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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

(INCORPORATED IN 1899 AS PEKING UNIVERSITY)

PEKING, CHINA.

Oct. 7th, 1926.

Construction Bureau, Haitien, Peking West.  
Tel. No. 4100 East  
" " 4400 East

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

My dear Dr. North:-

We have to acknowledge your letter of Sept. 9th received yesterday together with a copy of a letter from Mr. Bocker in regard to table lamps for the Library building. We must confess that we are somewhat puzzled by this letter in which you say "that you would be justified in placing the order for these when you can figure that there is money enough available to do so". This would imply that the building is not to be completed unless we here can figure that the funds are available. We have not been working on this basis but have taken it for granted that when a building is authorized it should go forward to completion. The writer has tried to guard against every bit of expenditure which could be saved, but unfortunately has not had his way in many instances. If the above quotation is really the confirmed action of the Trustees every building should stop where it is unless more funds are available, and the deficits of the Construction Bureau are paid off. We cannot believe that this is the confirmed action of the Trustees, but that they are ready for us to carry on and complete at least to a condition of usefulness all the buildings now authorized. This does not mean that we are going to order these fixtures.

We are enclosing herewith the minutes of the Grounds and Buildings Committee meeting held just one week ago. The committee did not spend as much time on the financial matters as we could have wished. We had a financial statement prepared which showed:

|                                       |              |       |          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------|----------|
| Bank overdraft                        | \$24,000.00. | local | currency |
| Due to the American Express Co.,      | 5,500.00.    | ..    | ..       |
| For cement                            | 8,100.00.    | ..    | ..       |
| Loan made in Shanghai                 | 15,000.00.   | ..    | ..       |
| Amount due to Lund, Gernow & Co., est | 10,000.00.   | ..    | ..       |
| Due to the contractors                | 6,000.00.    | ..    | ..       |

Other accounts outstanding less assets due from current account showed that we were liable for a total of about \$82,000.00., local currency. Since this meeting Dr. Stuart <sup>has</sup> received a draft for G\$10,000.00., which, presumably, because it was sent thru a local bank, and could not be sold on the market, netted only \$21,000.00. Drafts sold yesterday at 2.20, which shows a loss to the University upwards of 5%.

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In regard to action GB1059 we will enclose a copy of the communication from the residents of the South Compound. This matter has been discussed back and forth for a considerable length of time. It was the opinion of the Construction Bureau that a minimum amount of retaining wall and wire fence topped with barbed wire, very similar to the one used in the East Residence Site, would fill all the requirements of the case, and a considerable amount of preparation along this line had been made. The staff resident ~~down~~ there were not satisfied and petitioned the committee, and as you will see their petition was granted. This becomes a liability, which, the people lending the money and those who are paying the interest, would like to be cleared up as soon as possible, will you, therefore, please take this matter up with the Trustees and ask them to have G\$3,500.00., for this expenditure. There is no doubt that this compound would of necessity have to be enclosed sooner or later, and the residents there are much worried because of the troops who are quartered in their vicinity. These soldiers have been sent out nightly in small corporal guards, and most of them being of about 20 years of age, have found the night work very irksome, they have, therefore, relieved the monotony by challenging everyone who came in that direction. While there is reason in being challenged once, but when you are challenged three or four times by groups within sight and hearing of each other it becomes annoying to say the least. When added to this it is known that soldiers sometimes slept on the porches of the residences there, rattled the bolts of their guns and <sup>etc.</sup> even supposed to have cocked their pistols to intimidate the residents, one can easily realize why the demand was so strong for walls.

Vote 1061 has to do with a very important matter. In a way it has its serio comic side. It was decided to put the Power Plant outside of the large group of buildings for architectural reasons even though we knew that economy called for it to be near the center of the plant as possible. We do not think this was a mistake. But looking at the matter of further development it has been proposed to put a large population, perhaps, as many as five hundred grammar and high school students on the extreme south west corner of our property, which is the maximum distance from the Power Plant. The buildings suggested for them are to be of simple type not such as will of necessity effect our present architectural grouping. The main argument for putting the schools in this location are has been its close proximity to Haitien village, on the other hand these/ to be boarding schools which will draw students from all parts, and presumably there will not be a great many day pupils. Another arguments for putting them there is, <sup>that</sup> this piece of property is relatively close to the two Academic groups.

Now comes the suggestion that we mass our future development, or shall we say our future population around the Power Station. This means taking the north-east corner formerly earmarked for the Athletic Field and using it for building purposes. This would make it easier to provide heat, light and water for these buildings, Sewage <sup>might</sup> be more difficult than in the extreme south-west. This will enable us to preserve for a longer time two rather good residences on the north east corner, one of which is at present occupied by Messrs. Flood and Bush, and the other by the Co-operative Store.

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In order to provide opportunity for exercise a good part of the south-west corner has been temporarily fixed up for tennis courts and a football field, as there was no sufficient space on the north-east for as large playing ground accommodation as people seem to think was needed. This question only becomes pressing because it involves the location of the Men's College Gymnasium. The writer has been unwilling to start this building because of the financial situation, though the bids are all in hand and a small amount of excavation has been done. If the Athletic Field is to be on the south-west, the Gymnasium should go in that neighbourhood. Mr. Murphy's drawing, which he made this summer, shows a building south of the axis of the Women's College, which balances the Chemistry building north of that axis, the Men's Gymnasium should be put in this position. If it is thought necessary to have a building on the north-east corner of the Lake i.e. where the Gymnasium was last shown, some Practice building could be put there, or if not, some additional Men's College dormitories. This covers the situation as it now stands. The committee took no vote in regard to the matter except to ask that we communicate this to the Trustees.

Incidentally judging from the present demand of both light and water every economy should be thought of in this line. This brings us down to the action mentioned in connection with Vote 1062. We will send a copy of this letter. The committee voted as it did, because it was thought that with the new plant there will be very little danger of breakdown for several years to come. It was reported that the Union Medical College had not really needed its standby machinery up to the present time. A small generator is to be put, money for to be provided out of the current funds of the Science Departments. They will wish a special plea made to the Trustees for reimbursing them at the earliest possible date. We have not been able to find such a generator on the China coast, and with the rapid approach of winter and need of heat in the buildings it is probable we will not purchase this for some months to come. Once we are using heat the Uniflow Steam Engine will run for the cost of the lubricating oils. The fact that the dormitories and the whole plant are in darkness from ten in the evening on gives the writer much concern. He feels that we either provide oil lamps at that time, or find a way to provide a minimum amount of current all night long.

Vote 1069. The writer was present with Dr. Stuart when Governor Chen visited the Site. Though he owned the place for some years he had never been here ~~since the property was bought~~. The deed of sale provides that he should have a space left for some building. He immediately selected the north bank of the Lake as the place where he would like to put his building up. The writer is sure that the question of Feng Shui had chiefly to do with this choice. A high edifice such as our Pagoda located south east of a building is in the Chinese necromancy supposed to bring the best luck to that building. This coupled with the fact that the building will face south and overlook the water made the Governor feel that there was only the one place for the building, and when a suggestion was made that some other place may be more advantageous had no response. The Governor made a second visit when neither the writer nor Dr. Stuart were at hand. He was escorted by Mr. J. S. Chuan, who reported that the Governor stood on the second porch of the most eastern Men's Dormitory, and speaking to his sons seem to impress upon them the fact that the whole Lake bank from the dormitory to the waterway at the east was to be for their personal use. In the previous conversation the writer pointed out that a central unit of the dormitory, as shown in Mr. Murphy's latest drawing, represented a front-

age of about 90ft. which should be adequate for a nice Chinese courtyard building. It was his feeling that the balance of the dormitory development might be carried out on either side of this building. It remains to be seen what is in the back of the Governor's mind and what the outcome will be. The writer feels that the situation is not very serious and that whatever building is erected by the Governor will ultimately become the property of the University, and even while held by the family it will not be used very much.

While dictating this letter it has come to the writer's mind that should it be impossible to put more dormitories on the north side of the Lake they might be put in the north east corner, north of the Power Plant, and Practice Schools south of the Power Plant, either in the area occupied by residences 1, 2 and 4, or west of those residences south of the Men's College Hospital now being erected.

You will be pleased to note that the Lake is filled with water and makes a very attractive addition to the Campus. The students have amused themselves by gathering up disengaged concrete forms making rafts out of these and poling themselves around.

The writer yesterday visited the site of an old ancestral temple, about three miles south of the University, which has been sold to a firm of contractors. There is a beautiful main gate way there, the entire eaves of which are made of carved stone instead of the usual wood. Former students have contributed nearly \$3,000.- and have a promise of enough to make \$5,000.- We believe this gate can be purchased and moved for considerably less this amount. Dr. Stuart and the writer are going to morrow to look at this gateway. There are also some bits of carving which may be gotten at a reasonable price. We will purchase these and ask Mr. Murphy to pay for them out of his promise of \$1,000.00., for Campus ornaments. Can the Trustees ask him to pay this money in, as we will, doubtless, need the rest for purchasing some art objects in the old Summer Palace which are now on the market.

We telegraphed to Mr. Bocker the day before yesterday asking him to send a hydraulic ram. This will be used to pump water in the Tsai Tao Gardens. We are also enclosing a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Bocker nearly four weeks ago. This shows that we have not been writing very frequently and from which you will infer that we are extremely busy.

Also we have not acknowledged your letter of August 5th but as we have asked in the previous letter to purchase these trusses our delay in this matter does not matter much.

We are very much distressed because the elbows, tees and flanges sent with the pipes for the domestic hot water supply will not work together. Apparently the suppliers have sent material which is just a fraction out of the ordinary size so that the pipes when screwed in the fittings will not make a tight joint, we must, therefore by means of heating the pipes expand the end of each piece before we can thread it and make a joint. As there are about 700 ends to be thus handled you will readily understand how much extra labour this means and how much delay in getting the domestic hot water installed.

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 Mr. Murphy  
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Write to him  
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Mr. Eric M. North

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Oct. 7th, 1926

This will cost us \$140.00., local currency, and we feel that this is a just claim against the suppliers. We shall keep a fitting and a pipe end, and if necessary will send the same home by parcel post to be exhibited to them.

Yours very sincerely,

*John M. Fitzgerald*

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Lund, Gernow & Co.,

Peking, China.

Tungchow 29th Sept. 26.

Dear Gibb:-

Following up our conversation I am here requested giving you in writing my opinion with regard to the extension of the Lower Station.

At present none of the generating units is able to fulfill the peak load requirements which means that in case of a break down the full lighting and the necessary power for the University and the Residences can not be supplied.

As the domestic hot water is required practically during the whole year and as this heating is done entirely by exhaust steam any additional unit ought to be steam.

As far as I can judge the following items have to be taken into consideration for the estimation of the peak load during the day time.

Pumps for Sewage, 10 K.W.      Pumps for Cold Water, 5-10 K.W.  
Pumps for Domestic Hot Water, 3-5 K.W.      Science Department, 10-15 K.W.  
Leather Department, 15 - 20 K.W.      Gas Plant 4-5 K.W./  
Electrical Appliances in the Residences, 10-12 K.W.      Machine Shop 5-6 K.W.  
Total 57-83 K.W.

When to this is added that some of the other departments wants current for lantern lectures and perhaps small motors (f.ex. Department of Agriculture), it will easily be seen that the most economical and practical addition to the power plant will be a 75 K.W. Steam Unit for which the foundation has already been made and for which the steam piping has been arranged, at the same time this unit being a duplicate Unit will be an efficient stand by.

Taking the price paid for the present unit as standard the total cost of the Steam engine. Generator, Piping, Switch board instruments, and cables from generator to the Switch board, will be including freight about dollar Gold 12000.00

Yours,  
(Signed) Lund.

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Peking University

October 13, 1926

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb,  
Nanching University  
Haitien,  
Peking West,  
China.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

At last the shipping papers for the temperature indicators, boiler feed meters, coal trucks and similar material have reached us and indicate that these things were shipped from Manchester about the middle of September. As it happens only one set of papers has come to hand here. In this case the invoice is made out to Lund Gernow & Co. and they have sent only one set of papers. I am writing Galloways to make sure that they send the additional sets of papers needed.

I have ordered the electric wire but do not feel that our financial condition warrants my ordering the gymnasium trusses yet though I am hoping for considerable relief before very long.

Cordially yours,

Secretary  
Peking University

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October 13th, 1926.

Mr. John M. Gibb  
Construction Bureau,  
Peking University,  
Peking West,  
Peking, China.

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Dear Mr. Gibb:

We have your cable dated October 5th, which we have de-coded as follows: "Forward immediately Hydraulic Ram suitable for supply head 4 feet, 50 gallons per minute, delivery head 25 feet." We are unable to make out the last five letters "Otooc" in your cable message, and do not know what they mean. We asked the cable company to check up on this last word and they report that it has been given us as originally sent.

We are unable to supply you with a Ram following your specifications. Such a Ram would be very large, if it were available, and would cost, we understand approximately \$1000.00.

The agents here tell me that if it is at all possible you should try to use a small Centrifugal Pump with an electric motor. Not knowing the conditions with which you are working we cannot make a definite recommendation until we hear further from you.

I have been debating as to just how to handle this negotiation because of the apparent urgency which you mention. It will delay the shipment only a short time by waiting until we hear from you as a confirmation of your cable, and then we may have to cable you our recommendations as we receive them from the agents here.

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John M. Gibb,  
Oct. 13th, 1926.

The whole trouble as far as the Ram is concerned is of course, the small supply head of only 4 feet, against which you desire to deliver 50 gallons per minute, on a delivery head of 25 feet. We understand that this is expecting a Ram to do heavier work than it is ordinarily designed for, and as a result the Ram would need to be very large and unnecessarily expensive. Even then the operation might prove unsatisfactory.

Kindly tell us what you want us to do under the circumstances, if we have not cleared the matter up by cable before you receive this letter.

Thanking you for the inquiry and trusting that we may be able to furnish a satisfactory solution soon, we are,

Yours very truly,

BOCKER & CO.,

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CONSTRUCTION BUREAU, HAITIEN

Oct. 16th, 1926.

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Mining long  
schedule of  
expenses*

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

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TRANSFER

Dear Dr. North:-

The following three kinds of electric wires are needed to make the Plant what it should be. The first item is main electric cable, the engineers purposely did not include the full amount in their first order as they were not sure how much would be used in making connections etc., and as it was an expensive commodity they did not wish to have any surplus of this over.

The items are as follows:-

|                             |              |        |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------|
| 1020 ft. Lead Covered Cable | 500,000 C.M. |        |
| 2500 ft. .. .. .            | 0000 A.W.G.  | → Case |
| 1500 ft. .. .. .            | 0 A.W.G.     | file   |

Yours very sincerely,

*J. M. Gray*

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JOHN R. EDWARDS  
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FRANK MASON NORTH

**TRANSFER**  
Board of Foreign Missions  
Of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

150 Fifth Avenue  
NEW YORK CITY

CABLE ADDRESS, MISSIONS    PHONE, CHELSEA 2130

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MORRIS W. EHNS

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TO WHOM CONCERNED:

This certifies that Mrs. Katherine  
Candlin (Mrs. J. McGregor) Gibb is a missionary  
of the Methodist Episcopal Church under the  
Board of Foreign Missions.

*William B. Tower*  
.....  
Recording Secretary

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(INCORPORATED IN 1925 AS PEKING UNIVERSITY)

PEKING, CHINA.

Oct. 21st, 1926.

Construction Bureau, Haitien, Peking West.  
Tel. No. 4100 East  
" " 4400 East

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

My dear Dr. North:-

We have to acknowledge yours letters of Sept. 15th, 16th and 22nd, together with

One copy of invoice,  
One copy of packing list,  
One copy of insurance certificate,  
One copy of bill of lading,

covering shipment of three cases of parts for heating mains and sewage disposal plant, on the s.s. "Bordeaux Maru." Also a copy of the Bill of Lading covering shipment of 2 boxes of Butts, 2 boxes of Window Shades, and 4 boxes of Electrical Parts.

Going back to your letter of the 22nd your summer difficulties were exactly what we guessed them to be, and we sympathise with you in your difficulties.

Your note in the last paragraph about the authorizations of the Grounds and Buildings Committee for grading etc., strikes a responsive cord with the writer. It has been his desire to finish the buildings, and, if necessary, open the University with the grounds in the wild state which they were in when the University first took the place over. But as you have apparently guessed he is very frequently voted down in committee meetings. Your suggestion of plain language to Peking on financial procedure may help, but unless there is an absolute veto-power resting with somebody out here, which can prevent any expenditure until the Trustees' sanction is received, the writer, for one, can see very little relief from these unauthorized expenditures.

We are thankful for the two drafts, which have come thru since the last writing to you. The \$6,000.- draft sold at 2.30, but other drafts sold at about the same time brought 2.32. In conversation with Dr. Houghton, head of the Union Medical College, and Mr. Hogg, their comptroller, the former asked about the financial situation and the writer told him of this new method of sending money thru the bank. They both agreed that there was likely to be a loss on each payment so received.

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Dr. Eric M. North

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Oct. 21st, 1926.

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You will notice that we have not bought the 15 K.W. Generator. Since this matter was first discussed Mr. Lund has changed his mind decidedly, and does not want a generator of this size. He is very anxious for a second Uniflow Engine with generator, similar to the one at present in use. This will cost approximately G\$12,000.- Should we order the small one we will let you know promptly. Mr. Lund has asked the writer to request you to cable us what the usual price is charged in America for heat when it is delivered from some central station. He would like the price charged per B.T.U., or per 1000 B.T.U. as the case may be, not the generated B.T.U., but the delivered B.T.U.

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This request comes because there is a movement on foot to put the Power Station on an independent basis, letting it charge for service rendered either in light, water, or heat, making the charge to the dormitories, to the various departments in so far as they have been on independent budgets, and such Faculty members as are on the Power Station, in the latter case it would be for light and water alone. The action looks forward to having a sub-committee which would advise with the engineers in regard to the operation of the Power Plant, both as to charges to be made and expenditures for increasing the equipment. At any rate we would like to know the cost of heat in America.

✓ Mrs. Gibb writes in appreciation of your help to them on their arrival in New York. We are expecting her back in Japan in about a month. The writer is going to try to get away to meet her there combining a little holiday with the pleasure of meeting her.

Yours very sincerely,

*Ernest George Gibb*

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To PEKING UNIVERSITY Dr  
150 Fifth Avenue

New York, Oct. 22, 1926

Mrs. J. M. Gibb

To 1 full fare Seattle to Kobe

\$279.90

War Tax

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To costs of Western Clergy Certificate  
by Air Mail from Chicago

1.34

\$286.24

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October 22, 1926.

Mrs. J. M. Gibb, Jr.,  
c/o Dr. W. J. Gibb,  
42 West 75th Street,  
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Gibb:

I am sending to you herewith the order for your steamship accommodations on the President Jackson sailing from Seattle on November 6th. I trust that you will find these accommodations comfortable and that your trip back to China will be most enjoyable.

In accordance with your request, I am now enclosing a copy of our bill covering the steamship reservation and the clergy fare certificate fee, mailing a copy also to Philadelphia.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,  
Peking University.

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PEKING, CHINA.

Nov. 5th, 1926.

Construction Bureau, Haitien.

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

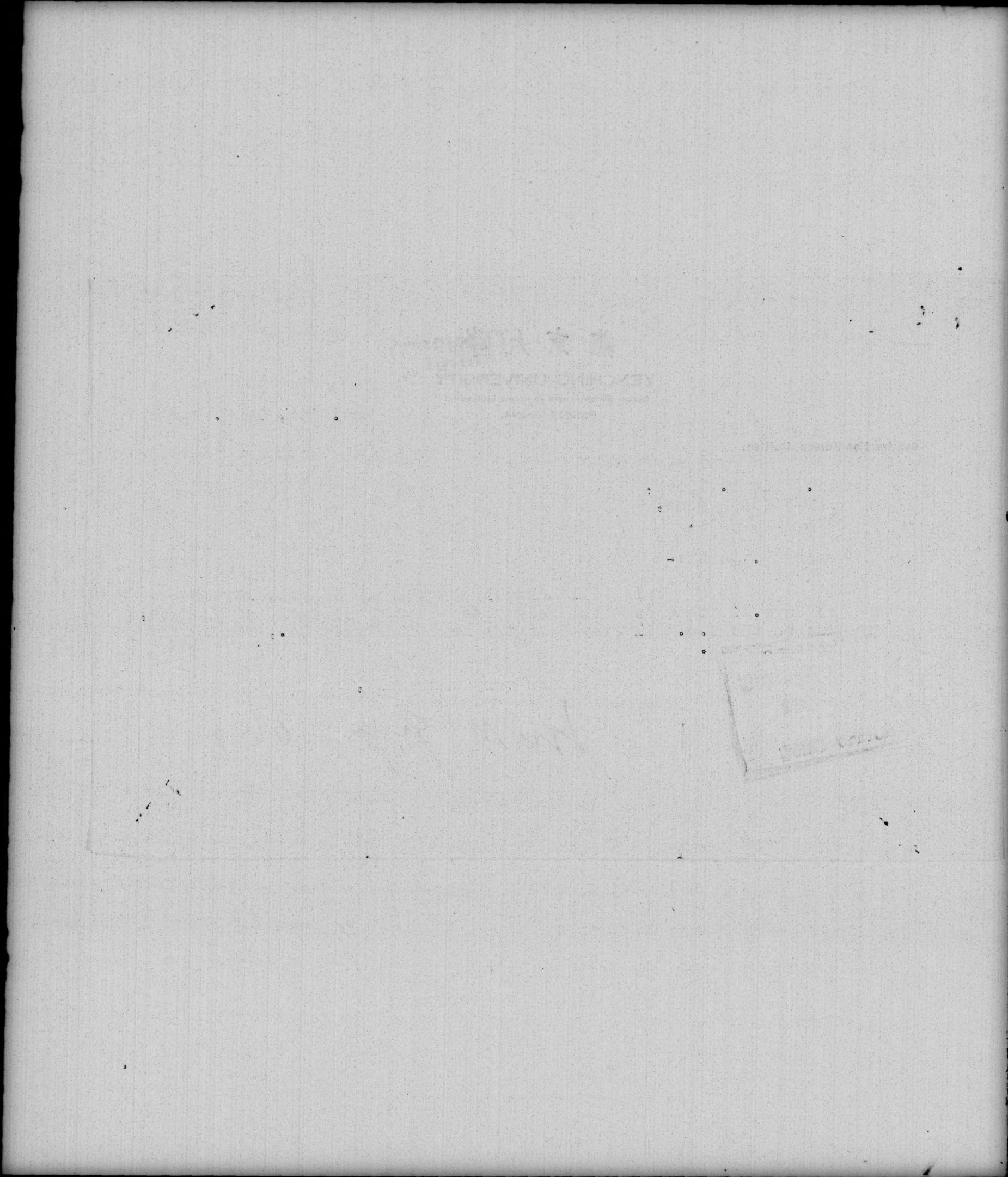
Dear Dr. North:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of Sept. 29 together with enclosures covering shipment of Flanges, due on the s.s. "Silveray" of the Kerr Steamship Co., for which we thank you.

Yours very sincerely,

*James G. ...*

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Oct. 27th, 1926.

Construction Bureau, Hattien, Peking West.

Tel. No. 4100 East

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

My dear Dr. North:-

We yesterday telegraphed you as follows:-

✓ "Rate of Exchange 234 probably falling urge selling  
maximum amount gold telegraph amount available  
authorize Field to draw this time Stuart Gibb."

✓ The rate of exchange got as high as 2.45, but has since been going down.  
The rate 2.34, which we put in the telegram during the day went down to  
2.31, and we are afraid that it will go down still lower today. You  
will notice that it is 50 cents local currency more per dollar than we  
have been estimating so that the gain is quite a figure.

✓ In regard to your telegraphing money thru some  
special bank the writer has indirectly received a complaint from  
the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank where our Construction Bureau account  
is kept. This Bank has been very kind to us, cashing our cheques  
when there are no funds there to meet them, and allowing us over-draft  
privileges with practically no security. Now the Bank notices that we  
are putting in considerable sums without giving them the option of  
buying our gold drafts, the Bank, therefore, feels that it is being  
slighted. When we are allowed to sell a gold draft we give our Bank  
the option, if it does not give us as good price as some other bank  
they do not complain if we sell it somewhere else. This word from  
the Bank was all unofficial and only reached the writer because he has  
a friend, who is very close to the Bank, where there is another friend  
who dares to speak. This friendship works both ways. They help us  
in time of difficulty, but tend to keep us up to the mark when the  
Bank does not feel that it is being treated properly. The writer  
certainly hopes that the Trustees will reverse their decision and  
allow us to draw even though it means a special cable from the  
Trustees, each time an authorization is possible. Would it not be  
well, when a given building is authorized, for the Trustees to give a  
total amount which ~~may~~<sup>be</sup> drawn against that building, and, if necessary,  
to stipulate when it may be drawn.

✓ You will note the words "this time" in the telegram  
which are meant to indicate that we are only asking for the privilege  
of drawing at this one period because of the very favourable rate of  
exchange.

At this writing we must be over drawn \$10,000.00.,

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Dr. Eric M. North

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Oct. 27th, 1926.

local currency, and cannot pay our salaries until we can find some money from some other source

We yesterday wrote to Mr. Bocker for a few washers, packing and screws, and expect today to telegraph to Copenhagen for the 15 K.W. Generator, and to Galloways for the instruments to go on the panel board with it. We are doing this primarily to provide "all night lights" for the bathrooms in the Dormitories, for emergencies in various residences. When the order is finally placed we will wire you the total amount. if we are asking them to draw on you for these total amounts.

We are very much troubled in regard to the coal situation as the railways are almost as badly disorganized as formerly, and very little coal is coming to Peking. We possibly have enough to run the Power Plant until the end of the year, and are trying in every direction to get additional stocks, also to get some supplies in the neighbourhood so that the Faculty may buy for their needs. Some classes of coal are being offered at \$25.00., local currency, a ton, with very little stock in hand.

Yours very sincerely,

*John M. Grogan*

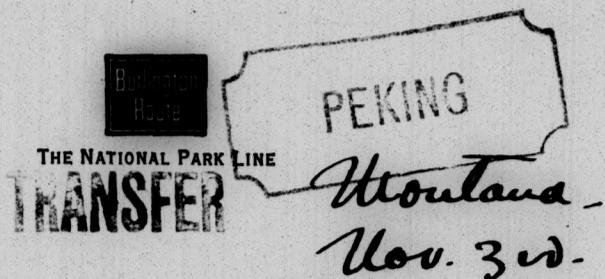
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My dear Dr North,

Thank you again for the many nice things you have done for me - I got the Western Clergy book in good time & it has "done its stuff" as the darbies say.

I hope by now that you have had a letter from my brother in law Mr Walton Litch - with the remittance on account for

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my passage money, forwarded  
by you, so kindly.

Mr. Walton Gibb is acting for  
his brother, for our two children  
left here at college - and asked  
me if the Methodist Mission  
made any allowances for these  
two; Mac is not yet 20 and  
Alice was 18 years last Sunday,  
I thought that you could  
write to him directly and  
let him know, what (if any)  
was granted; if you will

address him at :-

4650 Locust St  
Phila.  
Pa.

I shall again be obliged to  
you.

I have had a really lovely  
holiday - and I'm sure even  
the Queen of Roumania has  
not been so well entertained  
as I have.

With very best wishes  
I am yours  
Sincerely  
Kate Gibb

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

(INCORPORATED IN 1909 AS PEKING UNIVERSITY)

PEKING, CHINA.

Construction Bureau, Haktien, Peking West.  
Tel. No. 4100 East  
" " 4400 East

Nov. 9th, 1926.

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TRANSFER

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

My dear Dr. North:-

As we do not seem to be doing very much business directly between our two offices the amount of correspondence back and forth has been ~~decidedly~~ kept down. However, as the writer is going to be away for two weeks it is best to send you a few lines before leaving. The Treasurer's office has informed us that there is in the neighbourhood of G\$40,000.00., for China use up to the end of the year, and asked us to make up a list showing how much of this the Construction Bureau will need. We started this list several days ago but continued rush of business has made it difficult for us to make it as fully as we first desired. We have, however, come to the following figures:

|                                  |              |       |          |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------|----------|
| Bank over-draft                  | \$ 23,400.00 | local | currency |
| Salaries November and December   | 6,550.00     | ..    | ..       |
| Cement on order                  | 6,000.00     | ..    | ..       |
| Pipe                             | 800.00       | ..    | ..       |
| The main contractors             | 8,850.00     | ..    | ..       |
| Roads and Grounds                | 2,000.00     | ..    | ..       |
| Sundry debts                     | 20,000.00    | ..    | ..       |
| Residences' contractors          | 16,000.00    | ..    | ..       |
| Stone Contractor                 | 1,000.00     | ..    | ..       |
| Glass                            | 1,500.00     | ..    | ..       |
| Heating and Plumbing Contractors | 1,000.00     | ..    | ..       |
| Roofing Contractors              | 2,400.00     | ..    | ..       |
| Lund, Gernow & Co.,              | 12,000.00    | ..    | ..       |
| Shanghai debt                    | 15,000.00    | ..    | ..       |
| J.L.S. debt                      | 5,000.00     | ..    | ..       |

Among the sundry debts the largest item will be Andersen, Meyer & Co., radiation \$7,500.00., American Express Co. Tientsin, shipping \$6,000.00., Standard Oil Co., \$1,150.00., Piping \$1,700.00., Electric Fittings \$520.00 and many other small debts. We have figured this at the current rate of exchange 2.30 for one gold dollar and it comes to G\$53,000.00.

As we go thru the items now we are afraid that some large ones have been omitted, but can only hope that some of those included will more than cover the omissions. The writer for one deprecates the local loans, but confesses that the work could not have gone on without them. The lender of the Shanghai loan has recently made the suggestion that it be repaid in gold, figured at the rate of exchange/gold on the day the loan was contracted. If the University is willing to agree to this

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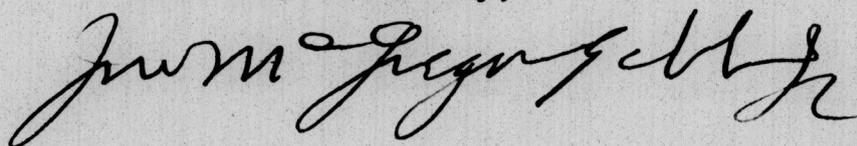
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he is willing to waive the question of interest.

The buildings are all heated with the exception of one Men's Dormitory and one Refectory and the Men's Administration building. We have exhausted the entire North China stock of piping of the size we need, hence, the Dormitory already occupied is not heated. We are informed that stock of piping are in the hands of the American Express Co., Tientsin, for forwarding to us, but until they are here we cannot count on them. The heat is being carried on with only one of our four boilers in use, though the weather is remarkably mild for this time of the year. The Men's College has domestic hot water in the late afternoons and evenings, but there is a request on the writer's table that they be given in the mornings as well. The Women's College buildings will have hot water within the week. The heating seems to be satisfactory, even though the mains under the floors of the buildings and in the attics are not yet insulated. We are doing this insulation as rapidly as possible, and as far as this is carried out it is proving satisfactory. The trenches are being covered up, and the Campus takes on quite a different appearance. Our electric lights are turned on every night until 10.30 p.m., and current is being supplied during the better part of every day for the use of the Science Departments. None of the electric meters ordered have at present come to hand. With the possible exception of four buildings all the residences are occupied. One or two are still without necessary heat.

The difficulties we were having with the Police have all faded away. At the present time we dig where we please, run electric wires and water mains about as we please, and there are no questions asked. Of course, we do not do anything unreasonable. Just how that change has come about we have not taken the trouble to investigate, but suspect that with the shifting of authority men of more reasonable disposition are in our local Police Stations.

Yours very sincerely,



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Peking University

November 10, 1926.

Mrs. J. MacGregor Gibb,  
Yenching University  
Haitien, Peking West,  
China.

My dear Mrs. Gibb:

I have your note from Montana with reference to allowances for the children. If I am not mistaken these allowances are included in the amounts paid by the Treasurer of the North China Mission to Mr. Gibb in connection with his salary. If you and Mr. Gibb desire all or any part of these allowances paid over to the children arrangement should be made with the Treasurer of the Mission to instruct the Treasurer in New York that this part of your salary is to be paid in this way. I am writing to Mr. Walton Gibb to this effect so that he will understand the situation.

Cordially yours,

Secretary  
Peking University

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Peking University

**TRANSFER** November 11, 1926

Mr. J. M. Gibb,  
Yenching University  
Haitien, Peking West,  
China

My dear Gibb:

As soon as there is occasion to send another cable to Peking I will include in it an inquiry arising in reference to your letter of October 16th as to the electric cable required by the engineer. I will shortly place the order for the 1020 ft. lead covered 500,000 c.m. cable and for 1500 ft. 0 A.W.G. cable. I have held up the order for the 2500 ft. 0000 A.W.G. cable because the cable which was ordered before was not 0000 A.W.G., but was 000 A.W.G. and I take it that it is important that you get the right thing, especially as there is some difference in cost also.

Cordially yours,

Secretary  
Peking University

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Peking University

November 13, 1926

Mr. J. M. Gibb  
Construction Bureau  
Yenching University  
Haitien, Peking West,  
China.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

The following papers herewith enclosed cover the shipment of Bommer Spring Hinges that went forward on the 10th inst. on the S.S. "President Adams" of the Dollar Steamship Line from New York:

|   |      |                       |
|---|------|-----------------------|
| 1 | copy | invoice               |
| 1 | "    | packing list          |
| 1 | "    | insurance certificate |
| 1 | "    | bill of lading        |

These have been consigned to the American Express Company and we are sending them a copy of bill of lading and packing list.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer  
Peking University

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Peking University

November 24, 1926.

Mr. J. M. Gibb,  
Yenching University,  
Haitien, Peking West,  
China.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

We herewith enclose the following papers covering the shipment of copper wire from the International Standard Electric Corporation that went forward on the S.S. Pres. Adams of the Dollar Steamship Line on November 11th.

- 1 copy each of 2 invoices
- 1 copy packing list
- 1 copy insurance certificate
- 1 copy bill of lading

One each of invoice, packing list, and bill of lading were mailed to the American Express Company at Tientsin by the International Standard Electric Corporation.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,  
Peking University.

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*Enclosed also is 2nd copy  
of B/L plus for Boumeau & Co. 'H'*

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Peking University

December 7, 1926

Mr. J. M. Gibb  
Yenching University  
Haitien, Peking West,  
China.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

This is just to report that we have <sup>had</sup> notice that the  
M/V Silveray which is carrying a crate of iron flanges from Cor-  
nell and Underhill for the heating mains has drydocked at Kobe  
November 29th because of losing a propeller blade. This will  
account for the delay in the arrival of this material.

Cordially yours,

Secretary  
Peking University

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Outstanding Debts.

Dec. 31, 1926.

contracted  
Loans contracted

|                           |                  |                |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Shanghai                  | \$ 15,000.00     | local currency |
| J.L. Stuart               | 6,700.00         |                |
| Yen Property              | 6,000.00         |                |
| South Residence wall est. | 7,000.00         |                |
| Bank overdraft            | <u>14,207.00</u> | \$ 48,907.00   |

Materials

|                 |                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Cement          | 5,042.00        |           |
| Glass (Adm.)    | 1,200.00        |           |
| Roofing         | 8,000.00        |           |
| Am. Express Co. | 9,000.00        |           |
| Radiation etc.  | 5,600.00        |           |
| Sundries        | <u>3,257.00</u> | 32,099.00 |

Contractors' labour

|                    |                  |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Main               | 6,400.00         |                  |
| Residences         | 5,000.00         |                  |
| Stone              | 1,200.00         |                  |
| Heat. & Plumbing   | 2,000.00         |                  |
| Electricity        | 600.00           |                  |
| Lund, Gernow & Co. | <u>12,000.00</u> | <u>27,200.00</u> |

Local currency \$ 108,206.00

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|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Actual amount drawn Men's College Oct. 30th                       | G\$1.295.895.83 |
| Woo 30  | 1.319.045.72    |
| Actual authorizations for Residences,<br>Grounds and 12 buildings | G\$1.227.000.-  |
| L.C.150.000.-   | 1.299.000.00    |

Other drawings included in G\$1.295.895.83  
are:-

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                | 1.319.045.72      |
| Athletic Field                 | 10.000.00         |
| Bldg. Operations undistributed | 180.746.13        |
| Recitation Bldg.               | 4.045.72          |
| Seranton Luce Social Centre    | 651.24            |
| Men's Gymnasium                | <u>4.078.12</u>   |
|                                | <u>199.521.21</u> |

Total amount of outstanding liabilities \$107.951.00 local currency

Dec.16th, 1926.

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Actual amount drawn Men's College Cot. 30th Oct. 1927 \$1,319,047.75  
 Actual authorizations for Residences, Grounds and 12 buildings \$1,227,000.00  
 1,000,000.00

Other drawings included in 1927 \$1,319,047.75  
 Athletic Field 10,000.00  
 Bldg. Operations undistributed 180,746.75  
 Recreation Bldg. 4,045.75  
 Stanton Lane Social Centre 621.24  
 Men's Gymnasium 4,078.75  
129,221.21

Total amount of outstanding liabilities \$107,951.00 local currency

Dec. 1927, 1927

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| Col.   | Amount authorized | Gold Dollars                        | Jan. - Stuart                       | Dec. 7th - 1926                     | Trans. Statement | Oct. 30th - 1926 | Const. Bureau Balance Sheet | Nov. 30th 1926 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Col. II ..                                   | drawn             | .. ..                               | .. ..                               | .. ..                               | .. ..            | .. ..            | .. ..                       | .. ..          |
| Col. III ..                                  | Rec'd             | Chinese..                           | .. ..                               | .. ..                               | .. ..            | .. ..            | .. ..                       | .. ..          |
| Col. IV. ..                                  | Paid out          | .. ..                               | .. ..                               | .. ..                               | .. ..            | .. ..            | .. ..                       | .. ..          |
| Men's Adm.                                   | 150,000.00        | 111,000.00                          | 205,944.07                          | 160,471.64                          |                  |                  |                             |                |
| Power Plant                                  | 400,000.00        | <del>388,816.14</del><br>398,966.03 | <del>720,792.55</del><br>747,599.80 | <del>767,567.14</del><br>768,322.74 |                  |                  |                             |                |
| Deemt. No. 1.                                | 50,000.00         | 40,299.21                           | 73,829.85                           | 76,030.79                           |                  |                  |                             |                |
| .. .. 2.                                     | 50,000.00         | 34,475.50                           | 65,374.80                           | 76,992.30                           |                  |                  |                             |                |
| .. .. 3.                                     | 50,000.00         | 34,975.50                           | 66,898.20                           | 76,424.69                           |                  |                  |                             |                |
| .. .. 4.                                     | 50,000.00         | <del>25,000.00</del><br>30,600.00   | <del>45,181.55</del><br>53,181.55   | 66,595.64                           |                  |                  |                             |                |
| Berry Honor.                                 | 50,000.00         | 34,809.80                           | 62,753.34                           | 76,467.40                           |                  |                  |                             |                |
| Refectory 1                                  | 35,000.00         | <del>17,000.00</del><br>22,000.00   | <del>38,853.84</del><br>42,853.84   | 54,908.65                           |                  |                  |                             |                |
| .. 2   | 35,000.00         | 28,299.64                           | 55,655.39                           | 58,676.19                           |                  |                  |                             |                |
| Hinds Div.                                   | 40,000.00         | 40,474.06                           | 74,196.22                           | 81,044.45                           |                  |                  |                             |                |
| Science Bldg 1.                              |                   |                                     |                                     |                                     |                  |                  |                             |                |
| Silver                                       | 150,000.00        | 72,094.93                           | 136,922.50                          | 150,759.42                          |                  |                  |                             |                |
| Hospital                                     | 25,000.00         |                                     |                                     | 2,382.27                            |                  |                  |                             |                |
| Residences                                   | 141,000.00        |                                     |                                     |                                     |                  |                  |                             |                |
|  | 20,000.00         |                                     |                                     |                                     |                  |                  |                             |                |
|  | 7,000.00          |                                     |                                     |                                     |                  |                  |                             |                |
|  | 14,000.00         |                                     |                                     |                                     |                  |                  |                             |                |
|  |                   | <del>306,277.17</del><br>206,777.17 | <del>504,580.20</del><br>395,280.20 | 418,361.99                          |                  |                  |                             |                |
| Land, land<br>improv. &<br>general<br>plans. | 100,000.00        | 56,352.67                           | 100,554.01                          | 90,874.76                           |                  |                  |                             |                |
|  | 10,000.00         | <del>51,282.47</del>                | <del>97,179.01</del>                | <del>78,042.47</del>                |                  |                  |                             |                |
| Total G\$                                    | 1,227,000.00      | <del>\$1,151,004.02</del>           | <del>\$2,141,065.90</del>           | <del>\$2,262,922.23</del>           |                  |                  |                             |                |
| Silver                                       | 150,000.00        | 1,072,524.51                        | 2,083,043.77                        | 2,104,332.93                        |                  |                  |                             |                |
| Men's Gym.                                   | 75,000.00         | 4,078.12                            | 7,721.40                            | 4,436.41                            |                  |                  |                             |                |
| Recitation                                   | 70,000.00         | 4,045.72                            | 7,587.84                            | 7,587.84                            |                  |                  |                             |                |
| Chapel                                       | 50,000.00         |                                     |                                     | 404.56                              |                  |                  |                             |                |

*Restudy*

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE CONSTRUCTION  
BUREAU, DEC 6th, 1926.

*W. H. Hill  
12/14/26*

|                                  |                 |                |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Bank over-draft                  | \$ 14,207.-     | Local currency |
| December salaries                | 3,000.-         |                |
| Cement                           | 5,042.-         |                |
| Main contractors                 | 6,400.-         |                |
| Roads and Grounds                | 1,500.-         |                |
| Residence Contractors            | 12,000.-        |                |
| Stone extra contractors          | 1,200.-         |                |
| Glass                            | 1,500.-         |                |
| Hauling and Plumbing Contractors | 1,000.-         |                |
| Roofing contractors              | 8,000.-         |                |
| Lund, Gernow & Co.,              | 12,000.-        |                |
| <sup>Yehon</sup> Shai Debt.      | 15,000.-        |                |
| J.L. Stuart                      | 5,000.-         |                |
| Yen Property                     | 6,000.-         |                |
| Sundry Debts                     | <u>19,302.-</u> |                |
|                                  | 112,151.-       | G\$50,000.-    |

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*Handwritten notes:*  
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FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE CONSTRUCTION BUREAU, DEC 31st, 1926.

|                |                        |                                  |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Local currency | \$ 14,207.-            | Bank over-draft                  |
|                | 3,000.-                | December salaries                |
|                | 2,042.-                | Cement                           |
|                | 6,400.-                | Main contractors                 |
|                | 1,500.-                | Roads and grounds                |
|                | 12,000.-               | Residence Contractors            |
|                | 1,500.-                | Stone etc contractors            |
|                | 1,500.-                | Glass                            |
|                | 1,000.-                | Hauling and Plumbing Contractors |
|                | 8,000.-                | Roofing contractors              |
|                | 12,000.-               | Land, Gernow & Co.,              |
|                | 12,000.-               | Shel Dept.                       |
|                | 2,000.-                | J.L. Stuart                      |
|                | 6,000.-                | Yen Property                     |
|                | <u>19,302.-</u>        | Sundry Depts                     |
|                | 112,121.- = \$20,000.- |                                  |

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Dec. 14th, 1926.

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

My dear Dr. North:-

✓ This will confirm our telegram sent you on the 8th. It was sent with authorization from the Grounds and Buildings Committee as they wish the Trustees to send as soon as possible plans for the Chapel so that this work can be undertaken with the opening of the Spring. We understand that Mr. Murphy is to prepare these plans, though the writer for one feels that it would make for an economy in cost and speed for this work if the plans could be done here in China. We might mention here that Dr. Stuart said at the committee and has also mentioned privately that there is a considerable amount of discussion with the Faculty as to the proposed location of this Chapel. They feel that the location suggested by Mr. Murphy during his visit, that is, on the hill, east of the lagoon, is too far away from other student activities and that the Chapel should be located much nearer to the center of the University. It was suggested at the committee that Dr. Stuart get further consensus of opinion from the Faculty so that we might take further steps on the location of the Chapel.

✓ The second part of the telegram has to do with plans for additional dormitories. We believe Dr. Stuart has been successful in raising over something like \$30,000.00., local currency, for part of these dormitories, and he is very anxious to have at least sketch plans so that we might get more definite ideas what is to be done and how much it will cost. In this connection you will recall that Governor Ch'en, the former owner of the Campus, indicated that he would like to have his memorial house located on the north side of the Lake, approximately at the center of this dormitory group. Dr. Stuart informed the writer that he had communicated with Governor Ch'en that this location of his memorial house on the spot indicated could not be approved. It is hoped that this will settle this question so that there will be no interference with this dormitory group.

The third part of the telegram was to ask you to purchase half of the stacks for the Library stack room. We had before us at the committee meeting a summary of the amounts spent on the Library up to the present time. It ran as follows:- Spent local currency \$76,500.00., due to contractors \$3,000.- furnishings ordered estimated \$3,500.- finishing materials estimated \$1,900.- lighting estimated \$1,300.- total cost \$86,000.- approximately G\$ total 45,000.- This left sufficient funds to buy

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Action 1083 in regard to meters. It is the writer's feeling that these can be charged to each individual building and not to the general Power Plant's account.

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Action 1084 explains itself. We are sure that the residents in the South Compound will be pleased when the Trustees can authorize the re-payment of the loans they are arranging for, in order to make their grounds more habitable.

✓

Action 1085 Dr. Stuart has provided us with a list of funds authorized for the various buildings. We will enclose a copy of this list. It would seem as if there are considerable balances left on each building, but until we can analyze our accounts we cannot say definitely. We are making every effort to distribute the account 26 F 1 over the buildings, and during the course of next six weeks hope to have this matter largely cleared up, but more on this matter later.

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If the bridge, mentioned in vote 1092, proves to be useable it is proposed to purchase the same with the funds given by Mrs. Marmon. Photograph of this bridge is herewith enclosed.

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In regard to the financial conditions there is very little to be said. We will enclose a copy of the figures which were prepared for this committee meeting, showing where we were at that time.

You will note from the enclosure that we have ordered a steam whistle from Mr. Bocker. This was done so as to have a signal by which our various clocks could be co-ordinated.

*✓*

About a week ago we had a very sudden drop in temperature, which has done a considerable damage more especially in the residences. Apparently many members of the University Staff are not sufficiently familiar with modern plumbing and heating, so that considerable parts of some systems were frozen, and in one case a fire was made in a rcola system, which was completely frozen, which resulted in a serious explosion, which, however, did not injure anybody, but smashed the windows and doors of the room and scared the occupant of the house quite severely.

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We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Nov. 13th together with documents covering the shipment of Bommer Spring Hinges, ex s.s. "President Adams, of the Dollar Steamship Line from New York.

✓

Yours very sincerely,

*John McHugh*





Bridge on campus when the site was  
purchased.

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Property Map with letter of  
December 25, 1926

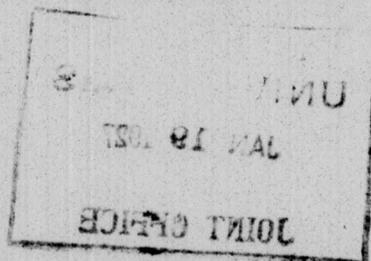
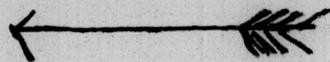
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About \$13,000 L.C.

Prince Pu Lun Property

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TRANSFER

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

My dear Dr. North:-

We are enclosing herewith the minutes of the postponed meeting of the Grounds and Buildings Committee held five days ago. The main business of the meeting as stated by Dr. Stuart was to devise some ways of transferring the operation of the University buildings and especially the Power Plant from the Construction Bureau to the University's Administrative Offices. A great deal of conversations was indulged in, no real decision was arrived at. As far as one can sort the matter out it was agreed that the Power Plant had better be run for a year or more by the men who have installed it, and later find a Chinese engineer competent to run it. The Union Medical College have such an engineer whose work shows a great improvement over any work that was done before. They pay him \$600.00., local currency, a month, and Mr. Hogg says that they know of no one like him. Our two men have been costing us a total of \$600.00., and will have to be increased if we are to keep them happy on short term contracts.

The University's Administrative Officers are apparently not satisfied with the way, perhaps, with the speed, that their requests for changes, replacements etc., are being carried out by the Construction Bureau, and apparently they think that if they were completely in charge things could be done in better shape. As far as the judgment of the committee could be ascertained they did not think that a non technical Administrative officer, or a committee, could hope to have the necessary results in the up-keep of our rather elaborate Plant, and no action was taken except the one in the last paragraph, which came as a result of conversations after the writer had left the meeting to go to a dentist appointment.

Actions 1102 and 1103 are self-explanatory. Action 1104 has been changed since the meeting owing to the fact that orders have been given to the workmen during the absence of the writer in Japan, and much of the pipe has been roughed in for complete occidental installations, and to the further fact that Dr. Stuart had some information and agreements which were not reported at the time of the meeting. It looks now as though all these toilet apartments will have occidental bowls.

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Dec. 23rd, 1926.

We wish to confirm our telegram of the 16th instant which was an answer to your telegram, which we have decoded to read as follows:-

"Telegraph immediately what is considered necessary to pay off bank or other loan and outstanding accounts building operations."

We hope you have understood our telegram to mean the following:-

"It will be necessary to have Chinese \$90,500.- in order to close the accounts for the year, this does not include Chinese \$7,000.- for the South Residence Compound, the status of which has been explained in our letter of Dec. 14th, nor does it include Chinese \$13,000.- for Yen Property."

The purchase of the Yen Property was effected through the Administrative Offices two or three months ago. The funds for its purchase and remodeling are being provided for by four or five members of the staff. It is hoped to pay the interest on this loan through room rents charged to upwards of fifty students, who can be housed there, and rent for one three or four bed-rooms residence, which has been made. This property is located along the east boundary of the Fu Lun strip, at its extreme southern side. We will enclose a tracing of this part of the University's holdings, which will locate it for you on your maps. The whole cost of the property and its remodeling will be in the neighbourhood of Chinese \$13,000.- as mentioned above.

You had in our previous letter a complete summary of the Construction Bureau finances worked up from the Nov. Balance Sheets of the Construction Bureau and the University Treasurer. Copies of these figures were given to the members of the Grounds and Buildings at the meeting, but they did not have time to go into that.

We are attempting to get the Library for occupation by the middle of next month so that the books can be moved into this building in time for the second semester term. This means finishing a certain amount of furniture and getting some lights installed. Lights are the difficult part of the proposition as the wire ordered from New York has not yet arrived, and the supply of good wire is limited and expensive here.

We are also planning to put the Administration Building into temporary use. The offices downstairs are all but finished, and we hope to white wash the large assembly room, and use it as it stands until summer time when we will finish it. Dr. Stuart informs us that Dr. L. C. Porter will be moving to the Site next Fall, and that we are under obligation to build him a house, as the house designated for him has been contributed by a Brooklyn Church. It is the writer's strong hope that nothing larger than a bungalow FA (six rooms) will be built, as this is proving a very useable house, and we already have too many larger houses. President Stuart expects to finance this house from income from the Hall Harvard School Chinese Learning.

Yours very sincerely,

*Ernest G. Smith*

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to confirm our reference of the 1st instant  
in answer to your letter, which was forwarded to you  
on 1/11/27.

With reference to the 1st instant, it is noted that  
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PEKING, CHINA.

Construction Bureau, Haitien, Peking West.  
Tel. No. 4100 East  
" " 4400 East.

Dec. 31st, 1926.

TRANSFER

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

Dear Dr. North:-

We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Nov. 24th with various enclosures covering the shipment of copper wire from the International Standard Electric Corporation that went forward on the s.s. Pres. Adams of the Dollar Steamship Line, and note that a copy of these documents have been forwarded to the American Express Co.

We are also in receipt of second copy of bill of lading and invoice for Bommer Spring Hinges.

Yours sincerely,

*John G. Gears*

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Peking University

December 24, 1926

Mr. J. W. Gibb,  
Yenching University  
Haitien, Peking West,  
China.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

Just at the present moment I am still a little too short of funds to place the order for the stacks for the Library though I am sure I can do so before very long. I find, however, that because of the slope of the roof, it will be necessary for us to know rather exactly the space into which these stacks are to fit, and I think it is entirely likely that in construction you may have varied slightly from Mr. Murphy's drawings. If you have not varied from Mr. Murphy's drawings at all in this portion of the building, so that the measurements upon his drawings are exactly like the actual structure, please cable us to that effect, and I can then place the order from his drawings. If they are not exact it would be very important for you to send us blue prints of the vertical and horizontal cross sections of this space, based upon actual measurements of construction.

I enclose a copy of a letter from Mr. Place giving the rate schedules for the B.T.U. delivery of heat concerning which you asked in a recent letter. You will observe from the terms of this letter that it was impossible for me to cable a figure upon which any fair judgment could be based for Mr. Lund's purposes.

I notice that Mr. Lund seems to feel the need for another Uni-flow Steam Engine. I hope that you will not incur more expense than is absolutely necessary, and would hope that in some way the peak load might be spread so that another unit might not be needed for a while. The absolutely top limit that I have figured on for the whole Heat, Light, Water and Sewer System was \$400,000. gold, and by an act of Divine Providence we have secured that amount though it is not all paid in yet. When I set that figure I thought we were at least going to be ten or twelve thousand dollars above your maximum, but the last set of Construction Bureau accounts gives me a despairing feeling on this item. If it is felt that such a unit is really needed we would like to have a definite schedule showing the loads required by the various special circuits at their peak, the times when such a peak is likely to be reached, and the maximum kilowatt capacity of the present plant by units. Live steam, as well as exhaust steam, we had expected would be necessary for heating, and while I know Mr. Lund's sense of the importance of keeping operating

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costs low would make him feel that an additional Uniflow Engine might be more economical of steam, it may be that we will have to stand a slightly higher operating cost for a bit in order to avoid any further piling up of the already overwhelming costs of this part of our plant.

Please send us as soon as possible the most careful estimates you can make <sup>of</sup> the following items. State them in Mex. and be sure to give us outside figures. We are most anxious to avoid any under estimates.

1. North wing of Men's College Gymnasium.
2. The Infirmary complete.
3. Each of the units of the new dormitory scheme sent on to President Stuart by Mr. Murphy. When we say each of the units, we mean the sections A, B, C, D, E, F and G of the Dec. 20th revision. We would like to know how far you disagree with Mr. Murphy's figures on these items.

Cordially yours,

Secretary  
Peking University

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TRANSFER

Peking University

December 29, 1928

Mr. J. M. Gibb  
Yenching University  
Haitien, Peking West,  
China.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

Enclosed herewith are the following papers covering the shipment of copper wire by the International Standard Electric Corporation that went forward on the S/S "President Monroe" of the Dollar Steamship Line on December 23rd from New York:

- 1 copy each of two invoices
- 1 " of packing list
- 1 " of insurance certificate
- 1 negotiable bill of lading

One copy of each of these papers, with the exception of the insurance certificate was mailed to the American Express Company at Tientsin by the International Standard Electric Corporation.

We trust that this shipment will reach you without delay and in good condition.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer  
Peking University

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