PEKING UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

TRANSFER

November 5, 1926 file "Luce"

Note the following items from Dr.Stuart's letter to Dr.Luce of Oct.4th.

1. Dr.Stuart is inquiring why the chapel has been delayed.

Chapel

"....I shall, however, keep the matter in mind and talk with others. We are wondering why the chapel has been delayed. We ought to get it started as soon as possible.

2. "Dormitories: I shall pass your estimate on to Gibb and try to get his opinion as soon as possible. Meanwhile you need have no anxiety as to pressing for funds for this purpose. We have more than five hundred men students this year, and are planning to turn the second refectory into an improvised dormitory until the new ones can be ready. I have personally overdrawn several thousand dollars at the bank to buy a Chinese house, and with the help of another faculty member we intend to renovate it and use it at least for some years as an overflow dormitory."

"We have taken the most rigid care in selecting only the best students, and even so we have considerably over a hundred more than our present dormitory space can accommodate. Next year, even on a conservative calculation, there will probably be an even larger enrollment. The students this year come from a more widely scattered area and are in large part from a better social class, and everyone is commenting on their quality (as students).'

"While speaking of dormitories, we must face the question of reserving the central spot directly opposite the gateway to the temple of the flower garden for a home forGovernor Chen. I intend to write Eric as soon as there is a chance on this subject, and shall either send you a copy of the letter or ask you to get the facts from him."

3. "Mr.Henry Welles: I wrote to Jim Lewis and I think to you also sometime ago about the possibility of securing him for financial work. He is still connected with the Pension Fund of the Presbyterian Church, but apparently this is not to continue long, and his son tells me that he is tremendously interested in China and really enjoys raising money. We are now in a desperately serious situation for current expenses, to say nothing of everything else, and I wonder if it is not worth while to secure him and have him help in an intensive effort to secure as many gifts as possible."

4. "Mrs.Finley: Doctor Hugh Kerr of Pittsburgh was here recently with the Speer party and told me of the death of Doctor Campbell, and of Mrs.Finley's failing health. I wonder if you could not get her to guarantee the quadrangle proposition and at the same time go on cultivating Mr. Harmon. Doctor Kerr intimated that he would like very much to be the successor of Doctor Campbell and if you could persuade Mrs.Finley or in some way encourage that arrangement, it would be to our advantage. He has a picture of the Finley dormitory with himself in the foreground."

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