much as yet. Mr. Miskelly is the proper man to send them to, in case of his absence, address to Daniel T. Robertson. The best hotel is the Japanese hotel, the Yamato, at the station.

Regarding the British- American combination that we find ourselves in, in a certain sense this is a disadvantage. The three men the L. M. S. have furnished us, Tayler, Evans and Barbour, are among the finest we have, The last of these is, however, only nominally under them, and he could become self-supporting permanently. There is little prospect of the L.M.S. doing anything financially or making any further increase of their quota. Mr. Stevens recently asked me why I did not make it a straight American-Chinese institution and there is much to be said in favor of doing so. Many a Chinese takes the general view of us as such, and I confess that I encourage this conception. I think you could well do the same. An American institution in the capital of China ought to captivate the imagination. It might be we could take over the two or three men whom the L.M.S. furnishes us. I should certainly recommend this course, if there were tangible evidence of sufficiently increased support at home to justify it, or an organization of American Boards with affiliated or associated British Societies which had no control.

Mr. Stevens and Bp. Lewis are both sailing this week, and I hope you will get in direct touch with each of them soon after their arrival. The latter has it chiefly in mind to urge the Methodist Board to claim their option on our present holdings in the city as their first contribution towards helping us begin construction next Spring. He feels very keenly the urgency of out getting out to the new site as soon as possible and may be of value in pressing this matter home in any quarters that you desire. He also has in mind several very wealthy and generous men whom he would like to see as their representatives on the Board of Trustees. Talk freely with him about this, and persuade him, if possible, to take you to them or actually agitate the matter of their replacing some of those whom they now have. There is a fear out here that Bp. Lewis' health may prevent his returning to China next Autumn. In this event we ought to keep in close touch with him. He is really interested in Peking University and has been successful in college financial work before. It was he who raised practically all the money that the Methodists have put into out property. We are waiting for your letter describing the changed arrangement with Murphy and Dana. We ourselves feel that the present arrangement is quite extravagant, and would prefer one by which they did our drawings and we handle the contract. We shall probably be hearing from you soon. I shall not go into further details with this to-day.

As ever, Yours,

J.L.S.