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11th August, 1924.

Dr. and Mrs. B. Livingston Learmonth,
59, Camden House Road,
Kensington, W.8.
LONDON.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Livingstone-Learmonth,

You will be surprised at receiving a letter from one who is to you a complete stranger.

I venture however to write you on the suggestion of some of your friends in Manchuria who know of the problem which this letter will attempt to describe. What to us is an urgent and baffling problem may appear to you as an opportunity for service - sufficient to make possible your return to China.

Peking University as at present re-organised is a union of the old Methodist College of that name - the one at Tungchow maintained by the American Presbyterians, Congregationalists and the London Mission, and the Womens College started by Miss Luella Miner in which these same Missions have all been interested. More recently the Anglican Mission and the Scotch Presbyterian Mission of Manchuria have associated themselves in the enterprise. We hope that in time it will become in the fullest sense a combination of British and American Missionary effort, this life being enriched by that which each of its constituent groups has to furnish.

We have been fortunate in securing a beautiful piece of land, most of which was formerly a Summer Garden belonging to a Manchu Prince - in all about 120 English Acres, where we are now erecting Academic Buildings and Faculty Residences sufficient to enable us to move out a year from this Autumn. The extent of our plans will be indicated by the fact that the first unit of construction will represent an outlay of approximately G.\$1,500,000. We have at present a Faculty of Western and Chinese Teachers of almost a hundred, the larger number of whom are of course married men with families.

We are planning at the time of occupying these new buildings for a Student body of not less than Five hundred men and one hundred and fifty women and this will probably be increased in the next few years to at least One thousand or Twelve hundred of both sexes.

We only have Students of College grade although we are planning/

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planning to have practice, ^{middle} model and primary schools for the training of Students in the Department of Education which would add two or three hundred Board pupils and a good number of smaller children from the neighbourhood.

This entire population will be without adequate medical attention until we can find our own medical Officers.

We shall be outside the City with the Gates closed of course at night. On the other hand we have at present a very faithful and in his own way efficient Chinese Doctor trained by the old Union Medical College here who ought to have further study but ^{who} with or without this, will be a most trustworthy assistant.

Our Medical Officers should know Chinese life and be able to speak the language - at least to some extent-although all the Students know English. It has been a baffling experience to try to secure someone on the field. Those who would fit such a position are already committed to other tasks. You can realise yourselves the disadvantages of any young person coming out fresh from the West. I wonder if you would consider coming to us in the capacity of our Medical Officers? You may realise the enormity of the task and the significance of it without my arguing the case. To keep in health the kind of men and women that we have on this Faculty and to enable them to go on with their important duties is a matter of vital importance to the effectiveness of our University, to say nothing of the large Student body.

From the Christian standpoint you will see also the value of the undertaking.

The New Thought movement and the intellectual currents among Chinese Students today are of fascinating interest.

The great Rockefeller Medical College in the City ('P.U.M.C.') is on very friendly terms with us and we are to take over its Pre-Medical School on removal to our permanent Campus. This will furnish unexcelled opportunities of ^{professional} ~~provisional~~ interest.

Peking was never a more interesting place to live in than it is now and the importance to all the World of what happens to China you know as well as I. This will largely be determined in Peking which has become more than ever the intellectual as well as the political capital of the country.

If you are interested in considering the invitation to join us as Medical Officers in this challenging creative task you may care to consult with Drs. Weir and Cochrane, respectively of the Anglican and L.M.S. Home Offices. They are both quite familiar with our programme as are other L.M.S. Secretaries. Bishop Norris (S.P.G. Offices) is perhaps still in England and Sir John Jordan is quite familiar with the more important facts regarding us.

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I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. J. H. Lewis, 156, Fifth Avenue, New York City who is our Executive Secretary in America. It may be that you will care to correspond with him directly and thus avoid some of the delay in writing to China.

I trust that it will not seem to you impertinent for me to have written to you as I have. The problems and possibilities involved in the offer and your known interest in China combined with my confidence that there are none who could fill this need more effectively than yourselves, are my only excuses.

Sincerely yours,

President

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September 12, 1924

Dr and Mrs Livingston-Learmonth
59 Camden House Road
Kensington, W.8
London
England

Dear Dr and Mrs Livingston-Learmonth:

President Stuart has favored me with a copy of his letter to you of August 11th, and of course he has suggested the whole matter to you much more plainly, simply and completely than I would be able to do from this office. I am writing however, to tell you of our deep interest here in the suggestion made in his letter and assure you that if you should feel inclined to consider the matter I should be very glad to take it up with the Board of Trustees here, and also correspond much more fully with you.

I am enclosing the last number of the Peking News which may interest you as it will show something of the size of the undertaking and the progress with it already.

I do not find in Dr Stuart's letter any mention of the time when we expect to move out to our new campus. This will be probably a year from this fall.

Very faithfully yours,

G.A.L.

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December 24, 1924.

Dr. B. Livingston Learmonth,
59 Camden House Road,
London, W. 8
England.

My dear Dr. Livingston Learmonth:

My letters to you must be giving an unfortunate impression of our uncertainty of mind regarding the proposal made you and Mrs. Livingston Learmonth to come to China as our Medical officers. This is chiefly due to the financial limitations which have prevented any unqualified offer. This has been aggravated by the lack of encouraging developments in our present campaign in America, forcing us to seek a make-shift expedient, if one could be found, or to keep the matter unsettled until our financial condition becomes more hopeful. However, we still desire very much that conditions will permit of our definitely asking you to come for a period of say three years, and I hope you will be sufficiently sympathetic with the exigencies of our case to hold the question open for a while longer. I am writing by this mail to ask our Trustees to communicate with you definitely as early as they possibly can. We can learn of no one whom we would rather have than yourself in view of all we can learn from those who have known you and it is only the harassing problem to which I have referred that has forced us to be so apparently irresolute.

Believe me

Very sincerely yours,

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50, Campden House Road,

London, W. 9.

14-1-25.

Rev. J Leighton Stuart.

Peking University.

Dear Dr. Stuart,

Many thanks for your full replies to my questions. You say that you have asked your Secretary in New York to communicate with me but I have received no recent letter from him.

We gathered from your first letter that you wished us to go out to fill the post temporarily. We naturally supposed that before long you would have a younger man available to take my place. I now learn that the term of service is five years and, without pledging ourselves definitely to stay for that period, we are willing to come on that basis and I will undertake to pay the return fares if we have to return before that time. Probably by that time we shall be such enthusiasts that we shall want to stay on, but then you might not so enthusiastically receive the proposal.

At ordinary times, apart from epidemics, I do not think that the work would be more than enough for one, and though my wife would be always willing to help in any emergency and perhaps to take over the women students entirely, she would like to feel that she was free to find

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The Sanatorium and Medical Equipment are matters of very great moment, for I think I realise, as you do, the vital importance of the sustained health of the whole establishment, with the necessity of nipping epidemics in the bud by early isolation. I lost one of my best Chinese assistants from tuberculosis which he developed while a student in Peking, so that I am particularly interested in trying to save these most valuable lives to the Church and to Christ. I shall hope to learn from your New York office what sum is set aside for initial medical outfit and what for annual expenditure on medicines, dressings and nursing.

For furnishing, an arrangement by which both sides shared seems to me to be a fair one, the University supplying the more bulky furniture.

I should like to know if you will have electric light in residence and sanatorium, and if so what voltage, for convenience in purchasing suitable appliances.

I am sending a copy of this letter to your Executive Secretary in New York.

With hearty good wishes for your success in your onerous task and sympathy with you in the anxious times you are passing through, I remain,

yours sincerely,

B. L. L. Learmonth

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59, Campden Ho. Road.

London, W. 8.

20-2-25.

Dr. Eric M. North.

Executive Secretary of Peking University
15p Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Sir,

I wrote to Dr. Stuart, Peking, on 14-1-25
and it is as yet rather early to expect a reply. Perhaps
I may have one next week.

It happens that I have a good offer from
a friend who wishes to rent my house and would like to
enter it on 21st March, so that I should like to let him
know definitely as soon as possible.

I gathered from Dr. Stuart's letter that
his chief difficulty was one of funds and he referred me
to you. I sent you a copy my letter to Dr. Stuart.
If, on receipt of his letter commenting on mine, you decide
to accept my offer would you be kind enough to let me
know by cable?

In case by any chance my letter failed
to reach you I enclose another copy.

Also I should like to know by letter as soon
as you can about Medical outfit, because there ^{are} opportunities
of getting some instruments etc. cheap from War stocks.
If you wish me to choose what I consider would be suitable.

Yours sincerely,

B. L. Livingstone-Leamonth

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59, Campden House Road,

London, W. 8.

3-4-25.

Dr. Eric M. North.

Peking University, 150, Fifth Avenue,

New York.

Dear Dr. North,

Many thanks for your cable of 18-3-25 which enabled me to complete the arrangements for letting my house and for your letter of same date, with your friendly welcome to my wife and me. I can only say that what is now important is the work which you are entrusting to us and we shall do our utmost to be worthy of that trust and to guard the health of the whole establishment.

Today I have received a letter, dated 16th March, from Dr. Stuart, in which he says that he would like us to arrive in the end of September even if the move to the new campus was not made till next year, and if it were made this year, under the hardships of moving into incomplete buildings with improvised heating, lighting, water-supply and drainage, the presence of a doctor would be necessary.

He says "We have entered a sum of \$4000 ~~L.C.~~ under the head of Medical and Dental Allowance for Staff, our thought being that if we stayed in the city and had no physician of our own, this sum could be used for fees, hospital charges, etc. With our own medical officers, a good part of this sum could be used for medicines and other equipment." As I mentioned to you in my last letter there ^{are} opportunities of getting some of the outfit at rates about half of the ordinary at a War Supplies disposal depot. These supplies are rapidly dwindling away as they are being sold off. I shall spend about £30 in securing some of these and

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trust to being paid back out of the sum set apart for medical outfit. One cannot work without tools. I gather that up to the present medical attention has been supplied by doctors in the city who probably had their own equipment. At anyrate if the things I buy are not needed I can easily dispose of them at a profit in Peking.

I am glad to know the voltage, and also to have the ^hchedule of Salaries and Allowances.

As to Outfit Allowance, we shall be glad to receive half here, but there is no hurry for that.

About route of travel, I had thoughts of travelling by New York, partly to see the Executive Committee and partly because a friend of mine who is writing a book ^{on} School Hygiene tells me that you are so far ahead of us in the U. S. A. that I ought to go that way to gather useful hints. I expect it would be more expensive. I have not yet looked up the various routes, but I fancy the Trans-Siberian route which we ~~have~~ ^{by} travelled several times in pre-war days, is now rather dangerous. I mean the danger of Typhus which is carried by vermin. It is still prevalent in Russia though we know of ^{several} travellers who have gone that way without being infected.

We shall be leaving this address on 7-4-25 and as we shall be moving about it would be safer to address letters to care/ Lloyds Bank, 112 Kensington High Street, London W. ~~11~~ 8.

Yours sincerely
B.L.L. Leamonth

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Letter from Dr J.L.Stuart to Mr J.H.Lewis
August 11, 1924

"I am enclosing a copy of a letter which will almost explain itself.
This couple are both of them qualified Physicians, highly connected
British people, entirely independent, who left China largely be-
cause there seemed no adequate place for them at the time in Manchuria."

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Dr. Eric M. North

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ERIC M. NORTH, Secretary

PEKING UNIVERSITY.

Telephone
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Ans'd _____

March 16, 1925.

The Reverend George T. Scott, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Scott:

I enclose a communication to the Committee on Instruction of
Peking University of which you are Chairman, on which I should like
word from you, preferably by telephone, as soon as possible.

Faithfully yours,

Eric M. North
Secretary, Peking University.

*Approval of Dr. Leamouth = 5/1/25. Encourage him to
finance himself as far as possible.
3/17/25 E. P. Scott*

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Livingstone-Learmonth
March 16, 1925.To the Members of the Committee on Instruction:

One of the most urgent problems which has been on Dr. Stuart's mind is the provision of satisfactory medical care for the staff and students when the move is made to the new site. During the last two or three years, two or three possibilities have been canvassed, but nothing in this country has appeared as satisfactory as the arrangement suggested in this letter.

Dr. Pai has been the Medical Officer dealing chiefly with the undergraduate student body, but we have held him to this arrangement longer than we should, in view of his desire and need for further study. The faculty needs have been taken care of in various ways, the cost being met by a budgeted item for Medical Allowance, administered by the Medical Committee of the faculty. It is Dr. Stuart's judgment that we will need to have a fully qualified physician resident with the staff on the new site who can give attention to both the needs of the faculty and the entire student body, including the Women's College.

Through mutual friends in North China, Dr. Stuart learned about Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Livingstone-Learmonth, 59 Campden House Road, London, W 8. Both Dr. and Mrs. Livingstone-Learmonth are physicians, and Dr. Stuart reports them as "qualified physicians, highly connected British people, entirely independent, who left China largely because there seemed no adequate place for them in Manchuria."

The Directory of Protestant Missionaries in China indicates that Dr. Livingstone-Learmonth entered work in China under the Irish Presbyterian Church Mission in 1896 and that Mrs. Livingstone-Learmonth joined the mission in 1902. In 1919 they were out of China on war duty. I do not have the information as to when they left China.

Dr. Harold Balme, President of Shantung Christian University, to whom I directed an inquiry about them, reported upon them in terms similar to Dr. Stuart's, and suggested that the best judgment to secure would be that of Dr. Dugald Christie of the United Free Church of Scotland Medical College and Hospital in Mukden, of which he is the leader. I cabled Dr. Christie who is in Edinburgh as follows and have the following response:

"FOR DOCTOR DUGALD CHRISTIE PEKING UNIVERSITY LEIGHTON STUART
CONSIDERING THE LIVINGSTON LEARMONTHS FOR POSITION RESIDENT
UNIVERSITY PHYSICIAN STAFF AND STUDENTS FIVE YEAR TERM PLEASE
ADVISE US CONFIDENTIALLY YOUR JUDGMENT AS TO PERSONAL AND
PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS POSITION BY CABLE LETTER
OUR EXPENSE TO CABLE ADDRESS YENCHING NEW YORK"

"HIGHLY RECOMMEND LEARMONTH PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY
CHRISTIE"

A later cablegram from President Stuart recommends definitely the appointment of the Livingstone-Learmonth. On this Dr. Stuart writes under date of February 14th as follows:

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March 16, 1925.

"A recent letter from him indicates that he is quite ready to come to us on a five year rather than a three year basis, or to pay his return travel if he does not stay the full five year period. The risk in moving next autumn without a competent medical officer is very serious, and I hope the Trustees will definitely appoint Dr. Learmonth to come out next autumn, even though reductions in the budget elsewhere have to be made sufficiently to cover this item. I still have hopes that he and his wife may make a generous offer that will ease this item quite a bit. An intimate friend of theirs has written describing our present financial plight. However, my suggestion is that the Trustees go ahead without waiting for that. I am writing to him encouraging the hope that this will be done."

You will note that it is expected that the Livingstone-Learmonth will go out for a five year term on the regular missionary basis, with the understanding that in case they return in less than five years, they will be responsible for the travel expenses of returning.

Dr. Livingstone-Learmonth writes that he would like word on this as soon as possible, in order that he may rent his house for which he has an offer pending. Will you not, therefore, be so kind as to send me your approval or disapproval of this appointment as soon as possible?

I quote the following from a letter from Dr. Livingstone-Learmonth to Dr. Stuart dated January 14, 1925:

"We gathered from your first letter that you wished us to go out to fill the post temporarily. We naturally supposed that before long you would have a younger man available to take my place. I now learn that the term of service is five years and, without pledging ourselves definitely to stay for that period, we are willing to come on that basis and I will undertake to pay the return fares if we have to return before that time. Probably by that time we shall be such enthusiasts that we shall want to stay on, but then you might not so enthusiastically receive the proposal.

"At ordinary times, apart from epidemics, I do not think that the work would be more than enough for one, and though my wife would be always willing to help in any emergency and perhaps to take over the women students entirely, she would like to feel that she was free to find additional occupation, whether remunerative or not, to fill up her time.

"The Sanatorium and Medical Equipment are matters of very great moment, for I think I realise, as you do, the vital importance of the sustained health of the whole establishment, with the necessity of nipping epidemics in the bud by early isolation. I lost one of my best Chinese assistants from tuberculosis which he developed while a student in Peking, so that I am particularly interested in trying to save these most valuable lives to the Church and to Christ. I shall hope to learn from your New York office what sum is set aside for initial medical outfit and what for annual expenditure on medicines, dressings and nursing.

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To the Committee on In-
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March 16, 1925.

"For furnishing, an arrangement by which both sides share
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the more bulky furniture.

"With hearty good wishes for your success in your onerous
task and sympathy with you in the anxious times you are
passing through, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) B. L. L. LEARMONTH."

Faithfully yours,

Secretary, Peking University.

Miss C. K. Ray approved - 3/16/25 - phone
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Copy to E. M. M.

March 16, 1925.

Dr. B. Livingston Learmouth,
59 Camden House Road,
Kensington, W 8,
London.

Dear Dr. Learmouth:

I have just had a letter from our New York Office practically assuring me that they are ready to approve of your appointment to the University as Medical Officer for a term of years. This is a great satisfaction and I write this note at once to assure you of the welcome you and Mrs. Learmouth will have. Dr. North asked about the funds which would be available for medical work. This is difficult to answer because of the very inadequate provision for the heavy budget we require next year. However, we have entered the sum of \$4000 L.C. under the head of "Medical and Dental allowance for Staff", our thought being that if we stayed in the city and had no physician of our own, this sum could be used for fees, hospital charges, etc. With our own medical officer, a good part of this sum could be used for medicines and other equipment. We are also asking those who are soliciting funds in America to secure as soon as possible a donation for a University Infirmary both for men and women. If this effort is successful we should at once start the construction of this building. Otherwise, we shall have to set aside some building on the premises for temporary use. I ought also to say in all frankness that while we are straining every effort to move next autumn to our new campus, this will necessarily involve hardships and inconveniences which we should like to have been able to avoid. We have not as yet the assurance of funds for building all the foreign residences which we need. Nor will other things be in the shape we should like to have them. However, some of us are of the opinion that an heroic determination to move as a sort of daring venture of faith, will maintain the morale of teachers and students, and be a challenge to our supporters, sufficiently worth while to justify any inconvenience to us.

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You will realize that in such an undertaking, our physician becomes more necessary than ever. It may be that after all we shall have to give up the transfer until after Chinese New Year. In any case we should be glad to have you arrive toward the latter part of September. If we move, our thought is to do so by October first. If we do not, there would be no urgency about your reaching Peking until Christmas or after, although we should be glad to have you from September on. I shall keep you advised of developments.

Meanwhile, with very pleasant anticipations,

Very sincerely yours,

JCS

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March 18, 1925

Dr B. L. Livingstone-Learmonth
59 Campden House Road
London, W. G.,
England

My dear Dr Livingstone-Learmonth:

I enclose a confirmation of the cablegram which I sent you on March 17th with reference to your appointment as resident physician in Peking University for the coming year. I ought indeed to apologise to you for my apparently persistent neglect of correspondence with you, but until I cabled you there was really no information which I could give. I am glad, however, that we have been able to clear the matter up in time to cable you so that the rental of your house can be made as you indicate was your desire in your letter of February 20th.

I regret that I am unable satisfactorily to reply to your inquiry concerning equipment. The reason for this is that while the budget is submitted to us here, it is impossible for us to tell what medical and surgical materials are already in hand and also just what the appropriation would be for the next year, inasmuch as our present procedure has not involved a resident physician but is one by which the financial medical allowance has been made to the staff, this latter arrangement being a temporary one while we were in the old quarters in Peking. I have, however, written to Dr Stuart and asked him either to advise you directly or to write me and let me pass it on to you. I wrote him upon this several weeks ago but have not yet had a reply from him. We are trying to raise the funds for an infirmary to be built out at the new site, and I am hoping that the calculations for the building have provided also for some equipment.

I now desire to refer specifically to the financial details of the arrangements for your appointment to Peking. I enclose a schedule showing the basis upon which the salaries of the University staff are computed, containing also data as to the allowance of going and outfit. This arrangement, I understand, will apply to the appointment of yourself and Mrs Livingstone-Learmonth with such modifications as may be the result of understanding with President Stuart. If there are any questions upon this schedule I shall be very glad indeed to answer them. Our understanding is that if you should return before the end of five years, for which term you are going out, you would meet your expenses of return travel yourself.

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Dr B. L. Livingstone-Learmonth

March 18, 1925

I want to add the judgment of our Committee on Instruction and myself, that we have found in your appointment a very happy solution for the long perplexity we have had concerning the protection and improvement of the health of our little colony of earnest hard working folk who will be, I hope, before many months in more satisfactory quarters. The experience in China which you and Mrs Livingstone-Learmonth have already had, together with your own medical skill and consciousness of what it means to be a family physician to a whole University will go far, I believe, toward making the whole work of the University one of genuine success. I must say that to be able to help men and women and boys and girls, who are striving so hard to establish the ideals of Christ in as critical a position as Peking, by the protection of their health and by the spiritual ministry which a consecrated physician always renders, is the most inspiring and fascinating of opportunities.

With most cordial regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

P. S. - With reference to your inquiry as to the electric current, the normal lighting current will be 110 volts.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

New York,
April 27, 1925.

Dr. B. L. L. Learmonth,
C/o Lloyds Bank,
112 Kensington High St.,
London, W. 8, England.

My dear Dr. Learmonth:-

In response to your letter of April 3rd you are entirely justified in spending the 30£ to which you refer, in securing instruments you believe you need. We have hoped that a large part of the \$4,000 local currency to which Dr. Stuart refers could be eliminated. No doubt something will be necessary for supplies. We will see that check for the outfit allowance is sent to you shortly.

I have looked up the matter of cost of travel to Peking and am advised that the cost of one missionary passenger from London to Shanghai by way of New York would be approximately \$560 Gold. This assumes the fare from London to New York as \$145. I understand the fares from London to Shanghai by the P. & O. are from 100£ to 106£ Sterling first class, and from 68£ to 74£ second class. This would mean approximately \$485. for minimum first class and \$360 for maximum second class.

Our general instructions are to pay the cost of travel by the more direct route. If you should decide to go by way of New York please let me know at the earliest possible moment, in order that I may make satisfactory reservations for your trans-Pacific passage, as these are likely to be much in demand about the time you would be sailing.

Cordially yours,

EMN
HBB

Secretary.

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Travel Expenses
etc

As from Lloyds Bank
112 Kensington High St
London W-8.
England.

15-5-25

Dear Dr North

Thank you for your letter of

27th April.

About our journey out. I have decided that the journey out through the Red Sea would be too hot. Dr Stuart says he wants us out by 15th Sept. To reach Peking by the Suez route we should have to leave here on 31st July and should therefore strike the hottest of the Red Sea weather.

I am therefore trying to obtain tickets by the C.P.R. route. I have booked a ~~2nd~~ ^{1st} class Cabin on the Montcalm leaving Liverpool on 7th Augth.

So far I have not obtained a cabin ~~on~~ (2nd class) on the Empress of Russia which reaches Shanghai on 7th Sept but I am trying to do so and should know definitely in a day or two.

You asked me to let you know if I decided to go via America so that you could make reservations for Trans Pacific. But I fear that the route through the States would be too expensive for me.

By the C.P.R. the rate is about £80 as against £66 by the Suez route.

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As from Lloyds Bank
112 Kensington High Street
London W.8. England
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Dr. Eric M. North

Dear Dr North

Dr Stuart expressed a wish that I should be in Peking by 15 Sept. The Red sea route is really not suitable for travelling at this time of the year. The heat is bad and the monsoon is bad in the Indian ocean and the typhoon on the China coast.

So I decided to go by Canada. Unfortunately I have been unable to get a suitable cabin until the Empress of Australia which does not reach Shanghai until the 20 Sept. In the previous boat my wife could only have a berth with 5 other women while I shared a cabin with one other man. I do not feel justified in asking her to take this and the difference for 1st class across the Pacific would raise the cost £32 for each person.

I have therefore booked by the Montrose from Liverpool on the 21st Augt. I understand that the fares at missionary rate will amount to £72 ^{without} and the cost of sleepers across Canada & some extra charges that is to Shanghai. I suppose we shall travel by train from there. Please excuse haste & call the most I have only secured the berth today & leave for Scotland tomorrow.

Yours sincerely
B. L. L. Hammond

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112 Kensington High Street
London W.8. England
3 - June 1925

D. Eric M. North

Dear D. North

On the 15th May I wrote saying
that we could not obtain a cabin across the Pacific
~~in~~ in a boat arriving at Shanghai before Sept 20th.
Now I am glad to say that my agent in London
now writes to say that he has secured one on the
S.S. Empress of Russia which arrives at Shanghai
on 1st Sept. This should enable us to reach Peking
in time to make the physical examinations of the
students at the commencement of the session.

I am sorry that we shall not have the
pleasure of seeing you on our way but the routes
by the States are all more expensive and I am
told that there are no second class fares ^{across the Pacific} in any
boats but the C.P.R. which are at all suitable.

If we had had time I should have liked to
find out about the S. Line, one class, via Panama
but I did not hear about it till too late.

Yours sincerely

B.L.L. Learmonth

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June 16, 1925.

Dr. B. L. L. Learmonth,
C/o Lloyds Bank,
112 Kensington High Street,
London, W-8, England.

My dear Doctor Learmonth:

I have your letters of June 3rd, 12th and 13th.

I am sorry that an opportunity has not arisen to bring you through New York, but quite under the significance of the extra expense involved.

I am enclosing herewith for you, a draft for \$1,400.00. This amount consists of the two following items: First, \$250.00 - outfit allowance, about one half of the total outfit allowance. Second amount, \$1,150.00, which I forecast should be enough to carry you from London to Peking. If your analysis of your total expenditure shows this amount to be too slight, please advise me and I will try to catch you enroute with a further draft. As I have calculated this, there should be some lee-way in the amount provided.

If you will let me know the boat on which you are leaving England and its North American port, I will try to catch you with any additional information or word that you may need from me at that point, or I will send it to the Empress of Russia, on which you are sailing from Vancouver.

With reference to the outfit allowance, the total amount is \$500.00, but it is customary to hold \$250.00 to be used in Peking, for the purchase of the necessary furniture. Please do not hesitate to call upon me if there is anything that I can do to be of service to yourself or Mrs. Learmonth.

With cordial regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

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at

Lloyds Bank
112 Kensington High Street
London W.8.

19-6-25

D. Eric M. Holt-

Peking University, 150. 7th Ave. N.Y. City.

Dear Dr Holt

Two days ago I received a letter from
D J Leighton Stuart saying that it had been definitely
decided not to move out of Peking City until next March;
that there would not therefore be the same need for me
to be in Peking by Sept as the same medical conditions
would obtain as heretofore, while we would be saved
the removal so soon after arrival and the discomfort
of putting up with such temporary quarters as could
be provided for us; and suggesting that if we decided
to come in winter instead of arriving in Sept we should
wire him "Stuart Peking winter".

I am trying to find out whether the deposit money (\$50)
which I have paid to the C.P.R. will be refunded & if
we can land at Tientsin in early March. I expect to know
in a day or two, ~~and~~ if that is possible shall send
you the wire to say that we shall arrive early in March.

I hope this meets your approval
Yours sincerely
B. L. Leamonth

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D. Eric M. Holt

Peking University. 150 Fifth Ave. N.Y. City.

Dear D. Holt

Your letter of 16th June reached me yesterday. Thank you for the enclosed draft for \$1,400.00.

You will now know from my letter which crossed yours that on receipt of D. Stuart's letter of 28th May we decided to go out in winter arriving about 1st March. as it seemed that that would be more convenient.

That being the case I shall not want the whole of the passage money for about 6 months, but only the \$250. for outfit and the same amount for deposit on passage money when booking tickets. Shall I send you back your draft and you can send me one for \$500? That will save you interest on the remaining \$900. for about 6 months.

I am spending some of my time at the Medical School here learning some of the recent methods and generally revising my work.

Poor China seems in a very unsettled state. I trust she will before long come under better guidance.

With kind regards
Yours sincerely
B. & L. Learmonth

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

June 29, 1925.

B. L. L. Learmonth, M.D.,
c/o Lloyds Bank,
112 Kensington High Street,
London, W. 8, England.

My dear Dr. Learmonth:

I have your letter of June 19th and understand that you are now expecting to go to Peking in February.

Under these circumstances, I wonder if you would be kind enough to return the travel advance we have sent you, retaining, however, the outfit allowance, to cover purchases which I understand you have made? We will then send you travel advance to reach you in January.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
Peking University.

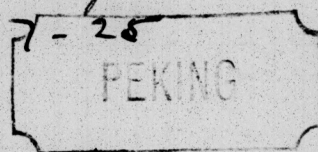
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Dr. Eric M. Holt

Peking University

150 Fifth Avenue . New York.

Dear Dr. Holt

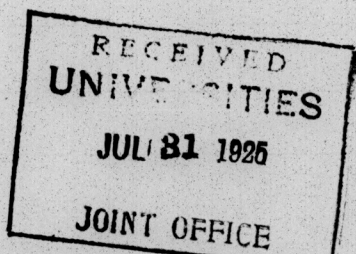
I sent you draft for \$1400-
to my bankers Lloyds Bank 112 Kensington High Street
London W.8. saying that I wanted to retain
\$250. and to return the balance \$1150 by air.

They replied that a better plan would be to
send the draft for collection to their Agents in New York
instructing them to send the equivalent of \$250 to me
in London and to pay in the balance of \$1150 to the
credit of Trustees of Peking University with the Irving
National Bank, New York thus saving the
double exchange on which the loss would probably
be considerable.

I have therefore instructed them to do this.
and hope that will be satisfactory to you.

Yours sincerely

B. L. L. Learmonth



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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

January 14, 1926.

Dr. B. L. L. Learmonth,
6 East Castle Road,
Edinburgh, Scotland.

My dear Dr. Learmonth:

Your letter of the 2nd instant from Edinburgh reached this office this morning. Instructions were at once given our bank, the Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Company, to cable \$1150. for your account to Lloyd's Bank, 112 Kensington High Street, London, W.8, as you directed.

Dr. North who had to be out of the office today, asked me to communicate this information to you.

He will write you later.

Cordially yours,

Accountant.

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The above letter was also addressed to -P. & O. S.S. MOREA (Marseilles, France (Arriving Feb. 5th/26

P. & O. S.S. MOREA
London, England. (Sailing January 29/26

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6 East Castle Road
Edinburgh
Scotland

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Dr. Eric M. Holt
150 Fifth Aven. New York.

Dear Dr Holt,

Thank you for the draft & by
✓ cable of \$1150 which came for me on your
instructions to Lloyds Bank 112 Kensington High St
London. W8.

Our baggage has already left & we start from
here on Sat 30th Jan spending a day in London
and leaving there on Feb 2nd reaching
Marseilles on Feb 5th when we join the
P & O. S.S. Morea & sail for Shanghai which
we should reach on 9th March.

I have had no letter from Dr Leighton Stuart
since his cable reached me on 28th Dec
so I suppose the mail service must be cut
by the Siberian route and my letters to
him will also be delayed if not lost.

In there I asked him to write to me in

Shanghai C/o J. Stark Esq of the China Inland Mission there, giving me any advice he could as to the best method of reaching Peking whether by train or steamer.

The latest Chinese rumours are that Chang tse lin & Wupseifu are combining to attack Feng yui Kiang round about Tientsin & Peking so that we may find our way blocked for a time when we reach Shanghai.

I may find a letter from you in London when we reach there. If you addressed it to this address it might still catch me at Marseilles before the 3rd Feb.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

B. L. L. Leamonth

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6 East Castle Road
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Dear S. North,

I have been living here since last May. Our departure was postponed from 7th August & I booked berths by P. & O. S.S. Morea leaving London on 29th January. On 23rd Nov. I received a letter from S. Stuart saying that the removal to Hai Tien would not take place till next Autumn and asking me to choose my own time for going out. So I wrote saying it would suit us best to leave in end of April avoiding the cold & heat & monsoon and giving us time to recover some of our Chinese language & to arrange our apparatus. However, I thought that there might be some alteration so I said I would not give up our berths until Dec. 20th awaiting till then the receipt of a cable if he wanted us sooner. On the 22nd I gave up our berths for fear of having to pay for them and changed into the S.S. Mantua, leaving 23rd April.

On the 28th Dec. S. Stuart's cable, asking us to leave in January, arrived, no doubt delayed by the fighting in the North interfering with the mails. I at once wrote to my Agent in London and today hear that he has been able to get back our berths booked on the S.S. Morea leaving Jan 29th so we shall be arriving in Shanghai on 9th March and should reach Peking somewhere about the 15th March.

We shall probably travel by France embarking at Marseilles to avoid the cold & stormy Atlantic.

• but the Steamship line allows a rebate on the tickets from London which will cover most of the railway fares to Marseilles.

I have now paid out for fares as far as Shanghai £135-14-1 which I have drawn from the Clydesdale Bank, Glasgow. I have also to send out my household goods, with the medical stores that I bought, have been lying in the Army & Navy Co-operative Stores' Repository in London since last June. So I shall be obliged if you will send me a draft to cover travelling expenses to Peking to my a/c in Lloyd's Bank 112 Kensington High Street, London W.8.

I do not know yet the reason for the cable gram but I presume that it has been decided to move to Hai Tien at an earlier date than Dr Stuart anticipated when he wrote to me.

With good wishes for this New Year

Yours sincerely

B. L. L. Leammoth

D. Eric M. North

Secretary Peking University

150 Fifth Avenue. New York City.

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February 16, 1926.

Dr. B. L. Livingstone-Learmonth,
c/o J. Stark, Esq.,
China Inland Mission,
9 Woosung Road,
Shanghai, China.

My dear Dr. Learmonth:

I was sorry that the press of business did not give me a chance to more after your request for funds came than to cable you the funds you needed. If there had been more time, I should have taken up with you the plans for the Infirmary Building in Peking. It happens, however, that you and the general architect, as well as the people on the field who have designed the building in consultation with the Peking Union Medical College, will all be there together, and I have suggested that before the plans are finally cleared, your counsel be secured. I suggest that you take this up with President Stuart.

With cordial regards and appreciation of the valuable assistance which you and Mrs. Learmonth will be giving to the University, I am

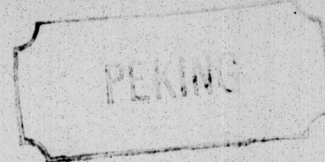
Faithfully yours,

Secretary,
Peking University.

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PEKING, CHINA.



30th April 1926

Dr. Eric M. Holt
150 Fifth Avenue N. Y. City.



TRANSFER

Dear Dr. Holt

Thank you for your letter of 16th Feb.
which did not catch me at Shanghai and then
was much delayed by interference with the mails
due to the trains being commandeered for troops
by the various conflicting generals.
I have ^{been} consulted about the Infirmary Building and
so has Dr. Barlow Brown. Our trouble does not lie
in that but in the fact that there is in Peking
no properly managed Hospital for Infectious Diseases
to which we could send patients or to which they
would consent to go. At present the P. U. M. C.
do not admit infectious cases and their proposed
section for that purpose has not yet been begun.

In our small infirmary it will not be possible
to treat several cases of infectious disease perhaps
of several varieties. We can have no proper nursing
staff, for day & night nursing with living rooms.

All that could be done would be to treat such cases

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as would not require much careful nursing, and to isolate for a day or two suspicious cases ~~would~~ we were sure of the diagnosis.

We understand that only the central portion of the proposed building could be built at once and that would not allow of both men & women being treated. But ~~Dr~~ Barlow Brown says that she can manage in one of the dormitory blocks for Women Students, as, for the first year at any rate, they will not all be occupied.

I hear today that merchandise is being now brought up by train from Tientsin so that perhaps the P. U. M. C. may be able to start building their new block. Of course treatment there will be expensive. It has to be to be efficient.

Last night one of our Students developed acute Peritonitis of obscure origin and had to be removed to the P. U. M. C. and operated on at once. It is a great advantage to us to have such a thoroughly efficient establishment at our disposal ~~at~~ ^{and} at so much less cost than we could hope to undertake such cases.

Thanking you for your kind expression of appreciation

Yours sincerely

B. L. Lecompte

Medical Officer
Yenching University

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