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Jan. 17, 1921

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RALPH A. WARD

In response to your inquiry of Dec. 28, concerning the arrangement for the sale of the site of Peking University, per mit me to answer your questions as follows:

1. The authority for the sale of this property to the Board of Foreign Missions rests in the hands of the Trustees of Peking University.
2. This purchase by the Methodist Board can be completed between the Trustees and the representatives of the Methodist Board in America provided certain other preliminary arrangements have been made.
3. In my understanding, no measure of authority has been granted to the Board of Managers as yet to make a sale; they are instructed to inform us as to what portions are desired by the Methodist Mission and what portions are not, and we shall then give them instructions to dispose of the portions not desired by the Methodist Mission as promptly and at as favorable rates as possible and that the section in which the Methodist Mission may be interested shall be taken up for disposal as rapidly as may be.
4. In reply to your question as to, how far must joint action be by the Board of Managers and the Board of Trustees, I do not think the Board of Trustees would feel prepared to sell property unless the Board of Managers were able to state that they were ready to get off the property.
5. I do not know what the status of the negotiations on the field may be with respect to the Methodist Mission. The state of the negotiations in this country consists of what you are saying to me and I am saying to you.
6. The only steps taken by the Board of Trustees looking to the purchase by the Methodist Board are indicated by the direction of the Board of Trustees to the Managers to sell any superfluous property which they are not now using, to the best advantage possible with due respect to the agreement with the Methodists and to proceed as they may see fit in raising the question with the Methodist Mission as to what property it wants.

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I attach herewith copies of paragraphs from a letter from Howard S. Galt, Chairman of the Committee on Grounds and Buildings of the University, dated July 1, 1920, and from President Stuart, dated November 1, 1920; and also the action taken by the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the University with reference to the determination of the price at which the property is to be returned.

You will note what Mr. _____ has to say concerning the basis of estimate of the purchase price. I think in that connection the action taken by the Executive Committee should be noted with the further fact that it was the intention of the Committee that the University should not profit at the expense of the Mission nor the Mission at the expense of the University. You will note, also, in lieu of the transfer of \$50,000 gold to the University as the capital amount of its share in the basis of cooperation, the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions put in property at a gold valuation of, I think, approximately \$87,000 gold. Note also that the property which the University holds does not entirely consist of property which the Methodist Mission had previously bought. I should be glad to consult with you concerning the proper arrangements for estimating the sale price on this, a complete map of the property is available in the Peking office.

I am frank to say that I think it highly unlikely that the University will be able to get off the property much before the spring of 1923 or the fall of 1922. It is possible that it may be earlier _____ the Methodist Board can afford to buy the entire old site.

E. M. North

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

May 2, 1921

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

Dear Doctor North:

At the meeting of the Trustees of Peking University held April 14, 1921, the following action was taken:

"It was voted that the Finance Committee under the authority of the Executive Committee ask the Methodist Board for an early answer as to its desire to avail itself of its option for purchase of the land inside the city wall owned by the University, requesting that in view of the pressing need for the use of the cash value of this property by the University and the opportunities for sale to others, the Methodist Board arrange for early purchase and payment."

I understand that the Board of Foreign Missions has taken action upon this matter and should appreciate a statement of it from the Methodist Board for the records of the Trustees and for the guidance of the Finance Committee.

In adjusting the detail of the arrangement for the contract of sale covering such matters of time of payment and adjustment of equities on rent and interest, the Finance Committee has requested Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith to act as their representative in conference with you. Dr. Ward and I will arrange for such a conference at an early date.

Cordially yours,

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

~~May 8, 1921~~

May 10, 1921

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

My dear Doctor North:

The Finance Committee of the Trustees of Peking University are beginning to deal with the problem of arrangements for supervision of the construction of University buildings upon the new site and with the drawing of plans. We desire as a guide to us the skilled experience of Mr. E. F. Black of the Methodist Episcopal Mission in Foochow, now in this country on furlough. It is our thought that he would give time to advising the Committee in the selection of personnel and in the preparation of schedules for undertaking the program; and to a genuine extent serving as our representative in setting up our arrangements with architects, builders and such staff as we shall need.

The action of the Finance Committee was as follows:

"VOTED: That we request Mr. E. F. Black to serve the Trustees under the direction of this Committee in securing for the University provision for architectural design and superintendence of construction, and that we make such adjustments with the Methodist Board as may be necessary."

I should be glad to know whether your Board would approve of such an arrangement and the character of the adjustment which you would consider desirable. I shall take the matter up with Mr. Black when I have heard from you.

Cordially yours,

EMM
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May 16th,
1921.

The Rev. Eric M. North, Ph.D.,
Secretary, Board of Trustees,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

The Rev. George L. Davis has written in
behalf of the North China Methodist mission concerning
the construction of certain new temporary buildings on
the old site of Peking University within the walls.

It is the recommendation of the Mission
that if the Trustees of Peking University find it
necessary to erect any further buildings on the site
the cost of these buildings be not figured in any way
as a part of the purchase price of the property by the
Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal
Church. Of course this refers only to buildings which
may be erected after completion of the negotiations
for the actual sale of the property by the University
to the Board.

Cordially yours,

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Ralph A. Ward

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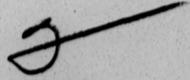
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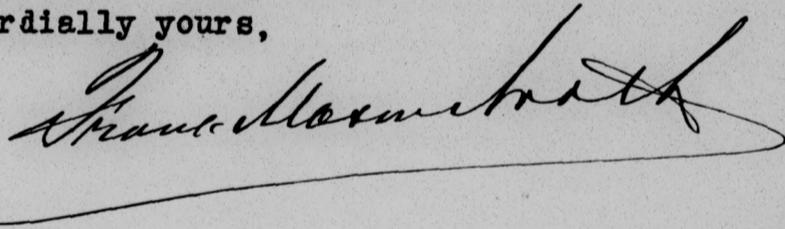

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

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

My dear Dr. North:

Your favor of the 10th, conveying the request of the Finance Committee of the Trustees of Peking University that Mr. E. F. Black be asked to serve the Trustees, under the direction of the Finance Committee, in securing for the University provision for architectural design and superintendence of construction, and indicating that it would be the wish of the Finance Committee to make adjustments with the Methodist Board as might be necessary, has been received and considered. While waiting to send answer, I have seen Mr. Black and assured him of our willingness that he should undertake any work of this kind that might be within his power, but without definite statement as to the duties involved or the financial conditions which might be established. I shall ask Mr. Black to give me some memorandum as to what he finds to be involved in this cooperation and on the basis of his statement we shall be able to make some decision as to just what course to take. Meantime, the general proposition that he shall be free to serve the Board of Trustees is agreed to. If you have additional information on this matter, kindly advise me.

Cordially yours,



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June 7, 1921

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

My dear Doctor North:

It is my pleasure to forward to you the
following action of the Trustees of Peking
University, taken at their Annual Meeting this
spring:

"VOTED: That the Trustees express their
appreciation to the Board of Foreign
Missions of the Methodist Episcopal
Church for underwriting the salary and
allowances of the member of the staff
from the University of Southern
California have undertaken to support."

The cooperation of the Board of Foreign
Missions in this matter is sincerely appreciated
by all concerned.

Cordially yours,

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June 9, 1921.

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TRUSTEES OF
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Dr. Eric M. North, Secretary,
Board of Trustees, Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

As a matter of record between the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Board of Trustees of Peking University, I write that we may have for our common records a memorandum of the steps recently taken in the transfer of property from the Peking University to the Board of Foreign Missions.

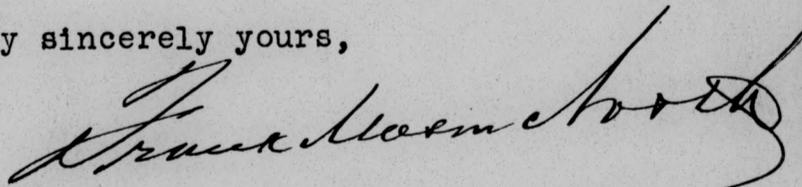
At the request of the Trustees of Peking University and upon authority of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. Lincoln H. Smith and myself were in conference on May 12th and reached a tentative conclusion as to the basis by which the Board of Foreign Missions is to purchase from Peking University all of the property belonging to Peking University, adjacent to the Peking Compound of the Board of Foreign Missions.

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On the basis of this agreement and in keeping with various informal conferences between representatives of the Peking University and the Board of Foreign Missions, there was paid to the Treasurer of Peking University by the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, on June 6th, \$25,000.00 as an initial payment in the purchase of this property.

The exact amount of the purchase price under conditions of the option held by the Board of Foreign Missions is to be determined on the basis of data in the records of Peking University and the various Boards making contributions of property to Peking University. Further payments by the Board of Foreign Missions are to be made over a period beginning not earlier than January 1, 1922. Details as to time of payment and date of occupancy are subject to negotiations which are pending.

Very sincerely yours,



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June 17, 1921

Dr. Frank Mason North,
Board of Foreign Missions
of the Methodist Episcopal Church,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

My dear Doctor North:

I have your letter of June 9, stating as
a matter of record the status of the matter of the
transfer of property from Peking University to the
Board of Foreign Missions.

The statement is entirely correct.

Cordially yours,

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July 7, 1921.

Dr. Eric M. North, Secretary,
Board of Trustees of Peking University,
New York City.

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY.

My dear Dr. North:

While the details of transfer of the former site at Peking University to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church will still be subject to negotiation between special representatives of the two Boards, yet there should doubtless come to you in this formal notice a report of the action of the Executive Committee and of the Finance Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions. According to this action, the Methodist Board desires to complete the purchase of this property at Peking University adjacent to the Methodist Compound in Peking under conditions of the option and subject to any negotiations which have entered into the purchase, with the understanding that arrangements shall be made for payments in the smallest possible installments, deferred as long as possible, the total of payments under no circumstances to exceed \$75,000. Gold any one year. There has already been paid to the Treasurer of Peking University on account of this purchase \$25,000. Gold.

Cordially yours,

Ralph A. Ward

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August 31, 1921.

Dr. Eric North,
Secretary, Board of Trustees of Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

My dear Dr. North:

Arrangements have been made with the Board of Foreign Missions whereby Mr. Paul Van Camp sails for China this fall.

Mr. Van Camp was educated as a civil engineer, and has had a year's experience in architectural work with Mr. Fred Trimble. We believe that he will make an excellent man as Superintendent of Construction, and eventually for service in architectural design.

In view of the needs of Peking University for further assistance in superintendence of construction, and the fact that the building program of North China will call for more architectural design during the next two or three years than Mr. Van Camp will be qualified to give until after he has had that much experience in the field, I am writing to suggest that if Peking University cares to avail itself of Mr. Van Camp's services, some arrangement might be worked out whereby he could be transferred to the University for a period of one or more years.

Since Mr. Van Camp will be ready to sail to the field in the very near future, it would be advisable to take action at as early a date as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph A. Ward

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October 13, 1921

Dr. Ralph A. Ward,
Board of Foreign Missions
of the Methodist Episcopal Church,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

My dear Doctor Ward:

In response to your letter of August 31 concerning your arrangements for Mr. Paul VanCamp, permit me to report the following action of the Finance Committee of the Trustees of the University as follows:

F1142. VOTED: That it is the sense of the Finance Committee that the Building Committee of Peking University and the Construction Department of the Methodist Episcopal Mission might well work out a plan whereby the services of Mr. Van Camp are available to the University in return for the services which the architectural staff of Peking University will be able to give to the Methodist Mission."

Cordially yours,

EMAN
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PEKING UNIVERSITY

TRANSFER

November 22nd, 1921.

Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church,
Attention Dr. Frank M. North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Gentlemen:-

The Trustees of the Peking University, through their Executive Committee, requests the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church to increase their present annual appropriation of \$35,000, guaranteed two for one, to Peking University to \$44,000 a year guaranteed two for one.

The action of the Executive Committee is as follows:

RESOLVED: That the three Boards be requested to increase their appropriation, each by \$1,000, making the appropriation \$44,000 guaranteed two for one, instead of \$35,000, and that the London Missionary Society be requested to advance their appropriation to \$22,000 guaranteed two for one.

Peking University is in need of this increase in appropriation from the Boards. At the beginning of this year the Preparatory Junior College was opened and the in-rush of students has been so large that we have been able to select those of the greatest promise, but have been compelled to turn away many others. The effect of this has been practically to double the size of the student body as compared with the last academic year. Furthermore the increasing indications that the way is open to us for co-operation with the Peking Union Medical College for pre-medical work makes it important for us to maintain these aspects of the work at a high standard of efficiency.

The Managers have in prospect measures for salary adjustment of the Chinese members of the faculty, which will mean in their judgment, greater efficiency and more satisfactory service on their part, but also a somewhat larger expense.

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Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church,
November 22, 1921.

The Trustees have believed that the University should be kept moving forward steadily but slowly in its development, and to this end have believed that they were justified in appropriating to the University somewhat more than the income from the appropriations from the Boards with the expectation that the Financial Campaign now being carried on would increase the current receipts of the University. It has happened, however, that the Campaign has taken a peculiar turn and that we are being more successful in securing buildings and prospects of buildings and some endowment than we have been in securing funds for current expenses over and above the costs of the Campaign. This has meant that at the end of June 1921 the current account was approximately \$9,000 behind, this covering a period of over two years. With this in view the Executive Committee of the Trustees in making the appropriation for the current year, not only have made no increase but have reduced the appropriation below that of last year by approximately \$1,500, a little less than 10%. We anticipate during the year certain adjustments that will, we trust, prevent this from seriously affecting the work of the University.

It should further be said in behalf of the Peking University that every evidence is being given of the confidence in which it has come to be held by those who have visited it, by the China Medical Board, by educators and men in public life to whom its case has been presented and by the internal evidence of the success of its work. It is our judgement that it is highly important that the moral of the faculty be kept high during this period in which they are in extremely cramped temporary quarters and that efficiency be maintained and increased during this transition before the buildings are constructed on the new site.

It is our hope that at some time we may realize upon the convictions of the Methodist Board with reference to the University as expressed in the sum for the increase of its capital and equipment, which was included in the forward movement program of the Board, but for the present our urgent need is the increase in our current income. We trust that all the Boards supporting this strategic educational institution will find their way clear to provide this increase.

The fiscal year upon which this appropriation is made in agreements with the Board is the calendar year, the current agreements being based upon that rather than upon the various fiscal years of the Boards.

Cordially yours,

Secretary.

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

December
Twenty,
1921

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

My dear Dr. North:-

A meeting of the Trustees of Peking University is called for January 18, 1922, at 10:00 A.M. in the Board Room of the Methodist Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions, Room 500, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

A number of matters of considerable importance will come before the meeting at that time. If possible, an advance statement of some of them will be sent to all the Trustees.

I trust that you will find it possible to attend.

Cordially yours,

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Board of Foreign Missions
Of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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December 22-1921

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

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

My dear Dr. North:

Prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, you wrote officially to the Board suggesting an increase from \$3,000. Gold to \$4,000. Gold as its annual appropriation to Peking University.

In view of the fact that one of the other Boards has made a pledge of \$1,000.00 on condition that proportional amounts are secured from the other cooperating bodies, and in view also of the very urgent needs of Peking University at this time, it is hoped that our Board may eventually be able to make some such provision as was suggested by you in behalf of the University. Any such provision, however, I fear, cannot be consummated for several weeks, if, indeed, it is eventually possible.

Cordially yours,

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Ralph A. Ward

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January 12, 1922

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

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

My dear Doctor North:

This is to notify you that the Finance Committee of the Trustees of Peking University have elected the Rev. W. F. Schell, D.D., to act as a representative of the Committee in negotiations with the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions on the sale of the old site.

These negotiations are temporarily suspended pending the receipt of full statements from the field showing the basis upon which the gold book value of the site is calculated.

Cordially yours,

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

January twenty
1922

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

Dear Doctor North:

The Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church at its meeting on January 19 considered the request for additional contribution to the current expenses of Peking University for the year 1922, it being understood that the proposal has been made that each of the cooperating Boards increase its contribution for this purpose by \$500.

Action was taken, making a grant for 1922 of an additional amount of \$500 on this account, on condition that a similar amount be made available from the other Missions concerned. This is made as a special grant and it is understood by the Committee that should a similar amount be required in succeeding years, it would be made a part of the regular Recurring Items Budget of the North China Mission. The terms of our action would seem to involve the addition of about \$500 by each of the Boards for 1922. It will be construed, I think, as applying to the two other Boards in America since we understand that the London Missionary Society is not in a position or is not willing to make any additional grant.

Yours cordially,

Frank Mason North

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January
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1922.

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Dr. Eric M. North, Secretary,
Trustees of Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

I write to report the recent action of the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church in making available for Peking University certain funds pledged by the Board of Foreign Missions for the Theological School building at the University. The action provides:

"That approval be given for the use of \$25,000 pledged by the Board of Foreign Missions for the Theological School building at Peking University, the plans for the building and the expenditure of this gift to be duly conducted by the Trustees of the University, in keeping with the obligations of the Board of Foreign Missions, remittance is to be made to the Trustees of Peking University, as said fund is available and payments are needed."

Yours cordially,

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Board of Foreign Missions
of the Methodist Episcopal Church

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TRANSFER

February 9, 1922

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

My dear Doctor North:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of January 20, 1922, concerning action of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions, approving an additional contribution to the current expenses of Peking University of \$500 for the current year, depending upon similar action by other cooperating Boards.

I am glad to inform you that the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions have agreed to these conditions and have made appropriations of a corresponding amount for the current year.

This, as I understand it, makes the appropriation of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions to the Trustees of Peking University for current expenses \$3,500 gold, guaranteed at two for one, making a quarterly payment of \$875.

I need not say that the Trustees of the University greatly appreciate this action of the cooperating Boards.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

February 9, 1922

Dr. Ralph A. Ward,
Board of Foreign Missions of
the Methodist Episcopal Church,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Doctor Ward:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of January 26,
reporting action of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions
and making available for Peking University funds for the
Theological School building.

The action is noted and greatly appreciated. The
pleasure of the Trustees at the gift has been sent forward
to the donor through Dr. E. S. Mind by action of the Trustees.

Cordially yours,

Secretary

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February 10, 1922

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. R. A. WARD.

I wish to call to your attention the situation with reference to Mr. William Hung. You will remember that by Action 127 of the Finance Committee of the Trustees the conditions which Hung set up were accepted in behalf of the Managers.

The Trustees in their meeting of January 18th were very critical of the phrase stating that his remuneration should be that of a regular missionary and refused to take action endorsing it.

" T-1243--- That the Trustees have learned of the arrangements made by the Managers for Mr. Hung's relationship to the University and will be glad to allocate to the Managers for his support funds to be raised for that purpose."

Now comes to hand from Peking a copy of the letter which President Stuart wrote concerning the matter and which was lost here. This states the following:

"Regarding William Hung:- Your letter on the subject expressed a policy regarding Chinese with which I am in the heartiest accord as you will see from the references in my report. We have been looking into this quite carefully during the past few weeks and the result is recommendations approved by our Board of Managers which have come from its Chinese members in consultation with our returned students. It is to me one of the most progressive and promising actions. These recommendations enable us to approve of Hung's case as a principle which would not conflict with the treatment of other Chinese. However, the Deans and I have felt that it would be better that every additions to our staff begin as an instructor, or in exceptional cases assistant professor which would make it impossible to carry out Hung's proposals without violating the proposed new basis in the item of salary. Meanwhile, Bishop Lewis will doubtless have conveyed to you his and my joint suggestion that Hung take a church in this city for Fukien people giving half time to this and the other half to the University and that we get the half time of Kao Fong Shan, now in Garrett Institute, on a similar basis, the two counting as one additional Methodist representative. There are two ways of meeting the situation:

1. Giving Hung the exact amount that he would get as a Methodist missionary on the ground that the new basis has not been approved by the Trustees and may not go into effect for some time, if at all. The objections to this are that our Chinese feel it is better to face the proper treatment of Chinese on the merits of the men rather than by any analogy to missionaries who are temporary and unrelated to problems of Chinese church life; also that making an exception of him states a precedent that may cause difficulties.
2. Classifying him as a special lecturer working for the Methodist Board with whom all financial arrangements have been made. In two years when we will have moved to the new site it will be very easy to determine his permanent status.

" Another perplexity arises from references in Luce's letter to his fitness for financial work at home. This implies that he is not coming out this summer, in which case he could be paid from now on a missionary's salary until he comes to the field at which time it will be entirely possible to guarantee on one basis or the other that his conditions will be substantially covered. Our own feeling would be that much as we should like to have him at once it would be better to use him in the home campaign for another session. I am, therefore, cabling as follows:-

'Concerning W. Hung, conditions as laid down in letter substantially covered by our proposal (for) treatment (of) Chinese teachers generally. Terms have been agreed to. Letter with full information follows.' "

It accordingly seems to me that by the rather precipitate action into which we were led by your anxiety to clear up the relationship of Hung to the University we have been placed in a rather embarrassing position. Letter of acceptance received from Hung states this:

"You have made it clear that remuneration for my services will be in all respects equivalent to that given a regular missionary except the item of travel to and from America."

You will recognize the variety of special claims for special items that are opened by this basis and which I was distinctly anxious to avoid. Mr. Hung's unwillingness to stand by the basis for Chinese salaries prepared by Chinese in Peking, including returned students, and approved by the Managers makes the situation all the more complicated. I have a feeling that we have given Stuart a problem to deal with and wish that we might smooth-out some of it before S himself has to deal with it.

Eric M. North.

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

February
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1922

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

My dear Dr. North:-

A meeting of the Executive Committee of
the Trustees of Peking University is called for Thurs-
day, February 23rd, at 10 o'clock in the Board Room,
150 Fifth Avenue.

Cordially yours,

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March 1, 1922. *J*

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MEMO FOR DR. ERIC NORTH

I have noted with special care your memorandum of February 14th regarding the status of Mr. William Hung. Plainly we will need to be careful lest an involved and embarrassing situation become more so. There have been so many people dealing with Hung on this matter both unofficially and semi officially, and he has had so many seemingly authoritative advisers that we will do well to simplify the whole situation in any future dealings.

I presume that from his standpoint, the relationship is now officially set up by the exchange of various official letters with him and any attempts at "understanding" with him will be involved in further delicacy. Our difficulties are increased by the fact that Mr. Hung did not seek the position at the University, was under strong compulsion from friends to accept other positions of Christian service outside of mission institutions, and was urged almost to the point of vehement criticism to take positions in our Methodist work rather than in an Union institution.

May I take note particularly of what Dr. Stuart says about a proposed arrangement for Hung to be related to a Church of Fukien speaking people and probably paid in part from Methodist sources. So far as I have been able to discover this has never been officially set up. Doubtless it was in the mind of Bishop Lewis as a possible plan. He never talked it over with me in connection with the problems of funds from our Board. I think the proposition was never put up definitely to Mr. Hung. We have had no request nor advice from our North China Mission proposing that Mr. Hung be employed for part time in the development of a church for Fukien people in Peking. Furthermore, I think Mr. Hung was opposed to the arrangement. His expectation for doing direct evangelistic work was that he be related as a volunteer assistant to some one of the regular Peking churches in which Mandarin is spoken.

My impression was that he regarded this in the nature of laboratory work connected with his duties in the theological school.

It should be understood clearly by all concerned that the action of the Trustees of the University in employing Mr. Hung in no way carries with it an obligation of the Methodists to bear directly any share of Mr. Hung's salary or other expenses. So far as I have been able to discover, the initial approach to Mr. Hung was by people not Methodists representing the University. This is not a joint undertaking by the University and the Methodists but one for arrangement solely between the University and Mr. Hung.

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Ralph A. Ward

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Of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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March
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TRUSTEES OF
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Dr. Eric M. North
Secretary Board of Trustees
Peking University.

My dear Dr. North:

May I call attention to the fact that the donor of \$25000 through our Board, for a Theological School Building in Peking University, one John Doe by Dr. Edward S. Ninde, may have desired conference with him or at least Dr. Gamewell, before procedure in making final plans for the building. As doubtless you know, Dr. Gamewell's name was associated with this gift. I have written Dr. Gamewell on this matter.

It is altogether possible that the trustees later may have from him some suggestions for modification of the plans. No action is necessary at this time, but I am writing to call your attention to the fact that procedure thus far has gone forward quite largely without conference with the donor or his representatives, save the brief conference with Dr. Ninde.

Cordially yours,

Ralph A. Ward

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March sixth,
1922.

Dr. Eric M. North,
Secretary, Board of Trustees of
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

My dear Dr. North:

I am instructed to report that the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church at its February meeting received communication from the Committee representing the University of Nanking and the University of Peking concerning the use of famine funds held by the various Mission Boards. The action of our Executive Committee instructs that there be expressed to the Committee of the University our appreciation of the careful statement of the facts and the recommendations made, and that since correspondence is pending between our Corresponding Secretary and the field in relation to this matter, no action be taken at this time.

The documents in the case were referred to the Administrative Committee of our Board for further examination and report.

Cordially yours,

Ralph A. Ward

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March 15, 1922

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Dr. Ralph A. Ward,
Board of Foreign Missions of
the Methodist Episcopal Church,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Doctor Ward:

Permit me to acknowledge your two letters of
March 6.

I note the action with reference to the Famine
Fund as one of postponement at the present time.

May I say with reference to your other letter,
raising question as to whether donor of the fund for the
building of the School of Religion of Peking University,
made through Dr. Edward S. Ninde and Dr. Gamewell, has
already seen the plans for the building as prepared by the archi-
tact, he has and through Dr. Edward S. Ninde has expressed
his satisfaction with them and his pleasure in seeing them.

I have had no intimations from Dr. Ninde referring
at any point to suggestions for modifications of the plans.
I sincerely trust that other correspondence which you have
initiated with Dr. Gamewell will not cause confusion on this
matter.

May I call your attention to the fact that it was
only incidentally and through the President of the University
that the Board of Trustees ever learned that there was a
pledge of \$25,000 for a School of Religion
though presumably such information should have come to the
Trustees from the Methodist Board. It would have been
entirely possible for the Trustees to have gone forward and
raised funds from some other donor for the School of Religion
Building so far as the information received from the Methodist
Board was concerned up to that time. I am sure I can not

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understand the last sentence of your letter, indicating that the Trustees have been neglectful of the courtesy of consultation with the donor or with his representatives. Whenever there has been material information concerning the development of the project, I have communicated it to Dr. Hinde and I have had clear and definite word from him in response; and there has been no intimation in his correspondence that the Trustees were not dealing with the matter to his satisfaction. If there are any specific points in which we have been neglectful of the courtesies, we should be glad to have them called to our attention.

May I further report to you that I recently had information from Dr. Hinde confirming information which I had already had from Prof. Gibb (concerning consultation between Dr. Gamewell and Dr. Stuart), to the effect that the unknown donor, one John Doe, would increase his subscription by \$15,000 to be paid in three instalments of \$5,000 each at annual intervals. This gift makes the total gift for the building \$40,000.

Faithfully yours,

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April 26, 1922

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE TRUSTEES
OF PEKING UNIVERSITY.

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

The resolutions attached to the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of April 20th are sent to you for the purpose of examination and criticism as was the understanding at that meeting.

Will you kindly return them with any criticisms or comments you may have as soon as possible in order that the minutes may be completed. ✓

Cordially yours,

Eric M. North
Secretary. *(per E. M. N.)*

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Dr. Eric M. North

The Minutes and Resolutions of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Peking University, recently referred to me, seem to be O.K. ✓

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

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

My dear Doctor North:

Inasmuch as the matters referred to in the enclosed correspondence are connected with the building operations which are directed by the Trustees of Peking University, I am referring them to you for such action as the Trustees may desire to take.

Cordially yours,

Frank Mason North

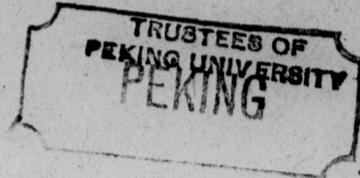
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Enclose

Letter of Julian Arnold, March, 13, 1922,
Commercial Attache, Peking, China;
and covering letter of
Leland Rex Robinson,
Bureau Foreign & Domestic Commerce,
Washington, D.C. April 20, 1922.
Letter of E.A. Silagi, Truscon Steel Co.,
Shanghai, China, March 14, 1922

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TRANSFER



✓ May 3, 1922

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

My dear Doctor North:

An examination of the records of the Trustees of Peking University, together with the records of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, shows that the terms of certain of the Trustees representing the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions have lapsed without re-elections taking place.

John F. Goucher, originally elected in the Class of 1917, re-elected in 1917 in the Class of 1921, term expired in 1921. His successor should be elected in the Class of 1925.

Frank Mason North, originally elected in the Class of 1920, not re-elected; his successor should be elected in the Class of 1924.

William D. Kelley, elected originally in the Class of 1918, not re-elected. The second term for which he was not elected expires in 1922. His successor should be elected for a term ending in 1926.

H. C. Ingraham, originally elected in the Class of 1917, which should have been the Class of 1919, resigned in 1920 - W. J. Thompson elected as his successor in 1920.

May I therefore request in behalf of the Trustees that you elect a successor to
John F. Goucher, in Class of 1925,
F. M. North, " " " 1924,
W. V. Kelley, " " " 1926
and that you approve the assignment of W. J. Thompson to the Class of 1923?

Cordially yours,

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May 23, 1922

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

My dear Dr. North:-

It was not possible at the recent joint meeting of the Finance and Executive Committees of the Trustees of Peking University to reach conclusions on the very urgent matter of larger campaign plans. It is believed that this matter will be ready for complete discussion and conclusion within ten days or so.

There are many other important questions which should be settled while President Stuart is here. He is away from the city now until the first of June and will be leaving New York on the 9th en route to China.

May I ask whether it will be possible for you to meet with the Finance and Executive Committees on the afternoon of Monday, June 5th at 2 P. M.? If not, will you kindly indicate your convenience in regard to other days before Friday of that week? It is much to be hoped that a full attendance of the committees can be secured.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

June 20, 1922

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

My dear Dr. North:-

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the
Trustees of Peking University is called for Thursday,
June 22nd at 2 p.m. in the Board Room of the Methodist
Foreign Mission Board.

Cordially yours,

Secretary

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June 20th, 1922.

Dr. Eric M. North,
Secretary, Board of Trustees,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. City.

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

My dear Dr. North:-

I write by way of formal report
that you may know of the recent action of our Executive
Committee regarding payment on the purchase of the Peking
University site. The Committee at its last session voted
as follows:-

"That we recognize the requirements
involved in this undertaking, but that
action be postponed as to payment."

Cordially yours,

J. M. Smith

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June 26, 1922

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

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

My dear Doctor North:

Re: MR. AND MRS. HARRIS (H. E.)

The Executive Committee of the Trustees of Peking University on June 22, 1922, took the following action:

E-1379 "Voted: That Mr. H. E. Harris, approved candidate of the Methodist Board, be approved as a member of the Faculty of the University for three years, his outgoing and support to be covered by funds raised by students of the University of Southern California to the extent of \$2,000 a year, any balance necessary to be found within the budget of the University, provided that he is taken on at the end of that time by a Mission Board, the Board will be responsible for his return expenses."

We understand that Mr. Harris and his fiancée are approved as missionaries by the Board of Foreign Missions, the understanding being that for the first three years their appointment will be by the University and their support will come from the University of Southern California. On the basis of this understanding, I am making arrangements for the outgoing of Mr. Harris and his fiancée under the University Trustees and will be glad to be advised by you whether it is your desire that the funds be provided by the University shall be paid directly to the Trustees or through the Methodist Board. The latter arrangement will be satisfactory if you so desire.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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June 26, 1922

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

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

My dear Doctor North:

RE: FINANCIAL ADJUSTMENT IN THE CASE
OF MR. WILLIAM HUNG.

Your memorandum concerning the allowance of \$35 a week which the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions has been paying to Mr. Hung as a supplemental allowance, has been noted.

By action of the Finance Committee, the Treasurer is instructed to reimburse the Board of Foreign Missions for the time spent by Mr. Hung's campaign work for the University. I am informed by Mr. Hung that the period covered was ten weeks and the amount involved is therefore \$350.

Upon word from you that this adjustment is satisfactory, I will have check drawn and sent to you for this amount.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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June 29th, 1922.

Dr. Erie M. North, Secretary,
Board of Trustees,
Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

My dear Dr. North:-

Your letter of June 26th regarding
the outgoing of Mr. H. V. Harris as a member of the faculty
of the University of Peking, is at hand.

Our understanding agrees with yours,
and with that of the Trustees of the University.

I think that it will be perhaps
wise for the University of California to follow the present
plan of sending funds for the support of their represent-
atives on the field, directly to the Treasurer of the Board
of Foreign Missions, rather than to the Trustees of the
University. This, I believe, will simplify matters in
case Mr. Harris at the end of his three year term, should
enter upon other work in connection with our Mission Board.

Cordially yours,

E. M. North

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June 29th, 1922.

Dr. Eric M. North,
Secretary, Board of Trustees,
Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. City.

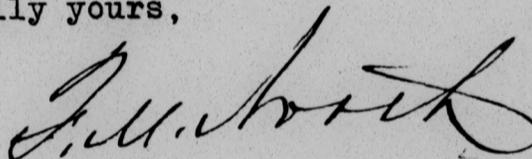
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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

My dear Dr. North:-

I write in reply to your letter
of June 26th regarding financial adjustment in the
case of the Reverend William Hung.

The action which the Peking University
Finance Committee has taken in reimbursing the Board for
the time which Mr. Hung spent in campaigning for the
University, is entirely satisfactory. Thank you for
attending to the matter.

Cordially yours,



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July 6, 1922

MEMORANDUM FOR F. M. NORTH

Services of Mr. W. O. Gantz to Trustees of Peking University

I am very much surprised and disturbed at the memorandum which comes to me, suggesting that the Peking Trustees provide \$250 for the services rendered by Mr. Gantz in the case of the settlement of the claim of Harry H. Hussey.

The action taken by the Finance Committee, to which the matter was committed by the Trustees for settlement, put the matter in the hands of the attorneys of the American Board, the Presbyterian Board and the Methodist Board. It was impossible for the lawyer of the American Board, being in Boston, to take hold of the matter actively and Mr. Stiger was incapacitated by his blindness from handling this type of case. Accordingly when I took up the matter, in the emergency it seemed to me that the only thing to do was to put it into the hands of Mr. Gantz. I did this without anticipation on my part or on that of the Finance Committee, that a request for payment of the services of Mr. Gantz, of if they had been used, of the other lawyers of the other Boards, would come. I am sure any intimation from me that such reimbursement is desired would be a surprise to the Finance Committee.

It would not seem to me that the Trustees of Peking University bear a relation to Mr. Gantz of a firm outside of the Board of Foreign Missions, seeking his services. I would suppose that the services of Mr. Gantz in this connection would be no different than the services which I have rendered to the University as Secretary, both of us being members of the Staff of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions. The unusual relationship that exists between the Board and Mr. Gantz with reference to outside work by Mr. Gantz does not seem to me to apply in this case. Some matters have been sent to Mr. Stiger for examination and there has been no intimation that there is any fee involved.

Something in your memorandum of the 29th to Dr. Fowles leads me to think that you may think that the Trustees of the University are inquiring as to what settlement should be made of the matter. The inquiry was raised by a memorandum to me from Mr. Gantz some time ago, in which he raised the question, as to what compensation, "if any," should be made to settle the matter.

It is my judgment that there is no more reason why the Board of Foreign Missions should render a bill to the Trustees for the services of the Legal Department to the University than that the Board should render a bill for the services of the Department of Education to the University.

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E. M. North

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

July 19, 1922

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

My dear Dr. North:-

President Stuart, when he left, requested
me to place the enclosed statement in your hands.

Faithfully yours,

Enclosure

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July 31
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Dr. Frank Mason North,
Methodist Episcopal Board
of Foreign Missions,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Doctor North:

By the resignation of Mr. Dobson and the retirement of Dr. King, there are, as you will recollect, two vacancies in the Faculty quota of your Board in Peking University.

I am writing to ask whether you approve the arrangement which has been agreed to by the Committee of the Trustees, that where vacancies occur in quotas of Board Faculty Members, the University shall receive from the Board \$250 local currency per month during the vacancy.

If this is approved, will you be so kind as to let your field Treasurer know of the arrangement. The present situation, I understand, will mean the payment by the field Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Board of Managers of \$250 local currency per month for each of the two vacancies, beginning July 1.

We would prefer to have this payment made on the field rather than here.

Faithfully yours,

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Secretary

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PEKING

October 2nd, 1922

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

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. North:-

I write by way of formal report concerning the recent action of the Executive Committee of our Board, by which authority was given for the payment of \$250. Mexican per month, to Peking University for each vacancy in the agreed quota of missionary faculty supported directly by the Board of Foreign Missions, during the period of such vacancy."

You will, of course, notify the proper authorities in connection with the University, concerning this action.

Cordially yours,

Ralph A. Ward,

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October 4, 1922.

Mr. Franklin H. Warner,
52 Vanderbilt Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Warner:

As I am leaving the city shortly for the middle west to be gone until October 23rd or 24th I felt that I must state in writing my present feeling regarding the unfortunate mix-up as to the architects in connection with the construction of the buildings of Peking University.

For a number of years now, ever since I heard of the firm of Murphy and Dana, and especially since my visit to the Far East, where I had the pleasure of seeing a great deal of their work, I have felt that Mr. Murphy was the best qualified man in this country, if not in the world, to design beautiful buildings after the Oriental style of architecture. For that reason I feel, and I felt at the time, that we made a blunder in not engaging the firm of Murphy, McGill and Hamlin to take full charge of the designing and constructing of Peking University. The only argument adduced at our conference about a year ago was that Mr. Murphy charged too much for the service rendered. Nobody had anything to say about the quality of his work. The feeling at the time seemed to be so strong against our putting Mr. Murphy in charge of the whole job that I unwisely allowed myself to vote for the compromise proposal. I felt that in doing so we were endangering the enterprise, and after what I heard yesterday, and as a result of some other things I have heard, I am convinced that the Board of Trustees is now facing a serious situation. I know full well Mr. Murphy's desire to secure the contract and I make allowances for many of the things he says, but the fact remains that we are attempting to construct the buildings of Peking in a somewhat hodge-podge, make-shift fashion, a method of procedure which has not characterized the construction of the Woman's College of Tokyo, the University of Nanking, Ginling College or Canton Christian College, to mention only a few.

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In the first place let us discuss Mr. Gibbs. I met him a number of times and I liked him personally. Several things, however, are noticeable the minute one begins to talk with Mr. Gibbs.

1. He is not a great admirer of architecture as such and he stated frankly that he does not care much for Chinese architecture. He also stated that he thought there was such a thing as putting too much emphasis on the beauty of college buildings. In other words, he is a builder who, I think, would be willing to sacrifice some of the architectural features if thereby he could save a little money. Furthermore, he has very pronounced ideas which he insists on carrying out. This quality in his character came out in the discussions we had at the meeting of Yenching Committee in Chicago last Fall, when Mr. Gibbs allowed himself to be drawn into a somewhat emphatic discussion with several of the women members of the committee regarding the Yenching Buildings. Instead of ascertaining what the women wanted, his manner seemed to be that of a man who felt that he must tell them what they ought to have.

2. Under proper supervision of Mr. Murphy I feel that Gibbs would make good, and if that supervision can be guaranteed I am not especially fearful as to the outcome, but if Mr. Gibb is to be the architect in charge of a University to cost a million dollars or more I think we may well pause at this time when we have an opportunity to check things up.

In regard to Mr. Hill. I was present during practically all of the discussions when we talked about sending him out. We were told that he was ~~the~~ architect who had specialized on high school buildings and buildings of that character. He had never been to China nor had he ever studied Chinese architecture. A number of us insisted that if Mr. Hill were sent to China he should go really as an assistant or under-study to Mr. Gibb, and that his work should be outlined in the nature of following directions as a constructor. It never dawned on us that Mr. Hill would ever come to the point where he thought that he was the architect, or where he insisted that he should be made the architect. The ultimatum that he has just thrown down to us, that he be practically appointed the architect for the University, failing which he will come home, is clean-cut. My vote would be to bring him home unless he is willing to follow directions and realize that he is not the architect charged with the building operations.

I really feel that this is a serious matter, especially in view of Mr. Gibbs' suggestion that the Trustees recognize or appoint Mr. Hill as the architect. My vote is No. I think we could well afford to dispense with Mr. Hill, if necessary, and get

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rid of this embarrassing situation.

As to Lund & Gurnow the following statements have been made about them.

1. That they favor Danish firms and European concerns generally.
2. That they are probably receiving a commission from these European firms for materials purchased.
3. That they are not qualified as engineers, and that in regard to the tiles, they made a blunder which would have involved the Board of Trustees in an expenditure of \$10,000. had not Mr. Murphy arrived on the scene by accident just as they were beginning to make the tiles.
4. That they, Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Hill, are maintaining an organization on the field which is involving the Board of Trustees in a far heavier expense than it would have been necessary for is to incur had we engaged Murphy, McGill and Hamlin to take charge of the supervision of the whole work.

These charges have come to us in the form of rumors but my judgment is that they are persistent enough to warrant our conducting an immediate investigation. I certainly feel that we owe it to ourselves as well as to Mr. Murphy to discover whether we are actually spending more money to maintain a miscellaneous and somewhat inefficient organization on the field than we would have spent had we engaged a thoroughly qualified architectural firm like Murphy, McGill and Hamlin.

I feel so strongly about this matter that unless we take some definite steps to check up the situation I will be unwilling to accept any further responsibility in the matter. As far as my own opinion is concerned I would vote right now at this date to engage Murphy, McGill and Hamlin at their usual charges to design every building in the University and to supervise the construction of the buildings just as they are doing in the case of the other colleges in the Far East.

I do not want to misjudge anybody and it may be that we do not have all the facts, but we have already become involved in a situation so embarrassing as to make it dangerous for us, in my judgment, to proceed on the present basis.

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The responsibility for what may happen in the future rests upon the Board of Trustees and especially upon the Finance Committee and I am sending you this letter to put myself on record in case any meeting is held prior to my return.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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TRUSTEES OF
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October 6
1922

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

My dear Doctor North:

As you already know, Peking University is undertaking during the year and a half from July 1, 1922, to raise one million dollars in order to put the University into operation on its new site, if possible by the fall of 1924 or soon after that.

In order that our Campaign workers and others who may make inquiries of them may be accurately informed, I should much appreciate a letter from you explaining the relation of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions to the University and to its Campaign, and covering such points as in your judgment should be made clear to Methodist pastors and laymen who may inquire as to the relation of gifts which they may wish to make to the University to the Centenary Program and the general benevolences of the Church.

The Campaign Committee desires to be guided in these matters entirely by the judgment of the individual Boards of Foreign Missions which are related to the University.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

October 7
1922

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

My dear Doctor North:

The Campaign Committee of the Trustees of Peking University is desirous of securing a number of prominent people as sponsors for the Campaign, the names to appear as a Committee of Endorsement on the Campaign letterhead. There are a number of men, five in fact, to whom the Committee felt you could write with the most hope of success of any of those whom we have on the Trustee Board. The purpose of the Committee of Endorsement is explained in the last section of the Solicitor's form attached.

I would be glad to know if you would write these gentlemen in our behalf. The list is attached.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

Nov. 9, 1922

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

My dear Dr. North:-

The Trustees of Peking University are planning to make the Administration Building, the central building of the academic group, a memorial to Bishop Bashford. For the financial promotion of this enterprise they are preparing a small leaflet and we need a sentence or two of testimony from leading Methodists who knew Bishop Bashford and who know the University for inclusion in this leaflet. We would much appreciate a line or two from you for this purpose.

Faithfully yours,

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December 14
1922

Dr. Eric M. North, Secretary,
Board of Trustees,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

My dear Doctor North:

I am writing to report to you as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Peking University, the election of Mr. Arthur J. Stock by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church as one of its representatives on the Board of Trustees of Peking University. Mr. Stock has been elected to fill out the unexpired term of Dr. John F. Goucher. Mr. Stock's address is 90 Josephine Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Cordially yours,

Ralph A. Ward

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December 26, 1922.

Mr. Arthur J. Stock,
90 Josephine St.,
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mr. Stock:-

Notification has just come to me from Dr. Ward that you have been elected by the Methodist Board to the Board of Trustees of Peking University. I am glad to extend to you a most hearty welcome to the Board and assure you that we shall be very grateful for your counsel and help on the problems the Board is facing.

Under separate cover I am mailing you the minutes of the recent Trustees meeting and some pamphlets that may help to enlighten you on the University and some of its opportunities and problems. If there is any way in which we can serve at any time please let us know.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Secretary
Board of Trustees
Peking University.

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The Rev. E. M. North, D.D.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Doctor North,-

I write by way of formal report concerning an item having to do with the Report of the China Educational Commission.

You will recall the action taken by the Board of Trustees of Peking University, declining to accept the proposals for union with Shantung Christian University, but "providing for a Committee to study the possibilities of cooperation."

At its meeting on December 6th, the Executive Committee of our Board, after having heard the report of the Committee on Education, took the following action:

IT WAS VOTED: That the Committee on Education approves the action taken by the Trustees of Peking University concerning the proposed union of Peking University and Shantung Christian University.

Cordially yours,

Ralph A. Ward

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