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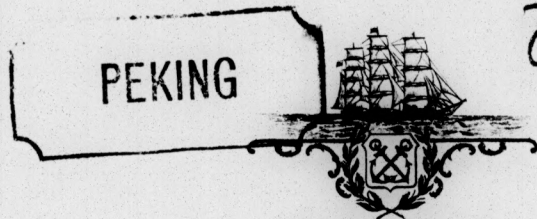
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THE FLORENCE VILLA
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REUEL T. NORTON
WINTER



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REUEL T. NORTON
SUMMER

PEKING

Feb 5/25

Dear Dr North-

I have read the minutes of the last meeting of the Finance & Bldg Com and again call your attention to the actual vote that was taken on my motion, seconded by Mr. Evans, that arrangements be made with Mr. Murphy to actually go to the field to check up the changes suggested by the Peking Com.

Consult Mr. Evans for confirmation of my understanding. According to my judgment there was nothing left "in the air", - it was a unanimous vote. I am still strongly of the opinion this should be done at once.

Sincerely EMMcBrien

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

February 21, 1925.

Mr. E. M. McBrier,
The Florence Villa,
Florence Villa, Fla.

My dear Mr. McBrier:

Thank you for your note of February 5th with reference to having Mr. Murphy go to Peking. The matter has now been settled by the Finance Committee, definitely, that he is to go, as you will see by the minutes enclosed.

We have from Peking a statement of the requirements for building which I shall shortly put into form for the information of the Finance Committee. There are one or two points on which it is not clear, but in the main, there is about three times as much definite information in it, as we have had before. The whole situation makes clear, however, that we are going to need about all the cash that we can command within the next six or eight months, and we surely need to know within the next two or three months how much cash we are going to have.

I hope the balmy breezes of the south are bringing you comfort and rest, and that when you return again, we shall be able to send you notices of committee meetings right and left.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary, Peking University.

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PEKING

March 16, 1925

Mr E. H. McBrier
The Kirkwood
Camden, S. C.

My dear Mr McBrier:

At the last meeting of the Finance Committee on March 5th we were able to authorize the spending of approximately \$50,000.00 more for residences and cabled this to the field, which I am sure was a considerable encouragement to them. One of the perplexing items in the matter of residences has been the fact that the structure and mechanical equipment of the residences alone as reported from the field calls for an average of \$7,000.00 and this does not take care of the land and the water, light and sewer systems necessary to take care of the residence compounds. We have told them to spend \$50,000.00 as may be necessary to take care of these latter items and provide as many residences as possible. They will have to work this out and then we shall have to fit our residence gifts to the results as best we can.

We have also determined to let the contract for the heating pipe, on Mr Place's recommendation, to Cornell & Underhill, New York, on the basis of their bid of \$40,000.00. We had three other American bids for \$63,000 and \$56,000 and \$46,000 respectively; two British bids of \$45,000 and \$34,000; and one German bid of \$25,000. Mr Place recommended the bid on the basis that we were getting American weight pipe with British flanges and thread for only \$7,000 more than the lower British bid which was for pipe very much thinner, and it was his judgment that the weight of pipe was an important consideration, as he felt the British pipe was not only too thin to make the cutting of thread satisfactory but also was more likely to buckle under expansion between anchors.

I was able to present to the Committee the schedule of requirements for moving to the new site next fall, based on data from Mr Gibb. I enclose a copy of this schedule which gives in the first column the figures for Mr Gibb, in the second column the figures which we have had to add to bring their figures into agreement with items we had on our books here, chiefly architect's fees, and in the third column the revised total required, \$1,435,561.73. Over and against that we have in funds and pledges in sight by the 30th of September, \$1,012,881.49. This last amount assumes that the arrangements for getting \$100,000.00 on the old site from the Methodist Board will be successfully completed. We

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March 16, 1925

have word of the favorable attitude of the bank in Peking but apparently two or three technical points are not completed. Holding in suspense the balance which may be expected on certain buildings, we will have on the items not provided for, the need for \$448,429.02. It is, of course, obvious that we cannot secure all of this cash in cash by September, and even if we had it, they could not put up the structures by the time we could authorize it. We have therefore, as you will see by the second document enclosed, analyzed fully the things which seem to us will have to be dropped from the program as far as major urgency is concerned unless some specific items come in upon this.

The second sheet of the second document then indicates the items which still remain, and of this group, far and away the most serious is the matter of the power plant. The total cost as you will note on the schedule approximates \$308,000.00. I think it probable that upon this there will be some savings but without more specific data from Peking upon some of the items I cannot be sure of this. In any case, it is clear that practically all of this amount will be required. Of course, a total of \$100,000 will be taken care of by the loan which the International Banking Corporation is to make to the Methodist Board and which the Methodist Board is to pay to us. This leaves approximately \$150,000.00 to be covered, and of this second \$150,000.00 the Woman's College Committee is prepared to provide \$50,000.00 when we have the \$100,000.00 available. So that the nub of the whole matter is this \$100,000.00. Of the items in this schedule in the power plant, there are only two or three which might possibly be deferred. One is the Pagoda Shell outside of the Water Tower, another is the gas plant and pipe. This would cut off about \$11,000.00 from the \$100,000.00, so that for the emergency needs \$90,000 might carry us through, though the pipe for the gas line should be laid, I believe, before the trenches are closed.

I have written this thus fully both because I thought that as a member of the Finance Committee you should be fully informed and also because you had suggested that the amount which you have been intending to give to the University might be used for the University on some such item as this, with the understanding that when the balance due on the old site, some \$96,000.00, is at hand, the cash representing your gift would then be restored to the Treasury and we would then proceed to the building of the building which you had selected. It seems to me that we are now at a very critical time as far as the erection of this plant is concerned. The plans are all clear, the work is going forward rapidly, a cable from Dr Stuart asks for the largest possible authorization for building because of the large overhead which is necessarily carried and which it would be good economy to use to the full by intensive building.

You have honored me with your confidence with reference to your plans concerning the gift to the University, and because of that I am venturing to write and ask whether it is at all possible for you to make all or any part of that available in the near future. I know that you have indicated that the total amount will not come in at one time. It occurs to me, however, to ask whether it might be possible for some kind of a trust agreement to be worked out by which cash or securities could be made available to the University now, with the thought that we could put up the securities as collateral for a loan covering the amount we need.

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March 16, 1928

I know that to one who is in the beguiling land of real estate booms, in Florida, a proposition of this kind may not seem to be attractive, but every mail that comes from China both from the University and from other sources indicates both the unusual character of the investment of funds and personnell that we have been making in Peking and the very great urgency of our carrying this to completion as rapidly as possible. I know that your heart is thoroughly with the University and that you will give this most thoughtful consideration.

Dr Luce is in the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago with a fractured wrist and also a course of treatment for digestive trouble and will be there perhaps another two weeks. Mrs Blaine of the McCormick family is giving him some attention and he is trying to conclude the negotiations with them for a building. I do not hesitate to say, however, that there is every reason to expect that a most worthy building will be available for the designation of the funds which you are planning to give.

A few nights ago I met Dr Harry Emerson Fosdick on a train and in chatting with him he said, entirely of his own notion, that he thought that Peking University deserved to have its million of dollars before any other institution of which he knew anything. He gave it the most unqualified endorsement one could expect from anyone.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

EMM/JW

Enclosures

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Confidential

The Kirkwood PEKING
ON CAMDEN HEIGHTS
CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA
FRANK H. ABBOTT & SON

March 19/25

Dear Dr North,-

I thank you for your letter.

My hopes for payments to Peking University are contingent upon sale of property and the final settlement of an estate. As to the estate, the matter is entirely problematical. It may be in one year, it may be in ten. The whole subject depends on a situation beyond my control.

As for the sale of property, such sale has already been made. Eventually it will release \$25,000. Of this amount, \$10,000 ought to be forthcoming in April. If it is, P. U. gets it.

That is the whole matter put briefly. Nothing I can do can hurry the release of these prospective gifts.
Sincerely
E. M. McPherson

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I give to Peking University, incorporated in the State of New York,
the sum of \$10,000., the same, with other sums which I purpose to give to the
University later for the same object, to be held by the University and applied
to the cost of the erection of a building on the campus of Peking University, and,
as needed, to the payment of the proper proportion chargeable to said building
of the cost of the general heating, water supply, power and light installation
of the University, the building to be selected hereafter in conference with the
officers of the University, and to be known as _____.

I further authorize the University, until such time as the erection of said
building shall be undertaken, to use the funds herein referred to for the con-
struction of any other part of the University that may be needed, provided the
University agrees to repay into the fund hereby established the amounts so ex-
pended in due time to meet payments for the construction of, or due in respect
of, the said selected building, and provided further the said obligation of the
University to repay the amounts so expended to the said fund shall be secured by
the University, (through action of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees)
placing a charge for the repayment of the said obligation upon certain specified
reasonably liquid assets of the University, of an aggregate value available for
such purpose reasonably in excess of the amount of said obligation outstanding.
In the event that the University defaults in the due payment of its said obliga-
tion, the Donor, at his option, may require the said specified assets so charged
to be liquidated and the proceeds applied on account of said obligation.

(Donor)

ACCEPTED

PEKING UNIVERSITY

By _____
President, Board of Trustees.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

May 27, 1925.

Mr. Edwin M. McBrier,
203 South Mountain Avenue,
Montclair, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. McBrier:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith the receipt of the University for \$8,250.67 covering the gift of \$8,000 Illinois Power & Light, first 6's, 1953 at 102 $\frac{1}{2}$, and \$50.67 accrued interest.

You will note that in accordance with your wish, as we understand it, we are placing this in our Plant Funds to the credit of a fund known as "Anonymous #1144" which will keep it in anonymous form until you wish it otherwise.

I enclose herewith a draft of a from of trust with reference to the first \$10,000 which you have planned to give, for your examination. Mr. Merle-Smith has gone over it and provided the legal phraseology and I should be glad to have any suggestions on it which you may wish to make.

The Boyd Scholarship Fund amount came in just two or three days before the notice of the transfer of the bonds to our account was received, so that we were able to promptly transfer the bonds to the Endowment Account.

At your convenience, we will take up the investment of the balance of the amount, approximating \$1,800.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Peking University.

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EDWIN MERTON MCBRIER
MONTCLAIR, N. J.

June 6/25-

Dear Dr North -

The enclosed check will complete
the \$10,000.

Will you please draw up for me the "terms" on
which this gift is made, and send me copy, worded
as a resolution which I wish passed by the Finance
Com. and Board. This resolution should -

1. Accept the \$10,000 as part payment toward a
specific Hall or Building to be hereafter determined upon,
and to be named by the donor.

2. That the donor permits the ~~use of the~~ payments ~~to be~~
made to be ~~used~~ used for current needs until
required for the designated building; and that when
so required, ~~for~~ repayment is to be made promptly
so that progress on building be not hindered.

Kindly phrase such a resolution as you
think will cover the case & submit to me
for approval.

Very truly
E M M Briar

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EDWIN MERTON MCBRIER
MONTCLAIR, N. J.

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June 8, 1925.

Dr. Erick M. North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. North,

Your letter of May 27th, was not opened when I wrote you.

I do not exactly like the form of the memorandum you have outlined. In the first place, while I think all of the buildings should have included the proper proportion chargeable to the cost of heating, water supply, etc., I do not like to be singled out as the first one to whom this rule applies. It has not been the custom to consider these items in the estimated cost of other buildings that were erected by donations received from other people mentioned and I do not know why there should be this difference made in my case.

The cost of the heating, water supply and power and light installation is being met in other ways than to have the proportionate cost included in the estimated cost of the various buildings.

Again, "In due time", seems to be a little too large an expression, and may mean any time or no time.

Again this document places upon the donor's responsibility of seizing certain "reasonably liquidated assets of the University" and by due process of law I assume, to have said assets liquidated and force somebody to use the proceeds to build a certain building.

Now, I would look pretty undertaking anything like that, would I not? Please do not make me ridiculous in the eyes of the members of the finance committee. Just write something simple and easily understood, divested of formality and easily comprehended by a simple soul like myself, and it will fill the bill.

Very truly yours,

McB:G

E M MCBrier

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

June 9, 1925.

Mr. E. M. McBrier,
203 South Mountain Avenue,
Montclair, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. McBrier:

I enclose herewith the receipt for your additional gift making a total of \$10,000.

I wrote you on May 27th enclosing a draft of a form of trust for your examination. The action of the Trustees would be to vote the acceptance of the form of trust after you had approved it. This would then authorize the signature of it by a representative of the University. I enclose an additional copy of the form, in case the previous one failed to reach you.

My previous letter also contained our receipt for \$8,250.67 covering your gift of \$8,000 Illinois Power & Light, first 6's, 1923, at 102½, and \$50.67 accrued interest.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Peking University.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

June 29, 1925.

Mr. Edwin M. McBrier,
203 South Mountain Avenue,
Montclair, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. McBrier:

I am sorry that I have been delayed in answering your letter of June 8th. Would the form of trust agreement as I now enclose it be satisfactory to you?

The matter of the proposed charge for the power plant was inserted by Mr. Merle-Smith in the misconception that that was what we were doing. The words "in due time" were intended to be modified by the phrase "to meet payments". I have re-written this to read "in sufficient time to meet payments". Will this be satisfactory? If so, I shall have it written out in legal form.

After you left the Finance Committee, it was voted that you and I have authorization to invest the uninvested funds of \$1,935. together with any other endowment funds which may come in during the summer, in either such securities as we now also hold or in some additional securities in the list you sent me a few weeks ago. Would you approve investing the uninvested balance in Puget Sound Power & Light? We have at present only \$2,500. in this bond, and the present price would just about come to the amount which we have to invest.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
Peking University.

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Inside

I give to Peking University, incorporated in the State of New York, the sum of \$10,000., the same, with other sums which I purpose to give to the University later for the same object, to be held by the University and applied to the cost of the erection of a building on the campus of Peking University, the building to be selected hereafter in conference with the officers of the University, and to be known as _____. I further authorize the University, until such time as the erection of said building shall be undertaken, to use the funds herein referred to for the construction of any other part of the University that may be needed, provided the University agrees to repay into the fund hereby established the amounts so expended in sufficient time to meet payments for the construction of, or due in respect of, the said selected building, and provided further the said obligation of the University to repay the amounts so expended to the said fund shall be secured by the University, (through action of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees) placing a charge for the repayment of the said obligation upon certain specified reasonably liquid assets of the University, of an aggregate value available for such purpose reasonably in excess of the amount of said obligation outstanding.

(Donor)

ACCEPTED

PEKING UNIVERSITY

By

President, Board of Trustees.

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I give to Peking University, incorporated in the State of New York, the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.), the same, with other sums which I purpose to give to the University later for the same object, to be held by the University and applied to the cost of the erection of a building on the campus of Peking University, the building to be selected hereafter in conference with the officers of the University, and to be known as

I further authorize the University, until such time as the erection of said building shall be undertaken, to use the funds herein referred to for the construction of any other part of the University that may be needed, provided the University agrees to repay into the fund hereby established the amounts so expended in sufficient time to meet payments for the construction of, or due in respect of, the said selected building, and provided further the said obligation of the University to repay the amounts so expended to the said fund shall be secured by the University, (through action of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees) placing a charge for the repayment of the said obligation upon certain specified reasonably liquid assets of the University, of an aggregate value available for such purpose reasonably in excess of the amount of said obligation outstanding.

July 10, 1925.

Emmett Brier
(Donor)

ACCEPTED

PEKING UNIVERSITY

By

Donald H. Haman
President, Board of
Trustees.

Attest:
Eric M. North
Secretary

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...to the University of New York, and
...the same, which other than which I pur-
...to give to the University for the same object, to be held by the
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EDWIN MERTON McBRIER
MONTCLAIR, N. J.

July 7/05

My dear Dr North, -

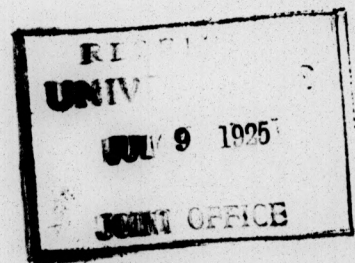
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I think the enclosed
is satisfactory. Am signing it, dating it
May 25 (I think that is about the date)
and would like proper action taken and
a copy sent to me for my file.

Very truly
Edwin M. Briar

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EDWIN MERTON WRIGHT
MONTCLAIR, N.J.



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May 25, 1925

I give to Peking University, incorporated in the State of New York, the sum of \$10,000., the same, with other sums which I purpose to give to the University later for the same object, to be held by the University and applied to the cost of the erection of a building on the campus of Peking University, the building to be selected hereafter in conference with the officers of the University, and to be known as McBrier Hall (*). I further authorize the University, until such time as the erection of said building shall be undertaken, to use the funds herein referred to for the construction of any other part of the University that may be needed, provided the University agrees to repay into the fund hereby established the amounts so expended in sufficient time to meet payments for the construction of, or due in respect of, the said selected building, and provided further the said obligation of the University to repay the amounts so expended to the said fund shall be secured by the University, (through action of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees) placing a charge for the repayment of the said obligation upon certain specified reasonably liquid assets of the University, of an aggregate value available for such purpose reasonably in excess of the amount of said obligation outstanding.

Date 7/1/25

Edwin M McBrier
(Donor)

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By

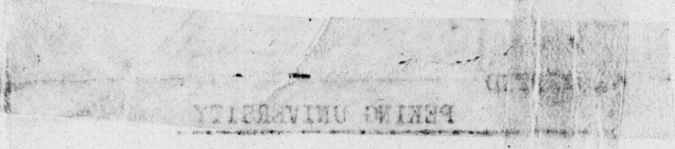
President, Board of Trustees.

(*) ~~Name may be changed~~
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I give to Peking University, incorporated in the State of New York,
 the sum of \$10,000., the same, with other sums which I intend to give to the
 University later for the same object, to be held by the University and applied
 to the cost of the erection of a building on the campus of Peking University,
 the building to be selected hereafter in conference with the officers of the
 University, and to be known as Wang Yang-ming Hall.
 I further authorize the University, until such time as the erection of said build-
 ing shall be undertaken, to use the funds herein referred to for the construction
 of an entire part of the University that may be needed, provided the University
 agrees to repay into the fund hereby established the amounts so expended in any
 amount due to meet payments for the construction of, or the interest on,
 the said selected building, and provided further the said obligation of the
 University to repay the amounts so expended to the said fund shall be secured by
 the University, (through action of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees)
 making a charge for the repayment of the said obligation upon certain specified
 reasonably liquid assets of the University, of an aggregate value available for
 such purpose reasonably in excess of the amount of said obligation outstanding.

 (Signature)
 President, Board of Trustees



 President, Board of Trustees

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

July 13, 1925.

Mr. Edwin M. McBrier,
203 South Mountain Avenue,
Montclair, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. McBrier:

I enclose herewith the signed trust agreement covering your gift of \$10,000. received by us from you in two payments, on May 26th and June 8th. You will note that I have dated this trust agreement July 10, 1925; this is the date on which the Trustees passed their vote approving the form of trust.

I am sure that this will be satisfactory to you, as our receipts and this letter are acknowledgment of the payments made.

Will you be so kind as to sign the copies and return one copy to us for our files?

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
Peking University.

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EDWIN MERTON MCBRIER
MONTCLAIR, N. J.

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My dear Dr. North,-

You have noted that I have consistently objected to the idea of an elevator in the water tower, and I want to go on record as opposing it, and also opposing any opening through the water tank to admit one for the future.

My reasons are:-

1st. It is a "fad" of one man, and one man only. He has talked it for just one purpose, - to get subscriptions. It is not necessary to show the University Bldgs from the vantage point of the tower to "inspire" gifts. The greatest exhibits are the product of the University.

2d. The folks at Peking are not convinced of its practicability or usefulness. See Gibbs letter of July 10 and D. S. to his letter of July 29. He says the window space is lacking to make a proper view available. Real it. Action was taken at the "insistence" of Dr. L.

3d. Dr. L. ought never to go back to Peking. Therefore the "great reason" is forever removed. Others are not enthusiastic, - even see the disadvantages.

4th. It will be expensive to cut that hole through the tank.

It will weaken the structure. You can't run a square hole through the centre of a water tank without being obliged to make the entire tank considerably stronger.

It will require the tank to be made considerably larger in order to accommodate as much

EDWIN MERTON MCBRIER
MONTCLAIR, N. J.

water as it would without the hole.

I don't see why such an impractical idea should "go through". Nobody really wants it except Dr. Lence; and he will never use it.

On every possible count, it is a silly, expensive, impractical idea, and I believe will make trouble in your structure and be provocative of leaks and expense.

Why should this particular piece of foolishness have our O.K.?

Very Truly
E. M. McBrier

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EDWIN MERTON MCBRIER
MONTCLAIR, N. J.

Oct 30, 1926

PEKING

Dr. Erick M. North

Peking University - 150 Fifth Ave
New York City.

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My dear Dr. North,

You will recall that in April 1925 I had a consultation with you in which I expressed my intention of assuming the cost of one of the buildings of Peking University. I felt that my relation to the building of the University might properly be expressed by such a gift. At that time I inquired what buildings were not provided for. In speaking about different buildings you told me that Recitation Building No. 5, which I was about to select, had been talked over with the McCormick family. You recall I said if they were "sold" on that building I could select another.

More than a year and a half has passed, and still Building No. 5 is unprovided for. I therefore feel free to say that if it is acceptable to the Committee, Mrs. McBrier and I are ready to assume the financial responsibility of erecting Recitation Hall No. 5, and will provide the necessary \$70,000 for same as needed during the year 1927 or 1928. The \$10,000 already given is to apply on said building.

If it can be arranged it would be nice if the corner stone could be laid when we are at Peking next year. This is to be considered as our pledge for this building, same to be known as "McBrier Hall."

Very truly,

E. M. McBrier
E. M. McBrier

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November 5, 1926

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McBrier,
203 So. Mountain Ave.,
Montclair, N. J.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. McBrier:

I have the honor, in behalf of the Trustees of Peking University, to acknowledge with very great pleasure your letter of October 30th with the pledge that it contains for the sum of \$70,000. as needed during 1927 ~~or 1928~~, \$10,000. of which has already been paid, the same to provide for the erection of Recitation Hall No. 5, to be known as McBrier Hall.

I can assure you that not only the Trustees but President Stuart and all the friends of the University will learn of this gift with the greatest satisfaction. It adds another very large account to the hearty and loyal service which Mr. McBrier himself has already rendered the University.

In accordance with your request, I am taking up with our friends in China the probable schedule of construction with the thought that some arrangement may be made whereby a dedicatory service of an appropriate nature may be held at the time of the dedication of the new buildings and grounds next October.

May I add that this generous gift seems to me particularly appropriate to make at this time when Mr. McBrier is now within two or three months of completing his tenth year as Treasurer of Peking University.

Cordially yours,

Secretary

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(CHINESE NAME—YENCHING UNIVERSITY)

PEKING, CHINA

AMERICAN OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

McBrier Hall

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November 8, 1926.

To the Trustees of Peking University:

I have the honor to announce to the Trustees of Peking University that Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McBrier, under date of October 30th, have written me conveying their intention to provide the sum of \$70,000. during 1927 or 1928 as needed, for the erection of Recitation Hall No. 5 on the campus of Peking University, to be known as McBrier Hall. This building completes the central academic quadrangle of the University, flanking that quadrangle on the north, and is in symmetry with the physics and biology building on the south side. The building at the head of the quadrangle is the Bashford Memorial Administration Building.

The Trustees will be interested to learn that this gift from Mr. and Mrs. McBrier comes at a time when Mr. McBrier is within two or three months of rounding out his tenth year as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

Faithfully yours,

Eric M. North
Secretary.

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