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February 10. 1923.

Dr. Ralph A. Ward,
Building.

My dear Dr. Ward:

It has been called to our attention that the Trustees of Peking University took action November 4, 1921, as follows:

E-1196: - VOTED that the three boards be requested to increase their appropriation each by \$1,000, making the appropriation \$4,000 guaranteed two for one instead of \$3,000, and that the London Missionary Society be requested to advance their appropriation to \$2,000 guaranteed two for one.

Mr. G. T. Scott of the Presbyterian Board writes us at this time indicating that the Presbyterian Board took the requested action on condition that the increase be made also by the other two boards. The appropriations were increased last year to \$3,500, and the action carries the idea that this year it would be \$4,000. Mr. Scott is asking if the Presbyterian Board should make their payment at this time on the \$4,000 basis, stating that it is ready to do so if the other two boards are prepared to do likewise. Will you please advise me what the position of the Methodist Board is in this matter. Mr. Scott is anxious for a reply at an early date, as their budget is being made up for the new fiscal year.

Cordially yours,

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PEKING UNIVERSITY
(Yenching Ta Hsueh)
Peking, China

February 10, 1923.

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

Rev. Eric M. North, D.D.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. North:

After your kind expression of appreciation in your letter of June 1st relating to the property statements sent last spring, I am ashamed to come so late with a reply to your further inquiries.

(1) In order to locate accurately for you certain properties not clearly shown on the chart you have, some sections of the chart have been made to show the portion of the lots asked about.

(a) Lot 15. This lot should be shown just below No. 92 and No. 56, and above blue No. 87. Unfortunately, on rechecking our deeds we are unable to find the deeds for this lot. From the records I find they have never been in my hands. The supposition is that they were held up by the Chinese Police Office when sent in for the purpose of making the transfer to us. The papers turned in may have proved defective and for that reason were never returned to us. It may turn out, later on that the amounts set against this lot will have to be charged against the whole section as part of the total cost of the properties held in this section.

(b) Lot 32. This should appear next to No. 20 in the block with Nos. 20, 23 and 97. Your chart shows either No. 33 or 35 where No. 32 should appear. Our chart has been corrected to make that number read 32.

(c) Lot 96. The location of this lot is shown in sectional chart 1.

(d) Lot 112. Location of this lot is shown in sectional chart No. 2.

(e) Lot 113. Location of this lot is shown in sectional chart 3.

(f) Lot 122. Location of this lot is shown in sectional chart 4.

(g) Lot 127. The amount shown in earlier balance sheets represented a deposit on what is lot No. 81 blue on your chart, - just at the northwest corner of shaded lot No. 1. The deposit secures the option on this lot and prevents it being sold to other individuals than ourselves.

(h) Lot 128. In the June, 1922 balance sheet this item has dropped out and the amount incorporated with the account for lot 96 covering permanent improvements on that lot.

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(2) As to the relation of the University property to our Academy property, you will find on your chart - Shattuck and Hussey, May, 1917 - at the lower left hand corner opposite University properties Nos. 122, 85, 54, 95 and 4, a line running diagonally across the road represented by the straight lines north and south. This diagonal line marks the eastern boundary of the Academy property. This line in connection with the other chart showing the Academy property, originally charted as Peking University property, will help you greatly to fix the relations as to location between the University properties and those of the Methodist Mission.

(3) In reply to your second inquiry as to the transfer of title to these properties to the University, I would report that all the deeds to these properties were originally in the Chinese name of the Peking University, viz. "Huei Wen Ta Hsueh" and for that reason no transfer was necessary to the University. Transfer, however, was made from the University to the Methodist Board of all holdings other than those in the southeast section of the city, which by agreement remained in the name of Peking University.

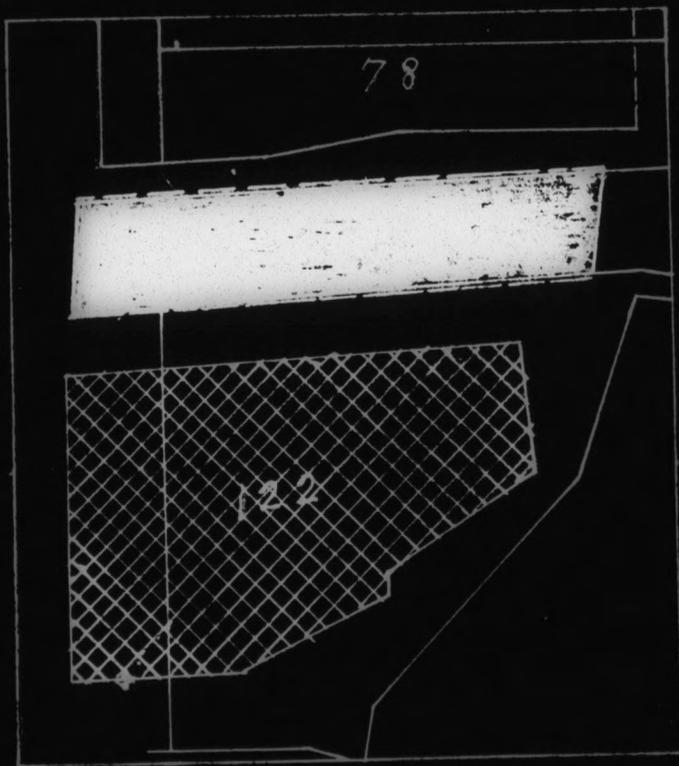
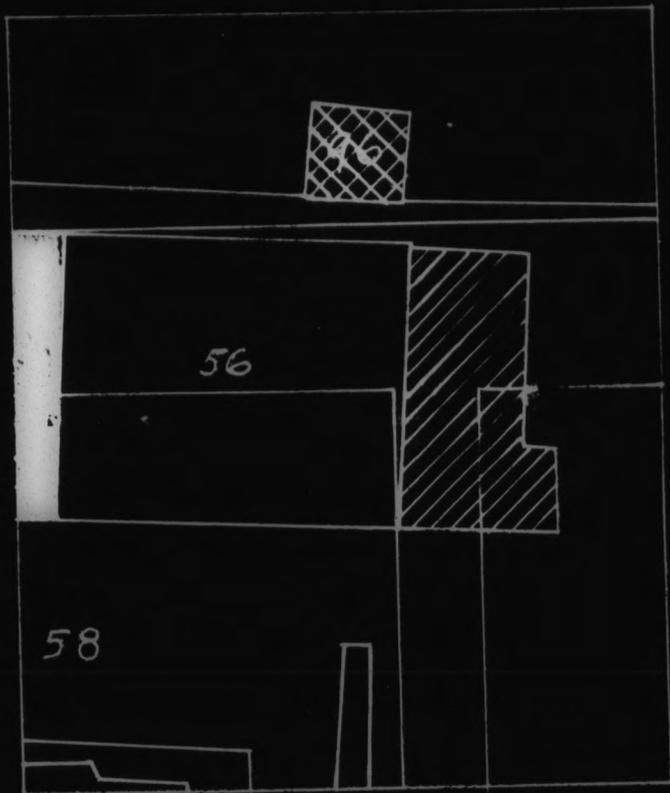
(4) You are correct in regarding the property on the Adams and Knowles chart marked Peking University as belonging to the Methodist Board. This property was transferred to the Methodist Board at the time of reorganization of the University. It is occupied by the United Methodist Mission in connection with their cooperation in our Methodist Bible Institute, - or Theological Seminary as it is called at present.

Your typist omitted a decimal in writing the area of this strip of land. Your letter refers to it as having 507 acres. It would be fine if we could have at least one-fifth of this area within this southeast corner. The correct figure is .507. You probably noticed this error and realized that it is only a very small lot.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) O.J.Krause

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February 13, 1923.

Rev. Ralph A. Ward,
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My dear Mr. Ward:

At the meeting of the Trustees of Peking University held January 16, 1923, in connection with the discussion of the reorganization of the books of account of the Trustees, the following action was taken:

T-1443: VOTED that the co-operating boards be requested to alter their agreement with the university for cash grants from the calendar year to the fiscal year of the university, in order that the adjustment in loss in exchange may be made on the basis of this fiscal year, and the accounting of the university clarified.

I may say in this connection that it appears that the fiscal year of the university has been changed since the original agreement was made, and that perhaps the fiscal years of some of the boards have also been changed in the meantime. It would very much simplify the calculation of the loss in exchange items if it were possible for the grants from the boards to be paid to the university on the basis of the present fiscal year of the university, July 1st to June 30th. At present the loss in exchange can only be figured at the end of the calendar year after all of the payments have been made by the boards, and this makes it impossible to make the adjustment for the period January 1st to June 30th on the books of the university in the item of loss in exchange.

This would not involve any increase or change in the method of payment, as I understand it, but would mean that the mission boards simply agree to make their appropriations to the university on the basis of this fiscal year, July 1st to June 30th, rather than on the basis of the calendar year.

Sincerely yours,

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150 Fifth Avenue
NEW YORK CITY

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PRESIDENT
BISHOP LUTHER B. WILSON
TREASURER
GEORGE M. FOWLES

April 4th
Nineteen Twenty-three.

The Rev. Leslie B. Moss
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

My dear Mr. Moss:

I regret that the annual meeting of the Trustees of Peking University comes when it does. I am obliged to be absent from the City on the 12th on official and public duty, and therefore it will be impossible for me to meet with the Trustees.

Regretting this unavoidable collision of dates, I am

Yours cordially,

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Frank Mason North

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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF TRUSTEES OF PEKING UNIVERSITY
MEETING APRIL 12, 1923.

RENT OF THE METHODIST MISSION.

T-1511 VOTED: That the Methodist Mission do not pay rent for the houses and schools which they occupy on the old site, in view of the fact that they have paid \$25,000 Gold for the purchase of the old site.

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April 27, 1923.

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

My dear Dr. North:

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of Peking University, held April 12, 1923, the following action was taken, which I take pleasure in sending to you for your information:

"Inasmuch as it has come to the attention of the Board of Trustees of Peking University that statements made in China concerning the evangelical position of the University have been sent to some of the co-operating boards:

"(T1482) VOTED: - -

"(1) that the Trustees call attention to the fact that the Articles of Incorporation of the University declare

'The purpose of the corporation shall be to establish and maintain in Peking, China, a university founded and conducted on strictly Christian and evangelical, but not sectarian, principles.'

"(2) that the Trustees are fully assured that the administration of the University is in faithful accord with this essential provision of the Charter, and that the policy and program of the University are in thorough agreement with the principles of the constituent mission boards supporting the University.

"(3) that we heartily endorse the policy hitherto followed by the University of refraining from public controversy on divisive theological or ecclesiastical questions, and of devoting itself through unselfish Christian service and fellowship to the extension of the gospel and the manifestation of the life in Christ."

Very truly yours,

Secretary, Peking University

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GEORGE M. FOWLES

April 30
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Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Moss:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 27th instant, conveying copy of the action of the Trustees of Peking Union University concerning the evangelical position of the University.

While this statement is unnecessary so far as I am personally concerned, I am glad to have it and am glad that it was made, since it may be useful in quarters where misunderstandings have arisen. The attitude indicated in the Articles of Incorporation and consistently maintained, so far as I have been able to observe, by those really responsible for the institution, is one which must make appeal to every candid student of the movements of the Christian Church in China.

Yours cordially,

F. M. North

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May 5, 1923.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.,
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My dear Dr. North:-

I enclose herewith a copy of the new constitution which was adopted by the Trustees of Peking University at their annual meeting held April 12th last. The next necessary step in the establishment of this constitution is for it to be adopted by the co-operating mission boards.

For your guidance in considering this document I might call your attention to the notes in the left hand margin which indicate the relationship of this constitution to the previous By-laws and the existing charter.

I trust that this may find favor in the eyes of the Methodist Board and we may soon have word of its adoption by that body.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary
Peking University.

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June 18th, 1923

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
Assistant Treasurer,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue, N.Y. City.

My dear Brother Moss:-

I am writing to ask whether the other Boards co-operating in Peking University, have provided \$4000., and the London Missionary Society \$2000. this year, as requested in Minute No.E-1196 of the records of the Trustees of the University; and mentioned in your letter of February 10th to me.

Thanking you, I am

Cordially yours,

Ralph A. Ward

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June 20, 1923.

Dr. Ralph A. Ward,
Building.

My dear Dr. Ward:

Replying to your letter of June 18 regarding the question of whether the mission boards co-operating in Peking University have provided \$4,000 for this current year, as requested in Minute E-1196 of the Trustees of Peking University, I write to say that the only board which has indicated its readiness to make payment on this basis is the Presbyterian Board. They raised the question some time ago when they were making up their budget for the coming year. Since I was not able to give them any definite response, I believe they are planning to make payment on the same basis as formerly; namely, \$3,500 per year.

Very sincerely yours,

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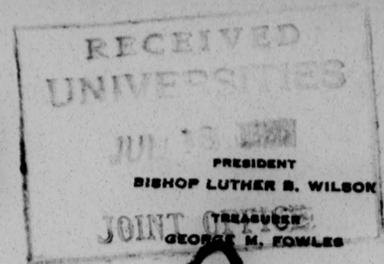
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July
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Mr. L. B. Moss, Executive Secretary,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Moss,-

I am glad to report to you a recent action of the Executive Committee of our Board by which authority has been given for turning over to the Treasurer of the University all gifts for building purposes in connection with Peking University.

In accordance with this action, we are now releasing Gift No. 52 in the May, 1923, List, in the amount of \$2,000, which is designated for a residence for Peking University.

Cordially yours,

Ralph A. Ward.

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August 8, 1923.

Dr. Ralph A. Ward,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Ward:

Peking University has received from Mr. Robert S. Ingraham of Green Lake, Wisconsin, \$500.00 which he designates for the Bashford Memorial. Mr. Ingraham wishes the Grand Avenue M. E. Church of Milwaukee to have the Centenary credit for this gift. Our understanding from him is that he made a pledge to the Centenary some years ago, on the understanding that he could designate year by year what he wished his payment that year to go for. This year he is designating it for the Bashford Memorial.

I assume that you will see that a proper Centenary voucher is issued to Mr. Ingraham for his gift.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Peking University.

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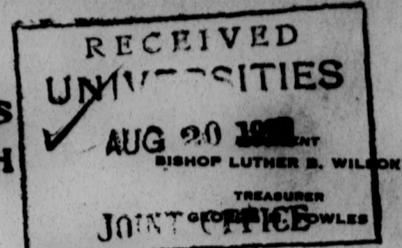
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Mr. L.B. Moss, Executive Secretary,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Moss,-

Your letter of August 8th
has just been brought to my attention, with
its request that Centenary voucher be sent
to Doctor Robert S. Ingraham for his \$500.
gift toward the Bashford Memorial.

I think it will expedite
matters if you turn over the check to the
Board, since we find no record of previous
gifts sent in by him. We will then try to
send the voucher promptly, as requested, and
will return the \$500 to you for the Univer-
sity.

Cordially yours,

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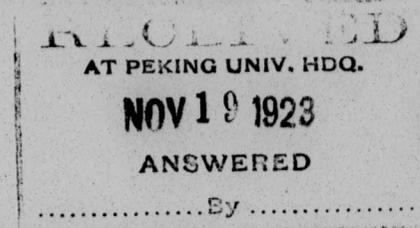
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November 17th, 1923



Mr. Harold F. Strong,
Peking University Office,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Salary of William Hung
Methodist Credit

My dear Mr. Strong:-

In reply to your letter of November 15th concerning Hung's salary and the credit of a gift toward it, I do not now see how this can count as a part of our regular Methodist receipts since Mr. Hung is paid out of University funds directly, and not out of our own Methodist current Budget. However, as in all such cases, we will do what we can to cooperate, tho as I see it now, the matter ought to be handled in some other way than thru Methodist channels, as implied in a regular credit.

Cordially yours,

Ralph A Ward

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January 14th, 1924

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
Executive Secretary,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue, City.

Prof. John McGregor Gibb, Jr. - Peking

My dear Mr. Moss:-

We are recently in receipt of a letter from Prof. John McGregor Gibb, Jr., concerning extraordinary expenses which are incurred in connection with his work as Superintendent of Construction on the new site of the Peking University. His work at the University has been so confining since beginning the construction of the buildings, that it has been impossible for him to arrange his own personal affairs on the basis on which he formerly lived. He is under somewhat of a misinterpretation of a privilege of our Board, whereby under certain circumstances, a missionary at the head of a major institution may receive ten per cent additional to his salary; and also a missionary resident in a capital or port city may likewise receive ten per cent additional. Mr. Gibb feels that it is necessary for him to have this additional twenty per cent for the years 1923 and 1924, and for the years following.

Our rule clearly applies to Mr. Gibb in the matter of ten per cent on the basis of his residence in a capital city. This privilege of an additional ten per cent has been granted for the year 1924. Mr. Gibb points out that his accumulated financial obligations make it necessary for him to have at once, approximately \$500 and he wishes this deposited in America and a cable sent to him to that effect.

I have taken the matter up with President Stuart and am now laying it before you, that it may come officially to the attention of the Board of Trustees. I believe it is the judgment of President Stuart that Mr. Gibb's work for the University is of such an extraordinary character that the Trustees might well consider favorably, a proposal to make some grant for him as an assistance on his current expenses.

Cordially yours,

Ralph A. Ward
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*Ans.
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January 17th, 1924

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
Executive Secretary,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Ave., City.

Peking University

My dear Brother Moss:-

I am writing to you,
as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Peking University,
to ask for official record as to the obligations of the
Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal
Church, for payment on land re-purchased from Peking
University within the city of Peking, commonly known as
the "old site" of the University.

On the purchase of
this land the Methodist Board has already paid \$25,000 G.
We should exchange correspondence and enter into the records
of the University and of our Board, the exact amount of this
purchase price. So far as I recall, the matter, previously
under negotiation and adjustment by a Sub-Committee of the
Board of Trustees and a representative of our Board has
never yet been cleared.

Cordially yours,

Ralph A Ward

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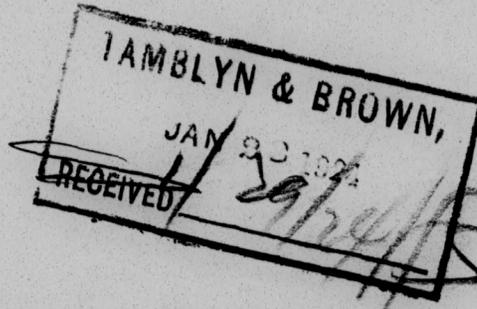
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**THE NEW WILLARD,
WASHINGTON.**

CAPITOL HOTEL COMPANY
FRANK S. NIGHT, MANAGING DIRECTOR

January 22, 1924

Mr. Harold F. Strong,
Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.



My dear Mr. Strong:

It is so cold here that all night long I have been tossing, hoping, and wishing that the Battling Bus would freeze or somehow break down. This is my sincere wish, so that I might have a chance to declare a holiday. But as you know, I never have good luck. I still have my hopes.

It is quite a pleasure to report the finish of my work in Baltimore and Washington, where, I think, our work has been hardest to push over. Out of Baltimore came sixteen or eighteen signatures, and I am leaving here today with ten. It is with some certainty that these signatures will mean something for Peking University when time arrives.

I am always glad to receive opinions on my work or that of our department, whether the opinions favor us or whether they are in the form of criticism. It is by these opinions that I am guided in my work, so if you have any more of them send them by express.

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I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and herein is the reply to your question. Enclosed is the leaflet on which you will see a marked portion showing the old agreement which we had with the Board. Dr. Ward has given his statement that this agreement still holds. You are correct when you say that only a few churches are exceeding their pledges over the five years, but frequently I have met churches that have, or, rather, that will exceed their five years' subscription to the Centenary. Of course such cases mean positive money, and we want to make sure that our understanding with the Board is clear. This means Peking University shall be on the safe side.

There is one contention which I shall hold con-

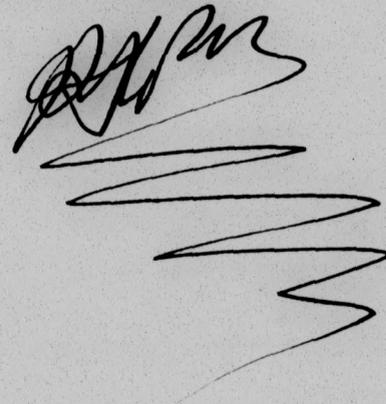
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tinually until Dr. Stuart and you come to my rescue. I have tried to show both of you the necessary need of having another person working on the Bashford Memorial. Thus far I have received no favorable action. This is not given in a form of criticism. When conference is over, you may be disappointed in the result of our work, and you may even weep, but I assure you that you will not be alone in either respect. I am still hoping that you will get another person for this department.

If it is as cold in New York as here, I would advise you to move the office to Florida where I am hoping to be some time in the near future. Now, remember, when all of a sudden you should get news that I am in Florida, don't be surprised or say that I did not tell you in advance.

I am wanting to be in New York, but I fear the work will detain me from there for at least two weeks more.

Most sincerely yours.

A handwritten signature, possibly "D. Stuart", is written in dark ink. Below the signature is a large, dark, scribbled-out mark that obscures the text of the letter.

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YENCHING

January 24
1924

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TRANSFER PEKING UNIVERSITY

My dear Mr. Moss:

I write in reply to your letter of January 15, raising question as to whether the Methodist Board is prepared to make an appointment of a permanent man for English on the Staff of the University as a part of its quota for the year 1924.

My understanding of the situation is that upon proposal from the University, our Board has continued to pay the equivalent of the salary of a missionary and that the Board of Trustees of the University has wished this money for its own use in the direct employment of teachers. I think perhaps the salary of Miss Konantz is in part provided from this fund.

Our Board does not at the present time have anyone to propose for this position as teacher of English.

We will be glad, however, to know definitely from the University,

first, whether the University prefers to have us send a man rather than pay the equivalent of his salary as we have been doing for some months; and

second, whether President Stuart in view of his presence in America at this time would not care to confer with our Candidate Department and to give his judgment as to which of our prospective missionaries he would particularly recommend for the position to be filled on his Staff.

Cordially yours,

Ralph A. Ward

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February 26, 1924.

The Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.
Building.

My dear Dr. North:

At the meeting of the Peking University Trustees, held January 30th, the Chairman appointed a committee consisting of yourself and Bishop Wilson to prepare a suitable resolution on the death of Dr. H. H. Lowry, who was President Emeritus of the University. Probably you will wish to have this resolution prepared in time to present at the annual meeting of the Trustees, which occurs on April 10th.

Very cordially yours,

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March 19, 1924.

Rev. Ralph A. Ward,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Ward:

I am writing to reply to your letter of January 16th,
regarding the supplementary allowances for Mr. Gibb.

I have presented your letter to the Finance Committee
of the Trustees of Peking University and they feel that the
action which they took on December 18th should cover the extra
needs of Mr. Gibb, so far as his furniture and entertainment
costs are concerned.

If either of the 10% allowances made by the Methodist
Board covers any other items than these, he might be entitled
to something from the Board. That is a question for the Method-
ist Board to decide.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary, Peking University.

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Peking

March 21st, 1924

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
Secretary, Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Moss:-

In Dr. Ward's absence may I
acknowledge for him, your letters of March 19th -
the first having to do with Mr. Gibb's allowances, and
the second in regard to the obligations of our Board,
in payment for the purchase of land from Peking University.
Since Dr. Ward will be away for some weeks still, and Dr.
Davis is so soon to return to this country, it may be as
well to hold the whole matter of Peking University problems
in abeyance for the present, pending conference with him.
Dr. Davis may have the facts all at hand or will be able to
urge prompt action on the part of the North China Treasurer
if that seems best. Dr. Ward will be taking up the whole
matter when they get together later on.

Cordially yours,

Manion J. Frank.

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Methodist Board

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April 1, 1924

Mr. Harold F. Strong,
Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

My dear Mr. Strong:

Your favor of the 15th ultimo has remained too long unanswered. As perhaps you know, I have been away from the office quite a good bit of the time and have been very greatly preoccupied when I have been available.

The method pursued in the matter of the Bashford Memorial, when confined to the original territory involved, was entirely free from embarrassment even though it tended to reduce the general income of our Board in the interest of securing special designation for the Memorial. When, however, a method which was entirely unauthorized and which in its very nature is destructive of the entire plan of our Centenary promotion, was adopted, it was necessary to deal with it promptly in order to save both the University and our Board. I am sure that no one will take exception to the zeal and enterprise of Mr. Wee. It would have been better if there had been a careful check-up of the method and the territory to be approached, with some of us who have had responsibility in this matter. I think there was a definite misunderstanding in the case, of which, of course, I was not aware until the inquiry came from the field itself. I do not find that the form of agreement which was being used, was actually submitted or adopted as a proper form by the Promotion Committee or by anyone representing our Board. This, however, was an error of judgment and need have no further consideration.

It will be necessary to confer with the representatives of those churches which have made commitments in this matter but this will not be done until a definite check-up has been had with Mr. Ehnes, the Treasurer of the Committee on Conservation and Advance, who receives all funds - designated and undesignated. We shall carefully follow the matter up, with the purpose of doing the least possible injury to the University promotion plan and I assume that with no further activity in this direction, the incident may be considered as closed.

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There is not the slightest question of the ardent purpose on the part of all interested in our general promotional work, to secure an adequate amount for the Bashford Memorial. On the other hand, we are keenly alive to the fact that if we undermine our general offering, the total support of our part of the staff of the University may easily be put in jeopardy. Hence, it is necessary for us to be interested not only in a special plan for funds for designated uses in the University equipment, but as well in protecting the sources of supply for the general support.

I shall be glad to see you at any time but I am quite sure that this matter is now quite fully understood.

With best wishes,

Yours cordially,

Frank Mason Smith

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April 8, 1924

Reverend L. C. Wright, D. D.
Cleveland
Ohio

My dear Dr. Wright:

I am writing this letter at the request of the Peking University representatives, in order that you may have a direct statement from our Board as to the amount of money received by us through the efforts of yourself and your associates and definitely designated to Peking University.

*Leaf about
Mr. Arter in
his file*

I am writing this letter further because I understand that there was some sort of verbal arrangement made in cooperation with Mr. Frank Arter, that what was secured for the University through your efforts in Cleveland, he would personally be glad to duplicate up to the amount of \$7500. We have received to date from the Cleveland District \$10,398, which we have turned over to the Treasurer of Peking University.

This is a most generous response and I am sure it represents a good deal of hard work on your part and a loyal backing of the Cleveland friends for this great work in Peking, in which our church is taking such a prominent part. Bishop Bashford gave his life unstintingly to China during his last sixteen years. I know something of the great vision he had for Peking University, and it is highly fitting that his friends in America not only perpetuate his memory in this useful way in Peking, but through their contributions link this concentration of their lives with his for the training of the leaders of China for all time to come.

Sincerely yours

George M Fowles

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Dr. Miller
Jus to Lewis

May 7, 1924

My dear Mr. Lewis:

I have checked up the information received in the copy of a letter, written by Dr. Miller of Cleveland to Mr. Frank Arter of the same city, on April 22, regarding the excess payments designated by Conference Time, 1923, for Peking University.

I find that the information which is in the hands of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions, designated gifts to them coincide with the reports which we previously had on hand, but differs from the information in Mr. Miller's letter by the following items we have had reported to us, designated as follows:

The Epworth Euclid Church	\$2,000.
The Parkwood Asbury Church	71.
The First Church	No designation.

Dr. Miller's letter indicates payments made as follows:

The Epworth Euclid Church	3,020.
The Parkwood Asbury	991.
The First Church	6,206.

Dr. Miller therefore reports a total of \$8,146, for which we have no report at all. He omits to report gifts of five Cleveland Churches, totalling \$1,096., which have already been received by the Methodist Board. There is, therefore, a total net shortage on the report of Mr. Miller of \$7,050. which has not been heard from up to the present time.

Very cordially yours

L. B. Moss

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YENCHING

May 19, 1924.

Dr. Ralph A. Ward,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. Ward:

I have received a letter from Acting-President Howard S. Galt of Peking University reporting that the Methodist Mission Treasurer in Peking has not been authorized to pay to the University the sum of Mexican \$3,000 for the current fiscal year, July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, on account of the vacancy of one place in the Methodist quota of six members of the University staff.

The Methodist Board at the present time is supplying the services of the following men: Gibb, W. W. Davis, Terman, Wyant and Breece.

He reports that the Finance Committee of the Methodist Mission at Peking is unable to do anything until the payment is authorized by the Board here in New York.

If you can cause the necessary action to be taken before the end of the present fiscal year, it will be greatly appreciated.

Faithfully yours,

Assistant Secretary,
Peking University.

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May 21st, 1924

YENCHING

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
Assistant Secretary,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue, City.

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Moss:-

In response to your letter of May 19th I am writing to the Secretary of our North China Mission asking that payment in the amount of \$3000.Mex. be made promptly to Peking University, for the current year July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, on account of the vacancy in our Methodist quota on the University Staff. I hope it will be possible for them to make this adjustment before the end of this current year.

Cordially yours,

Ralph A Ward

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TRANSFER

May 23, 1924.

Dr. Ralph A. Ward,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Ward:

I have been reminded that you have not received a reply to your letter of January 24th addressed to me on the subject of the sixth man on the Methodist quota for Peking University.

My understanding was that President Stuart had talked with you on the matter, and that it was clearly understood between you what the procedure was to be.

So far as my knowledge goes, we are expecting the Methodist Board to appoint Mr. Arthur Coole as Physical Director for the University, to fill this sixth place.

If this does not accord with your understanding, we should, perhaps, confer on the matter.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Secretary,
Peking University.

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May 23rd, 1924

YENCHING

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
Executive Officer,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Ave., City.

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Moss:-

Thank you for your two letters of May 23rd to Dr. Ward, the first putting on record your understanding concerning the sixth man for Peking University. I think Dr. Ward's understanding agrees with yours, that Mr. Arthur Coole is to be appointed as Physical Director for the University, to fill the sixth place on the Methodist quota. - The second gives the action of Peking and Nanking Universities in regard to the coordinated financial campaign.

Cordially yours,

Walter F. Frank

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July 30th, 1924

The Rev. James H. Lewis,
Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Lewis:-

Constitution of Peking University
Amendments

I write to report to you formally, an action taken at the last Executive Committee of the Board, by which approval was given for the amendment of the Constitution of Peking University in several particulars. This, we understand, is in harmony with previous action of the Board of Trustees and of the other co-operating Mission Boards. Enclosed is copy of the exact action as taken by our Board. - I assume that either you or Mr. Leslie Moss, as you may arrange, will be reporting this action as may be necessary to President Stuart and to others on the field.

Cordially yours,

Ralph A Ward

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IT WAS VOTED: 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) G\$100,000 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 missions 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 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 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 amendments 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.

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August 7th, 1924

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
Sec'y, Peking University
Board of Trustees,
150 Fifth Avenue, City.

John McGregor Gibb

My dear Mr. Moss:-

A recent letter from John McGregor Gibb calls attention emphatically yet courteously, to the fact that he must have a regular supplement to his salary if he is to continue at his present work for the University. He states that he does not feel that this supplement should be allowed to increase the overhead of the building construction but should (apparently) come from our Methodist Board.

I am replying that the matter will receive the attention of Dr. Edwards and also will be referred to you for the Trustees. I am venturing to say that since our Board has a regular scale of salaries, to which it holds rigidly, and Mr. Gibb's services are furnished to the University as a part of our Methodist quota, it seems quite in place for the University to provide whatever regular supplement is necessary to enable Mr. Gibb to carry on the work to which the University assigns him.

Cordially yours,

Ralph A. Ward

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PEKING
August 13, 1924

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Moss:

In reply to your letter of August 13th,
I am asking Mr. DeVesty's office to send to you the
gift of \$1,000. made by Mrs. Shoemaker, of St. Louis,
for the University.

Cordially yours,

Ralph A Ward

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August 13, 1924.

Dr. Ralph A. Ward,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Ward:

Thank you for your letter of August 7th regarding a special allowance for Mr. J. McGregor Gibb, supplementary to his salary.

As you know, the Finance Committee of the Trustees of Peking University has twice taken action approving payment to Mr. Gibb of such extra allowance as may be necessary to meet his needs in the position which he holds.

The appeal of Mr. Gibb to the Methodist Board is, therefore, a question of his personal viewpoint, and does not seem to be one on which the University can take any further action at the present time.

It would appear to me that your contention is correct that such extra allowances as Mr. Gibb may have need of, because of the particular work in which he is engaged, should be paid by the University, rather than by the Methodist Board.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Peking University.

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October 15, 1924.

To the Board of Trustees
Peking University

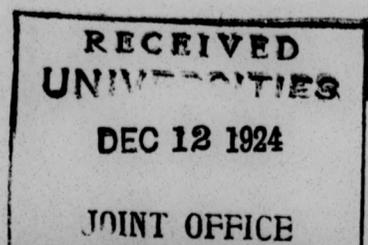
Dear Brethren:

I tender hereby my resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Peking University to take effect as of October 15, 1924. We are returning for residence in China and it will be impossible for me further to attempt service as a member of the Board.

Cordially yours

Ralph A. Ward

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EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM DR. J. LEIGHTON STUART - NOVEMBER 24, 1924.

"Bishop Grose promptly on his arrival took up the problem of realizing from our present holdings in the city for the prompt construction of our Power-plant. After various conferences he and Mr. Krause are urging the Methodist Board for permission to borrow locally up to \$200,000 silver to be paid to us in four quarter installments of \$50,000 each beginning March 1, the interest on this loan to be provided from a rental of this property. Mr. Krause estimates that within a year's time from our evacuation next summer there ought to be a net income of \$15,000. The assurance of this amount of money negotiated through a local bank would enable us to carry forward the necessary engineering features on a schedule which would make possible our removal next summer. I hope that the Trustees will cooperate in securing this permission from the Methodist Board. Everyone seems to feel that before long all this land will be needed for Methodist development, that it could be sold at a good profit if the necessity should arise and that the proposed arrangement at once enables the Board to justify its claiming of the option and enables the University to do what is necessary for its equipment in these respects by the date we have fixed. Another consideration is that beginning with the formal approval of this procedure the Woman's College could properly be drawn upon for its third of whatever the Power-plant and mechanical installations involved, together with the improvement of the grounds in so far as their interests are involved."

EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM MR. Wm. B. TOWER - RECORDING SECRETARY OF THE M. E. F. B. QUOTING ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH TAKEN ON DECEMBER 18, 1924:

"Ex-2008 NORTH CHINA: In the very limited Field Projects Fund approved by the Board at its Annual Meeting, the Corresponding Secretaries have included the sum of \$25,000 for a second payment on the land adjoining the Methodist Compound in Peking and now a part of Peking University. The Board has an option on this property which we should possess, and the University is in great need of funds at the present time. It is suggested that this credit of \$25,000. be established in favor of Peking University, the same to be made available as needed, at the discretion of the Corresponding Secretaries.

"IT WAS VOTED that an appropriation of \$25,000. from the Field Projects Fund be made available, as a second payment on the property adjoining the Methodist Compound in Peking, now owned by Peking University; time of payment to be as needed, at the discretion of the Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer."

EXTRACT FROM LETTER TO DR. F. D. GAMWELL - M. E. F. B. TRANSMITTING ACTIONS T-1803, 1804 OF THE TRUSTEES OF PEKING UNIVERSITY.

"A word of explanation should be made with reference to the provision in paragraph #3 (section 3, action T-1803) in the action of the Trustees for payment in Gold or Local Currency. The reason for this was that in the correspondence which came to the Trustees from President Stuart, the amounts referred to were \$200,000. Local Currency. It may be that the matter of local currency is one that is involved in making the loan at the bank. We have therefore taken our action in such form as to make it possible for the transaction to be made in either Local Currency or Gold. If the transaction is made in Local Currency, the Board must be credited with payment in Gold of an amount equivalent at the day's rate of exchange, to the Local Currency furnished.

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December 20th, 1924

The Rev. Eric M. North, Ph.D.,
China Union Universities Office,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Dr. North:-

\$100,000 Loan Transfer - Peking
University

I enclose herewith copy of the item presented at the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board, and the action taken concerning the transfer of the Peking University Property to the Methodist Mission.

As a matter of information only I have communicated this action to Bishop Grose, Dr. Stewart and Dr. Hobart, Secretary of the North China Finance Committee, and so you will please seek at your earliest opportunity to secure the approval of the Board of Trustees for the transfer of this property. In the meantime we will communicate with the Board's Counsel and see that the necessary steps regarding this transfer are taken.

While I am writing may I say that I am deeply gratified at the approval of this action by the Executive Committee which will make possible the Heating Plant of the University.

Cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

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SECRETARY
JOHN W. EDWARDS
120 FIFTH AVENUE
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Dear Mr. ...

The Rev. ...
China Union ...
New York City

I am pleased to hear that you are ...
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Under date of November 4th, Bishop Gross writes from Peking concerning the needs of the University for funds to complete its heating plant in order to move to the new site by the fall of 1925.

It is suggested that the Board of Trustees of Peking University shall make a legal transfer to the Board of Foreign Missions of all the property now owned, for which the Trustees had given the Board an option which was made definite by an advance payment in 1921 of \$25,000. by the Board. It is understood that the purchase is to be at the original cost of the property in gold dollars, amounting to a total of approximately \$225,000.

When this legal transfer is made the Board of Foreign Missions shall borrow an amount not exceeding \$100,000. to be applied to the purchase price of the property. The annual rental will fully take care of the amount borrowed. If the sum of \$100,000. is made available to Peking University in quarterly installments of \$25,000. this will meet this present requirements.

It is further understood if this proposed loan be authorized by the Board, arranging same against this property, Mr. C. Bennett, Manager of the International Banking Corporation of Peking has agreed to bring the matter to his directors for negotiating the loan at the current rate of interest. It is understood that the legal title of the property will be immediately placed in the hands of the Board of Foreign Missions. The property was conservatively valued at \$225,000. when the option was taken four years ago, and it has materially increased in value. Bishop Gross advances a strong argument that the Board access to this request in order to meet our obligations to Peking University.

That the Board of Foreign Missions take over the property as above proposed, and pay the sum of \$100,000. to Peking University, on the conditions above indicated. The balance due Peking University is to be a matter for later consideration.

It is understood that this authorization is to be put into legal form by the Board's Counsel and considered and entered as a part of the Minutes of this meeting.

ACTION TAKEN:

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