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Office of the President.

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My dear Harry:-

I have recently made a trip covering about two weeks' time to Tsinan, Nanking and Shanghai, partly on University business, partly to attend the annual meeting of the C.C.C. and other similar committees. Although I have been home for two weeks, I am just getting time to reply to the fine batch of letters from you and others at the home end. I shall try in this to cover the points which need immediate attention. Any matters in this letter not commented on will none the less receive attention, and you can be assured that everything mentioned is read with interest.

I cabled yesterday to suggest that you make no further efforts to secure a teacher of History, but authorize us instead to find our second teacher of English here. The reasons for this are that you seem to have had no success in securing Miss Heideman; that Mr. Burnight has specialized in this, but is not qualified for teaching English as he most keenly realizes; that he is returning to America at the end of next session; that between then and now we could probably secure a permanent man for History; and, finally, we want to stress English with the Yu Ke students from the beginning next autumn, to say nothing of toning up the English throughout the Senior College. Ralph Ward has written to us of a certain Walter E. Sikes now specializing in History at Oxford. If the Methodist Board should send him out this year, he would be learning the language next session. You might communicate with Ward and make at least a tentative request for this man.

This naturally raises the question of the Methodist appointees. Dr. Hobart is leaving on furlough, and(confidentially) it is understood that the Bishop expects to appoint him to something else on his return. He should not be counted any longer as one of their quota. Bp. Lewis say that we need not maintain the fiction of continuing to include Dr. King. This leaves from the Methodist Board Professors Dobson, Bibb, Davis and Breece, with Burnight for the coming year. I suggested to BP. Lewis that instead of furnishing another foreigner for the School of Theology they give us William Hung and Kao Feng Shan (Garrett Institute, Chicago,) each for half time, the former to be expected to develop a church for Fukien residents and teach Homiletics, the latter to give half-time to