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August 8, 1920.

Mr. S. Moore Gordon,
1364 Scenic Avenue,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Your letters of July 16th and 23th have been received. I am glad that you were able to secure the accommodations for Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain. Dr. Smith will forward you a check for \$400, which will complete our financial responsibility for Mr. Chamberlain. I suspect that you will need more for his outfit and outgoing allowance if you are to live up to the contract; but doubtless you have thought of this, and are getting in touch with Mr. Chin. We shall expect to hear from you after you have made your own arrangements with Mr. Chamberlain.

I was interested in what you said about the possibilities of securing a poultry man. Please keep us informed as to your address. I can be reached during the next three weeks at Siamconset, Mass.

Will you please send us a revised copy of your contract with Mr. Chamberlain, so that we will know exactly what are our obligations concerning him?

I hope that you are not being too much inconvenienced by your present rather long-range system of finances.

I have received the papers concerning Mr. Schlaegel, and will hold them here until we hear from you further.

With best wishes to Mrs. Gordon and your son, I am

Sincerely yours,

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1364 Scenic Avenue,
Berkeley, Calif.,
August 10, 1920.

Rev. W. R. Wheeler,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Wheeler:

Mr. Chamberlain's papers which you forwarded
came a number of days ago, and I was very glad to get them.

During the past few weeks I have been secur-
ing all possible information from firms handling agricultural
implements and other supplies that we shall need at the Ex-
periment Station.

We are arranging to leave Berkeley August 16th
and if you wish to reach me between now and the end of the
first week in September please address me as follows:

Care of Mr. J. F. Butler,
Capay Rancho,
Orland, Calif.

We may stay at Orland until the end of Septem-
ber, but if we do not I will send you word.

I trust that all is going well with you.
With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

S. Moore Gordon.

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September 3rd, 1920.

Mr. S. Moore Gordon,
c/o Mr. J. F. Butler,
Capay Rancho,
Orland, California.

My dear Mr. Gordon:

Your letter of August 10th reached me when I was out of town, and when I returned to this city yesterday I found your letter of August 21st.

You are up against rather difficult financial problems and I wish I could be of more assistance to you in solving them. My own views in regard to your questions are as follows: \$1000.00 evidently is too small to pay the traveling expenses of a married couple from the east to China and to pay for outfit allowance and for freight. When we sent out Miss Hague recently, on advice of the Methodist Board, we allowed \$500.00 minimum expenses to Peking, with \$100.00 extra in case of need, that would make \$600.00 for a married couple, plus \$250.00 for outfit allowance and money for freight, and I am not sure just what the rates are now, but it would seem it would cost at least \$350.00 more than Mr. Chamberlain has deposited. This is the minimum amount. I think the right way to meet this would be to cable to Peking, asking that such a deposit be made.

In regard to your own expenses, it is certainly unsatisfactory that your salary must go to China. I will take up with our Treasurer the matter of your being paid here in America, although I suspect that this may be hard to arrange. The amount of your own personal expenses, of course I do not know, but you set them at about \$600.00. I think the best thing to do is to face this matter *squarely* deliberately and cable for that amount. If you can get an answer back from Peking that this amount, \$850.00, has been deposited, we can advance you from our office here a similar amount. This agriculture proposition is bound to cost money and this fact might as well be faced and the need met.

I, myself, regret that you have to think of returning to Peking before spring, as I do not like to think of your wife and baby going back so early.

You state in your letter that you are leaving your

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S. Moore Gordon

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address September 6th, but I am addressing you there in the absence of any further direction. Please keep us informed of your plans and your itinerary.

I am With best wishes to you and Mrs. Gordon and the baby,

Sincerely yours,

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c/o J. F. Butler,
Capay Rancho,
Orland, Calif.,
September 10, 1920.

Rev. W. R. Wheeler,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Wheeler:

Returned here yesterday afternoon after spending several days studying animals and meeting breeders at the State Fair at Sacramento. Received your kind letter, and wish to let you know that I shall remain here until further notice.

Am somewhat like the man who was walking a long distance and felt that he was getting along fine until he came to a sign saying, "Slow down to fifteen miles an hour." Every time I get out and seek to see stock farms and men, and really learn something I find letters, telegrams, or cablegrams awaiting me which keep me from following up openings at the rate that I desire. However, that is part of my job so I must get accustomed to the interruptions that keep me from speeding ahead with personally arranged plans.

A cablegram received yesterday from President Stuart says, "Leaving for America, come as soon as possible." A telegram five days old from Chamberlain asks me to telegraph him almost the last cent I have got, so I am following your advice and cabling for \$800.00 Gold to be cabled to treasurer. I lack about \$70.00 of the amount (\$400.00) requested by Chamberlain, and will send what I can hoping that a reply to my cablegram will arrive in time to give him the rest.

If you receive authority to pay me \$800.00 please send Chamberlain \$70.00 and send the rest to me here, unless I advise you otherwise.

The Canadian Pacific Company has disappointed me and say that they have nothing before December. Chamberlain is greatly rushed, and I tried to get the China Mail to defer his sailing date to November, but they had nothing before December. I am telegraphing Chamberlain as follows: "Returned here yesterday. Sending three hundred thirty dollars now. If you consider it necessary and wise to wait to secure degree try to get steamship company to give us your reservation or give you passage on later steamer. Wire if you change passage. Have cabled for more funds."

Without money I cannot make a reservation for ourselves. I can only trust that God's plan will be worked, and am trying to use my time to best advantage while waiting. Secured promise of contribution of a good pure bred Berkshire Boar from secretary of California Berkshire Breeders' Associa-

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ciation. A breeder of what I believe are the best Rambouillet sheep in America, and a highly desirable breed for China offers one of his best rams if we purchase a lot of ewes from him. He has a \$4,000.00 ram at the head of his herd so you may know that he has something good.

If I were to be detained in America until spring, I know that I could secure other contributions mounting up to hundreds of dollars. May be able to do so any way.

Will discuss matter of method of receiving salary when I have more definite idea of how much longer I am to be in America.

Have not forgotten your request for a copy of Chamberlain's revised contract, and will send it to you as soon as possible.

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affairs* *and Mrs. Lee* Thank you for your continued helpfulness. I feel that you are the only one to whom I can appeal for advice in America, and am hoping that I am not unduly increasing your burdens. I know that we are building a great institution, and feel that the battle is well worth while. Long to see the day when we may both be back in China.

Best wishes from each of us to each of you.

Very sincerely yours,

S. Moore Gordon.

*Delay - Wild Spring
for Chamberlain
S. Moore Gordon*

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September 16, 1930.

Mr. S. M. Gordon,
In care of Mr. J. F. Butler,
Capay Rancho,
Orland, Calif.

Dear Gordon:

Your letter of September 10th is received, and I certainly sympathize with you in your present difficulties. My own reaction concerning the whole situation is that it would be better if both you and Mr. Chamberlain should defer your sailing until you can get off without such a rush and without being involved in so many difficulties. I have written Mr. Chamberlain asking just how long it will be necessary for him to stay in this country to finish up his master's thesis - a task which I think it will be worth-while for him to accomplish before going to China. I do not like to think of your taking your wife and your baby back to China at such an early date as you contemplate at present; and if you could wait until Spring your financial difficulties ^{could} be adjusted satisfactorily. We have cabled Dr. Stuart, who cabled us that he was sailing for America September 25th provided the site could be secured, asking him not to come now.

A further question in relation to your plans is: Have you accomplished all that you set out to do when you came to America? If any part of your work is not finished, would it not be better to wind this up before returning? We shall take up your case with the Executive Committee, which meets next Wednesday, the 22nd.

I shall wire you tomorrow after further consultation with Dr. Luce. If you get absolutely stuck for cash, we can help you out, although it would be better to get a statement from Peking first.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

WRW:W

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c/o J. F. Butler,
Capay Rancho,
Orland, Calif.,
September 17, '920.

Rev. W. R. Wheeler,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Wheeler:

Since writing to you last week, letters have come from President Stuart explaining that my presence in China was desired when the manager arrived so that I could assist him during the initial stage of things at the experiment station.

A telegram from Mr. Chamberlain states that he has decided that it is best for him to defer sailing until December, so that he can get his degree and carry out some investigations that will increase his efficiency. In the light of President Stuart's letters I have decided not to take Chamberlain's reservation and sail for China next month, but to seek passage from Vancouver in December. This will permit me to take Mrs. Gordon and Murray to visit Mrs. Gordon's parents in Toronto. They will loan us the money for the trip there.

If you have not sent the money from China, please wait until you hear from me again before sending it. Any letters ^{coming} directed to you, may be held until I write and say where they should be sent. We are hoping to leave here within a few days.

A letter from Prof. Bailie informs me of the possibility of Anderson Meyer & Co., offering to place farm implements at the station for exhibit. In replying to his letter I omitted to say that we should reserve the right to limit the number if we have to pay freight charges. I gave him a list of the implements that we could put into use next year. John Deere & Co., S. F., offers us implements at a 20% export discount with another special discount of 10%. This is a very fair offer if we have to purchase implements. If the Anderson Meyer Co., offer becomes a certainty I think we can approach the International Harvester Co., with some assurance of getting a good proposition for demonstrating their line of implements and machinery.

If I make the trip to Toronto I hope to see you again before leaving there, as I must arrange an interview with Mr. Chamberlain.

Trust that you are meeting with encouragement as you outline work for this autumn. With sincere regards and best wishes to Dr. Luce, Mrs. Wheeler, and yourself, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

S. Moore Gordon.

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September 18, 1930.

Mr. S. Moore Gordon,
In care of Mr. J. F. Butler;
Capay Rancho,
Orland, California.

Dear Gordon:

Wheeler and I both felt that unless you were very sure that your work was finished here it would be best for you to stay on somewhat longer, though of course we can only express our personal opinion in this matter. Wheeler was rather inclined to think that Chamberlain might delay somewhat, but my own personal feeling was that since it was not to interfere in any way with his getting his Master's Degree there were strong reasons why he should go as soon as possible. Until he goes the matter is not clinched. This again, of course, is only a personal expression of opinion for which the Executive Committee takes no responsibility. We did not know exactly what to do about the \$70 which you said was necessary to complete the funds needed for Mr. Chamberlain's travelling expenses. I sent him the enclosed letter in which, as you will note, I said that unless other arrangements can be made we shall have to be personally responsible for the \$70 here. Dr. Smith also favored Mrs. Chamberlain's going at once, though he made it quite clear that he was speaking personally and not as Chairman of the Executive Committee. He maintains that the Committee cannot take any financial responsibility in the matter, and in this he is probably right. If I have to advance this money to Mr. Chamberlain I hope that you will endeavor to secure repayment of it as soon as possible. It seems a necessary thing to do to avoid the thing being held up for a comparatively small amount.

I am glad that you are happy over the arrival of your little son, and also glad to hear that both your wife and he are well.

You know, of course, that it is not possible now to get sailings before January 1st, so if you plan to go back before spring planting you will soon have to make arrangements. Of course I don't know what agreement you have with the Stock Farm Association, but I imagine that they will expect Mr. Chamberlain to be the expert on foreign methods and that they would rather expect you to be in touch with possible candidates for agricultural work in China. To this end, would it not be well to devote as much as possible of your remaining time to getting in touch with possible candidates?

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With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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September 24, 1920.

Mr. S. Moore Gordon,
In care of J. P. Butler,
Caray Rancho,
Orland, California.

Dear Gordon:

I have sent you two telegrams in the last three or four days. Yesterday your letter of September 17 came in, so that the situation now seems fairly clear. On the 17th I send you this wire: "Suggest you defer sailing. Luce advises Chamberlain go October second fearing higher cost later passage." Next day we received a note from Mr. Chamberlain saying that he could not go October 2nd, and that he had transferred his passage to you. The same day I received a cable from Peking saying that \$800 was available and telling us to advance this sum to you, \$500 of it being for your personal account. I wired you to this effect on the 21st stating that I would send you a check for \$800 to your present address unless I heard from you to the contrary; this was on the supposition that you might take Chamberlain's passage and would need the money immediately. Since then your letter of the 17th has come in which you tell me to wait until you hear from you before sending you any more mail; so I am having the check drawn, but will not forward it until I receive an answer to my telegram, or hear from you again by mail giving me your present address.

When convenient we should like to have a list of the various individuals and firms you have interviewed in the interests of the Agricultural project. I was interested in what you wrote concerning Andersen, Meyer and Company.

With best wishes to Mrs. Gordon from Dr. Luce and myself,
I am

Sincerely yours,

WRW:W

Secretary of the University.

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On Train in Iowa,
September 24, 1920.

Rev. W. R. Wheeler,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Wheeler:

Your kind letter of September 16, reached us just before we left my uncle's home on the morning of September 21st. Your telegram which came earlier, came too late to make any further effort to have Mr. Chamberlain sail in October. His date of sailing is now fixed for Dec., 11th on China Mail SS "Nile."

As a result of this change I cabled President Stuart September 21st, as follows: "Manager degree unavoidably delayed coming necessarily postponed for two months there is every encouragement."

Letters received from President Stuart before I sent the cablegram explained that it was considered advisable for me to return to China with the manager, as President Stuart planned to come to America. Even at that I was told to use my own judgment, as I knew the situation best. When it became inevitable that Mr. Chamberlain delay his sailing, the urgency of my returning to China soon was removed.

Consequently I had his reservation changed to December, and made plans to meet the wishes of Mrs. Gordon's parents which were that we go to Toronto as soon as possible, they loaning us the funds for travel. This is in accord with the spirit of your letter, and I believe will make it possible for me to carry out fully the program that I expected to follow when I left Peking in January.

I have not accomplished all that I expected to do. First, I have not located a poultryman, but Mr. Chamberlain believes he has found a likely man for that position, and I wish to establish communications with him. Second, I have not visited some of the institutions that I wished, such as the "George Junior Republic," "Tuskege," "Blackburn College," or other institutions which aim to give students the opportunity to gain a variety of experiences which will teach them a trade while they are also earning a part if not all of their school expenses. Third, I wish to meet more leading breeders of pure bred live stock if possible, and especially to study the way animals are cared for in Western Canada during cold weather, as climatic conditions approximate very closely those found in Mongolia. If I am able to devote the next two months to the above pursuits, I believe I shall accomplish most of what I had expected to do in America, with the exception of ordering supplies and animals for the Experiment Station. On the basis of information now in

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hand the general supplies can be ordered by mail if necessary, and Doctor Schlaegel can secure animals through the aid of the Animal Husbandry Departments of the University of California and Kansas University. On the other hand between now and spring, if I remain in America that long, I have hopes of getting more contributions for our station, by increasing the personal contact with breeders and manufacturers.

Mr. Chamberlain wishes to visit the "George Junior Republic," and we may be able to arrange to make the visit together some time next month, if only the money for which I cabled comes from China. I must have a conference with Mr. Chamberlain and feel that it is advisable for him to have a chance to do what investigation he desires before leaving America. It is to our interest that he do so, and I shall seek funds which may be used in that way.

The question now is; shall I accept the offer of a reservation on the Canadian Pacific SS "Empress of Asia" sailing from Vancouver in December? If President Stuart is not to return to America this winter, there will not be the same pressing reason for our returning to China, before spring, yet the course that we are to run may run smoother if I can be with Mr. Chamberlain to interpret for him and as President Stuart suggests, to help him keep from getting discouraged if things ^{are} difficult to understand as regards the action taken by the Chinese. President Stuart felt that my idea that Mr. Chamberlain should have the comradeship during the first few months of some one versed in the Chinese situation, was rightly stated, and thought it wise for me to be that comrade even if it involved a return to America on my part next year. This I think would hardly be necessary, although Mr. Ch'iu seemed anxious that I be here when the shipment of animals was prepared. If you have any new light to throw on the situation I shall be glad to hear from you.

I do feel that I should have the money in hand for paying passage before long, if I am to secure the sailing in December which is very desirable from my point of view if we must return to China in time to be there when the Chamberlains arrive.

It is my sincere hope that Mr. Ch'iu will not be too greatly disappointed because the manager cannot sail before December. I shall add to the cablegram explanations by letter.

Even if money is not cabled a draft in exchange for personal cheques to Mr. Krause sent August 9th, should be received before the middle of next month.

Murray is a great traveller, and we are a happy trio as we look forward to reaching Mrs. Gordon's home tomorrow.

Best wishes to Mr. Luce and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

S. Moore Gordon.

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89 Delaware Avenue,
Toronto, Canada,
October 4, 1920.

Rev. W.R. Wheeler,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Your telegram of September 21st was mailed to me here, and I have waited until the letter should arrive with cheque enclosed, but to-day your letter of September 24th came explaining that you would wait further word from me before sending the cheque.

It gives me pleasure to report that I am now able to give attention to business again as my wife's family is now established in the new home, and I have a room to use as a study. We shall remain here for another month at least, and I can be reached by letter or telegram at the above address. The probability is that I shall make a trip to New York State this month to see Mr. Chamberlain and I hope to see the "George Junior Republic." Before I can do this it will be necessary to hear from you, and receive the money which has been placed to my credit by cablegram from China. Please have the amount sent in two cheques; one for \$100.00, the other for \$700.00, so that I can have one hundred dollars to turn over to Mr. Chamberlain. If the cheque is already made out in full, please do not bother about the above request.

To-day I secured a reservation from the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services on the SS "Empress of Asia" sailing from Vancouver December 16th. I hope that the money can be sent before the end of this week so that I can make the required deposit to complete the booking of this passage. The cost of passage is now \$346.00, an increase of \$58.00 since I came to America. By buying tickets here something will be gained in exchange, but this difference will not be enough to keep me from counting every cent from now until I reach Shanghai.

September 15th I sent personal cheque to Mr. Krause and a request for enough additional from Mr. Ch'iu to make up the sum of \$300.00 to be cabled. Even if this is sent it will hardly be enough to cover the cost of articles that Mr. Ch'iu asked me to purchase, and the expenses of my family from here to Shanghai. I only found out about the raise in steamship tickets to-day and have not yet thought through the best plan for meeting the new situation.

I have noted your request for the list of firms and individuals interested in our agricultural project, and will prepare such a list for you before leaving for China.

Please give the enclosed to Dr. Luce. I trust that matters are going well with you. With kindest regards,
Very sincerely yours,

S. Moore Gordon.

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October 6, 1920.

Rev. S. Moore Gordon,
89 Delaware Avenue,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Gordon:

Your letter of September 24th written on the train in Iowa came in after I had telegraphed you at your California address stating that we had received a cable from Peking asking us to send you \$300, \$500 of this for your personal expenses. I wired you and wrote you to this same effect to your former address. I have secured authorization to draw the check, and will have it sent to you at your present abode as soon as I can secure the signature for it.

My feeling both about you and Mr. Chamberlain, which I have already expressed, and which, of course, represents only my own personal judgment, is that it would be better both for you and Mrs. Gordon and baby and also for the Chamberlains to arrive in Peking when the weather conditions are not so severe as they are in mid-winter. Further, it would seem to be better for you both to reach there about the same time.

I have seen Mr. Carter about your salary and he said after investigation that the matter had been in the hands of Miss Bahr, and that she had received a memorandum that you wished your salary to be paid in China rather than in America. If you write me at once stating whether or not you wish your salary to be paid in America during the remainder of your time here I think I can put it through. Otherwise, the matter will rest as it has hitherto.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I sent Mr. Chamberlain which I trust meets with your approval.

We shall be glad to see you here again if you can work it in on your schedule. I hope your trip across the continent was not too tiresome. We found it more of an exertion than the trans-Pacific voyage.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Gordon, I am

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Sincerely yours,

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October 13, 1930

Mr. S. Moore Gordon,
89 Delaware Avenue,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Gordon:

We are planning to give a page to vocational and technical training in our pamphlet for the University, and I telegraphed you yesterday to send us a picture of you - if possible, with the Mongolian Plains setting, or some picture that will express the project that you have been working on. We cannot use the picture of Mr. Chiu because of his facial limitations. Sam Dean has appeared, and says he has a picture of you taken in Mongolia which he will bring in today. In the meantime, I hope that in answer to my telegram you have sent on anything you have. If you could also write a very brief statement of about 150 words it would help us. I will use the article you have left here in making up our own statement, and will try to make it correspond with yours, and will use whatever seems best. We will try to send in the material to the press early next week, so any speed you can make will be appreciated.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

WRW:W

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89 Delaware Avenue,
Toronto, Canada,
October 13, 1920.

Rev. W. R. Wheeler,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.,
U. S. A.

Dear Wheeler:

Your telegram was received this afternoon, and after careful consideration I am sending you a few prints and three films with the hope that you may be able to choose something which will suit your purpose.

As you know I had absolutely no warning about coming to America this year in time to select or take any number of pictures, but brought along what I happened to have. Please do not allow any of these films or prints to go out of your hand unless you are certain that they will be returned, because while they are not valuable to others they are prized by myself. Some were taken by other members of our party, and I have little chance of securing duplicate copies if these are lost, and I wish to have these returned when you are through with them.

You may keep the prints of Holstein-Friesian cattle as these were taken in California, and I have the negatives.

Your letter of October 6th was received on Saturday, but I am still waiting for money, the \$800.00 not having arrived. I suppose you have had difficulty about getting the necessary signature.

To-day I received a letter from a veterinarian in Indiana who offers us ten pure bred gilt pigs and a male about six months from now if we are able to receive them. They are the Big Type Poland, and of choice breeding. The prospective donor is very much interested in our enterprise and his gift will be equivalent to at least \$1,000.00. He wants to go to China, and offers his services in case we can use him. He has given references, and I intend to keep in close touch with him.

Your letter to Mr. Chamberlain was to my mind very appropriate. He is now scheduled to sail on the SS "Nile" from San Francisco, December 7th. I agree that for health reasons it would be well for the Chamberlains as well as ourselves to arrive in China when the weather is less severe. Since this has been impossible I hope with all my heart that nothing will prevent Mr. Chamberlain from leaving in December as now expected. If he cannot do so I shall have failed utterly to fulfill my mission to America. As it is I am so chagrined about the present delay that I have lost

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much confidence in my ability to carry through successfully the task which is by no means light.

Mrs. Gordon has been exceedingly ill for more than a week, but we are thankful to say that the fever abated forty-eight hours ago, and a blood test has revealed that she is free from typhoid germs, although symptoms indicated that that was the disease until the fever went down. She will return from the hospital soon.

I see no reason for having the present plan for paying my salary changed unless advice from Peking comes against my return to China before spring. There is no use of my remaining in America after December unless hundreds of dollars are sent for me to use freely in travel and purchase of animals, and there are no prospects of such funds coming so I feel it necessary to proceed with plans for sailing in December. If the \$300.00 which I asked to be cabled this month is put to my credit with our treasurer I hope to receive it at this address without the delay that my change has caused in the present instance.

The Canadian Pacific requires a deposit of one-fourth the amount of our passage, and I am fearing lest they refuse me the reservation, now that I have delayed about ten days with the deposit, having assured them that I would have the money in a few days.

If a change in conditions makes it wise for me to request that my salary be paid here I will let you know. Thank you very much for the interest you have taken in the matter. I have already sent checks to Mr. Krause which will use up last month's salary, and we shall need a balance in China when we get there to cover cost of travel from Shanghai, and to meet other expenses at the first of the year.

It has been very difficult to give any time for correspondence of late, and I fear that this is a doleful letter. \$800.00 and a letter from Chamberlain would cheer me greatly. I hope both will arrive to-morrow.

The baby gets along well with his dad and his grandmother, for which we are very grateful.

Best wishes to Mrs. Wheeler and Dr. Luce, and yourself. I know we shall win through faith in our Lord and Master.

Very sincerely yours,

S. Moore Gordon.

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89 Delaware Avenue,
Toronto, Canada,
October 17, 1920.

Rev. W. R. Wheeler,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.,
U. S.A.

Dear Wheeler:

Your request for a statement for publicity use could not be answered Saturday, because Mrs. Gordon returned from the hospital that day, and owing to the impossibility of hiring help here I could find no time to use the typewriter.

If not too late I shall submit a very brief statement which may prove useful, because it expresses to some degree the faith that I have in the support that will come from America, if we succeed in getting our agricultural enterprise started at Peking. What I wish to say follows:-

"Since returning to America in February this year I have repeatedly been encouraged by U. S. Government and State University Agricultural experts to press with all possible intelligence the founding of the Agricultural Experiment Station to be conducted near Peking through the co-operative efforts of the Peking University and The North China Farming and Stock-Raising Corporation. Since it is our aim to give special attention to the improvement of the live stock of North China, it is but natural that breeders of pure bred animals in America should have an interest in seeing their favored breed of stock introduced into China through an institution that will handle the breeding of the stock well.

Special encouragement is to be found in the words of such a leader as Professor A. R. Mann, Dean of New York State College of Agriculture, who recently told the writer that in his opinion the day is not far off when Agricultural Missions will occupy a position of importance equal to that of Medical Missions. This statement can be readily accounted for when we reflect that during the past year unusual efforts have been made by missionaries from many different parts of China and India to extend the scope of their educational program to include expert instruction in Agriculture. Dean Mann's statement is also indicative of the spirit of those educators in American State Agricultural colleges who as Christians with high ideals of the service to be rendered the State continue to fill their positions at a personal sacrifice when business opportunities paying higher salaries are offered. Any visitor to our Agricultural Departments the country over cannot fail to recognize that for many years men of strong Christian character have been training those who are to-day most influential in making our State institutions

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truly subserviant to the greatest demands of our Republic for devoted service. Such an observer may rightly judge that what has been accomplished in America by the best leadership in the field of Agriculture, may likewise be accomplished in the great Republic of China.

The interest of American breeders in China has led to recent contributions of dairy stock to the Kaifeng Baptist College valued at \$10,000.00, according to a quotation from the "Watchman-Examiner" in the October issue of the "Expositor." We now have promises of gifts of Hereford beef cattle, Poland and Berkshire hogs, and Rambouillet sheep, although we have not sought contributions. One firm offers to install for demonstration purposes a complete stock of serviceable farm implements, and many firms offer a special discount to encourage the work undertaken.

We have but to establish an active station, headed by stalwart Christian leaders, and further encouragement in gifts will surely come. We need the prayers of Christian friends to the end that we may supply as Christian Americans the leadership which will truly further the Gospel of the Good Shepherd."

The above exceeds the requirements as to the number of words, but you may quote what suits your need, and perhaps use the full statement at another time.

I trust that this will reach you in time.

With sincere regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

S. Moore Gordon.

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89 Delaware Avenue,
Toronto, Canada,
October 20, 1920.

Rev. W. R. Wheeler,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.,
U. S. A.

My dear Wheeler:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of checks
#172 for \$100.00, and #173 for \$700.00 which arrived with the
enclosed letter.

I cannot make out the signature of the
writer of this letter, and will be pleased if you will let
him know that the money has been received. I am glad that it
came in time to preserve for me the reservation on the SS
"Empress of Asia" sailing from Vancouver December 16th.

Thanking you for help given, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

S. Moore Gordon.

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89 Delaware Avenue,
Toronto, Canada,
October 23, 1920.

Rev. W. R. Wheeler,
Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.,
U. S.A.

My dear Wheeler:

Please find enclosed a copy of the contract which was signed by Mr. Chamberlain as Manager of the Agricultural Experiment Station to be conducted co-operatively by the Peking University and the North China Farming and Stock-Raising Corporation. I am sorry that this has been delayed so long.

Mr. Chamberlain is meeting with further discouragement about his thesis, but I hope he will soon be through, and plan to go and see him before many weeks pass. We plan to have several days for conference at Ithaca, and to visit the George Junior Republic together.

Yesterday I sent a cablegram to President Stuart which read as follows:- "Have arranged passage by steamer sailing December sixteenth of this year from Vancouver. Will prepare veterinary contract beginning of November unless signed copy received. Cable if important secretary."

In recent letters President Stuart told me to employ the veterinary to begin service in January with the expectation that he would look after the purchase of animals and their transport to China in the spring in view of my returning to China this year. I sent a contract form to China for the veterinary doctor similar to that of the Manager, and expected it to be signed and returned to me. The signed forms may come by the end of this month, but if they do not I must prepare new copies which the veterinary can sign before I sail, and which may be signed by President Stuart and Mr. Ch'iu when I reach Peking.

It is my idea that any reply to my cablegram may be sent to you, and then you can forward to me. I shall let you know when I go to Ithaca, and will decide then whether or not^x is advisable for me to make another trip to New York City. I would prefer not to do so.

Will you please let me know when the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees will be meeting again, so that Dr. Schlaegel's papers can be submitted for approval. I wish to write to him first and receive a reply stating how

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he feels about the proposal of beginning duties in America in January, before having his papers come before the committee, and will write to him now.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

S. Moore Gordon.

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October 27, 1920

Mr. S. Moore Gordon,
89 Delaware Avenue,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Gordon:

Your letter of October 17th, your note of October 30th acknowledging receipt of the checks for \$300, and your letter of the 23rd have all come in. I have used your statement to make up a somewhat shorter one for the pamphlet, and will try to get a copy to you before it is finally printed. We have used the picture of the horses and cattle that you sent, and I am returning to you the other pictures that you kindly sent on to us.

We have an important meeting of the Trustees tomorrow in which a decision will be made concerning our campaign this year and next fall. If the project which we have before the Trustees goes through we may wish to use you in this campaign, especially in the West. In that case, you might have to defer your sailing until spring. I will let you know at once after the meeting of the Trustees what the decision is.

I shall bring up Dr. Schlaegel's papers at the Trustees' meeting tomorrow.

Thank you for sending the copy of the contract with the Manager.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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89 Delaware Avenue,
Toronto, Canada,
October 29, 1920.

Rev. W. R. Wheeler,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.,
U. S. A.

My dear Wheeler:

Your letter of October 27th was received this morning, and word also came from Mr. Chamberlain by telegram stating that he would be ready for a conference as soon as convenient for me to go to Ithaca.

It is my expectation to reach Ithaca the evening of Monday November 1st. If you desire to send any message between the 1st and 5th please address me c/o Mr. Walter E. Chamberlain 108 North Plain Street, Ithaca, N. Y.

Thank you for the pictures returned. I shall expect the films when you are finished with them; three in number.

I shall await with great interest the report of the decision of the Board of Trustees regarding plans for the University campaign. I may say that President Stuart was quite decided that in case he returned to America I should be in China as a comrade to Mr. Chamberlain. You have perhaps arranged now about the return of President Stuart, and will be able to judge whether or not the late action of the Board of Trustees conflicts with the above proposition. The difficulties to be met by Mr. Chamberlain are very real, and he will require the companionship for some time at first of some American who knows the Chinese situation thoroughly. President Stuart's presence would be more effective than my own.

It is my own prayer that God's plan will be shown so that I may spend the next few months in a way that will be truly serviceable to the highest and best good of the University.

With kind regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

S. Moore Gordon.

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Tantallon, Sask., Canada,
November 30, 1920.

Rev. W. R. Wheeler,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.,
U. S. A.

Dear Wheeler:

I was pleased to receive your letter of November 19th, and to get the program of the meeting of the International Association of Agricultural Missions which is to be held December 7th. I am sure that the gathering will be a profitable one, and would have been pleased to attend if circumstances had permitted.

Mrs. Gordon, Murray and myself had a very comfortable trip from Toronto to here, and I find myself delighted to be in the west and on a farm again. There is snow on the ground, and we made the trip from the railway in a sleigh, but the cold was no greater than that experienced in Toronto, because the sunshine made the air mild.

Doctor Schlaegel's papers were received, and I sent him copies of the contract to sign so that I can take them with me to Peking. You did not report any motion that had been adopted by the Board of Trustees regarding Dr. Schlaegel so I concluded that his papers had been approved, otherwise there would have been some word of a different strain.

Word was received by telegraph from Mr. Chamberlain saying that he had chosen to sail December 24th as this was advantageous to his thesis. I hope that a kind Providence has so arranged his affairs that he may receive his degree before leaving so that he may enter upon his new life with a light heart, and with real satisfaction. I shall do my best to make the way smooth for him when he reaches Peking.

Please inform Mr. O. J. Morris of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church that the draft for five hundred dollars (\$500.00) which was sent November 23rd reached me November 25th.

If the money had come sooner I should have probably arranged to go to Chicago, but since this was impractical I shall have that experience to look forward to at some time in the future.

My arrival here was most opportune because yesterday I was able to meet a representative of the Western Dominion Shorthorn Breeders Association who showed a great interest in our plans and came with Mrs. Gordon's uncle who is also a Shorthorn breeder, to see me last night. As a result of our long interview I now have prospects of receiving assistance from this gentleman and his association when we are in a position to receive cattle. The Shorthorn cattle are splendid as range animals, and also have good milking qualities.

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Thank you for returning the print which showed horses in Mongolia, because it came in very handy last night. I shall do my best to get the list compiled for you before leaving America. I am trying to get some rest and recreation these days in addition to putting the finishing touches to my work before we sail.

Although we are to soon be separated from each other by continent and ocean I want you and Dr. Luce to feel that I am continually remembering the great part that you are having in the building of the University, and will remember you continually in prayer that God's guiding hand will so direct you that you will be able to carry out a most effective campaign for bringing into the treasury of the University, funds that will make the future of Peking University very certain.

In case you have any further word for me I shall be here until about December twelfth.

With best wishes to Mrs. Wheeler, and Dr. and Mrs. Luce, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

S. Moore Gordon.

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November 2, 1920

Dear Gordon:

Your letter of the 29th was received. I am enclosing a copy of the statement about your work which is to go into the pamphlet. If you have any criticism or suggestions please let us know at once, and we will try to change the proof.

Yesterday at the Board of Trustees meeting the return of President Stuart was discussed, and it was decided to advise him to delay his return until next fall to help in our campaign.

Mr. Schlaegel's papers were brought before the Trustees, and were referred to the Executive officers for approval. I shall let you know the decision as soon as possible.

According to a letter received from Mr. Krause you are entitled to \$500 in addition to the \$300 we sent you, and I shall attend to this matter at once.

I hope that Mrs. Gordon has entirely recovered.

With best wishes, I am

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Sincerely yours,

Mr. S. Moore Gordon,
89 Delaware Avenue,
Toronto, Canada.

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89 Delaware Avenue,
Toronto, Canada,
November 9, 1920.

Rev. W. R. Wheeler,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.,
U. S. A.

Dear Wheeler:

My visit to Ithaca was very enjoyable as I got better acquainted with Mr. & Mrs. Chamberlain, and we were able to go over matters of importance that bear upon developments at the experiment station. *We spent a day at Ithaca.*

Mr. Chamberlain handed in his thesis again while I was there, but cannot be sure of its meeting with approval, because of the uncertain attitude of the chairman of the committee to which it is submitted. However, if it is not passed Mr. Chamberlain is determined to proceed to Peking next month. I hardly see how a man can afford a degree when it takes so much extra time and prevents him from making plans, because it costs so much to be unemployed. It appears to me that the professor in this case is allowed things on his side far more than is right. The experience has given Mr. Chamberlain a good attitude toward life and delays, which will stand him in good stead in China.

Will you please let me know what the decision was at the meeting of the Trustees October 28th regarding Dr. Schlaegel's papers. Dr. Schlaegel has expressed willingness to take up his responsibilities whenever we are ready to use him, although he hopes to have until ^{late} spring to get married, because his fiance wishes to finish her college year. If necessary he will go to Peking first and let her follow in the autumn in company with some missionary that might be going to North China. He views the opportunity for service as one of unusual merit and is willing to make any necessary personal sacrifice to meet the need. We are indeed fortunate to have men of such spirit to start the work at the experiment station, and I firmly believe we shall succeed even against great odds.

See Mr. G.
I hope that you will soon have \$300.00 for me from Peking. I sent checks on September 15th, and asked that the money be cabled to New York treasurer.

Fountain pens desired by Mr. Ch'iu, and seeds for spring planting cannot be bought unless this money comes. Furthermore I need my share which is \$150.00 to meet travel expenses from here to Vancouver. We hope to leave here in less than two weeks, and spend the rest of the time before sailing in Saskatchewan.

I trust that the cry for famine relief will give you an additional means of appeal for funds for the University.

With best wishes, I remain
Very sincerely yours, S. Moore Gordon.

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November 13, 1920

Dear Gordon:

I received yours of the 9th, and have also received word from Thomas Cook & Son that the "Wile" has been cancelled for December 11th, and that they are holding accommodations for Mr. Chamberlain on the "Hanking" sailing December 7th, and asking us to have him send in to them his passage vouchers for the "Wile." I have written him asking him to do this.

I have already stated to you my own personal opinion on the advisability and wisdom of your going back to China in mid-winter, and of sending Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain out at the same time. Of course, in this decision, your own judgment has right of way, and as I see it, the responsibility for the decision is yours. My own personal opinion is that it would be far better both for you and Mrs. Gordon and for the Chamberlains to wait until spring or even possibly next fall before going out. I have returned to China twice in mid-winter, once with our small baby and once with Mrs. Wheeler alone. I know what conditions will mean, and personally, I would never take the responsibility for sending anyone out at such a time. I merely state this to make my own position clear in the matter, because, of course, the final decision rests with you. My judgment is that the famine conditions will make work difficult, and that the possibility of losing his degree through rushing is a factor that has to be seriously considered in Mr. Chamberlain's case. If you get Mr. Chamberlain out on the field, and if he cannot at once jump into his work, and if he loses his degree through his hurry, I think it will always be a matter of regret with him.

I will forward Dr. Schlaegel's papers to you on Monday after the meeting of our Executive Officers. My own judgment about Dr. Schlaegel is along the same line as that which I have expressed about Mr. Chamberlain. I think it would be far better for him to wait and get married and go out with his wife than to go first and force her to go out alone. This again is merely my own personal feeling, and of course the real decision rests with you.

I will get the check for \$500 to you as soon as possible. We shall have a meeting of our Campaign Committee on Monday, and will try to reach some final decision about our campaign plans. I shall write you after the meeting, for the decisions reached then may affect your plans.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Gordon, I am

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Sincerely yours,

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89 Delaware Avenue,
Toronto, Canada,
November 16, 1920.

Rev. W. R. Wheeler,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.,
U. S. A.

My dear Wheeler:

Your letters of November 9th and 13th were received yesterday morning. I was pleased to receive word that \$500.00 have been sent by Mr. Krause, and trust that the money will be in hand before the end of this week, unless a specific request that I remain in America until the spring or autumn of next year be sent. If such a request is made by the Board of Trustees I hope that word will be sent to me immediately.

picture | Thank you for the return of films and snaps. I believe that all have come back except the print showing the herd of horses. The statement with regard to the agricultural enterprise needs no radical change so I have sent no wire. American agriculturalists will criticise the heading because technically Animal Husbandry is included in the term Agriculture; some have already called my attention to this matter in connection with other literature; but it is relatively unimportant and of course emphasizes the fact that we are to specialize in Animal Husbandry.

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papers* | I shall be glad to get the action of the Board of Trustees on Doctor Schlaegel's papers so that I can follow President Stuart's directions and have his contract ready so that he can be employed in America from the first of January 1921 in case he is needed. I heartily agree that it will be most ideal if affairs so shape themselves that Dr. Schlaegel can remain in America until after his marriage, and believe that this will be the case, yet I admire his spirit when he offers to make a sacrifice for the cause just as he would if under military command. I think that as Christian warriors fighting a spiritual warfare we should succeed better if we found it possible to carry that spirit into all of our activities.

If President Stuart is really going to remain in Peking until next fall the time of my departure from America might be reconsidered. I should prefer to receive cable advice from him before making a change in plans affecting either the date of Mr. Chamberlain's sailing or my own, allowing President Stuart the opportunity to express their desire in the view of present circumstances. I have sought diligently to carry out the orders given me, and have made plans to the best of my ability to forward the interests of the agricultural enterprise. I have advised President Stuart by cable of my proposed return. If he has not known what was expected regarding his return to America

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I am sure that he has regarded it essential that I return soon, lest he come to America and Mr. Chamberlain be left too much without a companion to assist him over the preliminary steps at the experiment station.

I appreciate deeply your kind interest as a personal friend which prompts you to advise that both the Chamberlains and ourselves remain in America until spring, but I fail to see how it would be morally right for me to remain here without work to do, when work awaits me there. As long as I had no word stating definitely that President Stuart would not come now I had to plan to meet his desire and return to China as soon as possible.

As regards Mr. & Mrs. Chamberlain, it was my full intention that they reach Peking not later than the first week in November. If I had been told that this was impossible my orders would have required me to seek still another man for the position. Mr. Chamberlain accepted the appointment with the understanding that he would go in October. Through no fault of his as far as I can see he found it wise to ask that the date of sailing be deferred. When I saw him recently at Ithaca he had no thought of asking that another delay be allowed. The fact is he feels that he has done all that can be done now to secure his degree, and it is very possible that the committee will take favorable action and give it to him.

He has found it a great financial strain to remain at Ithaca so much longer than expected without salary and feels that he must accept employment. Employment waits for him at Peking. If no work should be done at the experiment station before next autumn, he could use his time most advantageously in perfecting plans for procedure through a study of conditions in China. He would be able to get a desired grasp of the situation which would far outweigh the value of a M. A., degree as regards his service to Agriculture in China. Every new resident in China has health risks, but with houses properly warmed these risks in North China are far less in the winter than in the spring or summer, because we pass so quickly from winter to summer. Both Mr. & Mrs. Chamberlain are accustomed to the rigors of a winter climate, and ought not to find the climate in Peking unbearable despite the dust storms. If I do not return now they can live in my home with my mother, and I know they will be comfortably housed. If I do return we shall have room for them until comfortable quarters can be found if not already provided. I should feel untrue to my trust if I consented to a further delay about the Chamberlains without first receiving cable advice from President Stuart.

I ask for an immediate reply regarding action of the Board of Trustees regarding my own plans for several reasons. First, I want time to communicate with Mr. Chamberlain. Second, I wish to communicate with President Stuart by cable. Third, we have planned to leave here early next week. Mrs. Gordon wishes to visit her sister in Saskatchewan, and if money

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is available; and I judge that it is; I wish to go to Chicago after getting Mrs. Gordon settled with her sister, so that I may attend the International Live Stock Exposition, Nov. 27-Dec. 4. Fifth, the present uncertainty prevents me from writing important business letters which must be sent out if I am to sail for China December 16th. Finally, we are seriously embarrassing Mrs. Gordon's parents and friends who wish to have opportunity to give us some kind of a send off if we are to go next week, to be absent from America for a number of years.

I hope that I have discussed matters thoroughly enough for you to appreciate that I would fain follow your advice as a personal friend, but cannot do so unless the situation so changes that I can feel that it would be other than unethical for me to remain here when it is plainly my duty to go to my work. If no work should be done at the experiment station before the coming autumn it is not inconceivable that I should find work awaiting me in connection with famine relief, considering the fact that the government has already seen fit to give special recognition to work that I did previously in connection with the Flood Relief which kept me away from the class room from February till September 1916, after I had been giving half time from the middle of December 1917.

However, I wish you to know that I stand ready as a subordinate officer to submit to the commands of my superior officers, even though I am not able to comply with their wishes as friends.

Mrs. Gordon is quite well again, and Murray has become accustomed to "Dryco", an evaporated milk product, as a steady diet. We planned to use this while travelling. I trust that this finds you and Mrs. Wheeler in the best of health, and wish the same for your son.

With best wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

S. Moore Gordon.

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November 19, 1920

Mr. S. Moore Gordon,
89 Delaware Avenue,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Mr. Gordon:

We have your letter of November 18th. Dr. Luce wired you this morning as follows: "Urge proceeding to China December 18th as planned. Schlaegels papers forwarded. Chamberlain's boat delayed until December twenty fourth. He can wait until then or get accommodations on Nanking sailing December seventh. We have wired him this asking him to notify you regarding his decision."

I admire very ^{much} your courage and Mrs. Gordon's in wishing to to back at once to China. The matter is really for you to decide, in accordance with the arrangements you made in Peking before leaving there. I hope very much, if you go back on the 18th, that everything will go all right with you and Mrs. Gordon and the baby.

I sent you yesterday Dr. Schlaegel's papers, which have been read by those whom we thought should look them over. Apparently you have struck upon a young giant, who ought to make good in this pioneer work which you have given him to do.

I am enclosing the print of the herd of horses, which I think is the last one of your pictures still in our possession.

We will not cable for Dr. Stuart to come to America until the plans for our campaign are more definitely formulated.

I have had word from Thomas Cook & Son in accordance with the telegram I sent you, saying that Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain can wait until the 24th for the "Nile" or can go on the 7th on the "Nanking." I have written and wired Mr. Chamberlain, and possibly by this time he has sent you word of his decision.

I am enclosing the program of the International Association of Agricultural Missions which may be of interest to you, although it will obviously be impossible for you to attend.

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Our Campaign Committee meets today. There was some thought that we might hold both you and Dr. Vincent for work in this country, but the plans have not matured quickly enough to bring this about. Dr. and Mrs. Vincent are sailing on the Shinyo Maru.

Please be sure to send us the complete list of individuals whom you have seen during your stay in America, so far as you think these individuals are worth following up. We are making a complete file here of all such names, and we want your list with any remarks that you think advisable to make concerning each one. We shall put them on the mailing list of the University, and will try to keep in touch with them concerning your work. You can write these names on individual cards, or in any way that is most convenient for yourself.

You have certainly done a great deal of admirable work during your stay in America, and I am sure that what you have done will be of immense value to the University.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Gordon, in which Dr. Luce joins, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of the University.

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December 3, 1920

Rev. S. Moore Gordon,
S.S. Express of Asia,
care Pacific Line, sailing December 16th, Vancouver.

Dear Gordon:

I am writing to wish you, Mrs. Gordon and the baby bon voyage. I wish that Mrs. Wheeler and I and our son could be with you for we are keen to get back to China but will look forward to seeing you later when our financial work at this end is finished.

I trust that the check for \$500. was received in time. Our treasurer was out of town hence the delay in it being forwarded to you.

A cablegram came from Leighton today asking you to be sure and sign up the veterinary before leaving. I wired you today to your Toronto address this information with the expectation that this would be forwarded to you. I also received a note from Mr. Chamberlain stating that he was sailing on the 24th and asking for further advice. He stated also that he had finally given up getting his degree. I am writing him that the direction of his work was really in your hands and those of President Stuart and that I am sure that through you two men the right plans will be worked out for his project.

Mrs. Wheeler and our small son have already gone to California and I expect to join them there in a few weeks. I will do my best to work the Pacific Coast while Dr. Luce stays here in the East.

Mr. Murphy of Murphy & Dana, our architects will be on the "Asia" and I have told him to keep a lookout for you. I know that you will enjoy meeting him. Please give my best wishes to Mrs. Gordon.

You have done a big piece of work during your stay in America and I trust that now you will see the fruits of it in China. With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. Best wishes from us three to the Wheeler family for a
Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,
S. Moore Gordon.

Dr. North

Vancouver, B. C., Canada,
December 15, 1920.

Rev. W. R. Wheeler,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.,
U. S. A.

Dear Wheeler:

We reached here yesterday and are to sail to-
morrow. Am taking time to write a few words of farewell and
to let you know that with the exception of light colds we
have stood the trip thus far very well indeed. The climate in
Saskatchewan was cold but invigorating, and it seems very mild
here in comparison. A week ago Sunday I addressed a gathering
of farmers and their families on the subject of famine relief
in North China, and the pastor reported that the contribution
from about one hundred persons for famine relief amounted to
\$48.00. It was a pleasure to tell of agricultural conditions
in China to such an appreciative audience; people who know very
well the disaster that may accrue from the loss of a crop.

Your telegram was forwarded by mail, and did not
reach me until after my letter should have reached you stating
that I had sent the contracts to Dr. Schlaegel to be signed.
I am bearing the signed copies back to Peking, and am glad for
the word asking that they be secured before I sail.

From the Mission Letter by Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D.,
to the North China Mission I learn that the new site for Peking
University has been secured, and that the Governor of Shansi
has contributed \$20,000.00 towards the purchase of the site.
This is indeed encouraging news. The enclosed list of firms
and companies with which I have formed connections in one way
or another will give you an idea of what I have accomplished in
that line.

I regret to state that family responsibilities
while travelling have prevented me from copying the full list
of private individuals who have become interested in our agri-
cultural enterprise. This list will be forthcoming later.

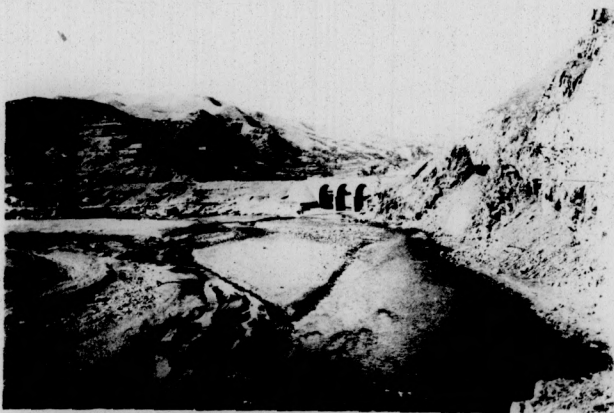
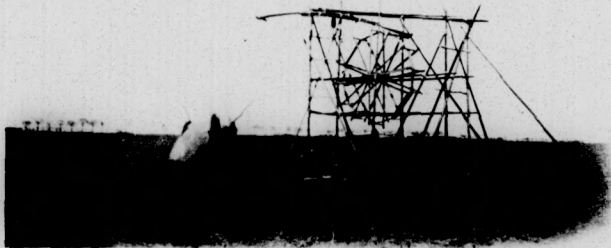
Before closing allow me to express my appreciation
for the hearty co-operation given me by yourself, Dr. Luce,
Dr. North, and others connected with the Board of Trustees. It
is my hope that You will find it possible to assist Dr. Schlaegel
in case he finds it necessary to appeal to you for aid when his
activities begin. He will of course receive instructions from
Peking. I trust that you may meet him if you have reason to visit
his part of the country. He lives near Manhattan, Kansas.

Very sincerely yours,

S. Moore Gordon.

Acknowledged NRW 12/28/20

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PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA.

May 9, 1921.

Dr. Eric H. North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.,
U. S. A.

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

Dear Dr. North:

Last month when no definite word came from the Shansi Government Live-Stock Bureau producing funds for securing the services of an experienced veterinarian to assist them, a cablegram was sent you asking that the contract for Dr. R. C. Julien of Delphi, Indiana be delayed pending further developments. Although I understand that in the first place you should not have been asked to undertake the task of negotiating with Dr. Julien, I did not find this out until after President Stuart's return from Shensi. Consequently the cablegram was addressed to you with full confidence that you would turn the matter over to the proper authority. I hope that this has brought no special burden to you.

Two days ago final word was received from Shansi through Mr. P. R. Gailey of the Peking Y. M. C. A., who was responsible for our undertaking to give assistance to the Governor of Shansi in his stock-raising venture. Mr. G. S. Nan, Director of the Shansi Government Live-Stock Bureau says, "I regret very much to inform you that owing to difficult financial situation in this province it is absolutely impossible for the local government to do anything of this sort, but Governor Yen thinks that he shall be able to give a donation of \$2,000 to the Peking University with the object that in the future advice on technical question or practical helps for improvement can be obtained from that quarter when circumstances demand the same, or students may be sent there to acquire the necessary knowledge if the occasion requires it." Mr. Gailey is also informed that the Bureau purposes to distribute the sheep among farmers.

The above shows that the opening which was expected for Dr. Julien is closed, and I have written to him explaining what has taken place. I shall be pleased if you will turn this letter over to whoever has previously corresponded with Dr. Julien about this matter in our New York office.

For several weeks there has been political unrest and uncertainty which has blocked all efforts on the part of Mr. Ch'iu and others to raise the budget for starting full operations at our experiment station. However we have been planting crops to feed animals, and a recent rain encouraged us to hope that most of them will do well. We have also bored a well securing good water. With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

S. Moore Gordon.

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