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PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA.

February 11th, 1921.

✓ My dear Mr. Luce:-

Just a line to ask you to send one of the University Booklets to Mr. Walter Pierson, Radnor, Penna. He is a well to do Presbyterian, who lived across from me last year when I was home and is in the Kid Leather business. I have just written him a bit about our plans here and asked him for a lot of books to help the chemistry department to get under the tanning plans. Hence I want him to have a booklet in his hands. He would be a good man to see if you have time in Philadelphia soon. His firm is Mitchell & Pierson and are out near Grays Ferry Bridge on the Schuylkill river.

I congratulate you on the booklet, it is fine. We are going on nicely here. I think everything promises very well indeed. We are looking forward to a visit from Mr. Murphy within a few days, when I suppose things will hum along the building line for a while. I am going to take this home, put it on another machine and add the names of some other people who might help, the University one way or another and who might be interested in the Booklet.

I am also writing to the Permutit Company, 440 Fourth Avenue asking them for an equipment to soften the water for the Tanning department. Will you try to follow up there for us. Send them a booklet and see them if possible. Thank you.

Some of the names I thought of whom you might see are
Mr. Robert Hamilton Rucker, with Jester & Co, New York,
Home address 27 West 67th Street, New York City. He was in China in
1912 and once before that time.

Dr. Travis Gibb, 42 West 75th Street, New York City.

~~Mr. Warner Van Norden~~, 7 West 57th Street, New York City.

Mr. A. I. Wood, West Philada. Titel & Trust Co, 40th & Lancaster Ave.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Mr. Frank A. Arter, 1922 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

~~Mr. Chas. E. Beary~~, 1018 Real Estate Trust Bldg., Philadelphia, Penna.

Mr. Richard Freeman, 6446 Drexel Road, Overbrook, Philadelphia.

Mr. John Gribbell, 1613 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna.

Mr. E. E. Hanscom, 66th Ave & 11th Streets, Philadelphia, Penna.

Mrs. Anna S. Keator, 218 W. Walnut Lane, Germantown, Philada., Penna.

Mr. Henry Pfeiffer, New York City, a Large Manufacturer of Patent Medicines.

Since I started this list it has come to me that if the matter was put
up to these men they might take over the upkeep of the laboratory.
The budget for the next year is upwards of three thousand gold dollars. If
the China Medical Board gives us what we have asked for it will be more
than this as we promised to duplicate the support that they give us.
Yesterday Dr. Stuart was asking about Mr. E. O. Wilson and his coming out.
If he comes there will be another three thousand dollars on the budget of
the Chemical department. With Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Tanning
all of which require special, classes I am sure we will not be able to go
thru on any less money.

The above list are all personal friends and I am a poor one to beg for
myself from friends but it has come to me since writing this which started
out to be a list to whom I would like the small booklet sent that if your
office would send the booklet and then follow up with a statement of what
the Chemical department needs and a strong appeal for them to give say a
thousand apiece for five years it might result in that part of the work
being provided for.

Dr. Edgar Faas Smith has been elected President of the American
Chemical Society and I am going to try again to get the Chemical Department
on the Society as its foreign work on the lines we tried last year.

Sincerely yours

John M. Giger

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April 1, 1921

Mr. John McGregor Gibb, Jr.,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

Dear Mr. Gibb:

You will remember that Arthur H. Thomas Company have made a shipment to the University to replace one that was lost in transit, giving us full credit for the first shipment. In adjusting the matter with the insurance company, however, it was necessary for them to sign an indemnity bond guaranteeing to produce the original insurance certificates for the lost shipment. They have written to this office hoping that the certificates might be found here, since you had written that you were unable to locate them in Peking.

If the certificates were ever sent to this office there is no record of it in the files; neither is there anything to indicate to whom they were sent. If, however, they were sent to Peking from this office, the only people to whom they might have been sent are Mr. Claysteen, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Krause, or Dr. Stuart (I name them in the order of probability). I suggest that you continue the search by making inquiries of these gentlemen.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

Secretary.

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Caskey
PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA.

April 25th, 1921. *5*

Mr. H. K. Caskey,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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My dear Mr. Caskey:-

Thomas H. Gibson
I am enclosing herewith the order for Chemicals and chemical supplies that the Department of Chemistry will need here at the opening of the Fall term. These things are included in the budget as sent home for the approval of the Board of Trustees. If we wait here for that approval to be sent out and then send these orders home it will be too late for the Fall Term, in fact it may be too late if they are delayed very long after they reach you.

Some time ago I wrote to Mr. Luce about the Department and sent him the names of several personal friends who might be interested in supporting the Chemical Department. I preferred that they be approached as my friends but not approached as if I had suggested that they be approached. I do not know whether they have been seen or not, nor whether they have responded at all.

We would very much like two more Analytical Balances for the department. We only have two, these were the gift of a friend of mine made to me in 1912, and they have had pretty hard usage and will hardly provide for more than a half dozen students in a class at any one time. Besides I am doing from time to time commercial analysis and would like a better balance to do some of the finer work on. Proceeds for this work go into laboratory funds. I have in mind something of the grade of a *100*

Staudinger # 3 Balance with three sets of weights up to 100 gms

I hope these things can come thru without delay as we are hoping to have the laboratory well equipped and working hard when the China Medical Board representatives visit Peking in the Fall.

A committee of the Board of Managers and of the Faculty Chinese and Foreigners met today to discuss Chinese Faculty and their Salaries and loyalty to the Institution. I am afraid we did not get very much further than the Salary question, here the Chinese Members present seemed to think that a Chinese Professor should have the same salary as one from a Foreign Land, not taking into consideration a difference in scale of living, and that one is in his native land and another away from his native land.

You will hear fully of this meeting from the official sources I have no doubt.

Very sincerely yours

Thomas H. Gibson

This order is made up from A. H. Thomas's catalogue, West Washington Square, Philadelphia, Penna. I hope the prices have gone down since these were published. It might be well to get bids from Eimer & Amend, New York as well, the Thomas has been good in packing and in replacing things that are not satisfactory.

April 20th, 1921
 Order for Chemical Apparatus & Chemicals for Pekin University Chemical
 Laboratory from A. H. Thomas Co., Philadelphia, Penna.

Quan.	Catalog No.	Description	Cost.
20	23548	Long stem filter funnels 2 1/4"	20.00
50	24663	Mohrs pinch cock clamps 2 1/4"	5.86
1	30352	Hydrometer Sp.Gr. Liquids lighter than Water 0.900 to 1.000	1.30
1	30356	do. do. Liquids heavier than water 1.200 to 1.400	1.50
4	47536	straight glass stop cocks 4 m.m.	7.00
10	22528	Burettes 50cc to 1/5	10.00
10	22536	Burette attachment	2.50
1	26770	Graduated cylinder 1000 cc	1.50
10 ft	46200	Thick walled black tubing 12 mm bore	6.00
10	49288	Weighing bottles 60 x 30 mm	5.00
200	25100	Corks xxx Quality " 2	.64
200	"	" " " " 5	1.04
400	"	" " " " 7	2.72
400	"	" " " " 10	6.04
200	"	" " " " 12	3.24
200	"	" " " " 14	4.84
100	"	" " " " 16	3.36
100	"	" " " " 20	4.40
100	25114	" " " " 1 7/8 inches	2.05
100	"	" " " " 2 inches	2.30
10	22344	Volumetric Flasks with stopper 100 cc	10.00
10	"	" " " " 500 cc	11.50
2	"	" " " " 1000 cc	6.00
60	49392	iron wire gauze square 4"	3.72
48	27628	round iron files 5"	6.92
48	27632	Triangular files 4"	5.60
100 pkts	27756	Filter paper 110 mm	21.60
3000 sheets	27776	" " 9 cm	49.50
50 ft	46220	white rubber tubing	7.12
5 x 10ft	46205	black rubber tubing thin wall 3/16 -3/64	4.66
1 lb	46180	rubber stoppers # 0 1 hole	
2 lbs	"	" " 5 2 hole	
1 lb	"	" " 8 2 hole	
1 lb	"	" " 6 2 hole	
1 lb	"	" " 4 2 hole	
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2 lb	"	" " 4 1 hole	

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Chemicals						
20	x	6 lbs.	C. P.	Hydrochloric Acid	10.00	10.80
10	x	7 lbs	C. P.	Nitric Acid	5.00	10.50
1	x	5 lb		Oxalic Acid	25	2.60
4	x	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb		Pyrogalllic acid		3.68
10	x	9 lb	C. P.	Sulphuric Acid	5.00	3.10
		1 lb.		Tartaric Acid	4	1.20
		1 lb.		Aluminium Chloride	14	1.04
2	x	1 lb		Aluminium Sulphate		56
		1 lb		Aluminium Oxide Technical		
1	carboy			Ammonium Hydroxide 20' coml	6.00	12.75
1	x	5 lbs		Ammonium Carbonate		1.20
2	x	1 lb		Ammonium Phosphate Dibasic	22	1.20
4	x	5 lbs		Ammonium Chloride 99%		5.40
2	x	1 lb	C. P.	" "	20	80
1	x	1 oz		" Molybdate	6	43
4	x	1 lb		" Nitrate	56	1.12
2	x	1 lb		" Oxalate pure	20	2.30
1	x	2 lb		Aniline Oil	10	1.10
1	x	1 lb		Antimony powdered	10	35
		1 lb		" Sulphate	14	1.35
2	x	1 lb		" Chloride coml		
		1 lb		Arsenic trioxide "		25
		1 lb		" pentoxide coml		
2	x	1 lb		Barium Peroxide anhyd.	18	1.30
1	gal			Benzene 90%	30	90
		$\frac{1}{4}$ lb		Bismuth Chloride	15	1.40
		$\frac{1}{4}$ lb		" Nitrate	15	1.12
4	x	$\frac{1}{2}$ lb		Bromine	80	2.00
2	x	1 lb		Boric Acid powdr. USP		50
		1 lb		Cadmium Sulphate coml.		
$\frac{1}{4}$ lb		2 lbs		Cadmium metal mossy		60
4	x	5 lbs		Calcium Chloride granulated	30	4.30
		1 lb		" Nitrate coml		
4	x	1 lb		Carbon tetrachloride	45	84
		1 lb		Chromite		50
2	x	1 lb		Chromium potassium sulphate	22	1.10
		1 lb		" Sulphate Coml		
		$\frac{1}{4}$ lb		Cobalt Chloride	8	61
		$\frac{1}{4}$ lb		" Nitrate coml		
		2 oz.		" Metal		
		2 lbs		Copper Turnings short	42	2.34
		1 lb		" Chloride coml	14	78
		1 lb		" Oxide coarse	12	1.35
		5 lbs		" Sulphate coml crys		80
3	books	Dutch leaf				48
3	x	1 lb		Dextrose	18	30
3	x	1 lb		Glycerine Neutral	42	93
1	x	5 lb		hydrogen peroxide USP		90
		$\frac{1}{4}$ lb		Iron Wire for Standardizing		
				Coarser than formerly please		45
		1 lb	C. P.	Ferrous Ammonium Sulphate	14	40
2	x	1 lb		Ferric Chloride	22	90
		1 lb		Ferric Oxide	6	10
		5 lbs		Ferrous Sulphate	22	65
		100 lbs		Iron Sulphide in sticks		10.50
		1 lb		Lactose		75
2	x	1 lb		test lead Ag free	12	40
3	x	1 lb		Dead acetate coml	42	87
2	x	1 lb		" Nitrate	24	64
2	x	1 lb		" Ammonium Acetate		
		1 lb	C. P.	" Acetate	12	46

Chemicals page 2,

2 lbs	Lead oxide, red lead	.21	.42
1 lb	" " yellow litharge	6	30
1 lb	Magnesite lump	12	25
1 oz.	Magnesium ribbon		4.65
1 lb	" Chloride	15	42
1 lb	" Nitrate	15	59
1 lb	" Sulphate	6	12
2 x 5 lbs	Manganese dioxide native granular		1.80
5 lbs	Mercury Technical	10	9.00
1 lb	" Bichloride		1.85
1 lb	Mercurous nitrate	25	4.60
1 lb	Nickel Nitrate	14	1.07
1 lb	" Sulphate	10	30
5 x 1 lb	Hydrofl ouric acid tech.		3.90

If this could be put up in containers that would stand a little higher temperature it would be better as the last sent was all lost thru the container melting in the summer heat.

1 lb	Phosphorus, red		1.75
2 x 1 lbs	" yellow sticks		3.00
1 lb	" pentachloride	25	1.80
1 lb	" trichloride	35	1.95
1 lb	Potassium bichromate tech	10	.60
1 lb	" bitartrate	15	1.44
4 x 1 lb	" Bromide		3.32
2 x 5 lbs	" chlorate cryst		5.20
2 x 1 lb	" chlorate neutral	23	2.10
2 x 1 lb	" cyanide tech	23	1.55
1 lb	" ferricyanide	14	3.00
1 lb	" ferrocyanide	14	1.33
1 lb	" iodide	9	4.01
1 lb	" perchlorate	14	3.50
4 lbs	" permanganate	40	5.00
1 lb	" sulphocyanate	14	3.30
2 lbs	Silica Powder coml	12	20
6 ozs	Silver nitrate	20	6.20
2 x 1 lb	Soda lime granular	28	84
2 x 1 lb	Potassium bisulphate	28	2.00
2 x 1 lb	C.P. Sodium Bicarbonate	23	64
2 x 1 lb	" Bichromate	12	50
1 lb	" Bisulphate	14	28
5 lb	" Bisulphite coml	18	1.25
3 x 1 lb	" Borate		60
5 lbs	" Carbonate		1.05
2 x 5 lbs	" Hydride in sticks if possible		10.00
3 x 1	" Nitrite	42	90
1 lb	" Oxalate coml powder	14	1.10
4 x 1 lb	" peroxide		1.20
1 lb	" Phosphate monobasic	14.77	91
2 x 1 lb	" Silicate coml	28	40
2 x 1 lb	" Sulphite	28	60
2 x 1 lb	" Sulphide	50	1.20
2 x 1 lb	" Sulphate	20	22
5 lbs	" thiosulphat	30	1.20
2 x 1 lb	" Phosphate dibasic	28	98
1 lb	Antimony Potassium tartrate	10	94
1 lb	Strontium Chloride	10	40
1 lb	" Sulphate	14	78
12 vials	Test paper Litmus neutral		75
24 "	" " " blue		1.50
24 "	" " " red		1.50

Chemicals page 3,

12 vials	Test paper Tumeric		.50
4 x 1 lb	Tin mossy metal	48	5.30
1 lb	Stannous Chloride	10	.70
20 lb	Zinc metal coml		4.40
3 x 1 lb	Zinc Metal for making hydrogen free from arsenic etc	27	2.73
1 lb	Zinc powder finer than 20 mesh if possible		.63
1 lb	Zinc Chloride	9	1.00
1 gal	Toluol	30	.28
2 x 1 oz	Methyl acetate	12	1.40
2 x 1 oz	Methyl Orange indicator		3.50
1 lb	Benzaldehyde	9	.35
1 lb	Benzoyl Chloride	15	1.75
1 lb	Dimethyl Aniline	9	1.80
1 gal	Methyl Alcohol	25	.75
1 lb	Phenyl hydrazine	14	2.75
1 lb	Dextrin white coml	5	.10
1 lb	Gum Arabic	5	.60
1 lb	Alpha Napthol	8	.66
1 lb	Beta "	8	.50
1 lb	Resorcin	3	.15
1 lb	Sodium Formate	2	1.00
1 lb	Formic Acid	15	.75
2 oz	Urea		.50
1 lb	Picric Acid add 20% water	3	1.25
1 lb	Chloral Hydrate		.60
2 ozs	Anthracene-		
1 lb	Nitrobenzene	8	.30
1 oz	Methyl iodide	5	.65
	Methyl Salicylate		
	Ethyl bromide		

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YENCHING COLLEGE
WOMEN'S COLLEGE OF PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

Address.-c/o Mrs.A.J.Phillips,Elmcroft,West Peabody,Mass.

July 30,1921.

My dear Mr.Gibb,

It is nice to think that you are near New York now. I am so eager to hear all the latest news from the University, but your schedule sounds rather hectic, for one man to accomplish. Is Mr. Murphy with you?

As you see, I did not get out to the Pacific Coast, since the Yenching Com. seemed to feel I ought to delay my sailing till Dec., at earliest. But I am planning to engage passage then. I was hoping to take my small daughter down to Mrs. Hall (who has engaged to look after her while I go to some meetings,)-- in Baltimore, in Sept., and your invitation to spend Aug. and Sept. in New York rather takes my breath away! Of course I stand ready to do all I can in helping about the plans for Yenching, but I do not quite understand why my presence should be necessary, or even helpful, during most of your calculations, for two reasons:

- 1) Unless the Bd. of Managers and the Yenching faculty have worked out very definite ideas as to location, construction, etc., I have no authority to decide anything. I have had no letters from Miss Miner for weeks. Our Finance Com. is the only body having any authority here. And if they have given you definite instructions, what can I add? I shall be glad to help, but I can't quite see where I come in, practically speaking. Or were you just inviting me as a matter of form?
- 2) Supposing for some reason I do not yet see, it is best that I come to New York could the time required be concentrated into two or three times, instead of my sitting around while you discuss the men's buildings? Or will you discuss them simultaneously, so to speak,-- the men's and women's buildings? My small daughter is a serious complication, as it is very inconvenient for my family for me to leave her on their hands, yet even if I took her to N.Y., where could she be while I was consulting with you? Being a father, you can see my dilemma. So that if I really need to go to N.Y., I would prefer to have you set certain days when my presence is essential.

Has the secretary of the Finance Com. of the Trustees notified the Yenching Finance Com. that their action is immediately required on the plans brought by you and Mr. Murphy? This would be rather necessary, I should think. Some of them, as well as I, should "sit" with you in your deliberations.

I am, of course, intensely interested in what you may have with you. Only I would like further instructions.

I hope you are not finding New York too hot, and that you will be able to have a few good times around the edges!

Hoping to hear from you very soon,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. M.S.) Alice Burrage Burrage

PEKING

August 25, 1921

Dr. Eric North,
15 Waldron Avenue,
Summit, N.J.

Dear Dr. North:-

Plans for the Dormitory, Dining Hall and School of Religion buildings were up before the Committee yesterday and were approved with certain changes as you will see from the note, of which I am sending you a copy herewith.

Mr. Black is taking up the matter of inquiring into the fitness of Mr. H.E. Hill to go out to Peking as architect. Mr. Black thinks that the matter can be worked out best through the personnel office in Chicago.

I have asked Miss Muller(?) to see whether she can find an efficient stenographer to go out with me. Your suggestion that Miss Hague and Miss Parkhurst would be there does not help in the difficulty such as the University buildings will be ten miles away from the temporary plant and secretarial help from a distance of ten miles would be no help at all. Besides stenography there will be a great deal of bookkeeping, accounting and record keeping to be done, all of which will be necessary in order that the demands of the architects and the differentiation between the work on the men's and on the women's buildings be properly kept.

Mr. McBrier signed the agreement with the architects yesterday and Mr. Murphy told me more than a week ago that they were willing and ready to sign. However, I learn that Bishop Wilson is in Europe and will not return until the first of October. Is there anyone else whom we can get to sign in his place? If we do not hurry this agreement the work will be done before the contract is signed. Would the signature of the Vice President of the Board be equally as valid as the President's?

The Sketch Plans of the Recitation Building will be ready for the C.E. of the Committee on Monday.

Dr. Eric North

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I think, perhaps, the meeting had better be called
for Monday at two o'clock.

Very truly yours,

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J. McGREGOR GIBB
THOMAS B. GIBB

GIBB, GIBB AND HEISLER
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW
808 CHESTNUT STREET

PHILADELPHIA Oct 3 1921

My dear Dr. Luce:

Taking up further the buildings which should be constructed next, I think if the Library comes first we might select the building on the east side of the south Court Yard. This would put it nearest to the Woman's College and a building placed there would give us a good composition with the Theological Building on the east side of the North Court Yard. Of course, this presupposes that the Science Building balances the Recitation Building on the south side of the center Court Yard. This would give us four buildings in the men's group and would make a very good composition.

I think your idea of a building from the City of Washington is an excellent one and have been wondering since Saturday whether it would not be possible to carry out that idea and get buildings from other cities here in the States. If we had these four buildings then a number of dormitories would probably be the most necessary in order to carry out our plan of moving in the summer of 1923.

Very sincerely yours,

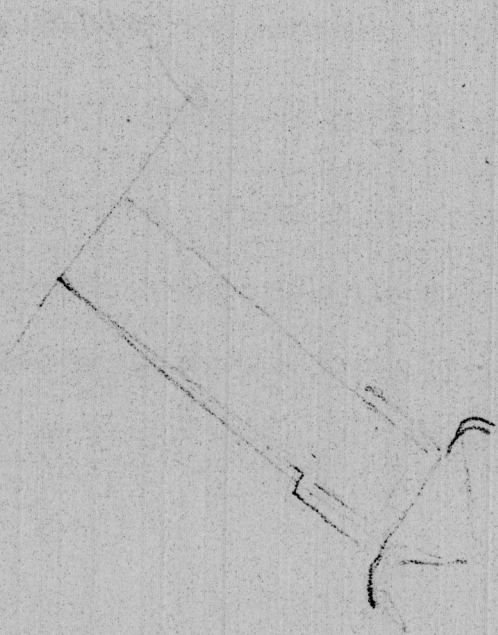
John M. McGregor Gibb

Dr. H. W. Luce,
Room 427
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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October
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Professor John McGregor Gibb,
* Hotel Washington Annex,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Professor Gibb:

Permit me to convey to you the following actions
of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Peking
University, held Sept. 29, 1921.

"Voted: That the Trustees instruct the managers
that all changes in essentials and the general
lay-out in the plans of any building should be
referred to the Trustees with recommendations
for approval."

It is the judgment of the Trustees that in order
to preserve the complete harmony of the total lay-out and
of the plan for any building, it is highly desirable that
the plans drawn by Murphy, McGill and Hamlin be adhered to
faithfully and that no alteration be made in these plans in
the process of construction without the authorization of the
Trustees upon the recommendation of the field. We shall be
ready, of course, at any time to give attention to such
recommendations very promptly and sympathetically.

The following actions refer to the budget of the
Bureau of Construction and to the estimated schedule of con-
struction prepared by you and submitted to the Executive
Committee.

"Voted: That the Executive and Finance Committees
express their approval of the program of construc-
tion outlined by Prof. Gibb and appended to these
Minutes and state its readiness to go forward
within the limitations named below."

"Voted: That the Executive Committee authorize the Managers of the Finance Committee to undertake the commitment recommended for architectural and construction bureau expenses July 1, 1928; and that the Finance Committee be authorized to approve and pay for construction equipment as budgeted to the amount of not more than \$8,500 Gold."

"Voted: That the Managers and the Finance Committee be instructed to make no commitments to contractors for supplies or construction until they shall receive authorization from the Trustees or the Executive Committee and then only within the figure named by such action, notice of action to be transmitted to the field if possible by December 15, 1921."

The purport of these resolutions will undoubtedly be clear to you as you were present during the entire discussion.

It gives me great pleasure to forward to you also the following action:

"Voted that the Trustees of Peking University, through their Executive Committee, express their appreciation of the contribution which Jean McGregor Gibb of the University Faculty has made to the building program of the University during his three months in America; that due record of their appreciation be placed in the Minutes and that this action be transmitted to the Field Board of Managers at Peking."

Very cordially yours,

Secretary

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

PEKING, CHINA.

October 10, 1921

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

Dr. Eric North
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. North:

I have been wondering about Mr. Hill's transportation. Miss Werner told me the last day I was in New York that the boat we thought of for his transportation was reported all filled up. Will you please keep Mr. Hill in mind and get Miss Werner to get the best and earliest reservation she can for him.

I have written a long letter to Mr. Hill suggesting various institutions he might visit on his way to Shanghai to Peking, and am planning to write to people I know in those cities to entertain him and show him around.

This letter is being dictated when we are behind a burning bridge on the prairies. We may be here for several hours.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Gignea Jr.

JMG/ELM

P.S. Will you please ask the Finance Committee to give us information concerning the size and expense of faculty residences?

*arrived Seattle 10 hrs. later
all well and going strong.*

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PEKING, CHINA.

Vancouver, B.C.
October 13th, 1921

My dear Dr. North;

Your wire about the Main Building found me here yesterday and I answered immediately by night letter to the following effect. - That eighty five thousand dollars would build a building about two hundred by sixty five feet, a building that would have a straight ridge and roof ~~with a broken~~ and be two stories high, while my figure of ninety nine thousand contemplated a larger building three stories with a broken roof and ridge, I added that I thought the University should have a larger and more pretentious building on that particular place in the group than a two storey building that would be little different from the recitation and science building that would be on either side of that court.

Before receiving your wire I had already dictated a letter to Miss Mason that I thought would be written this morning as soon as we got aboard where this Corona was in my trunk. Unfortunately Miss Mason is not well and in the doctors care. It is only indigestion, but not a pleasant thing to start a sea voyage with, I hope that having seen a doctor this early she will be alright tomorrow. Among the things I had in the letter I remember the following.

I Seattle I got a Ford Company to quote me prices C. I. F. Tientsin for a Sedan with speedometer and dash light, this they did at \$ 1056, and for a Truck Chassis without demountable rims or self starter at \$ 571, or with demountables and starter at 750. I pass these prices on to you and ask that you get me prices in New York for the same thing and if they beat the Seattle prices let me know by how much. I have gone into the question of truck body and it seems that I will be able to make one out there cheaper than they can send us one out. I also have a letter of introduction to the manager, in Shanghai, of the firm that imports the Fords into the far East and this tells him to give me the best possible prices possible so that I will look them up there and see what can be done.

I called on Mr. Pratt in Seattle but he is just recovering from a serious illness and was in no condition to talk benevolences, so I listened to him while he talked and then gave his name to Dr. E. Lincoln Smith. My other friend Mr. McEwan was out of town so I could not see him. Dr. Smith is an old friend of Mr. Mc, so can do more with him than I would have been able to.

Dr. Smith tells me that he wants Seattle to give the college Library and he picked on the Main building as the site of the library. I suggested that the building which would balance the School of Religion on the South Court should be the next building put up and that it would accommodate the library for many years to come. It would be near the women's school and also give a harmonious look to the whole building scheme. That is supposing we get the first science building as well. But Dr. Smith kept referring back to the main building as the one he was interested in, and far be it from me to refuse a hundred thousand dollars for that building

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if he will raise it, for we will be able to use the extra space for temporary purposes.

I gave Dr. Smith all the other names that I could think of who might be helpful in a Seattle campaign.

I am told that Mr. Brockman is going over in this boat with us and shall look him up when we are once at sea.

I met B. Lenox Simpson "Putnam Weal" in the Vancouver Hotel and he was quite enthusiastic about the University and its removal outside, saying that education such as we are giving is what the Country needs. It has occurred to me, that as he is to be in Washington for the Disarmament Conference, and as he is fond of publicity for himself, the University might use him either for speeches or for some writing to an advantage. I pass this along for what it is worth.

Yours for the University

John McFerguson Gibbs

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November 7, 1921

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

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My dear North:

We have been in Peking now four days and are just about settling down to work. Your letter of October 8th containing the contracts for both Mr. Hill and Miss Mason have come to hand, and I will turn the extra copies over to the managers and ask them to file them away. ✓

I am sending with this your key to the Peking University office at 156 Fifth Avenue. I am sorry I forgot to leave it with you in New York. ✓

Would you mind turning this picture of Mrs. Gibb over to the proper authorities in the Board Room. Having left Peking in such a hurry I did not bring one of her with me, and so borrowed this one. I thank them very much for it and will try at a very early date to fulfil their request of more recent pictures of both Mrs. Gibb and myself. ✓

The University seems to be going on here in fine shape. I believe in both Men's and Women's College there are somewhat over three hundred students, though I have not the exact figure. We expect to have a meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee this afternoon to whom I am going to report and outline the work of the next few months, also asking them for instructions as to where we are to find office space for the Construction Department until such a time as we get out near the new site. ✓

Messrs. Lund and Gernow have been doing a considerable amount of work for the University all through the summer and are expecting estimates from various European countries for heating and lighting equipment during the next few weeks. They have been taken on as municipal engineers for the city of Antung which is a very important border city between Korea and Manchuria. They have already sent home for another engineer who will help them either on University work or on their work in Antung. ✓

Dr. Stuart is in the neighborhood of Shanghai, and I have not seen him or had much time with any members of the faculty, but expect to get in close touch with everybody during this week. ✓

Very sincerely yours,

J. M. Gibb

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

My dear North:

We had a meeting of the Grounds and Buildings committee yesterday at which certain things were developed in which I thought you would be interested. First of all it appears that your letter of last spring asking the committee here to cut their budget below the \$76,000 mentioned in your first letter never arrived. Sometime after I left Chicago they sent you a clean copy of the budget like the one which I had with me when I got to New York. This apparently was lost in the mail, as I remember you had not had any such copy when I was with you. (Miss Miner tells me that she knows definitely of three or four letters that were lost in the summer time.)

The faculty and managers here have been working along on the supposition that, having cut the budget to \$76,000, they were authorized to spend the money up to that amount. At the committee meeting yesterday afternoon Dr. Galt who was acting chairman during my absence reported for the work of the summer. They had taken all funds available for repairs and alterations on buildings, and had also accepted a loan from Dean Porter, and with it had actually gotten together a fund of over \$7,000. They have spent all of this, putting up ten more dormitory rooms, repairing some old buildings, and buying furniture, making repairs in various faculty residences, and making over some buildings for additional class rooms until they were able to accommodate about twice the number of students which they had last year. It seems a prodigious amount of work to do with so little money.

The Leather Department is working, and from what I hear is having a very beneficial effect on the University. The Business Training Department has only nine or ten students, and the faculty are not so enthusiastic about it. I have not heard very much about the Animal Husbandry Department.

*Letter to
Miss Miner
12/8/21*

You will probably have heard before this that there seems to be some misunderstanding about Miss Parkhurst. Apparently Miss Parkhurst has come as a complete surprise to Miss Miner, and up to date the latter has not seen fit to make use of her services. I heard yesterday that Miss Parkhurst is hunting for a job with local business firms. I just talked with Miss Miner over the phone, and she says that Miss Parkhurst is going to the Language School for a few days until she gets time to use her. It seems the question of salary has been worrying Miss Miner, as they have nothing in their local budget with which to take care of Miss Parkhurst. I have told Miss Miner that my recollection of the Chicago meeting was that the committee there was providing for Miss Parkhurst. Miss Miner says

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she did try to get Miss Parkhurst a place
with the Associated Treasurers in ~~Peking~~, *Shanghai*
but has given up that and is apparently
becoming reconciled to the services of a
secretary.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. G. G. G. G.

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P. S. Of course all of these paragraphs
are unofficial--simply my reactions coming
back here so newly from the home base, and
I pass them on in this personal way, so
that you may have as much of the atmosphere
as possible.

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November 10, 1921

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

My dear North:

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In our letter of a few days ago one point was overlooked. We are about to order the concrete machinery from the largest concrete machinery manufacturing company in Denmark, Messrs. Pedershaab Cementindustri, Ltd., Broenderslev, Denmark. Telegraphic address--Cementindustri, Broenderslev, Denmark. We will tell them that they can draw on you on five days' sight draft at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, against shipping documents through the Irving National Bank which I remember as the bank of the University in New York.

*EMN
write Miss
Miner 12/10/21*

I am going to meet with the faculty of the Woman's College this afternoon to go over their plans with them. Miss Miner seemed a little bit perturbed because certain small plots of ground at the extreme South of the site, on which plots the last Woman's College dormitories will be built, if and when the Woman's College grows to one thousand students, still remain unpurchased. She seemed to think, though this was perhaps hasty judgment, that the thousand odd dollars paid into the grounds fund at the October meeting in Chicago should have been used to square out that part of the plot and also insure the women having their part entirely square.

I explained to her that the thousand odd dollars simply represented the balance of their third of all the funds already invested in land, and that if other funds were authorized for land purchase, they would be called upon for their portion of that. I might have added, though I didn't, that all land purchases had been made with the squaring out of the plot as an end in view regardless as to whether the land bought happened to fall into any particular section of the plot.

You remember perhaps that on the opposite side of the lot to the West of the main purchase there is a beautiful glazed tile spirit wall. This stood in front of an old temple which has many connections with the history of Peking. Before I came to America I made inquiry as to the possibilities of the University securing title to this with the understanding that it would be preserved as a historic relic and not destroyed. At that time I learned it had been farmed out to two or three parties who intended to destroy it piece-meal, as they did not dare to rear it down all at once, and sell it for what it would bring. This destruction to date has not gone very far. The middle-men were in to see me a day or two ago and thought they could get it for \$2,000 local currency

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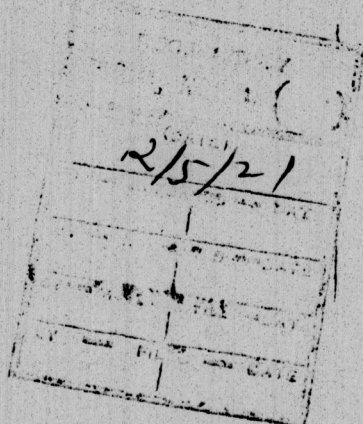
if the University would not destroy it. This includes the ground between the road and the river, directly opposite the middle of the University plot.

This brings up the whole question of further land purchases. I am reminded that the site along the Hai Tien Road immediately South of our piece, part of which is necessary to make our piece square with the road, is still unpurchased, besides the two or three islands, one of which Dr. Galt wrote about. It is quite possible that any one, or all of these sites, may come on the market at a low figure between now and the Chinese New Year time, the latter part of January. If we could have authorization to purchase either at a top figure per Chinese acre, or to go as far as we could in a certain outside figure in American dollars, I think the authorities here would feel more happy.

Yours very sincerely,

John McFerguson

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November 15, 1921

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Miner Peking

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

My dear North:

We are beginning here to take off quantities from the various plans and will be able I hope by the end of this month to have some very definite figures as to what it is going to cost to put up the four buildings for which we have plans, also definite figures as to costs of gas and electric plant and other stages of the work on the new site. As soon as we have these figures in hand I will send you a cable which will consist of several code words.

The first half of each word will be the abbreviated name of the building such as "power" for the power and lighting plant, "recit" for the recitation building, "relig" for the school of religions building, "dormi" for dormitory, and "commo" for the commons building. The last half of each word will be the gold cost of the building as near as we can figure it at the rate of exchange of the day. This cost will be in the nearest round number. I hope by the time this cablegram comes to you the Trustees will be in a position to know how much building they will be able to undertake during the early part of 1922.

It has come to me several times that there may perhaps be another way of going at this building program. Suppose for instance the Trustees see only \$80,000 to \$100,000 immediately in sight for buildings, might it not be well to consider authorizing us here to contract for materials up to approximately the amount of money which is in hand for disbursement, these materials to be in the proportions needed to carry on any building enterprise. I think the greatest saving in costs will be in the purchase of materials before or about Chinese New Year time. Then if the campaign for money progresses, along in March we can let contracts for the erection of certain buildings, and we will have the materials at very bottom prices, and our buildings will not cost any more, or little more, than they would have cost if we could be letting contracts during December.

On the other hand, if there are any more funds available, the materials purchased will not be of a kind which will spoil, and with a little watchman's expenses can be kept as long as is necessary.

Up to date Miss Miner has had no minutes of the October meeting of her committee. As I remember it two buildings, the Sage Memorial Building for preparatory college class rooms, and the administration building, were authorized for construction next year, and we were authorized to draw money on the O. K. of Miss Miner.

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Here again the purchase of materials becomes important, and I wonder whether we cannot have cable instructions, or cable permission to go ahead according to our likes at this end.

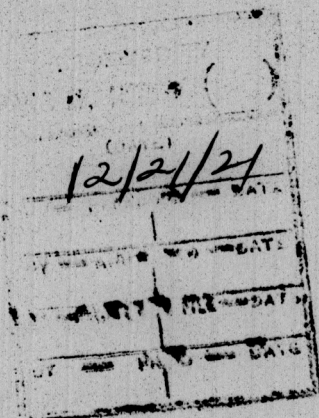
If it seems likely that the woman's committee will be able to authorize more than these two buildings, it probably would be best to buy more materials than would be needed for these two buildings and leave the placing of actual contracts until February just before construction can begin.

Dr. Stuart was reported due back in town last night for two or three days, and I hope to have some time with him today.

Yours very sincerely,

Wm Mc Gray Jr

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November
Seventeenth
Nineteen Twenty-one

Professor John McGregor Gibb,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

My dear Gibb:-

The following are actions of committees which explain themselves, but of which you should be apprised:

W 1154 VOTED: That with the approval of the general plans, the following suggestions be presented to the field Committee on Building for consideration:

- (1) That the attention of the Committee be called to the small size of the rooms of the dormitories as planned at present, with the reminder that the minimum measurement for smaller double rooms in American educational institutions as accepted are 10 x 12 and that in the plans for the future dormitories this fact be kept in mind.
- (2) That the advisability of adding a common room be suggested, such a room to be used for social and religious purposes by each dormitory group, and be added to each dormitory or possibly built in the dining hall and kitchen section.
- (3) That in view of the advisability of securing some general grouping and appearance of ensemble, the first dormitory unit be placed nearer the University quadrangle than when the plans were presented.

W 1180 VOTED: That the faculty be requested to present to the Trustees their judgment as to the type and cost of residences which should be erected and that, if there is a difference of opinion among the faculty or in the Board of Managers the President be requested to furnish a statement covering the issues involved on each side of the case for the consideration of the Trustees."

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Seventeenth
Nineteen Twenty-one

Professor John McGregor Gibb,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

The following are action

I am also enclosing a copy of actions taken by the Yenching College Committee which you should have in your hands. My impression of the actions is that the Administration Building was left out of the resolution concerning the architects and that the authorization for drawing was 20% and not 10%, but on the latter Dean Minor will have final word and on the former nothing need be done until the plans of the other two buildings are ready.

I have been in consultation with Murphy over these plans and think them to have been pretty successful, although considerable readjustment may be necessary, as the work goes on.

Cordially yours,

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November 22, 1921

Dr. Eric W. North
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear North:

We have today ordered by telegram from the Cement Industry concern in Denmark concrete machinery which will cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000, including freight to Shanghai, China. This cost will, of course, vary somewhat with the rate of exchange, but so far as we can get information now should not exceed that amount.

But see Dr. S.
You have in my letter of November 10th the first suggestion of this ordering. Will you please open a credit for them in a New York branch of a Danish bank and ask that bank to notify them by wire that they may draw from the branch in Denmark against shipping documents for the cost of the goods as ordered from Peking here. This will enable them to get their money when the goods are shipped. They have given us a very low price because we have assured them they will be able to get their money in this way. If possible, make it clear that the shipping documents need not be sent to New York but can come directly to Peking. I do not think it will be necessary for you to deposit the money in New York in this Danish bank. It is not unlikely that the Trading National Bank will be able to make these arrangements for you.

We have been working for the last three or four days in some temporary offices which we have opened in some of the Chinese buildings belonging to the University on the city site. We think we have enough room here for Mr. Hill and any Chinese draftsmen we may need. We are at present translating the specifications and at the same time taking off quantities of the various kinds of material which will be needed.

I hope that before this letter reaches you you will have had telegrams telling the prices that some of the buildings will cost. Up to date we have had no letter from New York since our arrival back, but hope to hear from you by the next mail. Miss Mason had a letter from Boston yesterday dated November 3rd.

Dr. Stuart made a short visit to Peking about a week ago and I think at that time was able to put the Leather Department on a satisfactory financial basis, but he will doubtless have written you about this.

Very sincerely yours,

W. McJannet

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December 2, 1921

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

Dear Dr. North:

Careful study of the plans reveals the fact that many details which we should have are not there. This is particularly true in the matter of the eaves of the various buildings. I suppose Murphy, McGill & Hamlin expect to provide these, and hope that you will ask Mr. Black or someone to look over the sheets which they are preparing and see whether they think there are details enough to enable us to do the work out here.

I have asked Messrs. Lund & Gernow to officially begin work for the University from the 1st of December. With Dr. Stuart in Shanghai and Mr. Corbett making preparations for leaving, I don't know to whom to turn to get a meeting of the Board of Managers or the Executors to make this official, but have no doubt that it can be made official as soon as a meeting is held.

After Mr. Gernow had made a superficial examination of the plans and studied in some more detail the quantities which we have been taking off in this office, he was of the opinion that the engineers in New York had specified a great deal more concrete and reinforcing iron than a contractor who was building to save money would put into a building and still have the building perfectly safe. This, of course, is only a first judgement from a very superficial examination. Mr. Gernow is beginning today a careful study of one of the buildings, and we will be able to let you have his mature judgement on the subject later.

He does not think any criticism should be made of the work of Murphy, McGill & Hamlin, as they must keep far on the safe side when laying out work to be done so far away from their home base. Still he seems quite sure that a great reduction in materials can be effected. I have asked him to make out some specific instances for easy comparison between what is specified and what can be done, and will send them on to you, and you can refer them to some independent party for their judgement in the matter. ✓

In the meantime, I expect to have Chinese contractors estimate on the buildings beginning next week and will very shortly send you figures from them and from our own estimates.

We still have no word of Mr. Hill's movements, but are eagerly looking forward to his arrival and will have plenty of work for him when he comes. They are urging me again to become Assistant Treasurer, even for the next three or four months, and I am reluctantly taking it over.

Very sincerely yours,

John M. Gign

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December 5, 1921

J. M. Peking

My dear Dr. North:

After writing to you on Saturday last I had a telegram that Mr. Hill was arriving that evening, and about eleven o'clock that night I met him at the station. He had seen Dr. Stuart in Shanghai and on his way up had visited Nanking University and Shantung Christian University, and has arrived here quite enthusiastic about the work.

In Shanghai someone told him about a two volume set of photographs of the Imperial City here in Peking, and after looking them over he thought they would help him in his work and purchased them. These are the same illustrations which Murphy, McGill & Hamlin use in their office and which they accept as authorities on Chinese architecture. Then Mr. Hill also found a very large volume published by the Imperial University of Tokyo of colored illustrations of the design and ornamentation of Chinese buildings which he also purchased. I hate to think of how much good money they cost, but am glad the University will have the use of them.

For the present he is living with Dr. Candlin of the Theological faculty, and I think he is well satisfied. Yesterday we ordered a drawing table for him and are arranging that he shall begin the design of some faculty residences, dormitories for the Woman's College and perhaps a small scale drawing of the chapel which we can submit to the donors and the trustees and see whether they do not think it is possible for us to design that building out here, so saving expense and probably getting nearer to the Chinese than can be done away from Peking. Incidentally it may keep Mr. Hill more contented if he has some big subject on hand to work with at the same time he is doing the smaller jobs which will keep coming up.

After a number of cablegrams back and forth between here and Europe we have found it impossible to get the concrete machinery on the way without first establishing a credit in a Danish bank, which will allow the manufacturers to draw the money as soon as the things are shipped and the documents are issued. After talking it over with Mr. Krause we have decided to arrange that credit from here to Denmark and draw on New York for the money. He is proceeding to do that, so you will probably have a telegram from him that he is drawing in the neighborhood of \$6,000 for the Construction Bureau.

The deeper we study into costs the more I am convinced that with a larger outlay for plant the more we will be able to save in the general purchase of materials for the building. Oregon pine flooring costs here in Tienstin \$95, or nearly \$70 gold per thousand square foot. If we have a lumber kiln which can be built with some radiators and a steam boiler and a saw for ripping up lumber and a machine for tongue and grooving it, we can make oak flooring which would cost a great deal less than \$70. Of course, that means some

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sort of a temporary building for housing the saw, etc. and some sort of an engine to provide the power to drive it must be supplied. I am longing more and more for a sum of money not designated for any building, but which can be put into equipment of this sort and which in the long run will make all our buildings less expensive.

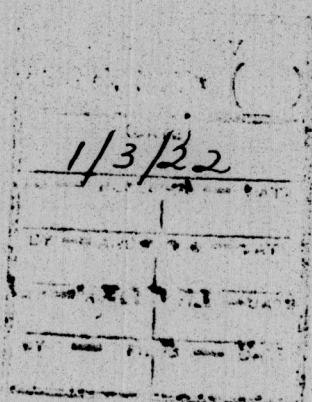
Wise Will you please have two exteriors and the interior of the main floor of the Recitation Building and of the second floor of the Dining Hall photographed for us? I mean the small scale drawings which are in the University office and are about post card size. Please send us the negatives so that we can make cuts out here and use them for publicity purposes. We have had the general layout photographed and are again getting a local paper to run a page article about the University, using that with some other photographs as copy. ✓

Professor Corbett was just in to say good-bye. He starts to-morrow for the University of Chicago on a nine months scholarship from the Union Medical College. He has always been one of the standbys and we certainly will miss him here. ✓

Very sincerely yours,

G/M

Wm. Grigor Gibbs



燕京大學

PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

December 19, 1921

James P. ...

My dear Dr. North:

I am surprised to note that we have not written to you since December 5th. I promise you that you have been on our minds very often during that time. Almost every day I have hoped to get a telegram from the New York office telling us what buildings we can go forward on next year, but as yet no telegrams have come.

One or two contractors have promised to give us definite bids on the erection of the buildings during this week, and when I have coordinated their bids I will be able to send you the telegram which I thought I would have sent off a long time ago.

The translation of the specifications has taken very much longer than I thought it would, because it is longer than I expected, and also because the translation has been most difficult.

Since writing you we have made a trip to the site and find many of our smaller buildings rented out, so that the income from the site at present writing pays the wages of the two watchmen who are on duty there. I had an interview with the people who own the Ting gardens and they are going to ~~go~~ to us in a few days with a proposition regarding the sale of their property to the University. I think we will be able to get the property at our own figure, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$3,500.

I wonder whether you have a photograph of the Devil Wall which stands opposite the site. On the blue-print there is a place marked "ruined temple" and alongside of that "wall". I am negotiating to get a lien on this piece of property for a few hundred dollars local currency, if possible. This is a very famous temple in Chinese history, and the Devil Wall and two gateways which are standing at present are beautiful pieces of Chinese art.

The people who have certain rights in the property at present took those rights hoping to tear down the wall and sell it piece meal, but they have not dared to go very far in the destruction. I am anxious to preserve it because it is a work of art and can be made part of our natural environment. I am going to write to Frederick McCormick who has for years interested himself in China's monuments, in fact organized a society which he called the China Monument Society. I would like to get him to find the money with which we can buy this place and restore it. In the meantime, I am giving \$100 of guarantee money which, if we are unable to go through with the project, we will have to forfeit.

I am anxious to have this property for the second reason that it controls the water supply for the lakes in our site, and if we have it there can be no possible question as to how much water we can use and when we use it. If we do not have it, we may be in the position of having to ask permission to use water when we want it.

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Mr. Bailey has asked permission to plant tree seeds on our place, and hopes when he has a large number of seedlings ready that the Government will give him the use of some of the hill country near at hand, and allow him to begin a reforestation project. I have told him so far as I could see that plot which contains the two wells, stone monuments and ruined temple will not be needed by the University for buildings for the next two years. The Executive Committee of the University approves of his using it for that time.

We expect to have some sketch drawings of a proposed residence or residences ready to send home this week. This is what Dr. Luce thought should be the first move on Mr. Hill's part, in order to assist publicity at home.

In translating the specifications I find a great many places where it says a certain thing shall or shall not be done with the architect's approval. I take it that these specifications were copied from some old ones in the office of Murphy, McGill and Hamlin, where the architects had supervision of the building, and I have in each case in the translation made it read "with the Construction Bureau's approval I believe this is in accord with the Trustees' desires in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

John M. G. G. G. G. G.

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December 23, 1921

Professor John McGregor Gibb,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

My dear Gibb:

This letter is to confirm the cablegram sent you on December 17, in accordance with your understanding with the Finance Committee before you left. The cablegram should be translated as follows:

J.M.GIBB. BOARD CANNOT AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE FOR COLLEGE BUILDINGS, LAND, AT PRESENT. HOPE TO BE ABLE TO SOON. HOW MUCH IS THERE TO PAY, AT WHAT TIME, BUILDING MACHINERY? AT WHAT RATE CAN YOU GET A MORTGAGE OLD SITE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS GOLD? TELEGRAPH TERMS. PLANS HAVE BEEN SENT GIRLS COLLEGE DECEMBER 8. BUILDING OPERATIONS MAY PROCEED.

E. L. North

Let me take this up item by item.

First of all, it has been deemed by the Finance Committee inadvisable to authorize building until we actually see funds in hand to carry building to completion. This is especially important since we have so many building operations to carry on. There are, however, a number of irons in the fire which we hope to forge very soon but until they are ready we do not think it wise to commit ourselves. A very successful luncheon in the interests of the Theological School was held on last Friday and Mr. Luce is now engaged in following up the men who were there. We anticipate something definite and moderately sizable as a result of it but just what it will be is too

early to state. McBrier and Mr. Caskey have been in touch with the situation in Detroit and things are moving along comfortably there but again without finality. Dr. Luce goes to California the first of January to follow up some of the work which Wheeler has initiated and to get in touch with one giver who is very nearly committed to the library proposition. It may be that before you get this I may cable you to go ahead on some one of the buildings and then, again, I may not. In any case, this letter will explain the delay.

We are at present carrying \$21,500 of notes at the bank, partly on account of architectural expenses and partly on account of current expenses deficit. These we must meet month by month during the next six months. This makes it all the more important that we should know what we will have to expend to meet the draft which you have indicated may be sent on by the Danish Firm for your cement making machinery. Will you please see that we know just exactly when and how much we shall have to pay, in order that we may be prepared to finance it when the time comes. You recognize, of course, the importance of keeping drafts upon our banking situation here as small as possible.

In view of the difficulty of getting money immediately in hand for building operations and for carrying some of these accounts, Dr. F. M. North made the suggestion of the possibility of a mortgage upon the old site to carry us for a while, indicating that it might be possible for the Methodist Board to buy subject to mortgage. You are not, as you understand from the cable, authorized to secure the mortgage but merely to make the investigation and report to us. By the time you get this, this may have been completed. We do not know whether the fact that in a good many cases titles to the property have not been actually passed to the Trustees will make it difficult, technically, to secure the mortgage. I trust not.

One of our difficulties is due to the fact that the income of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions dropped approximately \$750,000 this year and they have been able to keep the Recurring Items Budget as it is only by cutting the Non-recurring Items Budget, in which the payment for the site appears. It is not at all unlikely that they will be able to make us a considerable payment this year but it is not practicable for them to handle it within these two months. A little later, payment may mean a larger payment which, of course, we would very much desire.

The plans for the two Woman's College buildings were shipped to you on steamer leaving December 8. I think the boat was the "Asia". There is nothing to prevent your going

ahead with the purchase of materials and preparations for construction and contracts on these two buildings. Miss Miner may feel hesitant about going ahead with building operations for the University not yet under way but she may be assured that we anticipate speedily to follow. I notice that the Minutes of the meeting of the Woman's College Committee do not indicate a permission to draw more than ten per cent January 1, but I am sure you can fix that up by letter with Mrs. Lee without difficulty and I shall bring the matter up again at the meeting of the Woman's College Committee on January 17 and endeavor to have it straightened out so that you can draw twenty per cent of the cost of the buildings very promptly.

Will you kindly note that as you proceed with these buildings, *their proportionate* charges against the building staff should be carried in Peking and charged against the drafts of the Woman's College Committee. In other words, Mr. Krause should not draw upon us for any charges of the Building Bureau Staff which are properly chargeable against the construction of these two buildings for the Woman's College. I do not know that these charges will be very large but our financial situation makes it very important that this procedure be followed.

I have just received your letter of November 15. I have not yet received from you any cablegram which as is indicated is likely in your letter. I agree with you that the suggested arrangement for purchasing materials and then letting contracts as more funds come in hand is advantageous if we can carry it out. At the present moment it is not practicable for us to buy materials.

I cabled to you, telling you to go ahead on the Woman's College buildings, which I have quoted above, and sent it off before your letter came in which you ask for instructions. I think it likely that the Woman's Committee can authorize more building but it can not do so until its meeting on January 17, and if advisable then, I will cable you.

There has been quite a little discussion here concerning the location of the various buildings. The birdseye view is being completed and Wheeler and I have felt that there were some considerations that made it desirable that the purposes of some of the buildings be altered.

The following considerations might be kept in mind. First, it is desirable that the buildings first erected constitute as quickly as possible a symmetrical group. In this I do not believe we can include the dormitories. A successive series of groups would be as follows:

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- 1st. Buildings 5, 6 and 11.
2nd group: Add buildings 9 and 10.
3d " Add buildings 7 and 8.

For architectural reasons it would seem desirable that buildings 1, 2 and 4 should be the last buildings to be constructed.

In fact, the group would be fairly satisfactory without them although the Chinese idea of courtyard would not be entirely complete until they were constructed. It has also seemed quite possible that the gymnasium would not be needed for some time and eventually the gymnasium and the student building could well be associated under one roof. Mr. Luce has a scheme of this kind. The plan as laid out also seems to call for rather more auditorium and assembly space than would be needed on a basis of even moderate economy. There will be the auditorium in the chapel and in the School of Theology Buildings, possibly a Music Hall in one of the Woman's College buildings, and no doubt some large recitation or lecture hall. It seems questionable whether an entire building should be given to auditorium as is indicated by the original plan for No. 1. The shape of the building is also something of a disadvantage. As the re-numbering has taken place, the changes are as follows:

1. Recitation building.
2. Museum
4. School of Agriculture and Forestry.
10. School of Education
16. Gymnasium and I.M.C.A.

Of course a good deal of this is rather theoretical and no doubt practice will result in changes but it was thought that we ought to think as far ahead as we can in order that we might not embarrass possible donors by changing our plans too frequently. You will note the exchange between buildings 4 and 10. It is our thought that the School of Education be just between the Woman's College and the rest of the University quadrangle and have access perhaps by a back entrance to the proposed Practice School.

We have also had considerable discussion concerning the matter of the Library and Administration Building. It has been the thought of Luce and Wheeler that a building such as No. 9 or 10, or one of the front buildings would certainly be adequate for a generation to come for a Library for the University. The *crux* of the matter is just this: I am afraid that if we accept from a donor who is in prospect, a Memorial Library of the size of one of the smaller buildings, there will come a time when we can not fulfill the conditions of the gift because the Library will demand more space. All my observation of the development of library buildings at various colleges and universities in this country has indicated that sooner or later they get to the p

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have to build an addition on the Library, or scrap the old building and build an entire new one. Our architectural plan does not permit us to add wings to any of the projected buildings. Accordingly it will be necessary for us to begin the housing of the library in that building which will eventually be adequate to take care of it. This, in my mind, is building No. 11, the so-called main building. I wish there could be some discussion of the matter on the field. My thought would be that if we should use No. 11 as a Library and Administration Building, it might be possible eventually, as the Library and its facilities needed expansion, to push the Administration aspect of the work out into other buildings.

It also seems highly appropriate that the focus of the University center should be the Library, with perhaps the Chapel as the focus of the entire University life.

Please note, however, that in thinking of the Library in this way, I am not thinking simply of the housing of books and the necessary facilities for the borrowing of books. My judgment is that if the students are going to be housed two in a room, it is going to be highly important that an unusual amount of space for public study hall be provided. The natural place for these would be in connection with the Library where also the reserve and reference books could be available for a student who was doing his regular daily work; as well as for those who were carrying on special studies. It is unlikely that the students will be able to afford many books themselves, perhaps not as many as most of our American students buy. All the more reason why they should have very free access to plenty of books and access to them where they can use them easily.

I have been in correspondence with a number of college librarians. Let me quote from a paragraph of the Librarian of the University of Michigan.

"Let me say in the first place that I am greatly impressed with your fore-sight in planning for an institution ten times as large as the one you now have. One distressing thing about all our American Universities is that provision for students and for service has never been made sufficiently far in advance to enable colleges and universities to keep ahead of the demands constantly made on them. We tried to do so in planning the library buildings of the University of Michigan but find that the growth of the University has put us in a condition of considerable crowding within two years after the opening of the building."

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"It is not easy to arrive at a formula giving the ratio of seats to the number of professors and students in the institution. Various factors have to be taken into consideration. Among them the kind of institution served, the distance which students come, the amount of required reading, etc., etc.. In my judgment, a new library for an institution of 3000 students should probably contain seats for 500 to 600 readers."

If, as has been the case, the library facilities in the mission colleges in China have been very small, it seems to me there is no ground in that for conclusion that such a state is desirable. Of course if our donor should come across with enough to build the entire Administration and Library, No. 11, it would mean no difficulty. If she is unable to do so and can not go beyond say- \$50,000, if she does that much, it will be a problem as to how far we are justified in asking that as a memorial building, which is her object. These are problems which we are considering and something will depend upon Dr. Luce's interviews with her in California. Of course if she could take some other building that would help matters but as it stands now, she has what is called an 'option' on the library.

Dr. Luce just called my attention to the fact that the first day of the first moon of the New Year comes on January 28. This is later than we had anticipated was the case. I hope that it may yet mean that it will be possible for us to do some building.

Enough for now. Joy be with you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary.

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