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January 7, 1928

Mr. John McGregor Gibb, Jr.,
5 Dreycote Lane,
Haverford, Pa.

My dear Mr.Gibb:

We have your letter of December 23rd and are glad to note that the method we suggested for the payment of special allowance granted you is satisfactory. We will follow your suggestion that the payment of an additional $500.00 for your promotion work be left for a time until you see how well that work goes along.

As requested, I am sending you a copy of the revised University budget. I have not taken time to check over carefully each of the items in this budget as I am hoping to do within the next few days, but it is certainly substantially correct and will, I think, satisfactorily meet your needs.

With the most cordial good wishes for the New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

BAG-H

Enc.

January 18, 1928.

My dear John:

On returning to the office this morning, I found your letter regarding tree nursery matters. Would it do if I asked you to serve as Chairman of the Committee on Nursery Gardens? If you prefer to have this title or otherwise, please let me know and I will get the proper action passed in due time. I am glad you are following this matter up. You may care to correspond with Mrs. M. E. Judd, Dalton, Georgia, whom I have asked to help by sending certain seedlings.

When you want help in campaign matters, let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. John McGregor-Gibb, Jr.,
5 Dreycote Lane,
Haverford, Penna.

JLS:O

Haverford, Pennsylvania.

January 12th, 1928.

My dear Dr, Stuart:-

I have made some contacts with people interested in Tree Nurseries and seeds and think that I may get some help with the nursery work that we carried on since we moved to Haitien. It would help in this work if I could be given some Official Title, so that I could tell people that I was in Charge of the Nursery for growing the trees for the Campus or something like that. I have not had a word about the nursery since leaving Peking and am in the dark as to whether it has been discontinued, turned over to others or left with the Construction Bureau. I once wrote to Tom Barker , that if the time was ripe, I would like some formal action turning over the plot of ground outside of the West Gate of the Gibb-Learmonth-Barker-Bentley Houses to me for Nursery purposes, also any other land that was not being used for better purposes. But have had no reply.

Can you do anything here and can you give me any information as to the status of things along nursery lines.

We are well and very busy, sorry that I have nothing to report on Campaign Lines.

Sincerely yours

Jno McGregor Gibb Jr

Haverford, Pennsylvania.

January 25th, 1928.

My dear Stuart:-

Yours of the 18th has been with me for some days. Quite frankly, I do not care to be called the Chariman of Committee. If it takes a Committee then I would prefer to be left off. If I could just be put in charge of the Nursery something might come of it. I am inclined to think we are having too many committees at Yenching. I have always found that they took too much time and too much strength for the ends gained. I am willingto be left off all committees.

Has there come forth any schedule of needs for the present askings? I am painfully aware that the end of Janaury is on us and I have not acomplished anything.

I hear that Mr. George Johnson of the Endicott-Johnson Shoe Concern, whose headquarters is in New York State, is a very generous man. I do not know whether you have had him in mind or not nor whether you have any line of attack for such a man.

News in letters seems to indicate that things are not worse in and around Peking and that there is a little settling down in other quarters put in China. All sides are asking the Salt Gabelle to re-open its offices in various areas where they were closed a few months back.

Hope you are well and are having success in the fund raising campaign.

Sincerely yours

Jno McGregor Gibb Jr

Ret. to Miss McCoy

Haverford, Pennsylvania.

February 12th, 1928.

My dear Dr. Stuart:-

I am enclosing a list of names. These are people, some known to be generous, many known to be wealthy, some I am sure I can meet, some I know very well, Many knew my Father when he was alive. There are some who I hope to be able to meet, and some I can only say I will try.

There are about eighty five names on the list abd I have leads on about ten more, whose intials and adressed I have no t been able to get.

I have also the list that the New York Office sent me. I have not compared this today with the enclosed, but do not think there are many duplications.

Any special publicity that is gotten up for this area should not be less than two hundred and perhaps more than that.

I have not heard from Mr. Gribbell, he may send me some more names.

I have included some of the leading men of the Bryn Mawr presbyterian Church and their pastor, I can not activly canvass these men until Mrs. Boyd and her schemes are tried or given up, in the meantime there will be no harm in sending them any literature that is coming out.

I am anxious to know whether Mrs. Speer has taken up Mrs. Boyds hint or challenge.

The last Peking Bulletin has some interesting stuff in it, in the nature of the amount of work teachers and staff are to do. This is something I have felt needed doing for a long time. I am glad it has been started. Teachers at the Universty of Penna. and on the job from 9 to 5 with perhaps a hour off at lunch. This so far as the Chemistry Department is concerned. I can not speak for theother departments.

I have also received a very funny one act play, author not stated. If you have not seen it I will pass it along . At present I have sent it out to Girlie at Wilson college.

P.S.

Sincerely yours

Jno McGregor Gibb

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Haverford, Pennsylvania.

February 17th, 1928.

Mr. C. E. Jenney,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Jenney:-

I have yours of the 15th, found on my return home late last night. I am not wiring as what I have to say may not go well in the few words of atelegram.

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I have sent quite a long list of prospects to New York. your have doubtless seen it. There are two divisions of this list. Those people who I know personally, and who I am afraid will not take kindly to being hunted "in pairs" as the saying goes. There are another class, of men of considerable means, to whom an introduction must be sought. One will hardly get past their secretaries in any other manner. This introduction can be found by one person perhaps better than two. There is still a third class of person on the list, those who will remember my Father and will see me for his sake. It would seem therefore that your presence for any name on that list is not necessary.

Perhaps, you have in mind others whose names do not appear there in which case I will be glad to help all that I can. I will not be able to give all day every day as I have certain duties at the University of Pennsylvania, but we can arrange time and schedule after you arrive. 3909 Locuat Street is just five squares away from the Harrison Laboratory of Chemistry where I ordinarily spend my days.

I am not sure whether you wish this reply at the locust street adress or in New York so am sending it both places.

Sincerely yours

Jno McGregor Gibb Jr

January 27, 1928.

Dear John:

Your letter is just to hand. I named you as Chairman of the Committee on the Nursery business because strictly I have no right to appoint any one to any thing else. If you are willing to be a committee of one or to accept an appointment from me on request to take charge of the nursery, I am quite willing to take chances on violating official procedure. What we want is to get all the help we can in the improvement of our grounds and I know of no one better than yourself to go ahead with it at either end.

Mr. Johnson's name has been mentioned in some of our discussions although very little is known of the proper approach to him or the chances we would have. I shall make further inquiry.

I am enclosing a statement which deals with our needs and which is now being used until the booklet now in the press appears.

I may be in Philadelphia some time next week and if so shall plan to look you up.

No special news from Yenching which I suppose is the best sort of news.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. John McGregor Gibb, Jr.,
5 Dreycote Lane,
Haverford, Penna.

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February 15, 1928

My dear Mr. Gibb:

At Dr. Stuart's suggestion I am coming to Philadelphia next week. I will arrive there on Monday. You can reach me at 3909 Locust Street in care of my brother, Ray F. Jenney.

Dr. Stuart's suggestion is that you go with me next week to develop the interest of the people of Philadelphia in Peking University. I hope that you will set aside the whole week and that you will carefully consider any people whom you know and think might be interested, that we may visit them.

Write me at once at the above address confirming this appointment with you for next week beginning with February 20th. I will probably arrive on February 20th and we could start work on February 21st. I am getting my car and shall drive there and use the car for traveling around.

I would like an immediate reply to this letter because I shall be out of the city from tomorrow night. I suppose it will be better if you wire me.

Looking forward with pleasure to meeting you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

Mr. John McGregor Gibb, Jr.
5 Dreycote Lane
Haverford, Pennsylvania

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February 20, 1928

Mr. John McGregor Gibb, Jr.,
Haverford, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gibb:

I just had an opportunity of seeing your letter of February 12th to Dr. Stuart, also a letter you wrote to him back in June, at least it is dated 6 - 2 - 28. Perhaps you meant this for February 6th. At any event, it refers to Mr. Giannini, the Italian banker, who has recently come into prominence. Mr. Evans, chairman of the Financial Committee of the University, is well acquainted with Mr. Giannini and says he is a very fine man but, since he is a Roman Catholic, Mr. Evans does not think it would be fair or appropriate to ask him to make a contribution to a University backed by Protestant churches. Mr. Evans feels very confident that it would be futile to approach Mr. Giannini under the circumstances.

We are very much interested in the list which you enclosed with your letter of the 12th to Dr. Stuart. Either Mr. Beers, of our staff, or I, will be over in Philadelphia very shortly to discuss with you the whole local situation.

We have not felt it advisable to get out a new issue of Peking News just yet. We should like to have a few more contributions to announce at that edition. At that time, we shall, of course, carry out the suggestion made when you were here, namely, to include mention of you so that you will have something to build on when you do personal soliciting in the Philadelphia vicinity.

Referring to the list which you enclosed, I have personal information about a number of those men. Mr. Curwen is chairman

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of the board of the J. G. Brill Car Company. He is a very fine man and I think he might be able to make a contribution of, say, $5,000, if he became interested. I think Mr. Curtis should not be approached until we get some more very influential Philadelphians on our side, who could take the matter up with him. I doubt if an approach by anyone outside Philadelphia would be effective. It would be the economic interest rather than the religious interest that probably would have to be stressed in his case. Mr. Bodine is the head of the United Gas Improvement Company and is a man of considerable wealth. I doubt if he would be interested in this University. Mr. Bok is always an uncertain quantity and might become interested in the Department of Journalism or in the whole University, as it affects our international relations. Mr. Ruery is, of course, now the president of Temple University. He is a Princeton man and Mr. Wannamaker had some contact with him, I believe. He now has his own financial troubles. He might be able to give us some introductions but I do not think he could make any personal contribution. Mrs. Arthur Lea has been helpful in many campaigns and she and her husband might make a modest contribution and, if we get up a women's committee, she would be fairly effective. Mr. Morris, as the former Ambassador to Japan, might not be an ideal man to work on this particular campaign, although I understand he is a very fine man and has some valuable local contacts. Mr. Stotesbury is about the last man I should expect to make a contribution to Peking University. He is a real problem and certainly ought to be approached with the most careful thought and preparation. We can take this up with you when we see you. Dr. Matheson is president of Drexel Institute. He has some local information, but I doubt if he would be willing to give it to us. He, of course, could make no contribution. He has no wealth and the institute is still looking for more funds. Mr. Rea might make a modest contribution but he is too old to be at all active personally. The economic approach would certainly be the right one in his case. The same applies to Mr. Atwater-Kent, the radio manufacturer. He is a very fine man. I hope that you and Mr. Baker, and Dr. Stuart and I can have a talk about him after Mr. Baker gets on the job early in March.

I suspect you think we have forgotten all about you in Philadelphia, but such is not the case. There have been a great many things to arrange elsewhere and each city has to take its turn in receiving our attention. Just now so many of the important people are down South and relatively little can be accomplished. Our big time to get results in cities like Philadelphia will be after Easter.

Very cordially yours,

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Haverford, Pennsylvania.

February 26th, 1928.

My dear Dr. Stuart:-

I am enclosing the suggested motion in regard to the report submitted by Mr. Lund.

If he had carefully taken these points up with the Construction Bureau from time to time as opportunity offered and had helped in the supervision necessary to get many of these details systematically put thru, they would not have had to included in a report.

Many of the items are maintainance items, and the more carefully they are carried out, the better will the plant be kept up and the more efficient will the plant run.

Sincerely yours

Jno McGregor Gibb Jr

To the Finance Committee
Board of Trustees Peking University

I submit the motion enclosed herewith as framed by Mr. Gibb after he had read the report and we had consulted together. His covering letter above is also of interest.

J. Leighton Stuart

Moved
That the report of Mr. J. A. P. Lund be received.

That the Construction Bureau be authorized to proceed, if it has not already done so, to carry out the recommendations contained in the report in so far as they do not call for an outlay of funds which may not be available for the specific building.

That when considerable funds are called for; such as for library stacks, numerous door checks, considerable excuvation in sub-basements;the items be carefully considered, catalogued and budgeted for and done as rapidly as funds are made available.

Haverford, Pennsylvania.

March 5th, 1928.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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My dear Garside:-

Am sorry not to have had time to answer your letter of Feb. 28th till this evening. But every day is full and most evenings have been full as well. But here is my best thought on the questions involved.

I have aletter from Mr. Hildebrand dated the 2th of Feb. in which he says. We hope to start the new 28 horse power engine within the next few days". This would indicate that they have bought and installed the new engine.

From the correspondence that you sent in your letter and from my knowledge of affairs out there it would seem that there are continual and increasing demands for current. Both in the day time and at night. That the 15 K.W. generator bought before we left Peking will not do at one time all the things it may be called upon to do in the day time, that is supply continuous current for the departments of Physics, Biology, Chemistry and possibly other departments, supply current to pump crude and treated water from the settling tanks up into the water tower, and also supply current for the sewer pumps, of which there are three.

That at night the calls for current will soon, if they donot do so now, exceed the out put of either the Diesel Engine or the Steam Engine, so that both these units will have to be run to give all the light called for, in buildings, in homes, outside lighting moving picture projection, pumping as per the lists of pumps mentioned above and provide continuous service for scientific research.

They fear that should one or the other of these units, Diisel or Steam have to be stopped for more than a day light day, there would be no way to provide the current asked for.

They believer that when the heating season is on it would be a saving to runtwo steam units and use the waste steam from them rather than the Diesel and one Steam unit and provide high pressure steam for additional heat.

The above briefly are their thoughts on the matter and I agree with them that given the funds an additional steam unit is very much to be desired. We would have then two steam units which would take care of the peak load for a long time to come, and would have waste steam for heating purposes for all needs, excetp the the most extreme weather.

I do not think however the need is quite as urgent as some of the communications might make it out to be. In the first place with a degree of co-operation from the faculty and student body the use of current can be much minimised even at the peak load time. A student only needs light at one place at one time, so that ifhe is in the Library he should not be burning light in his room, or if he is in a lecture in the administration building light should not be burning for him in the Library. Furthur it is possible to do pumping between the peak load hours and to have a sufficient supply of all kinds of water to carry over peak current load periods, but that means careful checking up of depths of water and so forth all the time.

Again as the whole equipment is so new there should not be any serious breakdown for years to come. The Union Medical College have repeatedly said that they have had no serious hold up with any of their generators in the six or more years that they have been running, on the other hand I believe that they have a full sized spare generator.

Again the new 15 K.W. has not been started and there is no way of telling how much pumping and other service can be gotten from that until it has been worked in. It can be run along with either of the large generators and perhaps will boost these so that the second need not be run expept on very special occasions.

Please understand me. I believe that an additional steam set is greatly to be desired, that its purchase now will mean an economy all along the way and down thru the years, and I hope that it can be brought to pass. Any other arrangement, as I have outlined them above are make shifts at the best and should be avoided if possible.

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If you are cabling out to the field soon will you include some such a sentence as the following

"Gibb ~~the~~ Hildebrand Will do anything desired from July 31st"

Going back to the Power Plant Needs. I am a great believer in meters, so that each department and every section of the University can be charged with the current they use and by so doing I believe the amount of current co sumed will be materially lessened.

I suppose they would want anoth r 75 K. W. steam set, if it can be authorized.

Do not fail to call for further information if this is not clear.

Sincerely yours

John Geger Gibb Jr

Peking University

February 28, 1928

Mr. J. M. Gibbs, Jr.,
5 Dreyecte Lane,
Haverford, Pa.

My dear Mr.Gibbs

At the suggestion of President Stuart I am sending you herewith extracts from recent correspondence from the field in regard to additional power units needed. The letter of Mr.Holm and Mr.Bush dated August 17th does not clearly indicate the additional units needed by the power plant and subsequent correspondence does not greatly clarify the issue. Authorization to purchase the 25 H.P. engine referred to was given by the Finance Committee in November and cabled at once to the field, so we understand that that need has been met; yet the minutes of the Grounds and Buildings Committee on December 9th refers to a further need for a new generator set. We would be glad to have you give us what further information you can as to the exact needs of the Yenching power plant along these lines.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG-H

Enc. Copy Bush & Holmes letter Aug.17th
" Hildabrand's letter to Dr.Stuart, Sept.21
" Cable Nov.15th from Peking
" " " 22 N.Y. to Peking
" Mr.Hildabrand's letter Nov.16 N.Y.Office
Extract from G.& B.Com., Action 1369
" " Dr.Galt's letter to Dr.Stuart Jan.5

Peking University

March 7, 1928

Mr. J. M. Gibb, Jr.
5 Dreyecte Lane,
Haverford, Pa.

My dear Mr.Gibb:

Thank you for your letter of March 5th giving further information regarding the Power Plant needs at Yenching. I will pass on this information to the Finance Committee.

We were sending a cable to Yenching yesterday so were able to add the message to Mr.Hildabrand as requested. Your message,coded, read as follows:

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FOLLOWING IS SENT AT THE REQUEST OF MR.J.M.GIBB TO BE COMMUNICATED TO MR.CARL HILDEBRAND, 'WILL DO ANYTHING DESIRED FROM JULY 31ST OF THIS YEAR.'"

The cost of this part of the message is $4.00. Shall we charge this against your personal account or is it something that should be charged to the regular University account?

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours

BAG-H

Haverford, Pe[illegible]nia,

March 12th, 1928.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 ifth Avenue,
New York City.

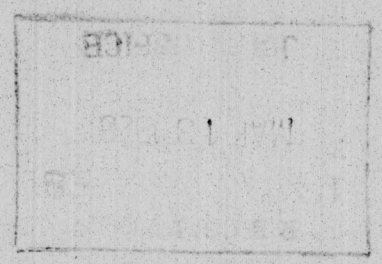
My dear Mr. Garside:-

Many thanks for getting the cable off so soon. I think you had better charge it to me, it may work out that it is official but at the present it is personal, and till further developments I will carry it on my own account.

If Dr. Stuart is not in New York today will you let me have a line as to his movements , if you know what these movements are?

Sincerely yours

John McGregor Gibb Jr



Sincerely yours,

Mr. E. A. Gerardo
Care Alfa Express
New York City.

My dear Mr. Gerardo:-

Your letter of 3 October has caused me to go to Boston. I think you have been perfectly right in not sending the money out until it is actually needed and then perhaps change it to one. It may work out that it is cheaper for us to do it in Mexico and then send it to Boston, but as the present it is necessary, and this unfortunately consumes time.

Let me know if you get the money safely and if you have any other business that you want me to attend to.

Yours as ever,

Albert Einstein

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March 12, 1928.

My dear Gibb:

I have your letter in this morning's mail and shall take up with Strong the matters concerning Philadelphia dates. I understand that the dinner has been changed from April 10th to the 11th. You might ask Professor Jones to savethe latter date. The reason for this is that our Trustees meet on the 10th and I cannot be quite sure of getting away in time.

(p. Dr. Hanewell 3/7/28.)

Regarding your return to Peking, I am enclosing a letter which also reached me this morning and which should relieve your mind. Since hearing of this action of the North China Mission, I have been in conference with Dr. Gamewell and others and felt that somehow the Methodist Board would arrange to get you back on schedule. There is no reason why you should not make all plans on this assumption.

I am glad to learn of progress in th Philadelphia plans. Best wishes as you go ahead with these.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

Rev. John McGregor Gibb
5 Dreycote Lane
Haverford, Pa.

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Haverford, Pennsylvania.

April 4th, 1928.

My dear Dr. Stuart:-

The night of the dinner here in Philadelphia the Chinese Students at the University are giving a Chinese Night. David Chen a former Peking University Student has given me tickets and asks whether you will be free and care to go after the University Dinner. I am writing this at his request and he would like an answer before Tuesday next. The "Night" will be at Forthith and Walnut not too far away to get there easily.

This carbon copy is a letter written by one rich man William Crowe, who I have been cultivating to the former Bread King, I have not found a way to meet him as yet but still have hopes. Crowe is a United Presbyterian and a member of their Board of Foreign Missions and showed me check stubbs for Twenty Thousand and Eight Thousand that had gone off for their work and feels that he can not do anything for us, worse luck. Hope you are having better luck.

Sincerely yours

Jno McGregor Gibb Jr

Haverford, Pennsylvania,

April 20th, 1928.

My dear Dr. Stuart:-

I have just remembered your question about the costs of the Womens College Gymnasium. They stood on the Construction Bureau Books of May 31st as Chinese Dollars 14 299.22 or just over Gold Dollars 7 000. I can not now remember what this figure contained. You will recall that all the foundations were in, and the forms set to cast the first floor slab when the work was called off. The first course of the granite for the ashlar base was in place, and at least three courses of the stone was on the ground and cut ready for placing. This stone was later borrowed for other buildings and must be replaced or credit given to the gymnasium for it. This credit may have been given, I can not remember now.

There is also the question of architect fees in conection with this buiiding. If they have been charged to the field they will be in this account. They will certainly come to five thousand gold. Again I can not remember whether they have been charged into the account or not.

I got the card of introduction to Mr. Rhoads today but found my work at Penn too interesting to leave. Will try tomorrow or the first of the week.

Have just mailed a letter to Mr. Strong and a copy of it to you for your information. I was not very pleased with the letter but it was the best that my head would turn out late this afternoon. Hope you have had a good time at Pittsburg. I am thinking of you very much these days. Know how hard you must find the fund raising business.

Sincerely yours

Jno McGregor Gibb Jr

Peking University

April 19, 1928

Mr. J. MacGregor Gibb, Jr.,
5 Dreyeete Lane,
Haverford, Pa.

My dear Mr.Gibb:

We are enclosing herewith a check for $182.50 rperesenting the third quarterly payment of the supplementary grant voted you by the Peking Trustees last fall.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

Enc.

April 26, 1928

My dear John:

Much as I shrink from doing so, I feel that the straightforward course, and the one that you would approve, is for me to send you just as it has come to me the enclosed copy of a letter. Needless to say, I regret very much this turn of events and stand by the position I have always taken. None the less, before sending any reply or consulting with any one else including yourself, I feel that you should be acquainted with this development. I shall be glad to make a special trip to Philadelphia to talk with you on the matter if there seems any reason for doing so.

Regarding the suggested letter for chemical equipment, my present judgment would be that it should be a direct appeal for this one department rather than splitting the results in two. We will succeed or not in our main objectives as we get one or two large potential givers and I believe the effect on your mailing list would be more favorable if the appeal were centered on you and your work.

As ever

Yours

Mr. John McGregor Gibb
5 Greycote Lane
Haverford, Penna.

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Attached to Stuart's letter of April 26, 1928

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR.
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RICHARD M. PEARCE, M.D., DIRECTOR

61 BROADWAY, NEW YORK
CABLE ADDRESS "ROCKFOUND"

PEKING, CHINA
CABLE ADDRESS "ROCKFOUND"

March 26, 1928

Confidential

Dear Dr. Stuart:

On March 16 I had the pleasure of spending a day at Yenching in the Science Departments. I was very much pleased indeed with the general type of work that is being done there and I wish to congratulate you and the teachers there on the wonderful development which has taken place during the last year or two. All the work now seems to be well organized and in splendid running condition.

In discussing matters concerning the Chemistry Department with Dr. S. D. Wilson I learned that he was very much concerned with reference to plans for the return of Mr. Gibb to that department.

It seems to me that with Dr. S. D. Wilson and Mr. E. O. Wilson, two foreigners, already in the Department of Chemistry that there is hardly need for an additional foreigner on the staff at the present time. If an additional man is to be added I should say, by all means, that this additional man should be a very well trained Chinese; a man who could take his place in directing graduate work along with the foreigners who are already on the staff. It seems to me that this addition should be rather along the line of encouraging your research work in the department, than in the carrying of the burden of routine teaching which seems to be fairly well handled already and which can be done be the Chinese men which you now have on the department staff.

I have discussed this question with Mr. Greene and he thinks that it will not be out of place for me to write and call your attention to the fact that if Mr. Gibb is returned that it may mean a serious handicap to the excellent work which is now being done in the department. Mr. Gibb is not a man, I am told, who could carry the research end of the work and would therefore not fit very well into the present organization of the department. His presence might tend to disrupt the work of the whole department very seriously.

Knowing that you have the interests of all the departments thoroughly at heart, I am writing to suggest that the matter be very seriously considered before final action is taken.

I am sure you will pardon my seeming interference with internal college affairs, but as I have felt that this had a direct bearing on the efficiency of the work in one of the departments in which we are so keenly interested, I have taken the liberty of writing you relative to the matter. I am sure you will not misconstrue this note.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely,

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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.
U. S. A.

Haverford, Pennsylvania.

April 27th, 1928.

My dear Stuart:-

Yours of April 26th enclosing one of March 26th from Dr. Gee was at the station when I got back from the City this afternoon. I am at a loss as to how to interpret the Peking letter but am glad that you stand by the position that you have always taken, which I understand to mean that there is a place for me on the University Faculty.

I can not understand S. D. position in the matter. Before leaving Haitien I had a talk with him and also with Mr. Tsao and Mr. Tang andthe way seemed clear for me to resume work in the Chemistry Department. S. D. suggested certain lines of study, which I sleected as far as possible at the University of Pennsylvania.

On November 9th I wrote him giving in detail the line of work I had taken up and he answered on January 3rd. " They are a good selection I am sure. They will be valuable to us here". So you see why I can not interpret the Peking Letter. I feel that I have followed instructions and that there should have been no concern expressed to Dr. Gee by any one.

I know that my work this term and on my two previous stays at the University of Pennsylvania has always been satisfactory. In 1919 and 20 they appointed me to a teaching position, and this time my name was discussed for a position in the physical chemical side. I believe that the man who was talking of dripping out did not go so that no new appointment was made. Dr. Lukens who has been directly over me in the research that I have been doing for most of the current year has repeatedly made suggestions which he hoped would help me to fill some of the requirements for a Ph.D. degree , outside of the imediate chemistry. One of these requirements is a reading knowledge of French for which he seconded my idea of substituting Chinese. One day after Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith, emeritus professon of Chemistry, and Dr. Lukens had seen the results of a very successful experiment, Dr. L. made a trip down to my little corner and took up the question again of the requirements. I think Dr. Smith had been asking about my chances of a higher degree and these outside requirements had come up for discussion between these two men.

I mention these details at length because of Dr. Gee's statement that I am not the man who could carry the research end of the work. I do not think the people at the University of Penna would agree with him in that statement. In fact I began some research on Chinese Salts years ago and carried it on at the University of Penna. last furlough, but was forcedto discontinue the work because of lack of Materials which were too long in coming from China. When I got back to Peking my first year was taken up with reorganizing the Laboratory at Kuei Chia Chang and then I went to Haitien. I now have in mind an enlargement of that work to include an investigation of antique Chinese Chemistry.

One more fact might be mentioned, while I was settling down at Penn last Fall Dr. Shinn, director of the Laboratory, recommended me to a teaching place at Swathmore College. On investigation it did not seem that the financial return would pay for the loss of work in Chemistry so I did not ~~ask~~ for the place.

I do not see how any one in China is fitted to say whether I can or can not fit into a Chemistry Department as no one there, among the foreigners at least,have never taught with me.

I would be glad to see ypu in Philadelphia again but fear there is nothing that can be said to warrant this additional tax on your time and strength.

In regard to fund raising. I wrote to Mrs. Bok and Mr. Curtis and had cordial but unproductive replies from both of them. I thinkm the suggested

letter might goe to them .
Mrs. Bok's adress is
Swastika, Merion Station, Pennsylvania.
and I adressed Mr. Curtis as
Wyncote, Pennsylvania.

I am willing to be guided by your judgement in regard to the nature of the letter to be sent out. But will they not wonder at the appeal coming from New York if it is for Chemistry alone. On the other hand I would be very difident going to many of those on the list for Chemistry subscriptions.

I have been very busy in the laboratory this week, trying to get a few experiments to work so that I can publish the first results of the research soon, andfor that reason have done practically no canvassing but hope to get my head above water early next week and go at it again. Some people who never heard of Yenching are getting a lot of information.

I am speaking before a Mens Club in about ten days and hope to get the mailing list of the whole club and i I do will suggest an apeal to all the members the day after I speak. Another letter for you to sign if you agree.

You do not tell me how the total amount stands now.I would like to have the latest figures as I go along for they help in the selling talk.

Sincerely yours

Jno McGregor Gibb Jr

Gift

Haverford, Penna.

May 3rd, 1928.

My dear Mr. Storng:-

I am speaking to a luncheon club on Wednesday next. I am afraid that there will not be many very wealthy people there. But they have promised, and are now preparing a set of adressed envelopes in which we can send some such letter as I am outlining here, and a small lot of out University literature. I hope this meets with your and Dr. Stuarts approval.

I will send you the envelopes as soon as they come to my hand, tho a telephone this evening says that they will not be ready till the first of the week.

There will be about a hundred names. Will yoy get the form letter ready so that it can go out just as soon as the envelopes are ready, and as soon after the speech as possible,

Sincerely yours

Jno M. Gregg

Prin to D.W.

My dear Sir:-

Our Professon Gibb who spoke before your luncheon club on Wednesday last tried to show something of the conditions which have ar isen in China during the past seven or eight years because of the strugle of the various War Lords for more and more power there. I am sure he did not make the picture one bit blacker than it realy is. Words fail us in telling the story.

Economically China lives on the verge of starvation from year to year. Communication is so bad that when scarcity overtakes one area the importation of food from other districts, suposing that they have any surplus, is difficult or quite impossible. Today Shantung Province is facing a famine which is terrible to contemplate. Fram half to a million people are dying there.

As a possible market for American Products China is very important when the times are prosperous there. As a source of supply for ~~rugs~~ wool from which much of the Carper manufactured in Philadelphia is made, China is very important. Millions of dollars worth of trade should be passing between these two countries each year to the mut al advantage of both.

We of Peking University believe that the great cure for banditry and military despotism is education and more education and Christian Education. We believe that education will help to prevent famine and its attendant evils, both by teaching methods of prevention and by helping in mutual intercourse when famine threatens. We believe that our institution makes for better understanding between China and America. We know that our students are oposed to Radicalism and that their influence is always toward a logical and honorable change in Chinas customs and relationships with foreign nations.

Much has been said of the danger of China going "Red". There is no doubt that Russian Bolsheviks were and possibly still are, working in China in the hope that they could win that country to Bolshevikism. The raid staged in Peking about a year ago proved this Russina hope beyond any doubt. They were trying to arrange everything so that all foreigners, except their-selves, should be forced to leave China. Then they hoped to have a clear field. This danger has become less and many of the Russians have been forced to leave China while the feeling toward other foreigners has become more favourable.

We hope you will read the accompanying literature about Peking University and help us to carry its work to a complete and successful close.

Prof. Gibb who is in Haverford for a few weeks more would be glad to answer any questions about the University, or about China, that you may care to ask or to speak to any group who may be interested. His telephone is Ardmore 1940.

President.

April 28, 1928

My dear John:

I have your letter and am pleased that you have taken the position that you have. Go ahead with the special study you are engaged in and when you reach the campus I believe the various anxieties will have cleared themselves up. I shall, of course, see Gee and Wilson soon after arriving myself and thus pave the way.

We are sending out the letters on your special proposition, confining their field to the one thing, along the lines of my last letter to you. We are also adding the name of Mrs. Bok.

The present situation in the campaign is about this: On a total of $500,000, we have today in cash and pledges $350,000. There are certain fairly large gifts under consideration and if we get these I feel confident that a joint effort on the part of all of us to ask friends already won to finish it up will be successful. I shall advise you as soon as there are any material changes in the above figures.

As ever

Yours

Mr. John McGregor Gibb
5 Dreycote Lane
Haverford, Pa.

JLS:O

Girlie

May 8, 1928

My dear John:

You will be glad to know that Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer have pledged $5,000 in response to the appeal for your work. There is also a $25. gift from Philip Kind.

On my return to the office this morning, I received quite a jolt in Girlie's wedding invitation. The use of this pet name makes it hard to realize that she is soon to become a married woman. My congratulations to all concerned.

With my best wishes,

Very sincerely yours

Mr. John McGregor Gibb
5 Dreycote Lane
Haverford, Penna.

JLS:O

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
May 8th, 1928

Mr. J. Leighton Stuart
China Union Universities Office
150 Fifth Avenue, New York

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I have been trying to see you but quite understand that your days are crowded, as are mine. I am still hoping to see you because there are matters I wish very much to discuss with you in person. On the other hand, it seems well that I should make a statement in writing regarding the case of Rev. John McGregor Gibb.

As you know, the Redistributions of the North China Mission for 1928, contain no provision for the out-going of Mr. Gibb. This will amount to $2000. or more and I do not yet know howewe can cover it. In the meantime, there is persistent question regarding the wisdom of Mr. Gibb's return to China. I have gone over all this with you in person and know how you feel but it scarcely seems wise to ignore such a statement as reached me yesterday from Peking. I quote:

> "There is no great enthusiasm for Mr. Gibb's return to Yenching outside of Dr. Stuart himself. A couple of months ago the head of the chemistrydepartment had a long talk with me about Mr. Gibb, and he ended it up in this way, 'I wish to goodness he would find a job in the U.S.' It is perfectly true that in the building work at Yenching Mr. Gibb used his utmost endeavors, and in spite of many mistakes did a great piece of work, which no other member of the staff at Yenching could have approached; yet unfortunately in doing that piece of work he excited a great deal of opposition from members of the staff. This opposition will make his future connections with the University somewhat difficult to say the least. I understand that the last plan is to use him not in the department of chemistry, but in another capacity. In this capacity I think he will have a better chance to show his talents which he undoubtedly possesses, but at the same time he is likely to provoke new opposition. What we fear is, that when the opposition becomes strong, he will be sacrificed. I can assure you that there is a far kindlier feeling in the Mission towards Mr. Gibb than there is at Yenching."
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> "I trust you will pardon me for having written about this matter with a large degree of frankness."

This same letter states that Yenching is over-staffed and that some of the teachers have very little to do, and quotes further, you as saying "Yenching could easily look after twice as many students as we have there today."

You cannot expect an overburdened Board such as ours is, under present financial conditions, to exert itself where there is plainly no real need to be met. I am not at all sure that we would be doing the right thing in returning Mr. Gibb to the field in the light of all the facts that have reached us. I realize that it is awkward to deal with the situation now but it will be less expensive than it will be to deal with the matter a year or two hence.

Sincerely yours

Frank D. Gamewell

FDG
MEW

Mr. Wannamaker

gpt

May 10, 1928

Dear Doctor Gamewell:

I have your letter of May 8th and regret very much that we were unable to find a chance for you to present its contents to me in a personal conference.

You already understand my attitude regarding Mr. Gibb. I have not failed to pass on to him all the questions regarding his fitness and the contribution that he is able at this time to make which have come to me from within our University group or from outside. He feels definitely that he wishes to go on doing the thing that he went to China for and that he will be able to make good when given a chance. Since the Methodist Board assumes the responsibility for the maintenance of four persons on our staff and since no charges have been brought against Mr. Gibb and the University desires to retain his services, it would seem to me that the Board should stand by its obligations to pay his transportation to the field just as it would in the case of any one else.

Regarding the argument that we are already over-staffed and that some of our teachers did not have enough to do, we always welcome such criticisms and try to profit by them. If the Board cares for a fuller statement as to why we have as many teachers as are now on the staff and the amount of time that they respectively give to University duties, I shall be glad to respond to such a request after I return to Peking. Meanwhile, it would scarcely seemm proper ground for refusing to stand by an agreement definitely entered into. Otherwise, it seems to me that the Board should themselves explain to Mr. Gibb the precise grounds upon which it bases such refusal.

I realize fully the embarrassment that this problem is giving to you and should much prefer to have talked with you in person. Your absence from the city and my sailing so soon makes this impossible.

With assurance of warmest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours

Doctor Frank D. Gamewell
Board of Foreign Missions
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

JLS:O

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Haverford, Pennsylvania.

May 10th, 1928.

My dear Dr. Stuart:-

How very good of the Pfeiffers to respond so largely to your appeal. They are very well to do manufacturers of medicines and toilet articles. I have cultivated them in a desultaory way for a number of years but have never asked them for anything. I wonder whether you will have time to meet them and get them more interested in the University.

We here are very busy with a wedding on our hands.

I have just about rounded out the research and will try to write an article on it for the Chemical Journals soon. I am then going to rest till we start for China for I am very tired after trying to do two things for most of the time we have been in the country. I spoke to the Travellers Club the other day and they have rpomised me their mailing list so that we can send some publicity to them all. I wrote to Mr. Strong about a second letter several days ago. I am dissapointed that the adresses were not forth coming before the adress so that the letter could go immediately, but beggars can not be choosers.

Have not had the Gribels nor the Luddingtons to dinner yet, these will have to wait a week now.

This letter is really to wish you a pleasant trip back to Peking. Hope you will get some rest on the way. Give our best regards to all the friends there. Do not let Tom Barker leave if it is humanly possible to keep him with us.

I wrote him some time ago recommending that he get the use of all the rooms in his and Bentley's court yard. I sometimes think that living with other people rather bores him and that he has to do too much of the house keeping and such.

I hope the Japanese situation is not going to get any worse.

Sincerely yours

Jno McGregor Gibb Jr

Haverford, Pennsylvania.,

June 9th, 1928.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Sirs:-

Before Dr. Stuart left he wrote me of tow gifts totaling over five thousand dollars that were made as a result of a letter sent by Dr. Stuart to some of my friends. Perhaps that amount has increased since his departure.

I am writing to find out whether I am authorised to make some purchases of laboratory equipents against these gifts. As a matter of fact I have already bought some tantalum electrodes at a cost of seventy nine dollars and fifty cents. These were needed to finish my work at the University of Pennsylvania, and I now have them to take back to Peking. Can I have a check for that amount.

I have today written to three or four manufacturers of some of the equipment that I will need and have asked them to give the instruments and have told them to refer to your office for confirmation of my authority to beg for the University.

We expect to leave Philadelphia in about four weeks and to sail from San Francisco on the Korea Maru on August First.

Sincerely yours

John Rogers Gibb Jr

I am enclosing two Bishop Company receipts.

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PEKING

Haverford, Pennsylvania.
June 13, 1928.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Garside:-

Your letter of yesterday in this morning. I am not quite clear as to whether you are expecting to pay the two bills enclosed with my letter of the 9th to the Bishop Co. or to me. Please do the latter as I have already paid Bishop's from my own account. If the payment is going to be held up very long then send the money to my account with the Gurantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co. 316 Chestnut Street as I shall leave here in less than three weeks now.

My present plans do not call for a trip to New York. If there is anything that I can do to help along the cause I will gladly run over. You might mention our early departure to Mr. McBrier, Mr. Warner and any other interested ones and ask if they have any parting messages.

Sincerely yours

John McGregor Gibb Jr

Lef 9256

32 Violet Lane,
Lansdowne, Pennsylvania.

October 18th, 1928.

My dear Mr. Garside:-

Just a line to give you our new adress and to ask a favor. I amstill looking for work in China. In the New York Times of a few days ago there apeared a Shanghai AP telegram under date of October 14th which says that Henry Murphy has beenappointed adviser to the Nanking Government. I am not so much interested in this. It further states that an American Firm has contracted to build five million flood control canal in the neighborhood of Tientsin and the work is to be carried out in conjunction with the New York Famine Committee. I might be a real help in such a job. Will you find out what you can about it. Where are the offices of the Famine Committee, is Earl Baker back in this country, who the(New York) American Firm and any other infromation that you can pick up over the wire. If there is necessity for speedy action on my part wire or telephone at my expense. Our telephone in Lansdowne 2496.

Another item in the telegram is that Ernest P. Goodrich, of N.Y. has contracted to deepen the Pearl River at Canton. I might be of use there, can you give me Mr. Goodrich's adress and any information about him or can you get me a real introduction to him?

Am sorry to trouble you for I know you are busy but you are the one wide awake man in New York to whom I care to turn.

Sincerely yours

John McGregor Gibb Jr

175 F 4th Ave

Haverford, Pennsy TRANSFER June 29th, 1928. PEKING

My dear Mr. Garside:-

Dr. Gamewell has communicated the gist of the cable from Peking. My interpretation would not be that they withdraw the offer of transportation but that they have no funds for continued support. The transportation , if it came from the Pfeiffer gift would not cost the University anything except a reduction in Chemical Equipment. That is I take it the University will tell Mr. & Mrs. Pfeiffer that I am not going back and the gift will therefore lapse. I hope you will return to Mr. Phillip Kind the gift of Twenty Five dollars that he made on the same appeal. I certainly would not like to meet these people in this country in a month or two and have to explain that I am not going out to Peking and have them ask me about the gift.

I am afraid that I stand to loose the cost of the Tantalum Electrodes that I purchased and of which I wrote some time back. Are there other funds with which they may be paid for and I could then send them out to Peking. This would also apply to about two hundred dollars worth of books which I have bought expecting to use there and for which I will probably have no use here. The most expensive was a set of seven volumes of MellorsInorganic and Theoretical Chemistry which I was able to get at One hundred Dollars but ordinarily sells at one hundred and forty.

Please keep me informed if there comes any slight hope of our getting back. We are actively looking for work here and if we find anything we will be taking it up but would feel very bad if we had just started something and then found that we might have gone back to Peking.

Sincerely yours

Jerome Green Gillet

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Mr. Ralph Smith

Peking University

June 14, 1928

Mr. Jno. MacGregor Gibb, Jr.,
5 Dreycote Lane,
Haverford, Pa.

My dear Mr.Gibb:

We have your note of yesterday. It is, of course, our intention to send a payment for the two bills of the Bishop Co. direct to you. If the money does not reach us before you leave Haverford we will deposit it directly to your account with the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co.

I do not know of anything that would require a special trip to New York but if anything important comes up during the next two or three weeks I will at once communicate with you.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

PEKING

Peking University

July 11, 1928.

Mr. J. M. Gibb,
Haverford,
Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Gibb:

Let me briefly acknowledge your note of June 29th. I have had several conversations with Dr. Gamewell with regard to the Methodist Board's attitude and plans in your case. Thus far I have not had any final reply, but the prospects do not look very encouraging.

Mr. Wannamaker is taking up with Mr. Pfeiffer the question of their pledge. We must also take up with Mr. Kind the gift of $25. he sent some weeks ago.

I will see what can be done about the Tantalum Electrodes you purchased, and also the books you bought, expecting to use. It seems to me the best way to proceed would be the send the field an itemised list showing costs of the material and books you have purchased and ask them whether they authorize us to repurchase this material for the University and forward it on to the field. Our office will of course have to have the authorization from Peking before we could act in the matter. I would appreciate it if you would send me such an itemized list of all the equipment and books you have purchased for the Chemistry Department.

I am personally sincerely grieved that your plans have been so upset by the developments of the last few months. If there is any way in which we can be of assistance, I hope you will always feel free to call upon us.

Very cordially yours,

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BAG/A

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Yenching University

October 24, 1928

Mr. Jno. McGregor Gibb, Jr.
32 Violet Lane,
Lansdowne, Pa.

My dear Mr.Gibb:

I am sorry that I failed to see you when you were in the office yesterday. I was down in the cafeteria eating a rather delayed lunch and was very much disappointed when I returned to the office and found you had been in.

I believe that in my telephone conversation yesterday I covered the various items you mentioned in your letter of October 18th. I sincerely hope that you will be able to get in touch with Mr.Baker when he returns to New York at the end of this week. His address will be 419 Fourth Avenue. I believe I mentioned that Mr.Ernest P.Goodrich's address is 175 Fifth Avenue. I suspect that Mr.Baker would be able to help you in getting in touch with Mr.Goodrich if you wish to pursue that possibility further.

With the best of personal good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

BAG-H

Peking University

June 12, 1928

Mr. John MacGregor Gibb, Jr.,
5 Dreycote Lane,
Haverford, Pa.

My dear Mr.Gibb:

We have your letter of June 9th with its enclosed statement from J.Bishop & Co.

I find from the Peking campaign office that the $5,000.00 to which I believe you refer is in the form of a pledge from Mr.and Mrs. Pfeiffer, payable on or before July ~~1st~~ 10th. The designation of the pledge is "for equipment for Mr.Gibb in the Department of Chemistry." Henry

Thus far we have not received any payments on this pledge but I hope that within the next two or three weeks the whole amount will be paid in. As soon as this money is received we ought to be able to care for these two bills for you. As a matter of record we should report this gift to the Campaign Committee and get their approval of your expenditures along the lines indicated, but I am sure there will be no difficulty.

We are glad to know that your plans are coming along happily and that in about a month you will be starting back to China. I hope we will see you in New York before you leave.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG-H