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January 6, 1920

Serial #8.

The Rev. W. H. Glaysteen,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

My dear Mr. Glaysteen:-

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of the Minutes of the Board of Managers of November 10th, 1919, the attached report of the Committee on Buildings and Ground and the documents concerning the Bureau of Industry and Labor prepared by Mr. Baillie. Permit me also to acknowledge the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee on November 24th, 1919 with the resolutions regarding the incorporation of the Women's College in Peking University. I note the action with reference to Professor Baillie's plans in the meeting of November 10th and shall await with interest the definite proposals which the Managers are to make to us.

No action has been taken concerning the affiliation of the Women's Medical College as we are waiting for the results of the investigation concerning the wisest location for that school.

Action has been taken providing for the affiliation of the Women's Art College, but the document adopted refers only to the Board of Trustees and does not determine the inter-relationship on the field, so we have thought it wise to defer action upon that as that was not immediately necessary and as there seems to be a number of points yet to be cleared up. It is possible, however, for the committee of the Trustees to begin the function very shortly in the working out of the plans for the forward movement of the Women's College.

We note that the recommendation has been made to the Trustees that the name of the Women's Art College be the Women's College of Peking University. No action upon that has

been taken by the Trustees and I have had the impression steadily from Miss Miner that the name, Yenching College could very easily be used in English and the process would be a familiar one, because of the way in which the term Gimling is now used.

No action has been taken with reference to the adoption of the design with the tower as the University seal. This is partly because we had so many more important matters on hand that there was not time to take up this item.

Status of the matter of site was noted and we can do no more than express the hope that negotiations are becoming more and more successful each week and that the site secured will eventually be entirely satisfactorily.

No action was taken concerning the securing of the services of Professor George L. Robinson of McCormack Seminary to lecture in the School of Theology for a year, inasmuch as we have had no information from Peking concerning what salary or expense arrangements might be made, nor had we been informed earlier of any negotiations with Professor Robinson. Mr. Luce is to find out from Professor Robinson what arrangements may have been suggested to him in order that the Trustees may know what they can do. It would be my judgment that it would be difficult for us to approve a process that involves an addition to the present budget, which is now greater than the amount which we actually have in sight. It is highly important that recommendations for immediate service on the field be accompanied with some suggestions as to how the Board of Managers proposes to finance such persons as our desired.

Resolution of appreciation of the Trustees is noted. I think you would have enjoyed seeing the systematic way in which the Executive Committee stuck by the business of the last meeting even though that involved two postponed sessions in order to complete the dockets.

With reference to the Minutes of the Executive Committee of November 24th, Rev. W. E. Soothill has been elected by the Trustees on the condition that his support be provided by his Missionary Society. I have already written to Mr. Soothill and to his Missionary Society to that effect.

We did not feel that there was data enough at hand for us to act upon the nomination of Mr. Frank A. Foster as an instructor in mechanical engineering. The systematic development of the Department of Vocational education is yet to be worked out and I think we should have further information concerning the

technical qualifications of Mr. Foster as a teacher and as an engineer.

The Trustees have confirmed the appointment of Mr. Wheeler as secretary of the university during his stay in America.

The revision of askings which were sent on to us with the Minutes of the meeting of November 24th I note include an additional \$10,000. for equipment for the chemical and physical laboratory and \$15,000. for Chinese residences at the rate of \$1500. a piece. These did not arrive quite in time for us to taken them under consideration and approving the program, but the program is in no sense so crystallized that it is not possible to make such modifications as may seem desirable. The total budget which the Executive Committee approved was \$2,066,000. for land buildings and equipment and \$2,000,000 for endowment. We have raised the cost of the building for the School of Religion from \$25,000. or \$35,000. as it was in our revised estimate to \$75,000. as the amount did not seem adequate to us. No action is necessary on your part with reference to these amounts. We have our program and we are now proceeding to push it with all the vigor that we have. Recommendations have been adopted directing the secretary to lay before the participating Boards the request that they incorporate in their budget for advance twenty-five percent both of the askings for land, building and equipment and of the askings for endowment. It is not probable that the latter will be actually raised by the Mission Boards, but it is included in their askings in order that the statement of it may appear in the budget of the Interchurch World Movement.

What I have said with reference to the Women's College covers the item #6 in the action of the Executive Committee. As soon as I have additional copies of the approved basis of affiliation, I will send them on to you.

The Board of Managers may desire to make note of the death of Col. Henry W. Hodge, Representative of the Presbyterian Board on the Trustees of Peking University. Col. Hodge was a noted engineer and was definitely interested in the advance of Peking University. Resolutions of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees are being sent you with this letter.

I learned just this morning of the death of Mr. Ogilvie. It is a matter of great regret as I understood that he was a man of the type very difficult to find and one who could contribute greatly to the work of the Theological School.

I note that the Minutes which I have referred to above have brought to hand the documents which are requested in the third paragraph of serial letter number seven, December 10th, 1919. Copies of the documents upon which action was taken, however, I think are still desirable.

Faithfully yours,

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

K'uei Chia Ch'ang
PEKING, CHINA.

Serial # 4

Jan. 12th. 1920.

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Rev. Eric M. North Ph.D.
Secretary of the Board of Trustees
of Peking University,
New York City, U.S.A.

My dear Dr. North,

Herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Executive
Committee. Dr. Stuart is sending you a covering letter.

Very cordially,

Wm H. Gleason
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PEKING, CHINA.

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Serial 5.

Jan. 22nd. 1920.

Rev. Eric M. North Ph.D.
Secretary of the Board of Trustees
of Peking University,
New York City,

My dear Dr. North,

Your letter written December 7th. has just reached me. I think that you must have received the Minutes you were waiting for but I am enclosing a duplicate set.

In the early part of September, as chairman of the Executive Committee of the North China Union College of Arts and Sciences for Women, I sent a request to the Board of Managers of Peking University, to the effect that the Womens College become affiliated with the University.

On September 18, 1919, the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers of Peking University took the following action:

Having received a communication from the Executive Committee and the Faculty of the North China Union Medical College for Women, and a communication from the chairman of the Executive Committee of the North China Union College of Arts and Sciences for Women, and having considered the requests made in these communications that the said colleges for women be affiliated with Peking University, we recommend to the Board of Managers of Peking University that they request the Trustees to take action to include the said colleges for women as departments of the University; and we hereby appoint a sub-committee consisting of Dr. Stuart, Mr. Porter, and Mr. Cleysteen to confer with the representatives of these colleges for women to draft a detailed plan for affiliation.

On Nov. 10th. 1919, the Board of Managers of Peking University took action as follows:

Resolved that since the North China Union College of Arts and Sciences for Women, and the North China Union Medical College for Women have applied for affiliation with Peking University, we heartily recommend to the Universities Trustees that these requests be acceded to in the case of the Womens Arts College, and also in the case of the Woman's Medical College, provided that institution re-

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meins in Peking.

I am enclosing a copy of the basis of incorporation,
which was prepared by the Executive Committee of the University.

Very cordially yours,

Wm H. Glypsteen
Secretary.

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PEKING, CHINA.

RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE BASIS OF INCORPORATING THE NORTH CHINA UNION WOMEN'S ARTS COLLEGE AND THE NORTH CHINA UNION MEDICAL COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, IN PEKING UNIVERSITY.

1. REGARDING THE STANDARDS AND LENGTH OF COURSE IN THE WOMEN'S ARTS COLLEGE.

The Women's Arts College agrees to adopt the University standards and term of study and to seek to develop vocational studies for women.

2. REGARDING THE STANDARDS AND LENGTH OF COURSE IN THE WOMEN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE.

The Woman's Medical College agrees to a premedical requirement of two years of Yü K'e and one year of Pen K'e; to a four year term of medical study; and to one year of hospital and advanced study before the medical diploma is given.

3. REGARDING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

(A) The Women's Arts College and the Women's Medical College agree that after incorporation in Peking University, all property shall be held by the Trustees of Peking University and all degrees conferred by them.

(B) It is recommended that there be two sub-committees of the Trustees, (one for the Women's Arts College and one for the Woman's Medical College); that at least a majority of the members of these sub-committees be women; and that to this end the number of women on the Board of Trustees be increased to not less than six.

4. REGARDING FIELD MANAGEMENT.

(A) After incorporation in Peking University the Women's Arts College and the Women's Medical College will be under the control of the Board of Managers.

(B) It is recommended that each faculty of the University have its own Executive Committee, the President of the University to be a member ex officio.

(NOTE. The members of the Executive Committee recognized that it is highly desirable that the number of women on the Board of Managers be increased. This can easily be accomplished in the case of three of "the cooperating Missions connected with the fully cooperating Mission Boards", without changing the by-laws, inasmuch as in these cases the women do not form separate missions. But as long as the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary

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Society is an organization distinct from the Board of Foreign Missions of the M.E. Church, the situation cannot be met by any uniform mode of procedure, and it will be necessary to see what action the Trustees take in regard to this problem, before settling on the methods to be followed on the field.)

Adjournment.

Charles H. Corbett,
Secretary of the Executive Committee.

(NOTE. At the next meeting of the Executive Committee, Nov. 24, 1919, an additional clause was inserted in the above basis of incorporation the women's colleges in Peking University, namely in Clause 4 B after "Executive Committee" insert "to be appointed by the Board of Managers".

At the same meeting, Nov. 24 the Executive Committee instructed the President to call the attention of the Trustees to the necessity of some clear financial basis of adjustment with the Boards controlling the Women's Colleges.)

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PEKING, CHINA.

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Jan. 27th. 1920.

Rev. Eric M. North Ph.D.
Secretary of the Board of Trustees
of Peking University,
New York City,

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My dear Dr. North,

I am herewith enclosing a copy of the Minutes of
the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers. Dr. Stuart has sent
you a covering letter.

Very sincerely,

Wm. H. Gleysteen
Secretary

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

February 18, 1920
Serial #9.

The Reverend W. H. Glysteon,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

My dear Mr. Glysteon:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of the Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Managers of December 10, 1919, and of January 2, 1920.

The following actions of the meeting of the Trustees on February 9 relate to the matters contained in those Minutes:

"VOTED: That the Trustees approve Dr. H. S. Hopkins as a member of the Board of Managers."

"VOTED: That the Trustees record their sense of profound loss in the death of the late C. L. Ogilvie, a member of the Faculty of the Theological School and a manager of the University."

"VOTED: That we approve the nomination of John S. Burgess as Professor of Social Science of Peking University and of the development of a Department of Social Science to be known as The Princeton School of Social Science, provided that the support of this Department can be suitably arranged with the Princeton group interested. And that in pursuance of this action, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Vice-President and Secretary of the University be instructed to confer with Princeton and with Mr. Burgess, and to draw up a complete plan for this arrangement and submit it to the Trustees for action at their annual meeting or thereafter."

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"VOTED: That we approve Mr. G. B. Barbour as a member of the Faculty of the University, with the expectation that he will be a representative of the London Missionary Society and that arrangements for his support be made with them."

"VOTED: That we elect the Rev. H. S. Vincent, D.D., Professor of Vocational Training of Peking University, provided arrangements can be made for his support and that of his work, and subject to the approval of the Board of Managers; and the Presbyterian Board be requested to transfer him to its North China Mission for this purpose."

This requires action by the Board of Managers. I have written Dr. Stuart about it in full.

"VOTED: That we approve the general plan for co-operation with Mr. Ch'iu Jung Ch'u in an experimental stock farm and school, with the understanding that it does not involve the University in financial responsibility and that at each stage there will be adequate and satisfactory financial arrangements made by Mr. Ch'iu for the development of the project."

No action has been taken upon the scheme for a Bureau of Industry and Labor except to arrange for consultation by Dr. Smith with Mr. Burley in California, within a short time. We are quite in agreement with the field that very careful study must be made of the entire proposal and that it must be kept definite and clear and that the limits of our responsibility must be very clearly outlined. I think there was substantial agreement on the part of the Trustees, that the proposals acted upon in the Committee meeting of December 10, were perfectly sound.

No action was taken upon the matter of style for the University buildings, since the Minutes of your meeting of January 2 did not reach here until after the Trustees meeting and also because we would wait until we secured from Mr. Murphy full information as to the cost involved. I presume he is sending that to us.

Cordially yours,

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Peking China Feb. 27th. 1920

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Presbyterian Mission

Serial # 7

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Rev. Eric M. North Ph.D.
Secretary of the Board of Trustees
of Peking University,

My dear Dr. North,

I am enclosing the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers of Peking University. Dr. Stuart is writing the covering letter. ✓

Very sincerely,

Wm H. Glayste

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Peking China March 9th. 1920

Presbyterian Mission

Serial # 8

Rev. Eric M. North Ph.D.
Secretary of the Board of Trustees
of Peking University
New York City.

My dear Dr. North,

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Committee
Minutes. Dr. Stuart has sent you the covering letter.

Very sincerely,

Wm H. Hays

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

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PEKING, CHINA.

Serial # 9

March 23rd. 1920

Rev. Eric M. North Ph.D.
Secretary of the Board of Trustees
of Peking University,
New York City
U.S.A.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

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My dear Dr. North,

Herewith a copy of the minutes of the Executive
Committee of the Board of Managers of Peking University. Dr. Stuart
is sending a covering letter.

Very sincerely,

Wm H. Glaysteen

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

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PEKING, CHINA.

Serial # 10

April 12th. 1920

PROFESSOR OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

Rev. Eric M. North Ph.D.
150 Fifth Ave,
New York City

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My dear Dr. North,

Herewith the Minutes of the Executive Committee
of the Board of Managers of Peking University for March 22nd. and
March 29th. They have just been sent to me.

Very sincerely,

Wm H. Gleysteen

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April 30th. 1920

My dear Mr. Luce,

I have been a long time in telling you that I am very happy that you saw your way clear to serving Peking University. You are admirably qualified for the work which lies before you. I hope that you may not have to spend too much time in raising funds as there is so much other work that your training has fitted you to do out here.

It would be very remarkable if the University should be able to secure the Zoological Gardens for their long sought after site. That is a wonderful place.

You may have heard that I am planning to be in the States for a few days this summer, when Miss Culver and I expect to be married. Perhaps I shall have a chance to see you then.

Please remember very kindly to Mrs. Luce. Mighty glad you are linked up with Peking University. The University has as great a future before it as the Church wishes.

Very cordially yours,

Wm H. Gleysteen

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PEKING, CHINA.

Serial # XI.

May 11th. 1920

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PEKING UNIVERSITY
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Rev. Eric M. North Ph.D.
Secretary of the Board of Trustees
of Peking University,
New York City,

My dear Dr. North,

I am sending you the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Managers held April 23rd. I have not sent them before, because we have been expecting to have another meeting, but that meeting is being postponed indefinitely.

Dr. Stuart has written fully to you and Mr. Luce and I need not make the situation clear as that has already been done. The Zoological Gardens would be an ideal site. The terms of the sale were not definitely before the Board, and that was naturally unsatisfactory.

The proposition was practically that the Government would lease this site to the University for fifty years. At the expiration of that period, the Government would have the option whether to renew the lease (I suppose at no additional expense to the University) or else to take over the management of the University thereby making it a Government institution, its Christian character and the charter being guaranteed. The Board was somewhat divided as to the wisdom of this, for to some it seemed to leave the future of the University uncertain. Everyone of the managers feels that it is most desirable to have the institution become thoroughly Chinese and to have the Chinese assume an increasing control, but it is hard to forecast the future. I hope to be able to write to you more fully about further developments before long.

Very sincerely,

W. H. Gleysteen
Secretary

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

K'uei Chia Ch'ang
PEKING, CHINA.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY
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Serial # 12

May 26th. 1920

Rev. Eric M. North Ph.D.
Secretary of the Board of Trustees
of Peking University

My dear Dr. North,

Herewith the minutes of the two meetings of the
Executive Committee held recently.

Very cordially,

Wm. H. Gleyson

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Jenkintown Penn. July 5th. 1920

201 Greenwood Ave.

My dear Mr. Wheeler,

I was very sorry not to see you the other day when I called at the Board rooms. I was told that you were not in. I fear that I shall not find time to go to New York again as my time here is so short. Perhaps you are finding your task a little discouraging just at this time, but I am convinced that Peking University stands for something vital to the Christian Church in China. I am glad that you are so interested and I wish you godspeed in the work to which you have set your hand.

Wish you might be here tomorrow for the wedding. We shall certainly welcome you to Peking. It was a real pleasure to meet Mrs. Wheeler the Sunday we were in Princeton.

Very cordially,

Wm. H. Gleysteen

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July 9, 1920.

Mr. William H. Gleysteen,
c/o Theodore B. Culver, Esq.,
201 Greenwood Avenue,
Jenkintown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gleysteen:

I was awfully sorry to miss seeing you here in New York; I hoped that you would call again later in the day. I missed you by just a few minutes, and was in the office for the rest of that day, and the remainder of the week.

Dr. Luce and I feel that it is of the utmost importance that we have a conference with you before you return to China. I know that this is a great favor to ask of you at this time, and I am sorry to have to do it; but I really believe that it is imperatively necessary for us to meet with you. If you cannot come to New York, Dr. Luce might meet you in Philadelphia; he is to be in Atlantic City, and is writing you himself, I believe.

We both sent our congratulations to you and Mrs. Gleysteen by wire ~~anstaigh~~. I hope the telegram arrived safely. And we unite again in our deepest good wishes to you both.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary of the University.

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July 10, 1920.

Mr. William H. Gleysteen,
c/o Theodore B. Culver, Esq.,
201 Greenwood Avenue,
Jenkintown, Pa.

My dear Gleysteen:

Wheeler was very sorry to miss you when you were here the other day. Of course I have been counting fully on seeing you while you are in this country.

In order to take up the budget for the coming year it is necessary to call a meeting of the Trustees of the University here on July 16, at 10 a.m., in the Board Room of the Methodist Board, 150 Fifth Avenue. I sincerely hope that, in spite of the fact that it encroaches upon your very short period at home, you may be able to attend that meeting. There is very great need of having a closer connection between the Board of Managers and the Board of Trustees. Wheeler and I have actually never been permanently at Peking, and even our latest contact with Peking was nearly a year and a half ago. In every way it is a matter of great importance for you to confer with us, if you can possibly arrange to do so. If this altogether best plan should not be possible, then perhaps we could arrange to see each other at some point of mutual convenience. Directly after the Meeting of the Trustees on the 16th I shall go to Ventnor, to be there until the 27th, with the exception of July 20th and 21st, when I shall be in Wilmington, Delaware. If you and Mrs. Gleysteen could run down and spend the day with us at Ventnor, which is just a little way out of Atlantic City by streetcar, that would be fine. If this were not possible, then it might be that we could meet in Philadelphia when I am on my way to Wilmington, probably on the morning of the 20th. If none of these plans fit in with your plans, what would you suggest?

With all best wishes for a happy holiday to you and Mrs. Gleysteen, I am

Ever most sincerely,

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July 14, 1920.

Mr. William H. Cleysteen,
c/o Theodore B. Culver, Esq.,
201 Greenwood Avenue,
Jenkintown, Pa.

Dear Cleysteen:

We are just now sending you a telegram saying that we feel it is very important that we have a conference with you, and asking if you could see us on Thursday. Wheeler and I would plan to leave here on the seven o'clock standard time, (eight o'clock daylight-saving time) and come as direct as possible to Jenkintown. We dislike very much to encroach upon your time just now when you have so much to do; but it seems to be a matter of first importance that we have more contact with some one direct from the field. We hope we can see you Thursday, as we infer that you will be more at liberty on that day than any other, and we should like to plan for as full a conference as you can give us. Of course, if it should not be possible for you to see us on Thursday, we could come Saturday or Sunday. Saturday morning would be more convenient for me, because I should be on my way to Ventnor, N. J. The important thing is that it is very important that we have a conference with you, and we will fit into your plans in the way that is most convenient for you.

Looking forward to seeing you, I am

Ever most cordially,

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P.S. An additional reason for our wanting to see you on Thursday is that there will be a meeting of the Trustees on Friday to decide upon the budget; and we are urgently in need of your advice before this meeting.

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July 21, 1920.

Mr. William H. Gleysteen,
On Board "Empress of Russia",
Canadian Pacific Ocean Service,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Gleysteen:

I had planned to enclose in this letter a copy of the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Trustees, but we have not a copy available, and I fear that those that are being mimeographed will not be ready in time to catch you.

I know that you will help clear up the situation when you arrive in China, and will carry to Leighton some of the things we said when we were talking to you last week. I feel very strongly that it will be well ~~for~~ Leighton could arrange to come to America, if only for a couple of months next fall. I suggested this to our Trustees, and they seemed willing, and were ready to approve of the idea, provided his absence did not delay the negotiations for land. If the land situation is not too pressing, can you not take up on your return the possibility of his coming to America to meet the Trustees and study the situation from this end? I am certain that his whole future administration will be made clearer and easier if he can arrange to do this. I am writing him to the same effect.

I hope that you and Mrs. Gleysteen have a fine trip across. Bon voyage and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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THEODORE B. CULVER
201 GREENWOOD AVENUE
JENKINTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

July 13th 1921

My dear Mr. Wheeler.

I am very sorry that I cannot
arrange to go to New York on Friday. I have to
go to Philadelphia Wednesday A.M. and may not
be free Friday and Saturday. Sunday I speak
here and Monday we are leaving for the West.
I have written to Mr. Sweeney that I shall be
busy packing etc. but that if he cares to come
to Jenkintown I shall be glad to give him any
information I may have. Of course, we should love
to see you here. I should see Mr. Scott too
but simply cannot. Sorry.

Mrs. Gleason and I greatly appreciated the
message from the Wheelers and the Sweeneys, congratulating
us. Mrs. Gleason asks me to thank you and Mrs.
Wheeler. I to send my thanks.
Very cordially
Wm. H. Gleason

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YENCHING

(American Board Mission)

29 Teng Shih K'ou, Peiping, China

TRANSFER

March 20, 1931

Dr. B. A. Garside, Secretary
Yenching Board of Trustees
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Garside:

Your letter of November 28th to Dr. Stuart treating at length of the question of the School of Religion of Yenching University, has been considered by the Board of Managers, and a committee was appointed to discuss the subject further. Mr. Gleysteen and myself were asked to draft a reply.

We have read this letter with appreciation and sympathy, and share your concern that no action be taken which is detrimental to the well-being of the School of Religion, to Yenching as a whole or to the Christian cause in China. The faculty of the School of Religion and the Board of Managers do not feel that segregation would violate any fundamental principles for which a Christian institution in China should stand.

However, segregation is not a pressing problem at present. At the same time, the School of Religion has a vital contribution to make during these critical years, and of this we would write today.

A short time ago, we heard Dean T.C. Chao and Miss Wood tell of the work of the School of Religion and were thrilled at the possibilities which it has for service to the cause of Christianity in the North and throughout China. Four main lines of work are being pursued.

1. The regular three-year course, with a present enrolment of six and twelve prospective new students for next year. Students of high mental caliber, strong social passion and deep religious life are being drawn to this institution. Already there are men of unusual ability in the school, and others from Canton, Shanghai and elsewhere are planning to come this fall.

2. Courses in Religious Education in the University itself, which this semester jumped to an enrolment of seventy.

3. A Religious Education special course designed to draw teachers in middle schools as well as religious educators. This was well started last fall and is going to help to put a needed religious emphasis in Christian middle schools.

4. A Refresher Course for preachers. Although the enrolment at present is small, the School of Religion is really rendering an invaluable service to the Church in China, and there are truly encouraging signs of progress as over against the uncertainties of recent years.

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The faculty of the School of Religion makes a unique contribution in a number of ways. The literary output is quite remarkable. The Truth and Life magazine and The Amethyst, a publication of worship, are written almost entirely by members of the faculty. Dean Chao and Mr. Wiant have just gotten out a new hymnal with scripture readings and one hundred hymns translated by Dr. Chao. In church and student conferences, local and national, members of this School of Religion faculty are almost always on the program. They are in constant demand for preaching services in Peiping and vicinity. An effort is being made to relate the work of the School of Religion more closely to the actual needs of China.

Everything great has a great soul. This the School of Religion unquestionably has in the person of its head, Dr. T. C. Chao. Throughout China, he is known to combine the head of the scholar with the heart of the saint, and through this blending of elements seldom found in the same person, one is impressed with the presence of the mind of Christ here in China. We wish to emphasize the fact of the singular personality of Dr. Chao as one of the most reassuring signs of life and health in this center of religious training.

Yenching University School of Religion is a vital part of the Christian Church in China. Its influence is nation-wide. It is a graduate school in a unique position to provide research in life and thought, to prepare high grade workers, to inspire and lead the Christian movement.

President Stuart will be reaching New York by the time this letter does, and he will be able to give you a clearer picture than we have been able to do.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROLAND W. CROSS

ED. H. GLENN

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C O P Y

September 9, 1935

Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of February 25* to President Stuart expresses a certain uneasiness, on the part of the Trustees, regarding the decrease of Mission representatives from eight to four.

Rather than bring this matter before the entire Board, Dr. Stuart, early in July, called together the Mission representatives on the Board to review their action in the light of your letter. I wish to say at the very outset that we are all very sympathetic with your statement of the problem. As the discussion proceeded, it was remarked more than once that we all agreed in principle.

The points you raised were discussed quite thoroughly. There are certain aspects of these problems which we who live and work in China will inevitably see in a different light from those who do not have this intimate contact with the actual situation. It is rather interesting that the representatives of the Missions, together with Mr. Dwight Edwards and Dr. Stuart, all agreed that the original proposal to have only one member from each Mission was based on sound judgment and insight. It was their conviction that the decrease would not jeopardize the vital interests of the Missions, but on the contrary would conserve their spiritual influence in this cooperative undertaking. It is unfortunate to think of Mission representation quantitatively. In any case, there is adequate representation to safeguard any and every legitimate interest. There is no cleavage in the Board between Mission and non-Mission interests and groups, nor has there been.

We desire most respectfully and earnestly to submit for the consideration of the Trustees the following:-

1. The question of Mission representation was fully discussed at the first meeting in June, 1934, and the representatives of all four of the Missions heartily approved of the change from eight members to four. This action was approved by the local Missions and by the China Council of the Presbyterian Church.

2. For the participating Missionary bodies to retain eight members, on a Board of fifteen, would be untactful, and we think, unreasonable. It would be untactful for it might suggest a lack of confidence, making it appear that cooperation is possible only when there is the comfortable assurance of majority control. The contribution of the Mission Boards to the University has been enormous and continues to be so, but there are other factors to be considered in determining representation on a Board of Managers. The situation is different from what it was when Yenching University was first organized. There is, for example, the fact of the Million Dollar Endowment Campaign in China. It is hoped that in the future, increasing sums will be contributed by Chinese. Undue Mission representation might easily militate against Chinese cooperation.

3. The suggestion that four of the members be representatives from the Church sounds most reasonable. But at present, there is no Chinese Presbyterian

(*Editorial Note:- The letter referred to was written by Mr. Barber instead of Mr. Garside.)

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Church, neither is there an L.M.S. Church. The Kung Li Hui (American Board) is partly inside the Church of Christ in China and partly outside. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to effect such representation. Besides, the Church itself, in this broad and national sense, has not developed a consciousness of these large educational problems and their bearing on religion. Her representatives might not always be an asset to the University. However, it should be pointed out that in all probability the coopted members would be "from the Church" even if not appointed by the Church, because of the provision in the constitution, namely their "Profession of evangelical faith in and loyalty to Jesus Christ."

4. Provision is being made in the School of Religion for an Advisory Council to cooperate with the School. In this, the Church would naturally have a direct representation. It is to this department of the University that the Church is most vitally related.

Respectfully yours,

Signed: Wm. H. Gleysteen
A. Baxter
Rowland Cross
O. J. Krause
D. W. Edwards
Earle H. Ballou

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Letters to Dr. Stuart attached to September 9th
Communication from Mission Representatives:-

From Mr. Earle H. Ballou

September 13, 1935

"I have your letter of the 11th inclosing the letter written by Mr. Gleysteen to Mr. Garside. I am returning it with my signature. At the time, I wondered a bit at my having been included in that conference, inasmuch as I am not a member of the Board of Managers of the University. I shall not feel offended if on that account you do not include my name when you send the letter on to New York. I was sure at the time that your secretary asked me personally, and so I went along.

I have no criticism or alteration to suggest, beyond saying that it seems to me that on the day of our conference we took a somewhat stronger position in support of the original action of the Board out here than Mr. Gleysteen presents in his letter. I should be glad to have the attention of the people in New York brought as forcibly as possible to the position which you and your colleagues in the University administration feel to be the wisest for the future."

From Mr. Alex. Baxter

September 18, 1935

"Thanks for your letters received recently with enclosures regarding the Yen-ching School of Religion, and also a letter addressed to Mr. Garside. I am returning the letter to you signed, and I am fully in agreement with it. Moreover, both our L.M.S. China Council and our home Board have agreed to the change in representation, so that there is really no issue so far as the L.M.S. is concerned. We have just been carrying out a similar reduction in Cheeloo.

I take it you have sent a copy of the documents concerning Yenching to Mr. Cocker Brown in London. If not, I shall be glad if you will do so, as they strengthen materially the recommendation we are sending home from our China Council, which has just concluded. What we have proposed has still to be considered by our North China Synod and District Committee, and of course has to receive the sanction of the Board at home, so that at present it cannot be taken as official. We have very strongly recommended the appointment of Mr. Jowett Murray to the Yenching School of Religion for New Testament work, and I sincerely hope this recommendation may be carried through before he returns from furlough next year.

I trust Mr. Tayler's appointment is now confirmed, and that he is settling down happily to work at Yenching. I saw him and Mrs. Tayler on their way through, and I thought he looked very much more cheerful and assured. I trust this is proving to be the case."

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

February 25, 1935

President J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Stuart:

At its meeting on January 31st our Yenching Executive Committee asked me, as Chairman of the Committee, to write you a summary of the Committee's discussion concerning the reorganization of the Board of Managers.

We all appreciate the difficulties you encounter in your efforts to secure approval from the Board of Trustees on matters where conditions on the field require you to act promptly. Often, without anyone being to blame, the Trustees find themselves in the position of having to ratify some proposal long after it has become an accomplished fact. We realize that in the present instance the Trustees have been unusually slow in taking action on the reorganization of the Managers proposed at the Annual Meeting of that Board on June 23rd, 1934, and described to us first in your letter of June 25th. Normally, a meeting of the Yenching Trustees is held during the autumn, but this year it was impracticable for various reasons to hold such a meeting, and the matter has therefore had to be held over.

The Executive Committee, did, however, express its regret that the field has found it necessary to carry out certain features of the reorganization of the Board of Managers without first securing an expression of judgment from the Board of Trustees, formulated after we had had time to consult with the Mission Boards cooperating in the University. The reduction from eight to four of the representation from the participating missionary bodies on our Yenching Board of Managers is a fundamental change in the general plan upon which the University has been founded and maintained, and we should not make it without giving all the participating groups an opportunity to express their frank and unhurried views. This necessarily takes time. The Yenching Trustees cannot amend the Section of our Constitution defining the composition of the Board of Managers without obtaining the approval of a majority of the cooperating Boards. This is a slow process even when everyone is agreed as to the desirability of a proposed amendment, and when there is any marked difference of opinion, still more time is required. The Executive Committee pointed out that it would apparently have been possible to carry out the instructions of the Chinese Ministry of Education reducing the membership of the Board of Managers from twenty-one to fifteen by the comparatively simple process of discontinuing the five University representatives (which are dropped in the proposed reorganization anyway), and leaving one of the coopted positions unfilled, thus not disturbing the representations from missionary bodies until we had had time to consult with our participating Mission Boards.

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We recognize that under the present process it is sometimes difficult to secure as representatives of the various Mission bodies outstanding Chinese men and women. We do fear, however, that the other alternative of reducing missionary representation to four members - all of whom are to be appointed only after consultation with the University authorities - and having all the remaining eleven coopted members, will create more numerous and more perplexing problems than it will solve. The Executive Committee would have preferred that our Board of Managers adopt one or the other of the following alternatives: -

First, that the representation of the participating missionary groups on the Board of Managers be defined somewhat as follows:-

"The bodies which founded the University shall appoint eight members, at least four of whom shall be Chinese, and all of whom shall be appointed according to a process to be mutually agreed upon"; or

Second, that the representation of the cooperating missionary bodies remain at four as the Managers proposed, but that four other members be appointed by the Chinese Christian Churches which are now growing up to carry forward the work originally begun by the four cooperating Mission bodies. These four representatives from the Chinese Churches could, of course, be selected after consultation between the University and the bodies concerned, in the same way as the representatives of the Missionary group.

Under either of these two alternatives a majority of the Board of Managers would still be representatives of the Christian forces carrying on the University. This, we believe, would be a much more wholesome arrangement than that of having a Board where seventy per cent of the members are coopted, and where the representation of the supporting Christian groups is so small that there is danger of their losing their interest and their sense of responsibility for maintaining and supporting Yenching.

The Annual Meeting of the Yenching Trustees will be held about May 16th. This will give you time to send us the views and recommendations of the field on these important questions. The Yenching Trustees are, as always, anxious to cooperate with the field to the best of their ability, and do not wish to obstruct developments which you on the field having a greater familiarity with all the circumstances involved find to be necessary. On the other hand, the Trustees are responsible to the Mission Boards which have created the institution to guard against any major change in policy which not only would be contrary to the principles upon which the University has been carried on, but also would jeopardize much of the support the institution is now receiving.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

/s/ George G. Barber

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(Excerpt from Minutes of Annual Meeting,
Yenching Trustees, - May 16, 1935)

PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Committee reviewed the action taken by the Executive Committee on January 31st, 1935 with reference to the proposed reorganization of the Board of Managers. This proposed reorganization reduces the membership of the Board of Managers from twenty-one to fifteen and reduces representation from the cooperating Missions from eight to four. These proposals were submitted by the Executive Committee to the four Mission Boards cooperating in the University with the request for their approval or disapproval. Up to the date of the meeting of the Trustees, replies had been received from three of these Boards as follows:-

On March 15th Miss Eleanor Wilson reported the following action of the Prudential Committee of the American Board:-

"Voted, that the American Board approve the proposed amendment of sections 1 and 2 of Article VII of the Constitution of Yenching University defining the composition of the Board of Managers."

On March 22 Dr. Courtenay H. Fenn reported the following action by the Executive Council and the Presbyterian Board:-

"Having been consulted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University as to a proposed amendment to Article VII of the Constitution of the University, which would reduce from eight to four the representation on its Board of Managers from the four participating Missions, the Presbyterian Board expressed strong unwillingness to accept such reduction of Mission influence and the increased cooption which would render the Board of Managers of the University almost self-perpetuating. To insure sufficient Chinese membership to meet Government requirements, each Mission might elect a Chinese as one of its two representatives."

On April 1st, Mr. T. Cocker Brown wrote that he had submitted the proposal concerning the reorganization of the Yenching Board of Managers to the China Committee of the London Missionary Society, and that the Committee had approved of the proposed amendment.

On April 24th Mr. J. F. Peat wrote that at its meeting on April 18th the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church had approved the proposed reorganization of the Yenching Board of Managers.

In accordance with the instructions of the Executive Committee, Mr. Barber wrote to President Stuart on February 25th, informing him of the discussion and suggestions of the Executive Committee with regard to this proposed reorganization of the Board of Managers and asking Dr. Stuart's views on these matters. On April 26th Dr. Stuart cabled as follows:-

"ABSENCE PREVENTED REPLY TO MR. BARBER'S LETTER OF FEBRUARY 25 IN TIME FOR ANNUAL MEETING. REFER PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE."

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After extended discussion, it was

T-3398 VOTED to approve the amendment of Section 1 and 2 of Article VII of the Constitution of Yenching University, defining the composition of the Board of Managers, in the form recommended by the field authorities of the University, except that the Trustees favor the appointment of eight members of the Board of Managers by the bodies which founded the University, instead of four members as proposed by the field.

The amended form of these sections, as approved by the Trustees, is as follows:-

1. There shall be a Board of Managers in North China to be composed of not to exceed fifteen members.
2. The Board of Managers shall be constituted in accordance with the following provisions:-
 - (a) The bodies which founded the University shall appoint, according to a process mutually agreed upon, eight members.
 - (b) The above constituted members shall elect from the country at large seven additional members.
 - (c) Of the fifteen members composing the Board, the foreign members shall not exceed one-third, and at least one-fifth shall be women.
 - (d) The Chancellor and the President of the University and the Dean of the College for Women may attend the meetings of the Board, but without vote.
 - (e) An essential and the sole religious qualification for membership shall be profession of evangelical faith in and loyalty to Jesus Christ.
 - (f) The term of office of the members of the Board of Managers shall be for such periods as shall be provided in the By-laws of the said Board and approved by the Board of Trustees."

The Board requested that the Secretary, when communicating with the field authorities, should inform them that the Trustees would be very happy to see the growing Chinese Churches given official recognition on the Board of Managers, and would favor the appointment of four of the eight representative members on the Board of Managers from these Chinese Churches, rather than from the Missions themselves, if this is found to be a feasible procedure.

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSION

PEIPING, CHINA

TRUTH HALL
Wm. H. Gleysteen

Oct. 24th. 1936

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Mr. B. A. Garside
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Garside,

At the last meeting of the Board of Managers of Yenching University, I was instructed to write a letter to the Trustees regarding the pitiable financial plight of the School of Religion.

That the School of Religion of Yenching is unique in China is recognized. In the presence of persons like T.C. Chao, T.T. Lew, Philip De Vargas, Miss Wood and others, one feels that there is something tremendously big and dynamic for scholarly Christian leadership. We feel that everything that is possible should be done to foster the life of this institution, whose contribution to China is already great if one considers the literature produced and the influence of the group on the more thoughtful groups throughout the country.

As you doubtless know, the London Missionary Society has promised help beginning next spring. For this we are most grateful. But more help is needed if the work of the School is not to be impaired.

We know that the Trustees are not unmindful of these needs or unsolicitous concerning them. Yet we desire to remind you how greatly we believe in this School of Religion, and that we are convinced that it must be maintained at the highest possible level of consecrated and inspired Christian leadership, which it now possesses in no small measure.

With kindest personal regards,

Very respectfully,

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