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April 7th, 1927.

TRANSFER

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

Dear Dr. North:-

The Minutes of the Grounds and Buildings Committee, which we are enclosing herewith, have been delayed because of pressure of work. We are, however, at last able to write you a letter to go with these minutes.

GB 1153 The women's College finds it's house in the East Compound so far away from the Campus (ten minutes) that their teachers do not like to live there. They are hoping that the Men's College will take over House No. 30, and that some way will be found to build them one or two small houses on plots Nos. 56 and 57 in the South Residence Compound

GB 1154- House No. 4: This house is occupied by Messrs. Barker and Bentley, and at present only one study room has an open fireplace in this house, hence this action.

GB 1156 We are enclosing herewith a copy of a letter we wrote to Mr. Murphy, which explains this action.

GB 1158 This will give a small indication of how our Tree Nursery is progressing. We have during the past few days sold several hundred trees at 5 cents per tree to the Faculty members. We still, however, have many thousands more., and are hoping to find spots on the Campus where they can be set out.

GB 1159- In regard to this item the writer could not help but feel that the bill was entirely too large. All during last Spring members of the Department of Agriculture were insistent that a considerable amount of planting should be done, while some of us felt that the ground was not sufficiently cleared up to warrant much work being done, and also we could raise trees almost as fast as needed. Besides there were no available funds to purchase relatively expensive trees. They of the Department of Agriculture continued their work, thinking that they had authorization for the expenditure of certain sums. When the committee was faced with this problem they found no other solution except to pay the bill.

Jim Conn
In connection with the following actions on color we have to acknowledge your letter of Feb. 15th. We will try to get drawings from Dr. Porter, also made, and send them to New York as per instructions. The writer, however, cannot but feel that the situation out here has not been truly represented. In the first instance it was his suggestion made in 1921 in New York which led to

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the architectural theory of the buildings that of making them look like one story facade. It is not likely that he would forget this theory. That the effect has been destroyed, is not carried out by what can be seen by inspection of buildings already colored. In no case ^{has} any horizontal coloring ~~had~~ been used below the beams at the tops of the vertical columns. The one exception which may be noted, is in the case of the porches of the Men's Dormitories, where the railings have been given some color. You will note that in action 1166 the committee had voted, before the arrival of your letter, to re-do these railings so as to make them less conspicuous. We are enclosing herewith with this letter a report of the Committee on color. You will note that they first of all suggest the redoing of all the painting. The committee, however, voted not to undertake much re-doing as that would seem an unwarranted expense, and as good suggestions found in the report could be used when re-painting became necessary.

It was brought to the attention of the committee that our thinking had under gone a considerable change during the five or six years that this work has been in progress. When the plans of the early buildings were exhibited it was the oft expressed hope that the University was not going to attempt any such elaborate scheme as was used in the Union Medical College buildings and our early work was based on this idea. Then the Women's College felt that their two ~~Square~~ buildings should be rather ornate. Later it was felt that the Sage Memorial must correspond to the two square buildings. When the two ~~Science~~ buildings were to be decorated the committee felt that they should be not less decorated than the Sage Memorial, and in this way the color ideas became more involved. It would appear that we are to make another long stride in advance as the small committee is recommending the use of gold leaf, & The more expensive vermilion coloring instead of the plain red. Though the action taken does not look forward to changing buildings already completed. They will be a check on those more elaborate ideas for the time being.

In regard to Vote 1161 our painters assure us that imported paints have not the durability on cement that Chinese paints have. We have, however, ordered a sample column to be made with imported paint and shall see the results. There is no doubt that imported paints will be much more expensive. In the opinion of the writer, ~~who~~ spent many days in the paint shop of a contracting firm in Philadelphia, there is just as much opportunity to adulterate foreign made paints as there is to spoil Chinese made paints, and a dishonest painter will do wrong with either kind. The vermilion color ~~suggested suggested~~ by the committee costs five times as much as the common red already used.

GB 1168 has to do with the small windows which light the attic floors of the Dormitories. The committee wishes to make these seem to be part of the eaves of the buildings rather than the wall. This is to be tried out on one side of one Dormitory. ✓

GB 1179 This action was taken because it was felt that the use of ~~the~~-vermilion color on Bashford would make it necessary to change the colors on the Science Buildings to correspond. If this proves to be the case it was the feeling of the committee that Bashford should be done in the less expensive red. ✓

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The writer is sorry that very ornate suggestions for window sash were adopted, as in his opinion a building of the stateliness of Bashford Memorial should not be treated in this way. Before this work is put in hand we shall try to have the committee reconsider this phase of the work. ✓

Dark green velvet stage curtain 8 Order 710 7

Up to the present we have not succeeded in finding a dark green velvet stage curtain, and would ask that you get a price for us on same. The opening as it now stands is 16' high by 24' wide.

We believe that all the other actions of the committee's report are quite clear.

We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Feb. 21st and hope that we will soon have the question of orders with their respective numbers so well systematized that there will be no extra trouble in regard to them. ✓

We also have to acknowledge your letter of Feb 16th in regard to door knobs. We have cabled you that we wish to order Set P-6933. We do not believe that a flat type key is necessary for these buildings, as it is very unlikely that they will be locked and left unattended. Judging from the way the locks and handles are going to pieces there will be very little value left in the locks at present on the doors. Whether the Chinese are more heavy handed than the Occidental folks, or whether these locks are poorly put on, we are not prepared to say, but certainly they are not filling the needs of the case. Dr. Stuart also reported your cable G\$220.00., for the door closers needed. We have cabled you to order these, as the prices we get here vary from \$6.00 l.c. up, each. ✓

We will not take time to comment on the situation out here as no doubt others are keeping you fully informed. We do not, however, feel that the conditions are as serious as some are inclined to believe, and hope that before this letter reaches you everything will become more tranquil than it is now. ✓

We are enclosing with this letter Order No. 231. This is for heating mains leading to the Men's Gymnasium. Our Flow main stops at Station No. 47 near the eastern most projected Men's Dormitory. When the Men's Gymnasium was located on the axis it was so near the Power Station that it was to be heated by a separate small main either hot water or steam, but when it was moved to the position much further to the north, it becomes necessary to heat from our large mains. In order to use the portion of the building this Fall it will be necessary to get these additional parts out here at the earliest possible date. ✓

We have been very badly put to it for cash to carry on during the past few days. Your remittance of March 10th is supposed to be at the Treasurer's office at this moment. We have just heard this news over the telephone, but he hinted that there is only G\$8,000.00., and we at the present moment have bills outstanding in excess of Chinese \$8,000.00., most of this is for cement. In the meantime we are urging the cement people to deliver more stock, which when delivered will require more money. We hope that you ✓

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have sent considerable amounts forward long before this letter reaches you.

You have probably heard from President Stuart that he has decided to put a wall completely round the University's holdings, which would approximately cost Chinese \$17,000.00. He expects to use Peking -Tient-sin Dormitory funds for this, but unfortunately such of those funds as have been paid into our account here are already spent trying to keep the job as it is outlined now going. We certainly hope that the Trustees will remit as rapidly as possible funds sufficient to carry thru the program of this year, and also tell us just what work is authorized, and how much money is authorized for the work. ✓

We also have to acknowledge your letter of March 9th addressed to Mr. Wiant and will cooperate when necessary with him in clearing up the accounts. ✓

Yours sincerely,

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from E. Eric M. North

Encl: - ✓ Order No 231 for heating materials for the Men's Gymnasium.
✓ Minutes of the G.&.B. Com. of March 31st,
Report of the committee on color,
.. of Mr. King on Landscape.
✓ Order No 232 for Locks and Door Closers.

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RECOMMENDATIONS ON COLOR PROBLEMS OF YENCHING UNIVERSITY

The following recommendations are made after several conferences with Mr. Sohtsu King and a tour of the buildings with him in company with President Stuart. These recommendations embody preliminary suggestions. Through introductions given by Mr. King, it is hoped that we can make use of the advice of other Chinese acquainted with Chinese architectural and color problems.

I. GENERAL SUGGESTIONS:

A. Paints

It is recommended that foreign prepared paints be used for all coloring of University buildings. The Chinese consulted all agree that the opportunities for adulteration in preparing Chinese paints are so great that one can never be sure as to the quality of the paints used. It was felt that the only safe way to avoid being cheated was to insist on foreign prepared paints.

B. Pillars

For all pillars for which red is chosen, it is recommended that a brighter tone be selected than that which has been used hitherto. This color is one of the cheaper Chinese colors and tends to blacken with age. Chinese opinion is strongly in favor of the brighter tone, known as Yin Chu. It is clear that the item of expense must be considered, and it is therefore important that exact estimates be presented to the Grounds and Buildings Committee as to the respective expense of these two colors.

C. Rafters

Chinese opinion is also critical of the imitation gilt yellow coloring used on the tips of the rafters, which have been already colored. The Chinese recommendation would be for actual gold color.

D. Pillars

The color of all pillars should stop at the first main horizontal beam; all color above that point should be part of the scheme of horizontal decoration. This would be in conformity with the prevailing Chinese practice. The coloring already applied in general

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carries the pillar color above the first section of the horizontal decoration.

E. Wall Masses

For all wall masses of all buildings a wash is recommended of a color slightly darker than that now appearing on Ninde Hall. This color makes an admirable background for the brighter colors of pillars, eaves and window frames, and fits in with the roof tiles. If possible, a shade of coloring should be secured sufficiently dark to make a contrast with the granite bases of the buildings without losing the value of the warm tone already secured in the wash of Ninde Hall. It is recommended that experiments be made in various shades of this sand gray tone in the hope that a color can be found which will meet both the requirements suggested.

II. MEN'S DORMITORIES:

A. Dormitories already colored should be modified in accordance with the general suggestions already made.

B. The Porches on either end of the men's dormitory units should be treated as separate units with the following general suggestions:

1. Pillars black. ✓

2. Balustrades of porch given a background like that of the walls; namely, sand color with unobtrusive decorations in green and blue. ✓

3. Horizontal decorations for the porch should include blue, green and gilt primarily. ✓

4. The gable end of the dormitories above the porch should connect the coloring of the porch with that of the main building by giving the sand color to all wall surfaces or windows taking the place of walls; by coloring in red the exposed beams within the inverted V of the gable; and by giving a black color to the woodwork of the inverted V. Instructions have been given for experimental coloring of one of the porches, so that these recommendations can be tested and corrected if necessary before being applied generally.

C. The "attic window" story should be made part of the horizontal decorations of rafter ends and eaves. This can be done by using greens and blues, such as are already in use on the cross beams above and below the walls now given the sand color. By making the vertical supports green and the squares between them blue, and by giving all woodwork the color of the section in which it occurs, these results can be secured. ✓

It is recommended that the coloring on the horizontal beams be modified by changing the central lozenge of green into a green stripe running the length of each section of the beam.

D. Window frames and lattice work may be red. ✓

E. The committee is not prepared as yet to make definite suggestions as to entrance ways. These should not be painted until a further report can be made.

F. Refectory

For ceilings and pillars a full weathered wood color is recommended, with a warm tan for the wall spaces. A darker shade of tan is to be used for radiators.

G. Passageways connecting Dormitories with Refectory

1. Pillars green.

2. Horizontals and balustrade in tones of red with small designs in panels. The general treatment should be that of the usual pavilion style in Chinese gardens.

III. BASHFORD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

A. Exterior

In general the exterior decoration of Bashford should be such as to mark it as the chief building in the series. This effect can probably be secured by a more extensive use of gilt in the horizontal decorations. The general color scheme recommended is as follows:

1. Pillars vermilion.

2. Horizontal decoration green, blue, black and gilt, the latter essential on the ends of rafters and in the chief panel designs on horizontal beams.

3. Window frames bright green with lattice picked out in red.

4. Entrance way to be reserved for further treatment.

B. Central Lobby

It is recommended that this lobby be made the chief memorial room of Bashford, treated so as to be impressive and dignified.

1. Ceiling

The ceiling presents a special problem because of the structural beams now showing. These ~~are~~ are not all of the same size, making it difficult to secure the coffered effect which the committee desires. Further study of this problem is necessary in consultation with the Construction Bureau.

2. Walls

For the walls a general suggestion is a paneled treatment, so that a number of spaces will be available for stone or bronze busts, or for portraits of founders, donors and others whose work has been of especial significance to Yenching. A part of this scheme of treatment would be the use of such tables, vases, etc. as would suggest to the Chinese the idea of a Memorial Hall.

These are, of course, only general suggestions, yet are determinative for the whole treatment of this memorial lobby. Approval of the general scheme will make possible the dealing with details later. If this general memorial plan is adopted, it is clear that provision for a Bureau of Information, janitor and messenger service, etc., should be made in some other part of the building. The lobby should be reserved as a memorial passageway.

C. Auditorium

1. If it is still possible structurally, the committee recommends that a ceiling be placed in this hall on a level with the top of the lowest cross beam.

2. General Treatment

For all beams a dull green; ceiling, light buff; walls a darker buff or tan. Details for this treatment will be worked out as soon as a decision has been reached as to the ceiling.

3. Frame for the Stage.

The preference for this frame would be carved wood with appropriate Chinese designs, the carving and the woodwork to be matched in the balustrade of the balcony at the back of the building.

4. Dark green velvet stage curtain.

5. The stage should be left as it is with the excellent two-story effect. The coloring of walls and ceilings should be in harmony with those of the main auditorium, with a hanging at the back of the stage, harmonizing with the stage curtain.

IV. LIBRARY

A. General Treatment.

Woodwork in black and green corresponding in general to that of the Wen Yuan Ke Library Building in the Imperial City. Chinese opinion does not feel that it is out of place to have a building with black pillars standing at the head of a court flanked with red pillared buildings. It is felt that the difference in color would add to the distinctiveness of the buildings.

B. The Black Pillars should be matched with a greater amount of gilt in the brackets and the horizontal decoration design. The colors in this design should be chiefly green and blue, as in the case of the Wen Yuan Ke.

C. The Third Story Window Frames and Lattices should be made a part of the horizontal decoration. Window frames should be green with lattice in black and contrasting with appropriate shades of blue and green on the upper and lower horizontal beams.

This treatment of the Third Story of the Library will match the broad band of horizontal color decorating in the Chemistry and Biology Buildings.

D. Interior.

1. General Scheme.

It was felt that the Library interior should have very little in the way of brilliant colors.

The general effect should be quiet and studious without anything to detract attention. For this purpose it is recommended that a general effect in bronze and cement color be sought. As an illustration of the effect intended, the lobby of "A" Building of the P.U.M.C. may be cited. All interior woodwork to be finished in warm medium brown.

2. Walls buff.

3. Floors a warm terra cotta.

4. Upper ceiling olive green with Chinese designs within the coffers in a darker shade of the same color.

5. Pillars natural cement color.

6. First story ceiling a lighter shade of the upper ceiling.

7. For the first story balustrade and the bridge the committee is not yet prepared to make suggestions. Upon approval of the general scheme, studies of these details will be prepared.

V. OTHER BUILDINGS

A. Exteriors

It is recommended that the sand color for the walls be applied as rapidly as possible to all the finished buildings.

B. Interiors

Wherever interior decoration, particularly for the buildings used by the Women's College, has not been completed, the committee recommends that the residents be asked to prepare preliminary plans and arrange for consultation with this committee on the basis of which it can make its formal recommendations.

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

Dear Dr. North:-

We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 1st, enclosing debit note from Burmeister & Wain. We have had their bills before us a long time ago, but have not been able to clear the matter.

It was our understanding that the Engine was to be delivered and erected by the firm of Burmeister and Wain, and tested to our satisfaction before acceptance. The University to be responsible for the boarding and lodging of the erecting engineer, but for nothing else.

We know that the firm of Burmeister and Wain expected to send an engineer to be associated with the firm of Lund, Gernow & Co. They claim that it was this engineer, who would have had charge of erecting our Engine. As the firm of Lund, Gernow & Co., was dissolved and they never sent a man to be associated with them, Burmeister and Wain think the University should be responsible for the man who came from further field. We here cannot see that this is the case as the University had nothing to do with the arrangement between Burmeister & Wain and Lund, Gernow & Co., and bought its engine from the firm of Burmeister & Wain.

We have had some correspondence with them but had no satisfactory agreement. The charge for G\$1144.36 equal to Danish Kr.4,308.47., are for spare parts for the Diesel Engine and for Lubricating Oil Separator.

RLH
There is also a charge of Kr.324.64 which equal to G\$86.23 for Mr. K. Lund's boarding and lodging while here, which is a just charge against the University. This makes a total of G\$1230.59., debits less credits G\$352.81., which leaves us outstanding to the firm of Burmeister & Wain G\$877.78., which we hope you will pay from New York.

NB
see attached bill
pay it as in papers
We are sending a copy of this letter to Burmesiter & Wain, and also giving our correspondence in this matter to Mr. J.A.P. Lund, who will be able to talk with you and with the firm of Burmeister & Wain in Copenhagen.

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Yours sincerely,

From Gignol

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Dr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
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Dear Dr. North:-

The writer was ~~very~~ much alarmed on receiving a letter from Mr. McBrier, the early part of this week, in which he said that it was his plan not to finish the McBrier Hall this year, and intimated that instructions to this effect had been sent to the Field in the early part of the year. Unfortunately this office had no such instructions, our information being quite the contrary, that Mr. McBrier was coming to China this Fall, and that he would be glad to see the building as nearly completed as possible. It was also suggested that if it could be well along toward completion in time for the formal opening it could be used to house some of the University's guests at that time, and possibly it could be used for Student Dormitory purposes during the course of the College year.

With these points in mind on asking for bids for the building we stressed for early completion as an important factor. In January we asked for bids for steel. To complete the whole building we insisted that steel should be delivered in March. We also made up our entire requirements for cement, especially as it looked then as if Railway cars might be irregular during the year, and so prevent periodically deliveries of cement, and ~~in fact~~ of all building materials. The steel was to have left Shanghai on the 15th of Feb., but owing to strikes and other disturbances there, did not leave until the 21st of this month. In fact we have no definite information that it left then, though telegrams received say that they were planning to ship at that time. The Cement Co., undertook to supply us up to the time they were able to secure railway cars, and deliver our whole requirement. They have done so, though at times we were under the necessity of slowing down certain phases of the work, and it looked as though our supply was going to run out. They have now delivered 1000 tons, being 25 carloads, or nearly 12000 bags of cement, so that we are indebted to the Cement Co., for over Ch\$33,000.- We know that the contractors ^{have} bought practically all of their lumber, sand, pebbles, bricks, and ^{would} find it difficult, if not impossible, without a great deal of ^{financial} help from the University to carry these stocks over the winter. The labour price on the whole building is less than Ch.\$13,000.- of which a good part is already due as they have the inside walls up to the level of the second floor, and the window and door frames for the whole building almost completed.

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It would, therefore, seem that a reasonable thing to do is to go ahead as rapidly as possible to complete the building. Since an intimation in one of your letters that the building was not expected to be completed this year we have ^{stopped} suggesting to the contractors steps whereby they can hurry the work. We have not, however, told them to slow up. We presume that it would be bad politics to press Mr. McBrier to hurry the payments on his building, but dare to hope that the Trustees will find some way to underwrite so that the work can continue and the building be finished as scheduled.

In several recent letters there have been suggestions that our buildings may be destroyed by rioters. This was threatened at Christmas time in 1925. We then organized our workmen and found that they were very ready to help to defend the buildings against any such attacks. Judging from the attitude of the student-body, and the community at large, we have nothing to fear from those near at hand, and with our walls rapidly enclosing us we should be able to defend ourselves against attacks. We are also keeping on hand a supply of several thousands of cement bags, which we will use to barricade the first floor windows of all buildings in case there is any reason for expecting disturbances.

It is the consensus of the opinion that disturbances will only occur if Chang Tsao Lin retires from Peking. At present his armies are wiring in Honan, and along the banks of the Yangtze. Any reverse news will be heard of in Peking weeks before its effect will be felt here. The Chamber of Commerce of Peking is making arrangements by means of a committee on Safety to maintain order in case the Mukden armies decide to withdraw, so there should be no apprehension from this direction.

The small panic which lead to the closing of the Language School, and to the withdrawal of most of the wives and children of the staff of the Medical School, both of which are predominantly American Institutions, has caused quite a bit of adverse criticisms of Americans by other nationalities. The writer for one hopes that no change in policy here will increase that criticism.

Four groups of contractors are at work on the outside of the stone wall of the main Campus. That along the west, the main highway, is furthest advanced, large stretches being up to the full height. We expect that the whole thing will be completed by the end of May. An attempt on the part of some petty officials to make a considerable profit in the rubble stone, necessary for the work, has caused two weeks of delay on certain sections. Everything is clear now, and the stone is being hauled from the old Summer Palace in large quantities.

We are making arrangements to build a house for Miss F. Giang, which will be south-west of House, now numbered 61, in the South Residence Compound. Two slight additions of land since the survey was made, one was a gift from Mr. Huang, now deceased, and the other a \$30.00., purchase, will make it possible to put one more house than originally planned. This means we will have to change the number of House 61 to 63.

Yours very sincerely,

J. M. North

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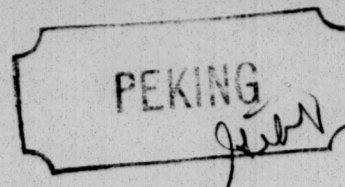
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May 6th, 1927.
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The Secretary,
of the Board of Trustees,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

We are enclosing herewith the minutes of the Grounds and Buildings Committee meeting held three days ago, and will make some comments on the same.

From the beginning of our work here we have every summer come across a considerable amount of malaria both among our workmen and among the villages round about. Dr. Learmonth feels that every precaution should be taken to prevent the spreading of malaria in the University community. We are, therefore, trying to encourage the growth of fish in the Lake and in other waterways, and to keep the reeds and other vegetation from growing in the Lake, and along the shores from hanging down into the water. We are also trying to keep the water deep enough at the edges so that fish can have access to all parts of the Lake. Hence this action in regard to mosquito prevention.

The painting on the Men's Dormitory group mentioned is costing \$334.00., for the two Dormitories. This is for some redoing and some new work which has never been finished on these buildings. The contract for the Refectory is \$426.00., being the whole building which has never been started. We hope that when it comes to the other Dormitories we can persuade the committee to do less work and save money for the time being.

In regard to the landscape matters Mr. King has not been to either of the last two meetings. His report of which we have sent you a copy is quite full, but in the opinion of the writer calls for too many ^{large} trees to be purchased. The writer for one would be willing to use the report as the basis for procedure, but to grow the trees ourselves. This would mean that the Campus would come into shape a little more slowly, but that we would save many, and in a few years time would have stronger and better trees than if we ~~try~~ to transplant larger ones now.

Some members of the committee thought that Mr. King was feeling hurt because no prompt action had been taken in regard to his report, hence the action GB1188.

A [In regard to the color actions the nan mu color corresponds to what we westerners sometimes call fumed oak. It is the thought of the committee that if the Library is done both inside and outside in this color, it will have a pleasing and quiet effect, and will from ^{the} psychological point of view be a quiet and studious place.

May 6th, 1927

In regard to the stone wall around the Campus, the committee was torn between many opinions. The decision to erect the wall was made on the day of the previous meeting of the committee, but the matter was not brought up at the committee meeting. A number of the members of the committee are not in favour of the wall, though their reasons for not desiring it are unlike. Some of the reasons are that it is useless as a protection against either rioters or looters; that it is unnecessary expense; that it will cost an annual budget item to keep it in repair; that it hides our present beautiful buildings from tourists, or passers-by along the main road; that living behind high walls has had a bad psychological effect on the Chinese, which should be corrected as quickly as possible. Those in favour of the wall are so because it is hoped to satisfy the wishes of the student-body and a large number of the Chinese Faculty, who feel that a wall is essential, and that it will be a help in preventing petty thieving around and in the buildings.

Since the meeting of the committee Mr. King has written a letter demurring about the wall. The writer hopes to see the day when the wall along the west front at least will either be changed to high iron fence, or be replaced by the hedge, which was originally planned for.

The terrace for the Sage Memorial is an attempt to carry out a suggestion which was made by Mr. Murphy, which will give the Sage Memorial a greater apparent height. As the top building of this Quadrangle the Sage Memorial should be more important than it is now. In doing this grading we will come against the heating trench, which parallels the Sage Memorial on its north wall. To grade this end would mean to expose the heating trench which is not desirable. It is, therefore, suggested that the terrace instead of going round the north side of the Sage Memorial should turn away from the Sage on the north and go toward the west. This means that there will be a pocket at this point in the earth where water will tend to collect and where some arrangement for drainage will have to be made.

The swimming pool matter speaks for itself. We are at work digging the hole for the pool.

We are sending with this letter a blue print showing the proposed inclined floor in the Bashford Auditorium. You will note that under the gallery at the south end two temporary classrooms have been made so that the access to the main room is through the passage-way outside of these classrooms. It is proposed to elevate the back end of the room to the height of the window-sill. See Section BB. The aisles at the walls will remind at the level of the old floor. Access to the seats from these aisles will be by means of steps. The two centre aisles will be inclined and will be reached by ramps. See Section AA. It is the opinion of the writer that the side aisles will have to be widened, which will decrease the noted seating capacity to 600 on the floor. The seating under the gallery when it is needed at a not distant date will be very second rate. The floor here will have to be flat at the level of the window sills, which will have an apparent height under the front edge of the gallery of only 7ft. We will probably lose one hundred seats by this re-arrangement. This work will not be undertaken until after the middle of June so that a cable from New York will be in time to hold up the work if necessary. This drawing makes it appear that an addition is to be of reinforced

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concrete. It seems to the writer that this can be made of wood, and the same was pointed out to the committee.

Finances: The University and Administrative Officers felt that considerable preparations should be made for tennis, basket-ball and other Athletic features so that the students in their transfer from Peking to a country site should be have facilities along these lines, in a measure making up for other inconveniences which must be faced, and for the newness of the suburban atmosphere. The Department of Athletics was given a relatively free hand, and are well equipped. It is expected that this amount of money would be provided from the Harmon gift of \$10,000.-- Until this question is settled the committee voted to authorize the an expenditure of \$240.00 more this year.

Warner Gym. The granite base of the Warner Gymnasium has been made from a relatively white granite, which we have bought second hand from the old Summer Palace. It gives a fine appearance. When the work was done the question arose in some of our minds as to whether several years from now additional quantities of this particular stone will be available. Our stone contractors assure us that it can always be secured from the quarries in the hills. This supply from the old Summer Palace comes at a 33 to 50% lower price. Hence this committee's action suggesting that we write to Mr. Warner asking him to provide the money and authorize the purchase and storing of sufficient stone to finish the base of the whole building.

The Main Gate President Stuart reported that to the committee that the students and alumni have raised over \$4,000.00., and have Mex. \$5,000.00., in sight for the gate, and that ^{the way} to get the rest of the money was to start on the work. Hence the action taken. We have now let a contract for \$8500.00., ~~the~~ contractors to find enough granite on the Site, in other words the Mex \$8500.00., does not include the cost of this granite. The Trustees have had drawings of this gate for over a year. It is a typical gate and should be a decoration to the Campus.

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The erection of the wall seems to preclude more or less / screened gate originally planned for the Women's College Entrance. This matter was therefore referred to the Women's College Administrative Committee to see what should be done in the way of an entrance for them there. We have suggested the purchase of a very handsome stone gate for their entrance. All the other matters in the minutes seem to explain themselves.

You will note that the Construction Bureau was again heavily overdrawn at the end of the month. Committed as we are to so much work payments must be made when they are due, and while trying to economize on every line still we are unable to carry on without this over-drawing. The Current Account still finds itself unable to pay us some \$15000.00., due for light, water and heat, already provided up to the end of March. Their payment would help us for sometime, but would not fully cover the whole situation. We will probably have to cable to the Trustees within the next few days for permission to draw funds to cover our pressing and urging needs. We are enclosing herewith a copy of a letter from the Chee Hsin Cement Co. The word "accepted" should read received, and we doubt if reference to correspondence would show that we have promised to make payment. We probably suggested that we would pay for part of it during May. We have written to them and again telephoned urging that they, in selling cement in this neighbourhood, make deliveries from the stock we have in hand. We have left a few hundred bags at the Railway Station for this purpose.

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We also have on our desk a letter from the China Electric Co., Ltd., urging payment for some outstanding bills. We know that our credit has been drawn for the steel purchased in January, so that our Bank account is more than ever depleted. The Physics Department drew against us for more than Mex\$1000.00., for equipment bought in England, so that we are called upon on all sides to make payments.

We are making good progress with the roads, but yesterday the man who was driving the tractor left the road and got into some soft earth, and apparently turned the tractor over backwards. This was partly due to the fact that we ^{have} weighted the hind wheels so as to get more drawing power from the smooth tyres that we have put on. As far as we can see the only smashing done was to the gearing wheel. It was fortunately that the driver was not caught under the tractor and crushed to death. It is running this morning mixing cement for the terraced lecture room in the McBrier Hall.

Yours very sincerely,

B

John M. Fitzgerald

P.S. We have on our desk for forwarding to New York four sheets, which will give some ideas of the colors on the buildings.

Drawing No.1 is the Dormitory elevation. This shows the scheme as now being carried out. The Color Committee have put the blue and green color under the eaves, where originally there were plain wall surface. They have also cut off the top of the columns at the beam, while originally the columns went straight up to the eaves. The wall surface color is not good, i.e. it is not exactly what it should be, but it seems as near as the Chinese painter can get.

Drawing No.2. The Junior College, or Sage Memorial, is what we have on that building. The wall surface shown is the old cement surface, which we are proceeding to make the same color as the Dormitory wall surface. The window frames in this building are black, more of a lacquer color effect than is shown on the painting submitted.

Drawing No.3. The School of Religion, which shows what we have on this building. Here again the wall effect is not correct. It should be something between what is shown on the drawing and what is on the Dormitory. If the Color Committee has its way they will cut off these columns at the beam; they will also put paint under the eaves round the small windows.

Drawing No.4. The Science Buildings. We have not ~~take~~ taken the time to have the work under the eaves put on as the color effect is to be the same as on the Junior College. The remarks made about the wall surface apply to the Science Buildings as well.

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燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
(INCORPORATED IN 1909 AS PEKING UNIVERSITY)
PEKING, CHINA.

PEKING

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

The Secretary,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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13th, 1927.

PEKING

Dear Sir:-

We are enclosing herewith our order No.245 and two copies for fittings and bathroom equipment for Miss Giang's house. We believe the money for this house has been given by her friend, and it is planned to erect the same on the South Residence Compound, directly south of House No.61. We are sending a copy of this order to Mr. Bocker in Seattle, and will ask him to quote to you on same, and hope that you will authorize him to ship the material, so that we can get it here at the earliest possible date, as Miss Giang would like to occupy the house early in the Fall.

Notes
June 11

We have to-day sent to the local treasurer and to the President's office copies of the enclosed list of the remittances we asked for in our letter of Feb. 25th. About the middle of February we sent you a list of the proposed expenditures for the year, and on the 25th of that month we sent you a letter, from which this list is extracted. We have been working on the supposition that this work would be taken care of. We are now in danger of spoiling the University's credit with all and sundry because we are not meeting our bills. You have, doubtless, President Stuart's cable of five days ago, and we hope for an answer soon, as the pressure in this office is becoming very great.

Yours very sincerely,

John M. G. H.

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by various College Committee
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L. A. Bowman
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Peking University

May 23, 1927.

Mr. J. M. Gibb,
Yenching University,
Tsinghua Yuan,
Peking West,
China.

Dear Mr. Gibb:

The shipment of the 10,000 feet of park cable conductor went forward on the President Van Buren from New York about the 12th inst. The International Standard Electric Corporation mailed papers to you, but we are forwarding these in case there should be a delay due to their using the old address of the Construction Bureau, Haitien, instead of as above. The papers enclosed herewith are as follows:

One copy each of two invoices
" " packing list
" " insurance certificate
" " bill of lading

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Peking University.

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1 letter
11/17/27
H. H. H.

RESIDENCE SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 31, 1927

Amount already
Expended

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Yen Compound
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R. Sailer
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de Tseharnier

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Miss Boring
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C.F. Wu
Sharman
Steven Ts'ai
Judge Kuo

Hsu Shuhsi
B.H. Li
David
Konantz
Wolferz
J.B. Taylor
Breece
Ph. De Vargas
J. Sun
Geo. Barbour
J.F. Si
Mr. Hwang
T.J. Chou.
Burgess
Leonard Hsu
C.W. Luh
T.H. Chin
(Vincent) J.L.S. and Wiant

William Hung
H.S. Galt
S.D. Wilson
(*Min Chiang*)
Mr. Li

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PRESIDENT JACKSON
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PRESIDENT GRANT

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June 17-1927

Mr Eric M. North:-
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr North:-

I am writing this
note to be sent to you
by air mail.

When I left Peking
on May 30th to make
the closest connections possible
with this boat, the Mochin,
the financial position
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a critical condition.

The Fifth Month Festival was about June Third and many of the University creditors were looking for payment of the bills, either in part or in whole.

The Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank was helping all that it could.

A letter which I had in Yokohama said they had had three hectic days but thought they would get by the festival all right but would need substantial help as the foreign firm creditors were looking for help and

some payments would have to be made to them very shortly. This letter begged me to see the trustees at the very earliest possible date and ask them to cable authority to draw.

I do not think it worth while to consider causes and reasons in this letter as you no doubt have had our letter from Peking.

We should be in Philadelphia by about the 27th inst and would be pleased if we could see the Trustees committee about the 29th or 30th. Will you please write to 505 Chestnut St, Philada., giving date and time of meeting.

If however it is possible to give those who are carrying on in Peking some relief before that date we certainly hope you will do so.

Very sincerely yours
J. W. Gregory
We have had practically no Peking news since June 1st.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

June 24, 1927.

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb, Jr.,
505 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Gibb:

We have your air mail letter and telegram with reference to a meeting of the Finance Committee and the University's finances. Two considerations lead me to suggest deferring the meeting of the Finance Committee you suggested for the 29th or 30th.

First, it is going to be very difficult to get a satisfactory group of the Finance Committee together at that time; a number are away, and on the 29th or 30th, we could get only two or three of the committee; I shall have to be in Chicago then myself, and as the lay-out looks now, it probably would not be possible to get a satisfactory meeting until some time after the Fourth of July. Please let us know at once whether you would be available for a meeting during the week following the Fourth. We very much want to have a meeting with you to go over a good many things, but they will be better done if we can get a fuller meeting.

Second, is a meeting before the Fourth very urgent? I take it from your letter that the matter you have most on your mind is finances, and you, of course, have not been in touch with Peking since you left. It will interest you to know that we sent out, during the month of May, US\$22,000. and that they drew on our authorization at the end of May, US\$10,000.; during the month of June, checks have been sent out for \$23,000. more. This is on current as well as on plant account. This is also \$5,000. more than they asked for in their last cable. Does this relieve the urgency? I am cabling today asking them for specific word on their requirements for July, August, September and October.

In any case, welcome home! Looking forward to a grand palaver on the Yenching universe, both in general and in particular, I am

Faithfully yours,

Secretary, Peking University.

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Bellevue

June 29, 1927.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

Pardon this short note. In reply to yours of June 28th to Dr. North, Dr. North will be back about July first. Mr. McBrier and I expect to be here all summer. Your relationship to the University here in this country will be taken up at the meeting of the Finance Committee.

Dr. North will let you know the date of this meeting.

Cordially yours,

President, Board of Trustees.

FHW/L

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb, Jr.,
4650 Locust Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Peking University

July 1, 1927

Mr. J. McGregor Gibb, Jr.,
4650 Locust Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

We quote for your information the following cablegram
received in this office:

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GIBB YENCHING NY.

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(Translation) Gibb have been advised US \$15,000. has been sent
strongly urge addition(s) (in addition to) wabling
Brier (McBrier) US \$10,000. need at once Mexican
\$40,000. Barker.

Very sincerely yours

Assistant Secretary
Peking University

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4650 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa.,
June 28th, 1927.

PEKING

My dear North:-

I was a little dissatisfied to get your letter of the Twenty fourth when I was able to get to your office yesterday morning. We arrived Saturday afternoon after a long forced march so as to be ready for the Trustees the early part of this week.

I am hardly able to say what the hurry is till I can get at all the correspondence from Peking in your office. I did not have time to collect copies of everything before I left, as there was just a week's time from the day that it was decided I was to come till I left the campus. Most of that time was used in closing up the affairs in the construction bureau office and acquainting Barker with matters there. We tried to make arrangements with all the contractors so that they and he could get past the Fifth Month feast without too much strain on either party, and a letter I had from Barker in Yokohama indicated that they were just able to make it, tho there was no margin. Also that the firms, foreign, who were owed money were getting anxious for some payments.

It is very gratifying to know that there have been payments sent out during June but I am afraid that the \$ 23,000 will not meet all the needs, as the overdraft with the Hongkong & Shanghai bank would take half of that amount, a payment for cement due during the month would take \$ 5000 more and I am sure that the current account would need a considerable amount, which means that there would be nothing for the firms mentioned above and nothing to carry on the current month with.

There were a number of questions that Dr. Stuart had asked either by letter or by cable to which he had not had an answer up to the time of my departure and he was anxious for me to try to help clear these matters up. He was also anxious to have me find out whether a visit from me with the Trustees of the Hall estate would be advisable.

I would like to know whether I am to be settled in the New York office, as I must make arrangements to live somewhere. This is all the more necessary as two of my boys should get to work in some sort of summer school, so as to make up the balance of the past years schooling. Their work having been interrupted by the closing of their school in North China due to the unsettled state of affairs there.

I also would like to see Mr. McBrier before he leaves for China and Mr. Warner also if he is going to be away for any length of time.

I can come to New York any time and give as much time to University work as is needed. If I am not to be regularly located there, I would like to get at it and get away as quickly as possible so that I can find other ways to keep myself employed and at the same time add to the income which the Board will pay me, as I fear we will have trouble meeting all the demands that will be made upon us.

Sincerely yours

John M. Gregg Gilbert

Our telephone here is Granite 8024

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4650 Locust Street, Philadelphia. Pa.
July 4th, 1927.

PEKING

My dear North:-

You have no doubt been shown the cable that was received in the New York Office from Peking. I can not make it out, probably because I have not the necessary information from the New York office. The cable seems to bear out my letter of the Twenty Eighth, where I ventured to think that the amount sent out in June would hardly keep the Construction Bureau out of the debtors prison. Barker says that they need Mexican \$ 40 000 at once. He also says that they have been advised of \$ 15 000, which would seem to indicate that the other \$ 8 000 sent out during June went for current expenses.

I was at Ocean City with Tom on Friday night and Saturday and he would have had me stay till this evening but came home Saturday night hoping for word from you here which would have taken me to New York this evening or early tomorrow morning. Up to now, noon, no word has come. I do not want to seem to worry about these things but we should get together as soon as possible and devise some way to help those who are trying to carry on in Peking over the next few months.

Everything that they are doing there is necessary, almost imperative, and doing it now will mean that it cost less than post poning it for months or perhaps years. I believe that it will cost less even tho we count in five percent interest charges on money borrowed to carry thru during the next months. There is the further factor of the University's credit there in Peking. Let them once default on payments and the credit we have built up during the past five years will be lost and it will take a generation to recover it.

Our telephone here in Granite 8024 and I hope you will call me on receipt of this and let me know when the meeting can be held. I think a half day together in the New York Office before the meeting will make for clearness at the meeting and perhaps greater satisfaction to all.

Sincerely yours

Joe M. Gregor Giltz

Reply

*Print do to
arrive two days early*

1050. Second Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
July 4, 1927.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. in relation to the matter of the purchase of the land for the proposed University of the City of Philadelphia. I am sorry that I am unable to give you a more definite answer at this time, but the matter is being considered by the Board of Trustees of the University of the City of Philadelphia, and I am sure that you will understand the necessity of their careful consideration of the matter.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
John H. Smith,
President of the University of the City of Philadelphia.

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Peking University

July 6, 1927

Mr. J. M. Gibb, Jr.,
4850 Locust St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

Dr. North has asked me to reply to your letter of July 4, 1927.

We have been making every possible effort to get a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committees of Peking University at as early a date as an effective group can be gotten together. You will understand that at this time of the summer a large percentage of the members of the Board are out of the city and meetings can only be arranged as we are able to catch a sufficient number here in the city. A meeting of the Finance Committee is being called for 12:15 noon on Friday, July 15th, and a joint meeting of the Finance and Executive Committees is called for 2:30 P.M. that same afternoon. Dr. North requests that, if possible, you come to New York at least two days before the meeting, say Wednesday, July 13th. He also suggests that it would be well for you to make plans to remain here in the city for four or five days after this meeting in order to clear up a number of items on which your advice will be needed.

We wish to assure you that our New York office is thoroughly appreciative of the financial problems concerning Peking University, and is straining every nerve to solve these difficulties as rapidly and effectively as possible. I hope that these coming meetings will do much to clarify the situation and point the way to less difficult times.

Faithfully yours,

Assistant Secretary
Peking University

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Peking University

July 19, 1927

Mr. J. MacGregor Gibb,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Mr. Gibb,

As mentioned in my conversation with you, we have been holding on our Peking Suspense Account an item for \$6.30, which was paid on behalf of Mrs. Gibb last fall. This includes handling of two trunks and one crate, presumably taken from the Dollar Line to the Penn Station on September 10, 1926, together with an 80¢ charge for ferriage.

There was received from Mrs. Gibb on November 10th, 1926, the sum of \$286.24 in payment for steamer ticket, Seattle to Kobe; War Tax on same, and Western Clergy certificates, but this one item of \$6.30 was received by this office too late to be included.

Very sincerely yours,

July 21st, 1927.

My dear Dr. North:-

In going over Mr. Wiant's reconciliation I notice the account called Princeton Special G \$ 7000. This I take it is the burgess house # 37 L C \$ 18,454. 94 on last May's Balance sheet. This amount could be written in column 1 of the Reconciliation and taken from the residence debit.

Did I give you with the report a few notes on residences? I should like a copy of those notes if possible.

Perhaps one of the notes was to the effect that Leonard Hsu's house # 38 is probably paid for in part at any rate by a loan raised by President Stuart from Mr. Gamble. I mention that here because I am not sure whether there is any record of that loan if it exists. I am not sure at this distance just how the money got into the Construction Bureau accounts.

I also notice that the item Great Wall found in the C. B. Balance sheet, page 2, of L. C. \$ 7,827 is not written in opposite Peking Tientsin Campus Wall in the recon. but is included in account 22b.

The operation & maintenance account illustrates the need of the reserve fund about which we were discussing yesterday. The C. B. found the money for running the power plant last summer. It was possible to buy coal at certain times when dealers were able to get cars from the military. It was necessary to buy in a hurry when it was coming along. If we had had to wait for current acct funds we might have lost the opportunity. The fly in the ointment is that the current account once having been helped out does not seem to think it has much responsibility in the matter even tho the heat, light water etc have all been supplied.

These comments in passing

J. McG. Gibb

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(For statements see
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L. McG. G.



Memos for Dr. North.

7/24/27
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RESIDENCE DATA. There is one house in the Yen Compound that does not stand on the C. B. Accounts as a separate building. This is occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Ritter, and at least L. C. \$ 7000 should be charged against it as its share of the Yen Compound house.

Summary RESIDENCES.

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File "Kitt, J. M."
Houses owned or leased for 30 years 26
Entirely new houses
bungalows 9
two storey houses 17
remodelled Chinese 19

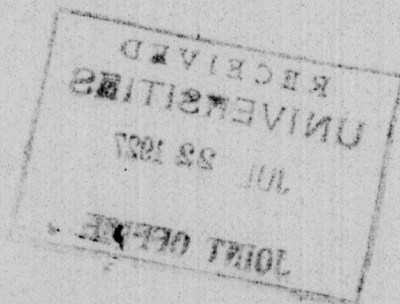
MURPHY'S STATEMENT ABOUT MEASUREMENT IN GYMNASIUM.

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J. McG. G.



Memo for Dr. North.

RESIDENCE DATA. There is one house in the Yen Compound that does not stand on the C. B. Accounts as a separate building. This is occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Ritter, and at least L. C. \$ 7000 should be charged against it as its share of the Yen Compound house

SUMMARY RESIDENCES.

Houses owned or leased for 30 years	26
Entirely new houses	9
Two storey houses	17
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Mr. B. A. Garside,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside:-

I am enclosing herewith my check for \$ 6.30 being the amount held in suspense since Mrs. Gibb's visit to the States nearly a year ago. We wish to thank you and the Office for taking care of this for us.

I recall that the hardware has never been ordered for the McBrier and Warner buildings, and if I can have full sets of the plans of these buildings sent here to Philadelphia I will be able to make out the orders.

Full sets will not be necessary. If I can have one elevation of the recitation building, and the first and second floor as sent from Peking for McBrier I will be able to get the hardware order from these plans. The Warner Bym will not need very much but I should have the two floors and the elevations. Sorry I did not attend to this while in New York this morning but it slipped my mind till I was going over some other matters here in Philadelphia.

May I have a copy of the cable you are sending off to Peking about the controllership. Did you ask them for a cabled reply? It is getting near the time of the month that we will have to look for a permanent home and I would prefer to wait till I can know what Peking things about this proposition.

If there is anything that comes up that I can help with do not hesitate to let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours

John McGinnis Gibb

ch. for \$6.30 enc. ordered
Recitation Bldg - 1-L, 2-R - 4-R
Bym. #2, #4, #5-6

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4650 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
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