From the promotional standpoint the trip would seem to me to more than justify itself in the insight this would give into present conditions in China, political, racial, educational, and otherwise. It is very difficult to write to another person in a way that enables him to keep up with or understand the significance of what is going on. More specifically, we want you to know and to be able to explain to our constituents in America our own policy and the reasons for it,-- such issues as the attitude we should take on extraterritoriality and foreign treaty rights, registration under the Chinese Ministry of Education, the proportion and the type of Chinese teachers in comparison with foreign, our methods of exerting religious influence under the present very delicate and peculiar conditions, our confident and hopeful outlook despite many superficial appearances, etc. You can also understand our construction matters and the relative needs on the grounds by seeing the place itself. In addition to this you ought to know our staff and to some extent our students, as they ought to know you. I feel also that to be here during the actual process of moving next summer will give you "talking points", and an appreciation of some of our difficulties that will be of value in your work in America.

If you stay there the Trustees would be put to some expense in providing for you during the summer that necessarily would be to a large extent a time of inactivity. The cost of your coming to China and returning would, therefore, be somewhat reduced in the expense saved by the other plan, and the increased effectiveness that such a trip would bring ought to result in considerably more money that it would cost.

Personally I am looking forward to quiet times together when we can go over the whole situation here in an unhurried way.

Rex Wheeler's letter which you sent to Mrs. Luce implies that the decision of the Brick Church, Rochester, is only helping the Presbyterian Board, and is not an additional income for us. This comes, of course, as a keen disappointment and nullifies the practical advantage that we should get. I am quite willing to be designated as the object of their support, and it may mean some indirect help in additional gifts, but I wonder if there is not some way to persuade the Board to let us claim this as something unrelated to their committments to us.

Looking forward to seeing you before long and with best wishes for the remaining weeks in America,

As ever yours,

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