Copy for Dr. North

PEKING

April 20, 1926

Dr. Henry W. Luce
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Luce:

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions at its meeting yesterday afternoon took action upon recommendation of the Executive Council as follows:

> In response to the inquiry of the Rev. Dr. Henry W. Luce as to his future relationship to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions and to its retirement regulations in case he should decide to remain for an extended and indefinite period in the work of financial promotion in the United States, the Board expressed its opinion that, soon after any such decision is made, the relationship of Dr. and Mrs. Luce as active missionaries under regular Board appointment should terminate and that, if Dr. Luce continues in the service of foreign missionary institutions, the Board or Presbyterian Church would take its proportionate share of such retirement allowance as Dr. and/or Mrs. Luce might be entitled to under the regulations then in effect for the missionaries of the Board."

You will notice that this minute is an expression of opinion rather than a final definitive action. The Board's relationship with you and Mrs. Luce has been long and intimate and if it should seem advisable to sever that relationship the Board would of course wish to act without haste and with consistent consideration for the welfare and wishes of Mrs. Luce and yourself. I have just discussed with you by telephone some of the possibilities which would seem to be involved in the future course which you are considering and we will be glad to talk things over further with you when your plans become more clearly defined. I will ask Dr. Orville Reed to inquire of the Presbyterian Board of Ministerial Relief as to the application of its regulations to your particular case.

Trusting that everything eventuates happily, I am

Sincerely yours,

(G. T. Scott)

George T. Scott

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" " Secretary of Peking Trustees

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