Murphy wishes it to be a square building, and we here recommend that it have a restaurant feature, serve as a faculty club, with social rooms for students, and probably bedrooms for guests. The basement might be used as a music room.

Another possible suggestion would be that the McCormicks endow some department, preferably not in the School of Religion. I should recommend in this case Economics, this to be included in a School of Political and Social Science, consisting of Sociology, Political Science and Economics, and known by the Princeton name.

Additional Dormitories: I wrote you in a recent letter how completely Murphy had failed us in sketching these out. I charged him as I saw him off at the steamer in July to make this one of the first things he would attend to, at least in the form of publicity designs. It would have been of great value to me these past few weeks to have had them for such use. We also ought to have the plans here for giving instructions in the event of securing sufficient Chinese funds to enable us to start building as we hope to in March of at least one unit. I hope you will enable him to realize how disappointing it has been that a request frequently pressed upon him has been delayed. This is characteristic apparently of all his work for us.

Practice Schools: You will be glad to know that an opportunity has come for taking over in the village of Haitien a number of buildings in good condition for a junior practice school for both boys and girls. Through arrangements with the local gentry, these buildings are placed at our disposal entirely free. Not only so, but they undertake to secure students, which under present conditions would be rather difficult even though we had everything else all ready. I mean that conditions are so disturbing and everybody is so poor that without such cooperation, we could scarcely hope to secure local children in sufficient numbers; and we are not ready to compete with the mission schools in the city or elsewhere, which would amount to drawing away their pupils and cause irritation.

All we need is about $600 Gold for equipment, which would become a permanent asset in our future schools of this kind, and about $600 again for annual expenses. We have an unusually fine group of students majoring in education, who could carry most of the teaching.

I feel so fearful about our budget provision next year that I would not dare to include either or both of these features unless provided from special sources. Knowing, however, of your own special interest in the development of such features, I want to urge you to secure each of these items from such sources as you can, making the one for current expenses continuous if possible. In any case, if we could get one year's start, we might hope to carry on by sources of income secured either in America or in China. I suggest that you cable

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