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Doctor H. W. Luce,
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Dear Harry:

Infirmary:

I was present last evening at a conference of the physicians and deans regarding the plans for the new infirmary building. There is some anxiety as to complications if this building is used for both men and women students, and the further question as to its capacity. It was finally decided that what might be thought of as Out-Patient Departments could be maintained in the future as at present in the Men's and Women's dormitories respectively, where a large number of students with slight ailments could be treated, and that we could reserve the Infirmary for more serious cases. By having a wall through the middle center section, with stairs in the two wings, provision for men and women students could be made that would keep them separated. This would make it almost essential that the whole building be completed at one time.

I am writing now to you to ask if it would be at all possible to consult with Mrs. McKelvey and with the Trustees and secure authorization for starting construction on the whole building this spring. Otherwise we would either complete the central section on the present plan and make alterations later, or complete it in a way that does not remove the anxieties as to discipline which have been expressed.

Another reason for urging that this be done, if possible, is that otherwise we should have to retain the house now used as a temporary informary for another session, whereas we have definitely promised that this be renovated and put in shape for the use of the Vice-President. The house he is now occupying in the Prince's Garden had already been assigned to someone else. Since Mr. Wu was made Vice-President it has seemed to the Chinese that the house he occupies is not sufficiently dignified, and that there would be various advantages in having him live in what is known as House No. 3, which you may recall is Gibb's first office. It is slightly to the west of the women's dormitories.

If you can help in putting this matter through, please ask Eric to cable us. We should do our utmost to secure the attractive Chinese effect, about which we know you are greatly concerned, and I do not think we need have any fear of Mrs. McKelvey being displeased when she sees it, as I hope she will.

Doctor North

As ever, yours,

J. L. S.

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