peking seems likely to remain for a long time the political and educational center of China. The school developments in other sections of the country will not supply the needs of the capital. Peking University has a field of unique and immense importance in relation to any Christian educational system for that great country. I regard its development and maintenance on a liberal scale as one of the most strategic methods in the Christianization of China.

The erection and endowment of a building as a memorial to Bishop J. W. Bashford is eminently fitting. Peking was his last official residence. Into the University he put some of his life blood. He was one of those who planned originally for the institution on its present scale. To perpetuate his memory in that University would be most appropriate and seemly. I trust this good enterprise may be speedily carried to success.

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Extract from letter of Bishop Oldham to Mr. Wee.

Chicago, May 22, 1923.

"I introduced the matter of the Bashford Memorial at the Bishops' Meeting and found some difficulty in the fact that it was felt that anything special done for one memorial would bring us a flood of others. However, I did secure the enclosed statement. You can omit all reference to anything but Bishop Bashford and the Peking University and use this statement for whatever it may be worth. I distinctly asked the framer of the resolution whether I might omit Chung King and Bishop Lewis saying that this other project might choose to use this paragraph also as a separate statement pertaining to itself. Bishop Shepard, who wrote the paragraph, said anything might be done which might be considered most helpful."

(signed) Wm. F. Oldham.

Statement.

The Board of Bishops are greatly interested in the great memorials to our former colleagues, Bishops Bashford and Lewis, in the Peking and Chung King Universities - great centers of the land to which our beloved brothers gave their consecrated lives.

We earnestly hope these institutions may be blessed in all their plans for enlargement and greatest usefulness and assure their friends of our sympathetic co-operation.

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The Reverend J. L. Stewart, D. D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Doctor Stewart:

The Wyoming Conference and the Philadelphia Conference have adopted resolutions approving of the raising of a sum of money for Peking University, to be devoted to the Bishop Bashford Memorial Building. As soon as I can get some other matters straightened out, which are demanding all my time now, shall take up this matter and bring the Committees together and try to raise at least \$25,000. Do not put that down yet, as a pledge of the Area, but I think we shall be able to raise that amount.

Sincerely your Brother,

L. C. Murdock

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May 31, 1928

Before you read the remainder of this letter, please scan quickly the enclosed folder, noting especially Bishop McDowell's statement on the last page.

There is little more that needs to be said. As one who, I believe, came under the personal influence of Bishop Bashford, you doubtless favor with all your heart the project to memorialize him properly at the capital of China, where he rendered his crowning service.

✓ Less than half of the sum required for the Bashford Memorial Building at Peking University has yet been subscribed, to say nothing of the equal sum (\$100,000) needed for operating endowment. We confidently trust that you will be glad to join with others in sacrificing a modest amount each to secure prompt success for this enterprise commemorating one of our greatest leaders!

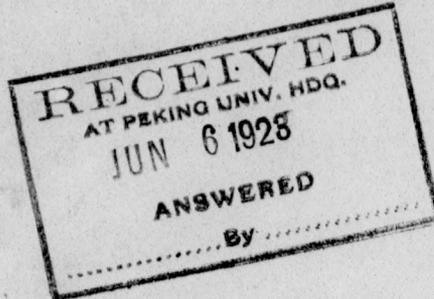
Whether it can be five dollars, fifty dollars or a thousand dollars, your own immediate response to this call will be most earnestly appreciated by all the friends of Bishop Bashford and of the University, which he did so much to establish.

Sincerely yours,

K.A. Wee
Secretary for the Bashford Memorial.

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OSCAR MERRITT MILLER
567 CHILTON STREET
ELIZABETH, N. J.



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June Fifth
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Mr. K. A. Wee, Secy.
For the Bashford Memorial,
156 Fifth Ave., Room 912,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I do not know anything that could make a greater appeal to me than a memorial to Dr Bashford and I, therefore, regret most keenly that I cannot at this time return a subscription blank accompanied by a check.

I reached Ohio Wesleyan University while Dr. Bashford was our President and he became Bishop while I was a student. I owe so much to him that I feel that some time before your entire subscription is listed, I must do a little toward it but I cannot pledge myself at this time. Will you kindly bring this to my attention again about January 1st, 1924?

Very truly yours,

Oscar Merritt Miller

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CHICAGO, ILL.

740 RUSH STREET

DR. MORRIS W. EHNES, Treasurer



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS
REPLY CARD

PEKING UNIVERSITY
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

August 24th, 1923

Dear Sir:

This is just a reminder that designations to the BASHFORD MEMORIAL must be made by the time your conference report and payment are made. It is authorized that any church may so designate any amount over and above the amount actually paid during the conference year of 1922.

It will take loyal co-operation by many churches to insure prompt support for this great memorial to one of Methodism's most outstanding representatives. Your help will therefore be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

K. A. WEE,

Secretary for Bashford Memorial

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



DR. MORRIS W. EHNES,
740 RUSH STREET,
CHICAGO, ILL

City.....
Date.....

My dear Dr. Ehnes:

The.....Church desires
(name of charge)
that the excess of her Centenary giving of 1923 over that of 1922 be designated for the use of the Bashford Memorial of Peking University, Centenary credit to be given for this contribution.

Kindly make arrangement regarding excess with the Peking University office, which will make recognition of any amount realized.

Sincerely yours,

.....
Pastor

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Will your church be represented in the BASHFORD MEMORIAL?

Here is an enterprise with a leverage giving the stimulus to your members to pay or even increase their Centenary pledges that they may have a share in this definite project - it makes a fitting close to their Centenary giving. Any contribution from your church's Centenary funds to the Bashford Memorial will receive Centenary credit provided the amount designated to this Memorial is over the actual payments of the Church during the Conference Year of 1922.

So much was Bishop Bashford loved in America, and no less in China where he gave his life, that the thought of a memorial to him will stir a desire in multitudes of his admirers to have some share in its realization. The durable monument to honor him, the Administration Building of Peking University, will promote friendship between America and China and immortalize America's great apostle and statesman.

Peking University, developed into a union enterprise by Bishop Bashford, is the only Christian University in the most important center of North China, with 100,000 people, and has for its purpose the training of Christian leaders for New China. It is carrying on its work in the diplomatic capital of the Orient, the student center, art center and political center of one quarter of the human race. Christian ideals must dominate New China or it can be only a menace. Leadership must come from our Christian Universities.

The plan approved by the leaders of the Church provides pastors with a unique opportunity to stimulate further Centenary giving by their members and to memorialize one of the greatest missionary figures in the history of Methodism. Will you not be glad to seize this opportunity?

Very truly yours,

K. A. Wee,
Sec'y Bashford Memorial.

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October 13, 1923.

To Ohio Wesleyan Friends:-

The enclosed statement by Bishop Edwin H. Hughes tells the story of the fine purpose of Ohio Wesleyan people to provide on the campus of Peking University, a Memorial to James W. Bashford.

We, as a group of Ohio Wesleyan folks, are writing to bring this matter definitely to your attention. We realize that the people to whom this present letter will go, would have joined in sending it, as gladly as do we, who chance to have been asked to do so. This Bashford Memorial should be provided this year. The work of Peking University at the political, educational center of one of the greatest races of the world, is moving to its new site next year, from its present temporary and very unsatisfactory quarters.

It is desired that so far as possible, payments be made this year on pledges for this Memorial to Bishop Bashford, though arrangements can be made for deferred installments if desired. You will hear more of this matter from the Office of the University, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York. We wish at this time to introduce the matter to your thinking, and to heartily endorse this proposal for so fitting a Memorial to our great former president, whom we loved, and to whom we owe so great a debt for the inspiration of his vision and service.

Fraternally yours,

M. J. D. Harris *John W. Hoffman*
Morris W. Ehlers *Rollin H. Walster*

Ralph A. Ward.

October 1923

A Word to Ohio Wesleyan Students.

The students who were at the Ohio Wesleyan University in James W. Bashford's Presidency need not be urged to share in a worthy memorial to him. They will all covet and seek such an opportunity.

Here is the opportunity;

Bishop Bashford often made this revealing remark - That the first great drama of Christain Civilization was enacted in the Mediterranean Basin; the second in the Atlantic Basin; and that the third would be enacted in the Pacific Basin! Events more and more prove that he was correct in the prophetic part of this statement.

Note then; That China, because of her numbers, becomes the big part of this third drama; that Peking, because of her capital position is the big center of this big part; and that Peking University, as the big Union Educational enterprise under Christian auspices, becomes probably as pivotal an institution as we have on earth today.

Now the aim is to make the Central Administration Building of Peking University

THE BASHFORD MEMORIAL

and we are asking for \$200,000 for this sacred purpose.

President Bishop Bashford's slogan was SERVICE.

His old students now have the chance of living out this slogan in a worthy tribute to a great and good man. Let us each give, not an impossible gift as large as Bashford's heart, but a gift that will make us join him in the sacrifices that he so willingly made for China, - and for Christ.

EDWIN H. HUGHES

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Taken from discarded file copy
November 22, 1929. E. W.

Bashford

November 7th, 1923.

The Rev. Bishop E. H. Hughes, D. D., LL. D.,
236 Summer Street
Malden, Mass.

My dear Bishop Hughes:

We are able at this time to give the specific understanding which the Board of Foreign Missions has given Peking University. Our present object concerns the building of the Bashford Memorial on the Campus of Peking University. Enclosed is a Bashford leaflet containing the agreement that was applicable to the churches of the last fall conferences. Now we have just received another statement that is to be used as the basis of understanding for the churches of the coming spring conferences. It is understood that contributions of churches must be in excess of the actual payments of the local churches during the conference year of 1923-1924 over the actual payments of the conference year 1922-1923, regardless of pledges or apportionments.

Inasmuch as Peking University is a definite Centenary Project and as the Board of Foreign Missions is glad to help us in every way to realize our goal, we submit to you our plan for your action. We wish to secure from the churches in your conference the sum of \$25,000 for the Bashford Memorial. This can be done if we receive a statement from you, also signed by Dr. Gage if you wish, saying that you would like to have \$25,000 of the excess from the individual churches having excesses to be designated for the Bashford Memorial of Peking University.

We feel that this amount from all your conferences will not really effect the program of the Board materially, but will help to fulfill part of its obligation. We think also that this work can be done more effectively by your office with us cooperating in any form you suggest than can be done by us in any direct appeal. This plan will insure that Peking University will not receive more than \$25,000 from your conference and will also save Peking University time, labor and money.

If you are favorable to this plan we shall be glad to have your statement in order that we may have the assurance of receiving \$25,000 from your conferences.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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150 Fifth Avenue
NEW YORK CITY

CABLE ADDRESS, MISSIONS PHONE, CHELSEA 2130

November 7th, 1923

To Pastors of Methodist Episcopal Churches:

Peking University is, for our Methodist work in China, most pivotal and is in our judgment one of the most strategically located and important missionary institutions in the world.

Approximately \$200,000 for the University buildings and \$330,000 for endowment and student loan funds were approved as Centenary askings. \$200,000 of this total is to provide the administration building and its endowment as a memorial to Bishop Bashford.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal church regard it as highly fitting that the authorities in China emphasized this project for special attention in connection with the Jubilee Celebration of 1923. They cordially invite gifts designated for this purpose as being a part of the Centenary program.

Churches or other groups within our denomination, desiring to designate to the Bashford Memorial part of their total Centenary giving for 1923-24, may do so and receive Centenary credit, provided the amount so designated for the Memorial shall be over and above the total Centenary payment of the local church or group during the conference year immediately preceding.

We are glad at this time to introduce the bearer, Mr. K. A. Wee, who is promoting the Bashford Memorial. We shall be glad if your church can cooperate with him and take part in the worthy cause which he represents.

Anna Marmenbach

*Ralph A. Ward
Morris W. Ehlers*

The above arrangement holds for Conferences whose sessions are held in the Spring of 1924 as it has held for Conferences held in the Fall of 1923.

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THE COUNCIL OF BOARDS OF BENEVOLENCE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PHILADELPHIA AREA

JOSEPH F. BERRY, *Resident Bishop*

LEONARD C. MURDOCK, *Area Secretary*

1701 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

December 12, 1923

To the Pastors of the Philadelphia Conference:

The Peking University was among the listed objects for the use of Centenary money. The M. E. Church proposed to devote as our share of this great work, the sum of \$530,000.

Owing to the shrinkage from the amounts expected for the Centenary collection, this worthy cause has been sidetracked and our Church has failed to meet its pledge. At the last meeting of the Philadelphia Annual Conference with these facts before it, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the plan of erecting the Administration Building at Peking University as a memorial to Bishop James W. Bashford, and heartily recommend it to the generous support of our Churches and congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That one Pastor and one layman from each District be appointed to confer with the District Superintendents and the Bishop of the Area to effect a satisfactory plan of presenting this most worthy cause to the people.

and a committee was appointed.

The secretaries of the Missionary Board, as per the enclosed pamphlet, are in full sympathy with any plan that will further this great enterprise and we, the committee appointed by the Annual Conference, in harmony with the suggestion of the Missionary Secretaries recommend that the Church for this Conference Year shall accumulate Centenary Funds in excess of the Conference Year 1923 and shall by action of the pastor designate the excess for this special object. We make this recommendation because of the worthiness of the cause and because it is so fitting a memorial for our beloved Friend and Brother, the late Bishop James W. Bashford.

Full Centenary credit allowed for these gifts.

The Committee

Joseph F. Berry
Leonard C. Murdock
George W. Henson
W. H. Ford
F. G. Bickert

H. S. Moon
Ernest Bowden
A. M. Breneman
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JOSEPH F. BERRY, *Resident Bishop*

LEONARD C. MURDOCK, *Area Secretary*

1701 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

December 15th,
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To the Pastors of the New Jersey Conference:

Peking University was among the listed objects for the use of Centenary money. The Methodist church proposed to devote as our share of this great work the sum of \$530,000. Owing to the shrinkage from the amounts expected for the Centenary collection, this worthy cause has been side-tracked and our church has failed to meet its pledge.

The Secretaries of the Missionary Board, as per the enclosed pamphlet, are in full sympathy with any plan that will further this great enterprise and shall be glad if churches of the conference can work in harmony with the suggestion of the Missionary Secretaries. We recommend that the churches for this conference year shall accumulate Centenary funds in excess of the conference year 1923 and shall by action of the pastor designate the excess for this special object. We make this recommendation because of the worthiness of the project and because it is so fitting a memorial for our beloved friend and brother, the late Bishop James W. Bashford.

Full Centenary credit allowed for these gifts.

Joseph F. Berry
Leonard C. Murdock

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THE COUNCIL OF BOARDS OF BENEVOLENCE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PHILADELPHIA AREA

JOSEPH F. BERRY, *Resident Bishop*

LEONARD C. MURDOCK, *Area Secretary*

1701 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

December 15th, 1923

To the Pastors of the Wyoming Conference:

Peking University was among the listed objects for the use of Centenary money. The M. E. Church proposed to devote as our share of this great work the sum of \$530,000.

Owing to the shrinkage from the amounts expected for the Centenary collection, this worthy cause has been side-tracked and our church has failed to meet its pledge. At the last meeting of the Wyoming Conference, with these facts before it, there was passed a resolution stating that the church should have a share in Peking University, and particularly in the Bashford Memorial building.

The Secretaries of the Missionary Board as per the enclosed pamphlet are in full sympathy with any plan that will further this great enterprise and with the Committee appointed by the Annual Conference. In harmony with the suggestion of the Missionary Secretaries we recommend that the church this conference year accumulate Centenary funds in excess of the conference year 1923, and by action of the pastor designate the excess for this special object. We make this recommendation because of the worthiness of the object and because it is so fitting a memorial for our beloved friend and brother, the late Bishop James W. Bashford.

Full Centenary credit allowed for these gifts.

Joseph F. Berry
Leonard C. Murdock
George S. Connell
M. S. Godshall
E. A. Martin
George M. Bell

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December 19th, 1923

Rev. Ralph A. Ward
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Ward:

I thought you might be interested to know some of the efforts which we put forth on the Methodists, especially in Ohio, who contributed to the Bashford Memorial of Peking University. Of course, it is hard to say the exact amount which was contributed as a direct result of our campaign, since we urged the Methodists to give the money through their church and their regular Centenary channels. But being familiar with the effort and the comparison of the results from other denominations, I feel sure that at least 80% or 85% was secured as a direct result of our campaign and represents money the church would not have received if it had not been for our efforts.

As you no doubt know, we spent over a month of time in a few of the cities of Ohio with our full force, at which time we had our speakers in the principal Methodist churches, before the Ministerial Association, and parlor meetings - which included the best Methodist prospects. We also had speakers before the principal clubs whose members included the most prominent laymen in these different cities.

Mr. Wee of the Campaign Staff spent practically all of his time for four or five months, speaking before various groups and churches in Ohio, and personally presenting the matter to preachers, laymen and missionary societies. Prof. Hung also made quite a number of trips to speak in different places in Ohio other than cities where we had our campaign, and I spent about one and a half months in Ohio beside the regular time spent in the campaign meeting and talking with different laymen and ministers.

We sent out, also, and distributed a great deal of literature relative to Peking University and the Bashford Memorial and mailed out several thousand letters with pledge cards and other literature, asking the various preachers to take the matter up in their mission program before their congregations. It was always our policy to "boost" up the Centenary work in harmony with the Board's idea of cooperation. We always told the churches and pastors that this was a part of the Centenary program and they would get Centen-

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Rev. Ralph A. Ward

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ary credit for these special gifts. I am quite sure that this served as a great stimulus for the ministers and official boards to bring up their Centenary giving. I think an example or two of the results in some of the towns will bear this out.

In the town of Portsmouth, Ohio, for instance, where we held a few days campaign, presenting the case as much before Methodists as other denominations the result was that through our effort the Presbyterians gave something over \$7,000 which, of course, we were able to check up. The Methodists for that district gave us \$2,681 and I happen to know that part of this was given by a Methodist layman to help Peking University.

This comparison is not to show that the Methodists gave less than the Presbyterians, but to show to you that our efforts did produce definite results in one case where we had a chance to check them up and I am sure produced practically all the results among the Methodists.

In the city of Cleveland we received \$15,000 from Presbyterians, \$7,000 from the Congregationalists and I feel quite sure we will receive \$15,000 from the Methodists. We have already received from the various churches about half that amount, the larger part of which I am quite sure was new money, the other half was promised by a prominent layman and would all be new money. Though we have not as yet received this balance, I feel quite sure we will.

As a direct result of our campaign in Chicago we expect to get from Methodists \$10,000 or \$12,000. I might say that most of this is new money, about \$4,000 of which was pledged during our campaign and it is my understanding that \$3,500 more is being raised as the result of our campaign.

These few examples I think are typical of other gifts in Ohio and will bear out my statement that I think 85% of the Methodist money came as a result of our efforts in the various cities, not only in Ohio, but in other states. Inasmuch as we always insisted on the Methodists giving their money through the church and do not know by what individuals the money was given, we have no way of definitely checking the matter up.

Thanking you for your whole-souled cooperation with us in this work, I remain

Yours very truly,

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December 20th
 1923

Mr. K. A. Wee,
 c/o Hotel Sylvania,
 Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear "K.A." :-

Shortly after writing to you the other day about the painting or bust of Bishford Bashford, I talked with Dr. Stuart on this subject and got from him some of the details that I asked you about in my letter. In view of Dr. Stuart's thorough agreement with you on this proposition I judge that it would be fairly safe to go ahead with a letter to Mrs. Bashford. I believe however, that it would be very much better to have either Dr. Stuart or yourself write the letter than to have it come from the campaign office, as such. It is purely a University proposition and it is Dr. Stuart's idea that the money could be taken out of the Bashford Memorial contributions as this piece of equipment would be a legitimate part of the memorial. I believe Mrs. Bashford would quite probably deal with a letter from you on this subject more willingly than from any other source, and I know you could write her along the right lines. She is reachable at Hotel Westmoore, Los Angeles, Calif. If you do not want to do this, just let me know and I will send her a line over Dr. Stuart's name.

Both the office of the Presbyterian Board and Tamblin and Brown will be closed the 24th, so I trust that you may reach New York on Saturday morning. If I am not down at the Peking office that morning, I should like a chance to talk with you up at T and B. In the meantime Byrd will probably be in touch with you personally to tell you the good news of the 2nd \$50,000 gift. Things are certainly breaking finely for us now.

We had an interesting gathering last night which I am very sorry you could not be here for. It was an informal dinner for Mr. Caskey. We just had the Committee and those of the staff who were in town together at the Madison Square Hotel for a celebration of recent gifts and farewell for Mr. Caskey. We all missed you and I wish you could have heard some of the good things that were said about the good work you have been doing.

I appreciate greatly your card of Christmas greeting and wish to assure you of my own heartiest good wishes.

Very cordially yours,

HFS:PH

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December 27th,
1923.

Dr. Morris W. Ehnes
740 Rush Street
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Ehnes:

I wish to thank you for your letter to me and also for signing the one I sent to you. I am very eager to see you sometime before the Spring Conferences in order that we may clear up many of the points which may not be clear in our minds. I hope opportunity will permit us to meet very soon.

A very important message must be delivered to you from Shamokin, Penna. When I was there Dr. G. S. Worner insisted that I tell you that you are quite capable of telling a story, and a big one at that. I am sorry that I am unable to express in English the emphatic words that he used. You promised to speak in his church a long time ago and to the present time you have not yet fulfilled your promise. He is very anxious that you speak in his church and he shall continue to be angry with you until you make a visit on him and speak to his congregation. So won't you please write him and appease him in any way that you see fit.

Dr. Worner is very cordial to our project and is in a position to help us in a handsome way. His church has paid, or will pay, to the Centenary above both his pledge and his apportionment. His apportionment is higher than his pledge. We hold an agreement with the Board of Foreign Missions, and I believe also with you, that we are allowed the sum from a church that is above its pledge. Dr. Worner is willing that we have his excess above his apportionment, but not above his pledge, fearing that the Centenary or the Board of Foreign Missions would think that his church has not met his apportionment which, as you know, is higher than his pledge. He thinks that if he should designate the excess over the pledge to us the report would have the appearance that his church is not up to the mark - the apportionment.

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Dr. Morris W. Eames

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If he will designate the excess above the pledge instead of the apportionment, we would get a larger amount than if he would give us the excess above the apportionment. However, he would be glad to give us the excess above the pledge if you will write to him saying that it makes no material difference on his report if he should help us on either basis. So won't you write to him soon and please tell him that he has now an opportunity to take part in the Bashford Memorial which he will never have again on the same basis?

Also will you not write stating that a gift from a church above the pledge, the apportionment and the excess of this year's payment over last year will not in any way affect the church so far as Centenary credit is concerned? Will you please give me this statement as soon as possible? I want to use this letter as an authority to satisfy Dr. Worner as to his uncertainty regarding our proposition, when I write him personally. There are so few churches that can help us that when we find them we must make everyone count.

I hope you all have had a very Merry Christmas and I am wishing that the New Year would hold much happiness for you and your family.

Very cordially yours,

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New York Area Office
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150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

TEL. CHELSEA 2130

Jan. 7, 1924.

To Methodist Pastors and Friends:-

Our Methodist Episcopal Church has large responsibility for the development of Peking University. This is the only Christian University in the capital of China. It is a union institution born out of a half century and more of Christian educational work.

The original Centenary Program contemplated an investment of \$523,000 during the years just past. The World Service Program includes an even larger amount for the development in the years just ahead. Thus far there has been provided thru Centenary and World Service efforts, far less than half of the original Centenary Askings.

Bishop Bashford was one of the leading prophetic spirits who founded this university as a union effort on the part of four great missionary societies. The Board of Foreign Missions at its annual session in 1922 approved the plan for erecting on the campus of Peking University a Memorial to Bishop Bashford as part of these Centenary and World Service Programs. Two hundred Thousand Dollars has been sought for this Memorial. A little over \$100,000 was secured during 1923. The Bashford Memorial Building is to be the central building of the academic group. The Trustees of the University with the approval of the Board of Foreign Missions are presenting this matter to pastors and to laymen in various parts of the United States.

The appeal for this Memorial should secure gifts of additional money from individuals and from churches, over and above what they formerly had pledged to the World Program of our Church. The appeal should in no way be used as an occasion for mere allocation to the University of money previously pledged for the general funds of the Church. Gifts for the Bashford Memorial should come so far as possible, from churches which already have paid their full apportionment. Financing of this University is one of the most timely undertakings of our foreign missionary program today.

Cordially yours,

Luther B. Wilson
Elmer A. Dent

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SEND ALL BENEVOLENCES TO MORRIS W. EHNES, TREAS., 740 RUSH ST., CHICAGO

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November 24, 1929

Bashford

January 22, 1924

Mr. Harold F. Strong, ✓
Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Strong:

It is so cold here that all night long I have been tossing, hoping, and wishing that the Battling Bus would freeze or somehow break down. This is my sincere wish, so that I might have a chance to declare a holiday. But as you know, I never have good luck. I still have my hopes.

It is quite a pleasure to report the finish of my work in Baltimore and Washington, where, I think, our work has been hardest to push over. Out of Baltimore came sixteen or eighteen signatures, and I am leaving here today with ten. It is with some certainty that these signatures will mean something for Peking University when time arrives.

I am always glad to receive opinions on my work or that of our department, whether the opinions favor us or whether they are in the form of criticism. It is by these opinions that I am guided in my work, so if you have any more of them send them by express.

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and herein is the reply to your question. Enclosed is the leaflet on which you will see a marked portion showing the old agreement which we had with the Board. Dr. Ward has given his statement that this agreement still holds. You are correct when you say that only a few churches are exceeding their pledges over the five years, but frequently I have met churches that have, or rather, that will exceed their five years' subscription to the Centenary. Of course such cases mean positive money, and we want to make sure that our understanding with the Board is clear. This means Peking University shall be on the safe side.

There is one contention which I shall hold continually until Dr. Stuart and you come to my rescue. I have tried to show both of you the necessary need of having another person working on the Bashford Memorial.

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tinually until Dr. Stuart and you come to my rescue. I have tried to show both of you the necessary need of having another person working on the Bashford Memorial . Thus far I have received no favorable action. This is not given in a form of criticism. When conference is over, you may be disappointed in the result of our work, and you may even weep, but I assure you that you will not be alone in either respect. I am still hoping that you will get another person for this department.

If it is as cold in New York as here, I would advise you to move the office to Florida where I am hoping to be some time in the near future. Now, remember, when all of a sudden you should get news that I am in Florida, don't be surprised or say that I did not tell you in advance.

I am wanting to be in New York, but I fear the work will detain me from there for at least two weeks more.

Most sincerely yours.

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*File in
Northeast Ohio Conf.*

March 5, 1924.

Mr. L. B. Moss, Asst. Treas.,
Peking University, North China,
150 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.

My dear Brother Moss:

We are enclosing our check #5770
for \$25,000. which is for the following Designated
Gifts received for "Bashford Memorial Building, Peking
University, North China":

Balance of gift from Northeast Ohio Conf. \$8,553. — X ✓
Part of gift from West Ohio Conf. Churches 16,447.
\$ 25,000.

*crossed to
transfer to East Ohio*

Very sincerely yours,

Charles Vesty

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April 1, 1924

Professor Arthur H. Hirsch
Ohio Wesleyan University
Delaware, Ohio

My dear Professor Hirsch:

It is with pleasure again that I hear from you. Although I have my M. A. now, appreciation of the efforts which you spent in my behalf is not even at this time any less than when I was working very hard at the thesis. I am sorry that you did not get the thesis sooner for I am sure you must have thought that I was quite negligent in attending to it.

My duties with Peking University may come to a close at any moment. The result of our work in the fall amounted to over \$97,000 in cash and about \$10,000 in subscriptions. We are hoping that our efforts of this spring might net us at the close of the various conferences the amount over \$120,000 in cash. Our entire campaign has reached the mark of about \$750,000. I think Peking University is pleased at the outcome of its campaign, in spite of the fact that it has been a very severe one. I am planning at the close of the campaign to return as quickly as possible to the other side of the Pacific. I want, of course, to finish my requirements with you in respect to my thesis, so as soon as the work on the thesis is completed, I shall be glad to settle with you. If a complete thesis is to be printed, will you not make a carbon copy for me, because if any revision is made in the work it will be better than the copy which I have in my possession.

I hope your school year has been pleasant even though I know it must have taken all your time to attend to your very numerous classes as well as other activities with which you are connected. We are hoping great things for Ohio Wesleyan, and as one of its alumnus, I hope that some day I can make my humble contribution to its progress.

Very sincerely yours

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

April 1, 1924

Mr. H.F. Strong
Peking University
156 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C.

My dear Mr. Strong:

Your favor of the 15th ultimo has remained too long unanswered. As perhaps you know, I have been away from the office quite a good bit of the time and have been very greatly preoccupied when I have been available.

The method pursued in the matter of the Bashford Mem., when confined to the original territory involved, was entirely free from embarrassment even though it tended to reduce the general income of our Board in the interest of securing special designation for the Memorial. When, however, a method which was entirely unauthorized and which in its very nature is destructive of the plan of our Centenary promotion, was adopted, it was necessary to deal with it promptly to save both the University and our Board. I am sure that no one will take exception to the zeal and enterprise of Mr. Wee. It would have been better if there had been a careful check-up of the method and the territory to be approached, with some of us who have had the responsibility in this matter. I think there was a definite misunderstanding in the case, of which, of course, I was not aware until the inquiry came from the field itself. I do not find that the form of agreement that was being used was actually submitted or adopted as a proper form by the Promotion Committee or anyone representing our Board. This, however, was an error of judgment and need have no further consideration.

It will be necessary to confer with the representatives of those churches which have made commitments in this matter but this will not be done until a further check-up has been made with Mr. Ernest Treasurer of the Committee on Conservation and Advance, who receives all funds -designated and undesignated. We shall carefully follow the matter up, with the purpose of doing the least possible injury to the University promotion plan and I assume that with no further activity in this direction, the incident may be considered as closed.

There is not the slightest question of the ardent purpose on the part of all interested in our general promotional work, to secure an adequate amount for the Bashford Mem. On the other hand we are keenly aware alive to the fact that if we undermine our general offering, the total support of our part of the University may easily be put in jeopardy. Hence, it is necessary for us to be interested not only in a special plan for funds for designated uses in the Univ. equipment, but as well in protecting the sources of supply for the general support.

I shall be glad to see you at any time but I am quite sure that this matter is now quite fully understood.

With best wishes, Yours cordially, Frank Mason North

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(From M. E. Bol - C. L. L.)

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

Gifts Now Held in New York - available to your call.

GIFT NO.	DATE	AMOUNT	PROJECT
80	Oct. 1923	\$500.	Equipment for <u>Bliss Wiant</u> , Peking Univ. <i>not rec'd</i>
78	" "	5.	Peking University Building Fund. <i>x to</i>
79	" "	3818.	Wiant Mem'l, Peking University. <i>Rec'd</i>
81	" "	20.	" " " " <i>not rec'd</i>
82	" "	20.	" " " " <i>not rec'd</i>
83	" "	63.	Building Fund, Peking "
84	" "	5.	<u>Bashford Memorial Building.</u>
85	" "	10.	" " "
86	" "	25.	" " "
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88	" "	3540.	" " " (Balance of gift)
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97	" "	14,159.	" " "
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26	Nov. 1923	25.	Bashford Memorial Building.
46	Dec. "	50.	Wiant Memorial Building. <i>not rec'd</i>
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49a	" "	25.	" " "

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

Gifts Available to your Call.

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37	: " "	: 1493.	: " " "
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50	: " "	: 144.	: " " "
42	: March	: 200x	: Equipment for Biologicals
47	: March 1924	: 500.	: Bashford Memorial Building. <i>Is this King Ave Col.</i>
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Methodist Board

Mr. Devesty
They we have the donors names
opposite the gift # - we and so
do not get any d.g. slip and so
Have nothing to report.
7/9/25

May 29, 1925.

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

Dear Dr. North:-

You will find enclosed our check #3226 for \$20,000.00. This covers designated gifts received for Bashford Memorial as per the following:-

Oct. 1923	- #97	- \$14,159.00	- Ohio Conf, Canal, Winchester, Ohio.
Jan. 1924	- #30	- 5,000.00	- Metropolitan Church, Detroit, Mich.
Feb. 1924	- #44	- 5.00	- First M.E. Church, St. Paul, Minn.
Feb. 1924	- #45	- 30.00	- Mrs. J.A. Lavake, Seattle, Wash.
Feb. 1924	- #49	- 556.00	- Pittsburgh Conf. Churches.
Feb. 1924	- #50	- 144.00	- Ohio Conference
Mar. 1924	- #49	- 50.00	- Mrs. Isabella H. West, Phila. Pa.
Mar. 1924	- #50	- 56.00	- Church, Mt. Pocono, Pa.
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Sincerely yours,

Charles De Vesty

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Board of Foreign Missions
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150 Fifth Avenue
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SECRETARY
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MAY 29, 1925

Mr. J. L. North
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. North:

You will find enclosed our check
for \$20,000.00. This covers balance
due received for sundry amounts as per
the following:-

Mar. 1924	50.00
Apr. 1924	50.00
May 1924	50.00
Jun. 1924	50.00
Jul. 1924	50.00
Aug. 1924	50.00
Sep. 1924	50.00
Oct. 1924	50.00
Nov. 1924	50.00
Dec. 1924	50.00
Jan. 1925	50.00
Feb. 1925	50.00
Mar. 1925	50.00
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May 1925	50.00
Total	2,000.00

Sincerely yours,

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Mary H. Porter,
Rose Hedge, La Mesa,
California.

PEKING

Nov 28, 1926

Dear Dr. Luce:

Your letter of the 2nd reached me on the 6th and was just in time for the next day we received our first proofs of some photos of the bust of Bishop Bashford which we think excellent and yesterday afternoon the finished copies of which I send you the three. My brother and I think the one on white background of the full face best, but the sculpor prefers the one on the darker. For a "cut" I still believe the lighter background would be more generally liked, although I can see some points as more strongly brought out by the other. As a beautiful work of art, this profile view is charming. I wish we might have the pleasure of knowing their other(?) also. The bust was asked for exhibition for the opening display of our great Balboa Park Museum of Art - a very finely appointed building on the Central Plaza - a gift from Mr. Bridges. It is now in a small gallery of an artist friend in San Deigo but is soon to come to the M. E. Church here. We put it there rather than in our own that the towns people may see it in compliment to that denomination hoping to win the interest of some of their people. I have given the pastor the life of the Bishop that he may introduce it intelligently, but am really hoping that we shall have Dr. Arthur H. Smith to do it. He was a warm friend and great admirer of his and travelled widely with him in close companionship.

I have had only a day or two(?)him in Claremont but hope to have him at Rose Hedge some time this month.

I will send under separate cover the photos of bust and one of my nephew. Use, or not, the latter, as you think best. With this shall go the copy of the card made for the Museum Exhibit. I also give a few data regarding J.L.P. to be used or not as you think best.

To come to matters in more personal. Please accept our thanks for the marriage announcement of your daughter sent us, no doubt at your suggestion, we shall (?) her life as we do those of your other children, with deep interest and large expectations for the sake of their father. You will be sorry to know that brother James had a fall on the street three weeks ago today, which gave him a shock which kept him under the doctors care and the ministrations of a trained nurse for a week. He is now about again, very comfortable but not yet restored to usual strength. We cannot be grateful enough that there were no fractured bones or strained ligament not even severe bruises and we may reasonably anticipate his being able to enjoy as before his great eventide. We regret with you and for you Mr. Lewis being unable to give himself to the work for the University for which he seemed so happily qualified both by his knowledge of China and his ability to win confidence and interest. May you not be overborne by the added demands. Take counsel of prudence - so easy to say, so hard to do, - and do not try to do more than your physical condition permits without peril. We trust you have many years of labor yet before you and should not sacrifice them for a larger immediate effort.

Brother James sends his warm regards hopes and good wishes for the fruition of your hopes and the establishment of the work of both your hands and your heart and I am always.

Most cordially and sympathetically

Your friend,

(Signed) MARY H. PORTER

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Baskford, Me.
Meth. Board

June 2, 1927

My dear Mr. DeVesty:

Dr. Eric North requests that we acknowledge with the sincere thanks of Feking University the receipt of the check for \$10,000.00 which the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions transferred to the University as balance (\$3,514.00) of the June 1924 gift from the Wyoming Conference and as part payment (\$6,486.00) of the June 1924 gift from the Philadelphia Conference.

X To ✓

Our receipt for \$10,000.00 #1748 is enclosed herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

Mr. Charles E. De Vesty
Methodist Board of Foreign Missions
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

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BANFORD MEMOR.
Meth. Board Foreign Missions

October 6, 1927

(\$1440 from Phila. Conf.
\$5000 - (\$2435 " New England South.
(\$1125 " Maine Conf.

Gift received 10-6-27
Receipt slip # 1800
Entered on control record
" " acct. card ✓
" " contr. list ✓
Serial No. on L. and cards 28,29,30
Pledge signal attached ✓
X-file cards ✓
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Checked for O. L. ✓
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This amount covers as follows:

#53 - Maine Conf. Churches	- \$	365.50
#54 - New Eng. "	-	6753.
#55 - Balt. Conf. "	-	2408.
#57 - Troy "	-	3046.
#58 - New York East Con.	-	4635.
#60 - New Jersey Conf. (part)	-	458.00

\$17,664.30

Gift received	11-9-27
Receipt slip #	1807
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	S36,37,38,39,40,41
Pledge signal attached	✓
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November 24, 1929

Bashford

Peking University

October 13, 1927

Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Attention Mr. DeVesty

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your check of October 6th for \$5,000., representing the contribution of the Philadelphia Conference, the New England Southern conference, and the Maine Conference, toward the completion of Bashford administration hall at Peking University.

Our formal receipt is attached herewith.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) B.A. Garside
Assistant Treasurer
Peking University

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CC: Campaign Office

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November 23, 1927

Received:

#60 New Jersey Conf.	-	\$3,956.20
#61 New York Conf.	-	1,078.00
#62 Central Pa. Conf.	-	1,891.00
#63 Newark Conf.	-	3,516.00

Total	\$	10,441.20
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"This is the balance of designated gifts for Bashford Memorial"

Chas. E. DeVesty

Gift received	11-23-27
Receipt slip #	1811
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	47, 48, 49, + 50
Pledge signal attached	✓
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PEKING UNIVERSITY

Bashford

December 1, 1927

Memo. to Miss McCoy and Miss Lane:

We would call your attention to the following action
taken by the Finance Committee on November 28th:

"The Assistant Secretary reported the receipt from the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church of an added amount of \$10, 441.20, designated as for the Bashford Memorial Building, and requested instructions as to the disposition of this money. It was

✓ F-2198 VOTED that all amounts received for the Bashford Memorial Administration Building above the sum of \$135,000.00 shall be placed on investment, the income from such investments to be used in providing for the maintenance of this building."

(signed) B.A.Garside

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

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