

Extract from letter of Bishop Bashford to
Dr. Frank Mason North, dated March 11, 1915.

"You will be glad to learn that on my return to Peking I find Dr. Lowry apparently very happy over the action taken in regard to federation. Apparently, he thinks that the generous proposal of the China Medical Commission to buy the site of the London Mission and establish at their own expense a well equipped medical college with a full corps of professors and their invitation to the four Missions to participate with them in the federation and in the formation of plans and the control of the medical college during its establishment, and their proposal to turn over the entire plant with a sufficient endowment for its support to the Trustees of Peking University, is exceedingly generous and makes the outlook for a great University at Peking exceedingly favorable. Personally I feel more grateful that I can ever express, first, to God, and second, to the Board in New York for hearty support during the time of stress in connection with the University, and for the prospects we have of doing a work here which must count largely in the direction of the redemption and the higher civilization of this vast nation."

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RESOLUTIONS
passed by the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of the
BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
of the
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

at the meeting held June 14th, 1917.

RESOLVED that the Executive Committee instruct the Trustees elected by this Board to act as the Trustees of Peking University to report the position of the Board as stated in the following Resolutions:

First - RESOLVED that the Executive Committee finds no sufficient ground for modifying the conviction of the former Trustees of Peking University and that of the former Board of Managers on the field and of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions, that the location for the University, accepted up to a recent date by all the parties in interest, is strategic and desirable for a Christian University in the capital of China, and that there are very important reasons of policy in which the Government as well as the Missions are interested for holding to the original location.

Second - RESOLVED that the difficulties found in acquiring the necessary property both as to the actual purchases and the marked increase in cost are recognized and bring into consideration questions as to location which did not exist in the earliest period of negotiations.

Third - RESOLVED that while adhering to the conviction that the present site is eminently desirable provided it is actually available and would be preferred as against any other site within or without the City up to this time suggested, the Executive Committee agrees that under the conditions now existing, the proposal of the Trustees that an impartial Commission shall be appointed to examine the question of location and to report to the Trustees

its findings, is desirable.

Fourth - RESOLVED that the Executive Committee would request that when such report is secured, it be submitted to the Boards entering into the original co-operation, for their consideration.

Fifth - RESOLVED that this action be reported to our North China Mission, through which, the original proposals of the Board of Managers of the Peking University were brought to this Board for action.

Sixth - RESOLVED that the Executive Committee strongly advises that the Trustees instruct the Commission, should it be appointed, to confer freely with the American Minister to China, Dr. Paul S. Reinsch, because of his representative position, as well as because of his close knowledge of the attitude of the Chinese Officials.

Frank M. ...
Secretary

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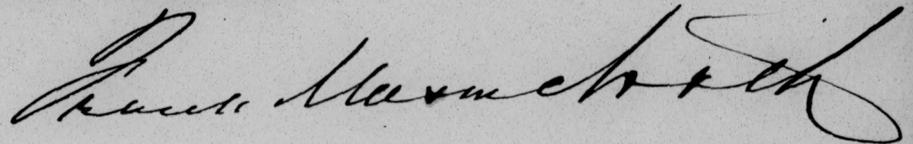
The Rev. George Heber Jones, D.D.,
Secretary, Trustees of Peking University,
New York City

Dear Doctor Jones:-

Permit me to report through you to the Trustees of Peking University, that pursuant to action of the Trustees at the last meeting, the matter of the review of the question of location of the University was presented to the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

I enclose herewith a copy of the Resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee, in relation to this matter.

Yours cordially,



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The Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

I have pleasure in handing you herewith the Minutes of the meeting of the Trustees of Peking University, held June 21, 1917. Please note that the statement of the position of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church as regards the questions involved in the location of the University has been made a part of the regular Minutes.

The Trustees have referred to the Executive Committee for consideration the matter of the policy and plan for the appointment of new missionaries to service in the University. As this affects the plans of Dr. Wolferz, we should have a meeting of the Executive Committee at an early date. I am in correspondence with Dr. Barton, and have asked him to notify me if his plans should call him to New York within the next ten days or two weeks, so that a meeting may be called. Dr. Merrill is away on his vacation but I understand that the other members of the Executive Committee will be available.

May I request that if any corrections in the Minutes as they now stand occur to you to please notify me that the change may be made before they are copied into our Minute Book.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary.

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150 Fifth Avenue,
July 20, 1917.

The Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

Find enclosed copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Peking University, held July 18, 1917. Should you note any corrections to be made in these minutes, will you not kindly send me word?

I wish to call attention to the copy of the Tentative Codification of the By-Laws which will come up for consideration at the next meeting of the Executive Committee; in the margin I have indicated by numbers the corresponding paragraphs in the present By-Laws; and have also indicated those By-Laws which have recently been adopted by the Trustees and are not in the old code.

The Executive Committee took action that each of the cooperating Boards be requested to send \$100 to the Treasurer of the Trustees for current expenses, the same to be credited as a payment on the financial amounts involved in participation in the University. Kindly take this as a formal intimation of the request of the Trustees from your Board.

In harmony with the action of the Executive Committee I hand you herewith copy of a letter which I have written to Dr. Wolfers telling him of the action of the Executive Committee in his case, and also a copy of my letter to Mr. Gleystone Secretary of the Board of Managers in Peking.

Very cordially yours,

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150 Fifth Avenue,
July 25, 1917.

The Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

I received a telephone message from Dr. Arthur J. Brown this morning making inquiry as to whether any of the Boards have taken action as yet in the matter of the appropriation of \$1000 for current expenses of Peking University, or whether the Board of Managers have sent to the Trustees an itemized budget of the current expenses of the University, or whether the Trustees have as yet made formal requisition upon the participating Boards for the amount agreed to on the basis of participation. In reply I said to Dr. Brown that I did not find in the files of our correspondence any budget of expenses from the Managers as yet, and aside from our action at the last meeting of the Executive Committee, no formal demand has been made upon any of the Boards for the amount called for.

This brings to our immediate attention a phase of the question involved in the appointment of Dr. Wolfers which was partly considered at the time the Executive Committee made this appointment. At that time it seemed to be the understanding of the Secretaries present at the Executive Committee that the acceptance by the Boards of the terms contained in the basis of participation constituted a commitment to the amount involved, namely, \$1000 and that this amount would be available on the call of the Trustees either in whole or in part. It was on this supposition that Dr. Wolfers was appointed and the call for \$100 from each of the cooperating Boards for current expenses issued.

May I not ask that you will give this matter consideration and I would venture to make the suggestion that pending the receipt of itemized statements from the field, concerning the current expense budget of the University, the Boards take action appropriating a sum sufficient to cover the two items approved by the Executive Committee. In the mean time as a measure of immediate expediency, I am writing to the Board of Managers, asking them to send to the Board of Trustees an itemized budget, showing the income and expenditures and the sources from which the receipts necessary to cover the working budget of the University are derived.

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150 Fifth Avenue,

, Dec. 17, 1917

The Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Dr. North:-

I send you under separate cover the annual report of the Board of Managers of Peking University, published on the field. Mr. Gleysteen writes that through an oversight the old by-laws were reproduced, but he did not discover the mistake until he had mailed the supply for the Trustees. He promptly sent on the correct pages, suggesting that the book be rebound. I feel, however, that for the purposes of the occasional reference which the Trustees will need to make to the by-laws of the Managers, it is not necessary to incur the expense which would be involved and that our needs can be served by slipping the correct pages into the place where they belong. Do you not think I am right in this?

The report has already been before us in manuscript form, having been forwarded by Dr. Lowry. In his report, however, he did not send us the manuscript of the report for the Theological School and the other departments. These are included in this printed form.

Very sincerely yours,

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150 Fifth Avenue,
Dec. 21, 1917

The Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Dr. North:-

You will recall that at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Peking Trustees the question of electing a Vice-President who would be competent to serve as Executive officer of the University pending the election of a permanent President was presented by the Chairman. After much careful discussion it was voted :

1. That it is the judgment of the Executive Committee that arrangements be made for more aggressive action on the field in the conduct of the University through some such arrangement as is suggested by the Commission on Site.
2. To postpone action pending inquiry as to the thought of the Commission on Site in their fourth recommendation which is as follows:-

"Finally it is recommended that the Trustees appoint at once an administrative officer in whom they have full confidence, to proceed to China and to represent them here, giving his full time to this work. It would be his function to keep the trustees informed regarding conditions here, to make recommendations regarding matters of policy, and to act for them in such matters as the purchase of land, and the consummation of arrangements for the re-organization of the university."

The Executive Committee made record of the fact that they desire you to make the inquiry suggested, having in mind communications between yourself and Bishops Welch and Bashford.

Very cordially yours,

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Dec. 27, 1917

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. JONES

Your suggestion concerning the By-Laws at the Board of Managers of Peking University seems to me to be all right, only I should make sure that the pages of the corrected By-Laws are in the hands of every trustee. I wonder if this is an illustration of the executive effectiveness of Mr. Gleysteen.

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Dec. 31, 1917

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. JONES

I have to report concerning the suggestion of the Executive Committee of Peking Trustees, concerning Mr. Gleysteen, that I have a wire from Bishop Bashford in which he states that he and Bishop Lewis commend Mr. Gleysteen for the position of Executive Secretary. I gave them the opportunity of agreeing to the position of Vice-President but they do not make comments upon this. I have conferred with Bishop Welch who did not meet Mr. Gleysteen. He states, however, that it was the thought of the Commission as indicated in the recommendation that an officer of the kind named would be chosen and sent out from here. It was not their thought that one would be chosen on the field.

F. M. North

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150 Fifth Avenue,
Jan. 15, 1918

The Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Dr. North:-

There are several matters to which I wish to call your attention:-

1. Bishop Welch has very kindly allowed us to copy the minutes of the Commission on Site for their meeting held in Peking, Sept. 21 and 22, 1917, concerning the matters into which they made investigation. These will have value chiefly as completing the records of the question. Thinking you might like to have a copy for your file, I enclose you one herewith.

2. Dr. Jowett has written as follows in response to our invitation to him to serve upon the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees.

"I have received your letter of January 3rd. I wonder if it will really be of any service whatever for me to join the Board of Trustees of the Peking University when I am leaving this country at so early a date. It would appear that at the most I cannot be in office for more than three months. In the face of this it does not seem as though I could do much in the way of service."

I have sent word of his reply to the friends in London.

3. Dr. North reports as follows in the matter concerning which we requested him to make inquiry at the last meeting of the Executive Committee.

"I have to report concerning the suggestion of the Executive Committee of the Peking Trustees concerning Mr. Gleysteen, that I have a wire from Bishop Bashford in which he states that he and Bishop Lewis commend Mr. Gleysteen for the position of Executive Secretary. I gave them the opportunity of agreeing to the position of Vice-President but they do not make comments upon this. I have conferred with Bishop Welch who did not meet Mr. Gleysteen

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4. I have been asked by the Chairman of the Executive Committee to inquire if Wednesday, January 23rd, will be a convenient date for our next meeting, the Executive Committee to meet in the forenoon and the Trustees in the afternoon. This would enable us to bring to a final decision the matter of the site which still awaits Trustee action, and possibly reach a determination in the matter of the Executive Secretary. Will you not kindly send an early reply?

Very cordially yours,

Secretary.

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. Oct. 16, 1918

The Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:-

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Peking University held Friday, October 11th, 1918, action was taken approving of the appointment of Professor T. E. Breece to the English Department of the University. Formal action was as follows:

After consideration it was VOTED that Professor T. E. Breece be appointed as Professor of the English Department in Peking University as per the request of the Board of Managers, his salary and expenses to be charged to the Managers' budget; that as in the precedent established in the appointment of Professor Wolferz that the members of the University faculty appointed by the Trustees go out under the missionary appointment of some Board, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church be requested to take the necessary steps in connection with Professor Breece; and that the cable to Dr. Smith mentioned in connection with a previous item of these minutes, include a statement concerning the terms under which Professor Breece is appointed.

I have pleasure in handing you this formal memorandum of the action of the Executive Committee and to ask that the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church take the necessary steps in connection with the appointment of Professor Breece as a missionary under the conditions mentioned in the action, namely that his salary and expenses be charged to the budget of the Managers of Peking University.

Very cordially yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. NORTH

October 23, 1918

My dear Dr. North:-

As the arrangements for sending Mr. Breece to the field have been committed to our Board, I submit a letter just received from him to you for consideration and decision. In it he raises two questions:

1. The matter of outfit money. We have allowed married missionaries \$200 on this account in the past. Could we not do so in his case? *Amnt = \$300*

2. In regard to his request that his salary begin with the date of his appointment, I see more difficulty. Our practice is to have the salary begin at the time of arrival on the field and that would be the normal course in his case. He mentions the financial embarrassment into which he is thrown by the long delay in getting his appointment. Possibly we could make some concession in view of that. We are arranging for his passage on the steamer NANKING from San Francisco November 30. This is the first steamer on which we could get passage for him. *Cannot change rule*

Do you think we would be justified, in view of war conditions, in suggesting to him that his salary begin November first or November 15th which will be near the time that he will be leaving for San Francisco.

GEORGE HEBER JONES

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. NORTH

For Mr. North

October 23, 1918

My dear Dr. North:-

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GEORGE HERBERT JONES

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150 Fifth Avenue,
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The Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.,
 150 Fifth Avenue,
 New York City.

My dear Doctor North,-

It is becoming evident that it is highly important that a full meeting of the Trustees of Peking University be held late in November or early in December. A number of very important matters are pending which should be considered and decided by the Trustees in order properly to care for the future of the University.

Among these matters are the following; (1) a plan for departments and for building and expansion for the next five years; (2) plans for raising the funds necessary for the development of the University; (3) the relation of Peking Union Women's College to the University; (4) the coming of President Stuart to America.

It is hoped that if a suitable date can be found it will be possible to meet at a dinner at which Ambassador Reinsch, who is a member of the Board of Managers of Peking University, may be present and address us on the future of the University as he views it.

May I ask you to inform me which of the two dates, December 1st or December 2nd, is preferable for you or on what date near that time you could attend, if these two are impossible. These seem to be at present the comparatively clear dates available.

Kindly inform me at your earliest convenience in order that the date may be fixed and the meeting properly arranged for.

Faithfully yours,

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The Rev. F. M. North, D.D.,
Board of Foreign Missions,
Methodist Episcopal Church,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

My dear Dr. North:-

I enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Trustees of Peking University held on December second.

In these minutes you will note that the Trustees have requested the Executive Committee to examine the scheme for the advance of the University and after revising it in such ways as they deem necessary to recommend to the constituent boards, amounts which they deem the University to need for its development.

May I therefore ask that at your earliest convenience you go over the scheme and write me whatever criticisms you have, that vitally change the form or the contents of the proposals, in order that Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Luce and myself may get those in shape for a meeting of the Executive Committee upon which the entire matter can be passed.

There is another item upon which you and Dr. Brown are to pass before it goes to the Executive Committee, namely:- the proposals for the affiliation of the Women's College with the University. I enclose a copy of the proposal. I understand that formal action has been taken by the Managers of the College on the field and also by the Managers of the University. Those actions have not yet come before me formally, but I am anticipating them within a short time. Formal action has been taken by the American Board and I am writing to find out whether action has been taken by the Presbyterian Board and by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

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Pending the receipt of these actions, however, it is important that the document be examined to see whether the basis of affiliation is acceptable to the Trustees in order to close up the matter systematically and completely, and to relieve Miss Miner from delay here in order that she may return to Peking and permit Mrs Prame to come on and undertake her work in connection with the campaign for the development of the Woman's College. If you will write me of any criticisms which you have on the basis of affiliation, I will take them up with Dr. Brown and endeavor to get the thing straightened out without the necessity of calling a meeting of the Committee. I hope that it will be found that no modifications of the proposals are regarded as necessary.

Faithfully yours,

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Rev. Frank Mason North
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

TRUSTEES OF
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My dear Dr. North:

In consultation with Miss Miner concerning the questions which you raise in regard to the relation of the Trustees of Peking University to the holdings of the Woman's College, Miss Miner states that it is the general understanding that the Trustees of the University are actually the Trustees of the holdings of the Woman's College. In order to make this clearer Miss Miner and I have suggested including in the "Basis of Affiliation" as its first statement the following:

"1. The Trustees of Peking University shall be Trustees for the Woman's College and shall hold the property, execute documents, grant degrees and administer the interests of the Woman's College in accordance with the usual responsibilities of Trustees.

"2. The Trustees of the University shall use the Woman's College Council as its agency for caring for the interests of the Woman's College in the manner indicated below. (Here follows the rest of the document)

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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150 Fifth Avenue

January
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Rev. Frank Mason North D.D.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. North:

Pursuant to the action of the Trustees of Peking University December 2, 1919, and to the action of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the University December 26-31, 1919, I am setting before you in this letter the financial needs of Peking University for the next five years, and the portion of that total program which the Trustees request the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church to secure for the University.

The Trustees of Peking University have fixed \$2,066,000 as the requirement of the University for land, buildings and equipment in the five year period; and \$2,000,000 as the amount of endowment. The Executive Committee believes that these amounts should be presented to the participating Boards in the ratio of 25 per cent to each Board, or \$516,500 for buildings and equipment, and \$500,000 for endowment. The action was as follows:

"VOTED: That the \$2,066,000 be divided among the four participating Boards in the ratio of 25 per cent to each Board, and that the Boards be requested to put on their budgets an additional \$2,000,000 in the same ratio so that the Trustees may be free to obtain these sums outside of Board sources."

The program above does not provide for the salaries of the missionary faculty, the endowment named being sufficient only to provide for the salaries of the Chinese staff and the current expenses of the University, and that only on the assumption that the Boards maintain their present basis of \$3,000 a year at 2 for 1, to the current expenses of the University.

With a view to providing the necessary men a proposal was submitted suggesting that each Board, in addition to the missionaries they are now supporting should take on two new men each year for two years, and then one each year for three years, on which

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new men each year for two years, and then one each year for three years, on which the Executive Committee took the following action:

"VOTED: That the Executive Committee accept the proposal submitted as the scale of increase in faculty that will be required to put the University on an effective basis; and that the Committee agree, subject to the approval of the various Boards, to work to that scale in the provision either of the missionary teachers or of the amount of support necessary for the required number."

In order, therefore, that the program of each of the participating Boards include a sum sufficient for the salaries of these men, I take the liberty of suggesting that you add to the amounts named above, as part of your askings from your constituency, a sum equivalent to the expense you would be under in providing two new men a year for two years, and one man a year for three years in the five year period. It seems to me that unless this is done proper representation of the financial program of the University will not be made in the statements of the Interchurch World Movement, nor will the participating Boards be prepared to provide the salaries necessary for the additional staff.

You understand no doubt that the request to write into the budgets of the Boards the endowment amounts, is due to the fact that only such amounts appear in the program of the Interchurch World Movement as are on the budgets of the Boards participating in the campaign. Unless these endowment amounts appear therefore on the budgets of the Boards concerned they will be omitted from the budget statements of the Interchurch World Movement campaign.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee will be sent to you as soon as they can be prepared. I should be glad to answer by phone or correspondence any inquiries which may make this matter specific and definite if it is not already clear.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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January 5, 1920

The Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

My dear Dr. North:

I have received the following cablegram from
Dr. Stuart:

"The land is for sale Must be done
immediately or not at all One
hundred thousand Dollars Mex. required
Will Board authorize drawing
Political developments make local
assistance impossible"
"Stuart"

In response to this I have replied
as follows:

"We are trying to arrange the matter
Will telegraph when authority obtained
Where is location Have you enough
land to erect new buildings required
If not can you purchase adjoining
property to advantage How large is area
Do not forget girls college
Please telegraph definite answer immediately."
"North"

It seems impossible to secure a meeting of the
Trustees this week at which authorization of such a draft
might be made. It is my belief, however, that by corres-
pondence I can be authorized to send a cable directing
them to draw the draft, and that the formal meeting
authorizing the draft which will be necessary in order to
make a loan legal and possible, can be held.

By the time when the answers to this letter are
received I should have an answer to my cable to President
Stuart, as I feel that the Trustees will not desire to
make it final without knowing the facts called for by my
cable. If, however, the trustees will delegate to the

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January 23, 1920

The Rev. Bishop Wilson S. Lewis, D.D.,
Shanghai, China.

My dear Bishop Lewis:

After considerable correspondence with the field and discussion here at home, the program for the advance of Peking University for the next five years as related to the Interchurch World Movement has been determined. In the large it looks for the securing of \$2,066,000 for land, buildings and equipment and \$2,000,000 for endowment. This is not inclusive of the additional missionaries which we believe to be necessary for the faculty. Our program looks to the addition of these at the rate of eight each year for two years and then four each year for three years more.

The program of the University, as you already know, contemplates the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Theology, the development of a School of Journalism, a School of Education and probably of some distinct industrial educational work with a School of Agriculture and Forestry of not so extensive a development as that at Hanking. The Woman's College of North China is now in practical affiliation with the University, a few of the final steps of adjustment of basis of representation in the governing body on the field being yet to be worked out. The Trustees of the University have approved as the proper asking for the Woman's College for the next five years, the sum of \$1,080,000 for land, buildings, equipment and current expenses.

We are most anxious to get in touch with those who would be friendly to the development of the University and who have not given to the limit in the Centenary Program and who might profitably become interested in Peking University. I should appreciate greatly any suggestions you may have as to people whom we might profitably cultivate and as to the type of item or project in which they would be interested.

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We have thought not a little of Mr. A. Barton Hepburn who has given a considerable sum of money for the founding of a Chair in Tokyo Imperial University and whom we believe ought to be interested in a similar project in Peking. I think that Dr. Barton of the Congregational Board endeavored to make some approach to him in our behalf but I am not sure it was very thoroughly done and I know that there was no receptive attitude on the part of Mr. Hepburn. I am wondering if this is not an interest which you could develop for Peking University. There are a number of projects in which he might become interested, particularly such a thing as a Chair of Commerce, or of International Law, or of Politics and Government.

I should be very glad to cooperate with you in any manner in which you would suggest for the furtherance of these purposes.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

February 17, 1920

The Reverend F. M. North, D.D.,
Methodist Board of Foreign Missions,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Doctor North:

The action of the Trustees of Peking University in requesting the participating Boards to assume from the 1st of January, 1920, a share in the current expenses of the University of \$3000 a year at two for one, has already been communicated to you in the actions of the Trustees.

May I ask whether any action has been taken by the Methodist Board upon this request? Favorable action has already been taken by the American Board and by the Presbyterian Board.

It is important for the maintenance of the present current budget of the University that this action be taken and that if possible the amount named be made available at the earliest possible moment in regular instalments. In the current account of the University Trustees, there is in hand less than \$1600 with which to meet the draft from the field upon that account for the remainder of the year. I sincerely trust it will be possible for your Board to find a way in which to provide the Trustees with funds immediately upon this account.

With all good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

February 17, 1920

The Reverend F. M. North, D.D.,
Methodist Board of Foreign Missions,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

My dear Doctor North:

You are well aware of the situation produced by the opportunity which has come to the managers of Peking University to buy land for the new site.

The following action has been taken by the Trustees of Peking University with a view to meeting the draft which they have authorized the managers to make in connection with the purchase of the site:

"VOTED: That the Trustees request the participating Boards to loan their credit to the Trustees for the purpose of making this draft; and that the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Treasurer are authorized by this Board to negotiate a loan on this credit of not to exceed \$130,000 gold, and that the funds so advanced are to be a first charge upon the funds of the University not otherwise designated."

I am not quite sure whether Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith has taken this matter up with you, as he was supposed to do. The American Board has taken action providing for loaning their credit under certain conditions, one of which was the cooperation of the other two Boards in the proposal. The Presbyterian Board has not yet taken action and Dr. Brown has written me of its suggestion that the land upon which the University is now operating be sold to meet this draft, a proposal which to me is rather amazing. I think it must be based upon some misconception of the property situation involved.

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TRUSTEES OF
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February 17, 1920

The Reverend F. M. North, D.D.,
Methodist Board of Foreign Missions
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Doctor North:

In adjustment of the financial affairs of Peking University, it has been found desirable to establish the principle that so far as possible the missionary faculty upon the staff shall be carried upon the budgets of the participating Boards as their missionaries and not upon the budget of the current expenses of the University. This is particularly important for the present year, when the normal increase in the budget of the University, accompanied by the losses in exchange, has made it very difficult for the Trustees to face the year with an assurance that they would come out even.

The Presbyterian Board has acted by taking on Professor and Mrs. Wolfers who are now on the budget of the University, and by providing for Mr. and Mrs. Luce, and Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler who are additions to the staff of the University and who would otherwise have to be financed by the current expense budget of the University.

There remain two men upon the current expense budget of the University - Mr. Dobson and Mr. Breece - who have distinctively Methodist affiliations and who might properly be considered by the Methodist Board as men whom they could take on for the purpose of affording this relief to the budget and for carrying out the policy which we are trying to follow.

At the present time, with the additions named above, the Presbyterian Board has committed itself to the support of six men in the University and will be actually providing that support as soon as the successor to the late C. L. Ogilvie is found.

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The Methodist Board is supporting five men in the University, if we average up the number of men who are giving part time and include the President Emeritus. As a matter of fact, we have only two men giving teaching service on full time - Mr. Gibb and Mr. Davis. Dr. Hobart and Mr. Felt are giving part time to the Theological School but the latter is returning this spring to America. Dr. H. E. King, who is holding the position of Dean of Graduate School, is on furlough, in very ill health, and it is very doubtful whether he will for some time be in condition to render service to the University.

In view of these conditions, are we not justified in hoping that the Methodist Board will undertake the support of Mr. Breece and Mr. Bobson?

This relief is immediately needed by the University. The action taken by the Presbyterian Board provides for the support of their three new men on the 1st of January, 1920. I should hope it would be possible for the Methodist Board to take similar action.

I am expecting the American Board to take on Mr. Oldham, increasing their number to four; and the London Missionary Society to take on Mr. Barbour, resulting in a similar increase.

With all good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE at its meeting February 19th, 1920,
took action as follows:

"NORTH CHINA:-Peking University is negotiating for a new site and the President has requested the Trustees to authorize him to draw upon them for funds if the Chinese New Year should present a favorable opportunity. The participating Boards have included in their askings for advance large sums for Peking University but these are not yet available to the Trustees. In order to meet this emergency the Trustees are asking the participating Boards, one of which has already acted favorably to loan their credit to the Trustees in order that they may borrow from a bank to meet these drafts. They request the Board of Foreign Missions to underwrite one-third of the amount, or \$43,350. There is in the Centenary estimate \$500,000 for the University of which \$100,000 will presumably become available upon later authorization of the Board.

IT WAS VOTED that the Treasurer of the Board be authorized to cooperate with the other Boards in arranging credit for the Trustees of Peking University, the participation for the Board of Foreign Missions being limited to credit for \$43,350, subject to concurrent action by the Committee on Finance.

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE concurred in this action, March 9th, 1920.

"VOTED:-That the Committee on Finance concurs in the above action."

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

March 3, 1920.

The Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.
Methodist Board of Foreign Missions,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:-

Recent advices from the treasurer of Peking University in China have enabled us to determine how we have come out upon the accounts of the year ending Dec. 31st, 1919. You will remember that the participating Boards appropriated for the period 1917 - 1919 \$3,000. apiece making \$12,000. as a total, and that last year they made a supplementary allowance of \$2,000. each to meet losses in exchange.

I believe it was anticipated at the time that the supplementary allowance was made that a later statement of the accounts with reference to the matter of exchange should be rendered for final settlement.

In order to realize two for one on the \$12,000. gold (or 24,000 Mex.) the treasurer of the Managers has required \$22,678.82 toward which the Boards have supplied to date the \$12,000. originally appropriated and \$8,000. on the exchange account. This leaves unprovided for on that account \$2,678.82.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees have instructed the secretary to ask the Boards to provide, on equal shares, for the deficit on this account amounting to \$669.70 or almost exactly \$670. Unless the Boards make this provision the University will not have realized two for one on the appropriation up to December 31st, 1919, and the deficit will have to be carried forward as a drag upon the appropriation for the new year.

I sincerely trust that your Board will be able to grant the request of the Trustees by providing \$670. for this account.

Faithfully yours,

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Secretary.

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May 13, 1930.

Mr. George F. Sutherland,
Assistant Treasurer,
Board of Foreign Missions of
the Methodist Episcopal Church,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Mr. Sutherland:

A recent cablegram from President Stuart of Peking University indicates that he is likely to draw upon the Trustees of the University for approximately \$75,000 Mexican for the purchase of land for the new site of the University.

Your Board has taken action looking to the endorsement of the note of the Trustees in borrowing the sum necessary to meet this draft, and somewhat more besides. We desire to have the adjustments with our bank, The Irving National Bank, Woolworth Building, New York, such that when the draft comes, the bank will be able to advance us the money immediately. The bank informs me that what is needed is a copy of the action taken by your Board in authorizing the underwriting of this loan, duly certified by the proper officer of the Board and sealed.

I should appreciate it very greatly if you will have this paper prepared and sent to me within a week, if possible.

The action of the Methodist Board is item number 15 in the Minutes of the Finance Committee of March 9, 1930.

Faithfully yours,

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Secretary.

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Board of Foreign Missions
Of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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July
Sixth,
1920.

Mr. W. Reginald Wheeler,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

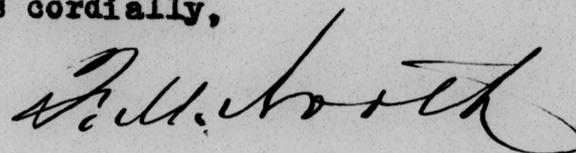
My dear Mr. Wheeler:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 30th ulto. enclosing the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Peking University on June 16th and other enclosures. I have read all with deep interest. I am particularly interested for the result for the negotiations for property. I hope that in some way our friends on the field will be able to reach something definite at an early date.

I quite agree that the financial condition of the University is far from being one we might desire. Together we must seek to find basis ^{for} plans and resources. We greatly appreciate your capital service in handling the business now transferred to you.

With best wishes,

Yours cordially,



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July
Twenty-second
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Mr. Leslie B. Moss
Secretary, Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Moss:

At a meeting of the Executive
Committee of our Board of Foreign Missions,
July 17, 1924, the changes in the constitu-
tion of Peking University were approved.
Dr. Eric North suggested that you would wish
to have this formal notification of our Board's
action.

Cordially yours,

Wm B. Tower

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
PEKING UNIVERSITY

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In the process of adoption of the Constitution of Peking University by the Methodist Board, some changes are recommended of a minor character which have been approved by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Foreign Missions has already adopted the Constitution in its original form, but in order to complete the action in harmony with that of the Board of Trustees and of the other cooperating mission Boards, it is desired that the amendments now recommended be approved.

ACTION SUGGESTED: That the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions approve the amendment of the Constitution of Peking University as follows:

- I. Add: Under Article III. as Section 2, the following:
 2. The Trustees would recommend as a minimum qualification for affiliation with the privilege of electing one Trustee, a contribution of
 - (a) a missionary teacher with residence or rent and \$1,000 annually for maintenance or
 - (b) \$5,000 Gold annually, or
 - (c) \$100,000 Gold for capital purposes
- II. Amend Article IV., Section I.
 - (a) by changing vote "as respective cooperating missions may determine," to read as "as the local mission of each fully cooperating board may determine."
- III. And further amend Article V., Section I, adding

"The minutes of the Yenching College Committee shall be referred to, and the actions subject to ratification by the Board of Trustees."
- IV. Further amend Article V., Section 5, by inserting after the words "or approval", the words "or approval or dismissal of teachers," so that the phrase shall read, "for the appointment or approval or dismissal of teachers."
- V. And further amend Article VII., Section 2, by inserting the phrase "in very exceptional cases" which adds a further guarding of the requirement that the professors be evangelical christians. And further upon approval by the Board

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- V. of Trustees and the other cooperating Boards, add also to this section the phrase, "for which no properly qualified evangelical christian is available."
- VI. And further amend Article VIII. by including in the amendmenrs that require the concurrence of the mission Boards, Article IV., Section 4, which requires that election to the Board of Managers have the approval of the Board of Trustees, and that so far as possible the Board of Managers consist of evangelical christians.

W. S. LEWIS
RESIDENT BISHOP METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PEKING, CHINA

ADDRESS IN UNITED STATES
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

September 22, 1920

The Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. North:

We have just arrived in Peking and have had an extensive interview with President Stewart. I shall, as soon as my Conference is over, place before you the University situation here.

I am dropping you this note at this time to suggest that in case a vacancy occurs on the Board of Trustees of Peking University that you name Brother Frank A. Dunn for that place. I am enclosing herewith a letter to Brother Dunn which you will kindly mail to him in case you see fit to act on this suggestion. I am leaving this letter to Brother Dunn unsealed with the expectation that you will read it. In case you do not make this nomination and election to the Board I ask that you do not send the letter to Brother Dunn. I am simply writing it that he may know my desires in the case, and I think the letter will have some influence on Brother Dunn tending to his accepting the place

I am informed that Brother McBrier is resigning from the Board.

With cordial greetings,

Faithfully yours,

W. S. Lewis

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W. S. LEWIS
RESIDENT BISHOP METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PEKING, CHINA

September 22, 1950

ADDRESS IN UNITED STATES
150 FIFTH AVENUE
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The Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. North:

We have just arrived in Peking and have had an extensive interview with President Stewart. I shall, as soon as my Conference is over, place before you the University situation here.

I am dropping you this note at this time to suggest that in case a vacancy occurs on the Board of Trustees of Peking University that you name Brother Frank A. Mann for that place. I am enclosing herewith a letter to Brother Mann which you will kindly mail to him in case you see fit to act on this suggestion. I am leaving this letter to Brother Mann unopened with the expectation that you will read it. In case you do not make this nomination and elect to forward a letter you do not send the letter to Brother Mann. I am simply writing to let you know my desires in the case, and I think your letter will have some influence on Brother Mann leading to accepting the place.

I am informed that Brother Johnson is resigning from the Board.

With cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,
W. S. Lewis

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RESIDENT BISHOP METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PEKING, CHINA

September 22, 1920

ADDRESS IN UNITED STATES
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

Mr. Frank A. Dunn,
Gardner, Mass.

My dear Brother Dunn:

We have arrived in Peking and are facing our Annual Conference.

As you know we have in Peking a Union University by the cooperation of the Presbyterians, the Congregationalists, the London Mission and the Methodist Episcopal Church. Understanding that a vacancy has occurred in the Board of Trustees at home my heart has turned to you as one whom I would greatly desire to have a member of this Board. No more difficult situation presents itself in my administration here in China than that connected with the Peking University. I should feel it a very great personal favor if you would be willing to act as a member of this body. At a later date I will place before you fully our situation.

Trusting that I may have the privilege of working with you in this connection, and with every good wish, I remain,

Cordially yours,

W. S. Lewis

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PEKING, CHINA

NEW YORK OFFICE
156 FIFTH AVENUE

October 3, 1920

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Dr. Frank Mason North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. North:

Yes
Dr. North

After conference with Dr. Smith, Dr. Luce and Mr. Wheeler it seems best to print two thousand copies of an illustrated pamphlet to be used in connection with securing funds for Peking University. Such a pamphlet would probably cover the needs of several years, and is necessary for campaign purposes. We have one estimate for \$816; it may be, however, that we shall want to employ a better printer and that we shall have to pay somewhat more than this amount. It is necessary for the Executive Committee to have the authorization of the Board of Trustees for the expenditure of all sums exceeding \$100, so I am writing to ask if you will not vote on the following motion: that the Executive Committee be authorized to spend not more than \$1000 on an illustrated pamphlet for the University. If you will write "Yes" or "No" on this page and sign your name and return it to this office at your earliest convenience we should appreciate it very much.

Faithfully yours,

Eric M. North
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Secretary

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(Signed in the absence
of Dr. North *R. E. W.*)

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November 12, 1920

Dr. Frank Mason North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. North:

I am enclosing a document relating to the underwriting by the Methodist Board of the loan which the Trustees of Peking University have authorized to meet the cost of the land for the new site. The Methodist Board on February 19, 1920, agreed to underwrite the specific amount of \$43,350. You know best whether to write in that amount on this paper or whether you would prefer to underwrite one third of \$80,000 Mexican, the amount authorized by the Trustees. The Presbyterian Board, through Mr. Day, has agreed to do this, making an arbitrary rate of one for one, writing in \$80,000 gold as the equivalent for \$80,000 Mexican. Mr. McBrier and I have visited the Bank, and they have agreed to lend us this amount or more up to \$130,000, according to the underwritings sent in by the three Boards. Will you please pass this paper on to your Treasurer, or the proper officer of your Board, to execute and return to me at this office?

You will be glad to know that yesterday we received a cable stating that the land in the main plot had been bought, and that the Governor of Shensi, who owned the estate, had "contributed" \$20,000 Mex. towards the project, making the initial cost \$40,000 Mexican instead of \$60,000 Mexican. As additional land will be needed, it would seem wise, however, to secure credit at least up to \$80,000 from the three Boards. The loans will be secured from the Bank as the drafts for the land come in. I anticipate that the funds to meet these loans when due will be secured through advances from our New Era Movement, the Congregational World Movement and the Centenary, and from the efforts of Dr. Luce and myself and our own Campaign Committee.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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November 19, 1920

Dr. Frank Mason North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. North:

In reference to the underwriting of the \$80,000 loan for the land purchase for this university, I am enclosing a copy of the action taken by the Presbyterian Board, which may be of service in bringing up this matter before the Methodist Board.

I trust that the Board will appreciate that instead of our asking them for one-third of \$130,000 gold, we are coming to them now for only one-third of \$80,000.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary of the University.

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Board of Foreign Missions
Of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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November
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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

Dr. Eric M. North
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. North:

I write in acknowledgment of your letter of November Eighteenth informing me of my election to membership of the Board of Trustees of Peking University. I esteem it an honor and a call to service to accept the duties of this election.

Cordially yours,

Ralph A. Ward

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W. H. Brown
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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. ERIC NORTH:

I am writing you on the matter of the purchase of the old site of Peking University, adjacent to the Peking Compound of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Certain representations have been made in connection with this matter, but we are not clear as to the exact status of the negotiations. Will you be good enough to inform me on one or two points:

In whose hands rests authority for the sale of this property to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church?

It is my understanding that the Methodist Board has been given an option and, from the letter of President Stuart, dated October 1st, 1920, it would seem that Peking University is very glad to have its purchase discussed.

Can this purchase by the Methodist Board be completed between the trustees and the representatives of the Methodist Board in America?

What measure of authority has been granted to the Board of Managers?

In how far must joint action be secured by the Board of Managers and the Board of Trustees?

What is the status of the negotiations?

What steps have been taken either by the Board of Trustees or the Board of Managers looking to the purchase by the Methodist Board?

I think it is clearly the desire of our Board to consider favorably the purchase of this property. I am writing to have from you some official word which I can lay before the Committees of our Board for official action.

Ralph A. Ward

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See Galt 7/1/20
Stuart 11/1/20
Action by Com. 7/22/19

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