TENTATIVE DRAFT OF LETTER TO THE CHINA EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION

To the China Educational Commission:-

We have been glad to hear that you are to visit China in order to study the educational situation and help us make more efficient the work already inaugurated and to plan for the next advance step. In all your work the Board of Trustees of Peking University would assure you of their eager interest and hearty cooperation.

While we realise that your data will be gleaned mainly in China, it has seemed good to us to bring to you some preliminary items in regard to Peking and the University, by way of preparation for your more intensive study there. Our able President, Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, is to cooperate with you closely in China. Out of his rich experience in two main educational centres - Nanking and Peking - and with his intimate and sympathetic understanding of the Chinese background, (helped greatly by the fact that he was born in China), he will no doubt be able to render you exceptional assistance. He will also be able to bring to you in a special and detailed way, the basis and plans of Peking University and its increasingly vital relationships to the national life in China.

Possibly there is no better way for us to place in your hands in short compass the main facts we would call to your attention than by sending herewith, for each of your Commission, copies of our Peking News, calling attention to the special article on Peking under the title "The Challenge of Peking", by Mr. Burgess and the statement in regard to the University by Mr. Luce. We would also commend to your perusal a pamphlet Dr. Reinsch's letter on Page 27 in the accompanying pamphlet. It is interesting to note that Dr. Reinsch's letter was written merely as a private letter to Dr. Luce when the latter was considering the call to go to Peking.

In a very special way during the last two or three years we have been studying the China-Peking situation, with the result that we are quite prepared to accept John R. Mott's statement that he had no hesitation whatever in saying that there should be in Peking one of the strongest Christian universities not only in China but in Asia, or the very recent statement made to us by Bishop Lewis in July on his return from Peking, to the effect that whatever the Boards did in other parts of Asia or other parts of China, they must not be content with second rate work in Peking and must learn to think in millions rather than in thousands when they thought of Peking University.

We feel that, having united all the Christian higher education in and near Peking into one institution, and having close cooperative relationships with two or three junior colleges, to say nothing of the basis in several middle schools of exceptional strength, we are ready for a real advance to meet the very exceptional opportunity confronting us.

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