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January 6, 1925

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

Dear Dr. North:

The following is a copy of the action taken by the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church on December 18, 1924, concerning the appropriation for Peking University:

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.

Cordially yours,

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*W. B. Tower*  
Recording Secretary

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

January 9, 1925.

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

My dear Dr. Gamewell:

In response to the action of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church upon the sale of the city site as conveyed by your letter of December 20, 1924, I take pleasure in reporting the following action of the Trustees of Peking University, taken on January 7, 1925:

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VOTED that the Trustees of Peking University hereby authorize the Board of Managers, or its Executive Committee, or the President of the University and the Treasurer of the Board of Managers acting on their behalf, to transfer immediately the title of the land and buildings known as the City Site of the University, recorded on the University's books as parcels 1-36, 38-127 inclusive, to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church or its duly accredited agents in Peking, with the following understandings:

- (1) That the sale price of the property shall be the original cost of the property in dollars Gold as shown by the records of the University, same to be subject to examination by the officers of the Board, and being stated to be Gold \$222,398.15, subject to minor corrections to be approved by the Finance Committee of the Trustees and such persons as the Board of Foreign Missions may designate.
- (2) That the Board of Foreign Missions has already paid upon this amount the sum of \$25,000. Gold.

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- (3) That the Board of Foreign Missions will make to Peking University four quarterly payments of Gold \$25,000. each, beginning March 1, 1925, a total amount of Gold \$100,000. or that the Board of Foreign Missions will make to the University four quarterly payments of Local Currency \$50,000. each, beginning March 1, 1925, as may be agreeable to the Board of Foreign Missions, provided that if said quarterly payments are made in local currency, they shall be credited to the Board of Foreign Missions at the Gold equivalent according to the rate of exchange on the day of payment.
- (4) That the Board of Foreign Missions will place in the hands of the officers of the University an acknowledgment of the Board's liability for the balance of the purchase price due after aforesaid payments shall have been made, the time and method of payment of said liability to be subject to later agreement by the Board of Foreign Missions and the University.
- (5) That during the occupancy of the property by the University after it shall have been transferred to the Board of Foreign Missions, the University shall not be required to pay the Board rent for such occupancy nor shall the Board during this period pay interest upon any unpaid portion of the purchase price; it being understood that the University will use its best endeavors to vacate the property by the autumn of 1925 or as soon thereafter as possible.

A word of explanation should be made with reference to the provision in paragraph #3 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. It was further

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VOTED that the arrangements necessary as to the time and method of payment of the balance of the purchase price due be referred to the Committee on Finance, Property and Investment with power to represent the Board of Trustees in conference with the representatives of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We are greatly appreciative of the promptness and completeness of the manner in which this matter has been handled by the Board of Foreign Missions and we hope that the completion of the financial arrangements on the field will meet with no hitch and that the whole matter will go forward smoothly to its completion.

I have already notified President Stuart by cablegram that the Board and the Trustees have approved, but indicated that letters giving full details were following.

In this connection, may I ask that you be so kind as to transmit to me when it is completely worded the final form of the action of the Board as approved by its counsel, as this should also be a part of our record?

May I ask further whether the last paragraph of the legal form of action which you were so kind as to hand to me in draft form, may be rightly interpreted by us as representing an acknowledgment by the Board of Foreign Missions of its liability for the balance of the purchase price due with the understanding that the time and method of payment is subject to later agreement by the Board and the University, as indicated in paragraph 4 of the action of the Board of Trustees?

Cordially yours,

Secretary, Peking University.

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January 14th, 1925

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

My dear Dr. North:-

Regarding the transfer of the Peking University Property to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I write to give you the wording of the official record as spread upon the Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board, meeting on December 30, 1924:

RESOLVED that the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church will accept a transfer of the title of all of the property in Peking, now occupied by Peking University and described as follows:

All property now held by Peking University, situated in the South-eastern corner of the Tarter City, Peking; as indicated by maps in possession of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions in Peking.

and

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church hereby authorizes the borrowing upon said property of an amount not exceeding \$100,000. to be applied to the purchase price of the property, to be made available to Peking University in quarterly instalments of \$25,000. beginning March 1st, 1925.

and

RESOLVED FURTHER that the payment to Peking University of the balance of the purchase price, totalling \$225,000. be a matter of future consideration, and that a Committee of be appointed by the Chairman of the Executive Committee to consider said matter, arrange a working plan with the Trustees of Peking University, and report back to the Board.

Cordially yours,

*Frank S. Gamewell*

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INTER-DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

MEMO FOR

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SUBJECT Peking University Transfer

ACTION TAKEN: RESOLVED that the Board of Foreign Missions  
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Re: Peking University Transfer

ACTION TAKEN: RESOLVED that the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church will accept a transfer of the title of all of the property in Peking, now occupied by Peking University and described as follows:

and

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church hereby authorized the borrowing upon said property of an amount not exceeding \$100,000. to be applied to the purchase price of the property, to be made available to Peking University in quarterly instalments of \$25,000. beginning

and

RESOLVED FURTHER that the payment to Peking University of the balance of the purchase price, totalling \$223,000. be a matter of future consideration, and that a Committee of be appointed by the Chairman of the Executive Committee to consider said matter, arrange a working plan with the Trustees of Peking University, and report back to the Board.

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January 21, 1925

Board of Foreign Missions of the  
Methodist Episcopal Church  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

ATTENTION Dr Frank D. Gamewell

My dear Dr Gamewell:

Referring to your action BX-2008,  
North China of the Executive Committee of December 18th  
by which a credit of \$25,000 is made available to Peking  
University. I am glad to convey to you the action of  
the Trustees of Peking University as follows:

T-1805VOTED that the Board of Trustees record  
their appreciation of the action  
of the Board of Foreign Missions of  
the Methodist Episcopal Church in  
establishing this credit at a time  
when it is greatly needed by the  
University.

Cordially yours,

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January 29, 1926.

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

My dear Dr. North:

I enclose herewith the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of Peking University and of the last meeting of the Finance Committee. You will be interested in the whole line of actions taken, I am sure.

I want particularly, however, to call your attention to the comparative statements of the progress made in the last two years. The progress thus made we must surely hold by ensuring the additional items required to make the plant the splendid success which it promises to be and to make certain the effective development of the life and spirit of the University in its new quarters.

Faithfully yours,

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Peking University

February 11, 1925

Board of Foreign Missions  
Methodist Episcopal Church  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Attention: Dr. Frank D. Gamewell.

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

It is with much regret that I convey to you the information contained in the following quotation from a letter just received from President Stuart. I presume that some word may be coming before long from Bishop Grose.

"The General Faculty Executive voted yesterday to discontinue the service of Mr. A. B. Coole, and instructed me to take the matter up in whatever way seemed most advisable. I recognize my own mistake in not having insisted upon a personal interview. I took the judgment of Jim Lewis and the Methodist Candidate Department, both of which were so unqualified that I accepted it without question. As soon as I saw Mr. Coole I felt a surprised disappointment but determined to keep quiet and hope for the development of qualities which neutralized the impression created by his appearance. So much for my own connection with the case. A few days ago a group of men, most of whom are on our staff, and all of whom are more or less connected with athletic activities, came to interview me at the suggestion of one of them, and without any expectation on my part of such a development, to report what they felt I ought to know about the way in which they and others had come to regard Mr. Coole. The impression made on them is quite definitely that he is lacking in the

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"technique and in the sort of athletic records that a University Physical Director should have won; that he has shown poor judgment in organizing and in planning for his work in the University; that he has revealed a petty vanity and self-importance in his language study and his athletic activities; that he seems to lack the moral qualities involved in a sportsmanlike attitude as referee and coach, and that there is no assurance that he will establish such relations with Chinese students and so adapt his work to Chinese conditions as to qualify him for safe and creative leadership under the present extremely delicate position of every foreigner who will have to deal with students in this country from now on. This group of men confessed that they had been debating for some six weeks as to whether they should give me this information or not, and indicated that they are fairly representative of the general impression Mr. Coole seems to be making. You can imagine what a bitter disappointment this is to me personally, but at the same time you will realize how essential it is that such a matter be taken promptly in hand. I therefore called the General Faculty Executive together to hear the statement from these men to which I had listened and to put any questions they wished. The outcome of this meeting is indicated above. It is one more evidence of the extreme care that should be taken in passing upon candidates for the Mission field from now on, even when, or perhaps all the more because, they are children of missionaries. I asked the question of the others and of myself whether these characteristics would probably be corrected by friendly advice and further experience, but the conviction of all concerned is that there is little probability of this, or that it would take so long that irreparable damage might be done to this phase of our work at the time when we are making our first start. I shall interview Mr. Coole as soon as the holidays are over, and tell him that he will be free to return to America any time between now and the close of this session at the expense of the University, or to take up with Bishop Grose and others the question of transfer elsewhere, and that we will be prepared to retain him until June 30 under our arrangement with the Methodist Board. I am thoroughly convinced that

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"it would not be advantageous to attempt to continue the arrangement any longer. Bishop Grose is due back from West China the latter part of next month. Our present thought is to ask K. A. Wes to take over the athletic work in which he has been making a favorable impression all round, until we can reach a permanent solution, working as may seem wise on the other duties assigned. "

Cordially yours,

Secretary

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PEKING UNIVERSITY  
Peking China.

February 13, 1925.

Doctor J. L. Stuart,  
Peking.

Dear Doctor Stuart:

I have read the letter to you from Doctor North dated January 9 and note that plans are shaping definitely for the transfer of the property to the Methodist Board. In connection with the transfer of the property, it is not enough for the trustees to record the action as noted. It is necessary for them to order their president or treasurer to issue a power of attorney to someone here in Peking to represent the trustees of the Peking University in making this transfer to the Board of Foreign Missions. Until such a power of attorney is in hand, no legal transfer can be effected. It ought not to be necessary to suggest this to Doctor North and yet the fact that their action does not authorize the issuing of such a power of attorney leads me to wonder whether it would not be better to intimate to Doctor North the need for such a document. Before we can execute the proper document with the International Bank this power of attorney is probably necessary because they should want us to show clearly the rights of the Board of Foreign Missions to the property. Mr. Bennet understanding the situation here and recognizing the fact that he is dealing with mission boards, might accept the statement of Doctor North showing the action of the trustees as sufficient for the time being. However, I am sure that he would want to insist on having proper documents from the trustees of the University to make the transfer final.

As I see it for the time being no steps in the matter of transferring the property are possible for us to take. Inclosed I am returning your letter for your own files. I am making a copy of the letter for my file as treasurer of the University, so that there will be available more than the single copy of this particular letter.

Yours sincerely,  
(Signed) O. J. KRAUSE.

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February 14th, 1925

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

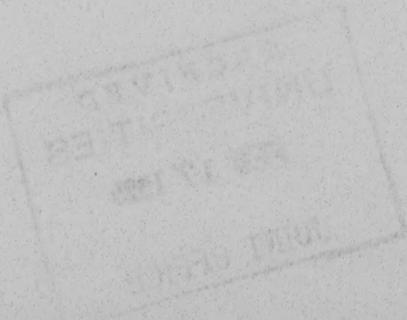
My dear Dr. North:-

Thank you for forwarding promptly information regarding Mr. Arthur B. Coole. I greatly regret that he is not proving acceptable but under the circumstances indicated in Dr. Stuart's letter, I am sure that they are wise in acting promptly. It is a mistake to temporize in matters of this sort.

Sincerely yours,

*Frank D. Gamewell*

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WALTER C. CARLWELL

February 14, 1925

Dr. Eric H. ...  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Dr. ...

I have your letter of the 10th and am glad to hear that you are so interested in the work of the Board. I am sure that you will find the work of the Board very interesting and profitable. I am sure that you will find the work of the Board very interesting and profitable.

Sincerely yours,

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COPY OF CABLEGRAM RECEIVED FROM PEKING MARCH 9, 1925.

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION IS QUITE AGREEABLE TO LOAN HAVE ADVISED HEADQUARTER.  
CONSULT WITH M. E. F. B. FOR CONFIRMATION O. J. KRAUSE.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER OF JULY 22, 1925 FROM J. R. EDWARDS - M. E. F. B.

"I am glad to be able to quote the action taken by the Executive Committee of the Board on July 16th, as follows:

'That the Treasurer be authorized to make a temporary advance of an additional \$25,000 to Peking University if the same is required before the funds are made available from the loan of the New York Bank, to be repaid when the loan is finally negotiated.'

COPY OF LETTER FROM DR. M. W. EHNS - M. E. F. B. DATED AUGUST 13, 1925.

"My dear Dr. North:

As the Board of Foreign Missions is making arrangements to pay the \$100,000.00 on the property taken over from Peking University, the question naturally arises when Peking University will ask the Board of Foreign Missions to pay the balance due.

I shall be grateful for a reply as early as convenient."

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

March 11, 1925.

To the Members of the Executive Committee:

There has come from President Stuart a series of important communications with reference to the name of the University of which I enclose copies for your thoughtful perusal.

It has seemed very desirable that preliminary consideration be given to this by the Executive Committee prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees on April 9th. Will you not give this matter most careful consideration in preparation for such a meeting of the Executive Committee? The time of this meeting will be arranged shortly.

You will recollect in this connection that the transliteration of the present official Chinese name of the University is Yen-ching Ta Hsueh (Yenching University).

Cordially yours,

Secretary, Peking University.

ENCLOSURES.

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

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

March 14, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM TO: MR. W. O. GANTZ.

FROM: DR. ERIC M. NORTH

I have examined the attached papers concerning the Estate of Lucy K. Sackett and have to report that Peking University received from the executor of the estate on May 5, 1924, the sum of \$1,000 for a permanent fund for scholarship in accordance with the terms of the bequest.

I assume that the amount of \$2,000 referred to in the papers and related to a bond of a Dayton concern is not a matter related to Peking University. If so, kindly advise me.

ERIC M. NORTH.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

March 15, 1925.

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

My dear Dr. North:

I enclose a communication to the Committee on Instruction of Peking University of which you are a member, on which I should like word from you, preferably by telephone, as soon as possible.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary, Peking University.

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March 18, 1925

Dr Frank D. Gamewell  
Board of Foreign Missions  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Dr Gamewell:

I am glad to be able to quote to you the following item from a letter from Dr Stuart just received:

"Arthur Coole has just been in to see me again. He is showing a very plucky spirit over the action taken in his case, and I am advising him to apply to Fukien Christian University to teach Biology and do Athletic work as a voluntary contribution. I very much hope that this transfer can be made. There is no reason why Coole would not make a good teacher, and as a helper in athletics without the formal position before the student body he could be quite valuable. I have been much pleased with the spirit he has shown since the action we took and although it hit him pretty hard at first, he has been rallying in a way that shows good stuff in him. None the less I am convinced that even apart from the individual case it would not be wise for us to continue with a foreign physical director in view of the present nationalistic sentiments among Chinese students."

Faithfully yours,

Z.M.V. / J.W.

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March 24th, 1925.

The Rev. Eric M. North, Ph.D.,  
Secretary, Peking University,  
150 Fifth Avenue, City.

Mr. Arthur B. Coole

Dear Dr. North:-

Thank you for forwarding to me the quotation from Dr. Stuart's letter regarding Mr. Arthur B. Coole. I am delighted that he is showing such fine spirit. He met a pretty severe test for a young man and as he has the material in him to meet it in the way Dr. Stuart indicates, I am hopeful that we may yet succeed in placing him elsewhere in China where he will do a good work. Dr. Gowdy states that he cannot use Mr. Coole in the Fukien Christian University. Possibly there will be other openings in the South.

Sincerely yours,

*Frank D. Gamewell*

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VICTOR A. ...

March 24th, 1925.

The Rev. Eric W. North, D.D.,  
Secretary, Park University,  
150 Fifth Avenue, City.

Mr. Arthur E. Coole

Dear Dr. North:

Thank you for forwarding to me the  
notification from Dr. Stuart's letter regarding the  
E. Coole. I am delighted that he is finally  
accepted. He has a great record for a young man  
and as he has the material in him to meet it in the way  
Dr. Stuart indicated. I am hopeful that we will  
succeed in placing him elsewhere in doing what he will  
do a good work. Dr. Fowly stated that he cannot see Dr.  
Coole in the office of the Board of Foreign Missions  
will be after coming in the office.

Sincerely yours,

*Frank Marshall North*

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March 26th, 1925. 2

Dr. Eric M. North, Secretary,  
Peking University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. North:-

I have seen the words of appreciation from Dr. Stuart regarding the loan of \$100,000. from the Board of Foreign Missions to Peking University and thank you for forwarding them. I will express Dr. Stuart's feeling at the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board.

Cordially yours,

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*Frank D. Gamewell*

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March 28th, 1905

Dr. Eric A. Hoffer, Secretary  
Peking University  
100 Kiang Avenue  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Hoffer:

I have read the report of  
appreciation from the Board of Foreign Missions  
of \$100,000 from the Board of Foreign Missions  
to Peking University and thank you for the  
information. I will express my appreciation to the  
best wishes of the Executive Committee of the Board.

Sincerely yours,

*Wm. E. Ditchester*

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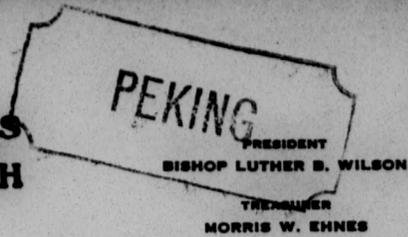
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April 15, 1925.



Dr. Eric M. North,  
Peking University,  
Building.

My dear Dr. North:-

We have just received a letter from Walter B. Heyler of Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Detroit, stating that Peking University has not received a gift of \$2000. which was sent by Mr. Frank B. Wallace.

I find that we received this gift June 1924, and have been holding it because it was designated for the Bashford Memorial. I understand we are holding money for the Bashford Memorial awaiting some definite building operations.

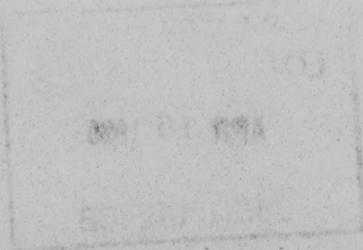
In the future will you be good enough to consult Mr. DeVesty before writing to a church about designated gifts.

Very cordially yours,

*Morris W. Ehns*

Treasurer.

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Board of Foreign Missions  
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April 18, 1925

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES

Dr. Eric W. North,  
Yale University,  
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Dr. North:

We have just received a letter from Walter B. Heyler of Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Detroit, stating that Yale University has not received a gift of \$2000. which was sent by Mr. Frank S. Wilson.

I find that we received this gift June 1924 and have been holding it because it was designated for the Bradford Memorial. I understand we are holding money for the Bradford Memorial awaiting some definite building operations.

In the future will you be good enough to contact Mr. Devery before writing to a church about a suggested gift.

Very cordially yours,

*Walter W. Lindsay*  
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April 23, 1925.

Mr. Morris W. Ehnes,  
Board of Foreign Missions of the  
Methodist Episcopal Church,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Ehnes:

Referring to your letter of April 15th concerning the gift of \$2,000. from Mr. Frank B. Wallace, sent to the Board of Foreign Missions through the Central Methodist Episcopal Church of Detroit, I have this to say: first, that no communication has been sent by me or by this office, to the church with reference to any designated gifts, which invalidates the suggestion made in your third paragraph; secondly, under dates of May 27th and June 5th, we have letters from Mr. Arthur J. Stock, a member of the Board of Foreign Missions, reporting that Mr. J. Henry Ling, Treasurer of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, had, at that time, sent a large amount of money to Chicago for Centenary Credit, including a payment of \$2,000. by Mr. Frank B. Wallace on his gift for a residence, and another \$2,000. on a similar pledge made by Mr. Stock himself.

Some time ago, I took up the matter of these two gifts with Mr. Chenoweth of the Department of Designated Income, and we found the \$2,000. from Mr. Wallace, but, the \$2,000., please note, which you still have, is designated for the Bashford Memorial, which is not a residence. I have no grounds for assuming that this amount labeled for the Bashford Memorial was, in fact, for the residence, inasmuch as it seems entirely possible that Mr. Wallace made a gift to the Bashford Memorial as well, of which I do not know. I assumed that the designations as recorded on the books of the Board were correct.

Mr. Chenoweth reported that in March, 1924, \$2,000. came in from Mr. Ling with nothing but a blank letter head of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, and that on May 31, 1924, a credit of \$50,000. was entered on a Foreign Board voucher which stated to represent "a Wallace Lodge credit".

I should be glad to receive the \$2,000. for the Wallace Residence, if you are able to identify the \$2,000. which you have as belonging to the residence, and not to the Bashford Memorial. Incidentally, the \$2,000. given by Mr. Stock in May, 1924, has never reached the University, and, as I understand, it has not, in any designated way, reached the Board of Foreign Missions, either. Shortly before Mr. Stock sailed for Europe, I reported this to him, and I believe he wrote to the church.

The facts above you could have fully secured by consulting Mr. Chenoweth of your Department of Designated Income.

Cordially yours,

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May 5, 1925.

The International Banking Corporation called me on the telephone a day or so ago, with reference to the matter of the guaranty of the loan which they are to make to you in connection with the Peking University land matter.

They stated that they had no specific form of guaranty, and that all that was necessary was a letter from the Board of Foreign Missions giving the usual information as to the duration of the loan and the methods and times of payments, et cetera.

You have already enought of the data as to the arrangements for this in Peking, and with the bank, so that I need not give you any further memoranda upon the matter, except to quote the following from a letter from Mr. Krause dated March 9, 1925:

"While our bank here is entirely agreeable to letting us have these funds, it is necessary for our Board to deposit with the head office in New York a proper statement of guarantee in regard to this loan, in order to make it operative. Mr. Bennett, our banker, also has stated that he is agreeable to having the funds transferred to our Board of Foreign Missions in New York, to be turned over there to the Trustees. This word has gone forward to our Board as much as ten days or two weeks ago, so that very early you will no doubt be informed by our Board that the whole matter is in order."

ERIC M. NORTH,  
Secretary,  
PEKING UNIVERSITY.

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May 6, 1925.

The Reverend Frank D. Gamewell, D.D.,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Gamewell:

I have the honor to inform you that at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Peking University on April 9, 1925, you were elected a co-opted member of the Board of Trustees in the Class of 1928.

At the same meeting, you were appointed a representative of the Trustees of Peking University on the Supervisory Committee of the Central Office of the China Union Universities to succeed the undersigned. Mr. Franklin H. Warner is the other representative from the Board of Trustees.

In the appointments of committees, you were named upon the Executive Committee, the Audit Committee, and the Committee on Instruction. I do not think that you will find these appointments burdensome, and the Trustees were very glad to avail themselves of your experience as a member of these committees.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary.

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May 7th, 1925.

Rev. Eric M. North, Ph.D.  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. North:

I desire to acknowledge your letter of the 6th inst. informing me of my election as a co-opted member of the Board of Trustees of Peking University in the Class of 1928; also for the information that I am on the Supervisory Committee of the Central Office of the China Union Universities and also on the Executive Committee, the Audit Committee and the Committee on Instruction.

I am glad that you assure me that this does not mean very heavy demands on one's time, for certainly the array is somewhat formidable as presented by you.

May I add that it is a privilege to do anything I can in connection with Peking University. I realize that the present institution is a union university, but the largest tributary stream making possible the present university was that with which I was connected many years ago in Peking, namely our Methodist Peking University.

Cordially yours,

*Frank D. Gamewell*

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT dated as of July 1, 1925, between the BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, party of the first part (hereinafter called the "Board"), and PEKING UNIVERSITY, an educational corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, party of the second part (hereinafter called the "University");

W I T N E S S E T H:

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1. The University has agreed to sell and the Board to purchase all the right, title and interest of the University in and to that parcel or parcels of land situated and lying within the limits of the City of Peking, China, and all the buildings thereon and appurtenances thereto, all of which said parcel or parcels of land are known as "Peking University City Site".

2. The purchase price based upon the original cost of the property to the University has been fixed by the parties at 222,398.15 gold dollars, payable in instalments and on the dates hereinbelow provided, and in addition, Mex. \$11,475 Chinese currency, payable as hereinafter provided.

3. The University acknowledges the receipt of \$125,000. gold dollars, and 11,475 Chinese currency on account of the said purchase price.

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4. The Board acknowledges receipt of a satisfactory deed to the said property duly executed by the University, transferring to it all the right, title and interest of the University in and to the said property.

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its representative in China

5. The Board agrees to pay to the University in New York, on or before October 1, 1927, \$97,398.15 in United States currency (the unpaid portion of the said purchase price) and to secure said obligation the Board agrees to execute and deliver to the University an agreement, satisfactory to the counsel of the University, mortgaging the said property to

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the University, its successors and assigns, said mortgage to be dated as of October <sup>1</sup>, 1926, to be due October 1, 1927 and to bear interest at five per cent (5%) per annum running from October 1, 1926. The Board further agrees that said mortgage shall be registered at the United States Consulate in Peking, China. The Board further agrees not to mortgage, assign, or transfer any of the said property except subject to the mortgage or lien of the University, and that as any part of said property be sold the proceeds shall apply to the reduction of the mortgage, subject only to the costs of registering the deeds of the property with the proper Chinese authorities as a prior claim.

6. The Board has agreed to the occupancy of the property by the University during the academic year 1925-6 on the understanding which is hereby confirmed that this occupancy is rent free, except in the case of the residences of the staff, and that in such case the rental, dates of payment, and all other matters pertaining thereto shall be adjusted by written agreement between the President of the University and the Treasurer of the North China Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that failing such agreement the matter shall be referred to the officers of the Board and of the University in New York City.

7. The Board shall be responsible for repairs, upkeep, taxes, if any, and similar charges, if any, upon all of the said property, subject to adjustment by written agreement as specified in the paragraph next preceding.

8. This agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon each of the parties hereto, their successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto has signed this instrument in two original counterparts by its officer thereto duly

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authorized and has caused its corporate seal to be affixed and duly attest-  
ed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1927.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Attest:

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Secretary

By \_\_\_\_\_  
President

PEKING UNIVERSITY

Attest:

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July 13, 1925.

Dr. John R. Edwards,  
Board of Foreign Missions of the  
Methodist Episcopal Church,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Edwards:

At the time that the arrangement was made for the payment of \$100,000. during the present year by the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions toward the City Site occupied by Peking University and in process of sale to the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions, it was anticipated that payments would be made on a quarterly basis - on April 1st, July 1st, October 1st and January 1st. It was with the expectation of receiving this that we undertook expenditures for additional construction.

We now understand that the change of plan on the part of the Board with reference to its financing of these payments has caused delay and we have not been seriously inconvenienced by the delay of the April 1st payment to June. We, however, are now in the position of drawing upon other funds in order to carry forward the work which it was expected that these payments would meet. I understand that the present plan of financing this by the Board will await the return of signed notes from the Treasurer of the North China Mission, some six or eight weeks hence. This, you will note, will carry the payment which we had expected on July 1st probably in the month of September.

I understand that measures are being taken by the staff to bring before the Board's Executive Committee the provision of this payment at an earlier date. I write to express my appreciation of this measure and to express the hope that it will be found practicable.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,  
Peking University.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

July 15, 1925.

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

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find check of Peking University for \$100.00  
This is an amount given by Miss Jennie A. Gouldy to Peking University with the  
request that it be credited to Trinity Church, Newburgh, New York, as a gift  
for credit in the second column, World Service, for Peking University's plant.

Will you kindly make the entry requested by Miss Gouldy, and, at  
your early convenience, forward to us a check for this amount?

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,  
Peking University.

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MORRIS W. EHRES

TRANSFER

July 22nd, 1925.

Dr. Eric M. North,  
Ass't. Treasurer,  
Peking University,  
150 Fifth Avenue, N.Y. City.

Dear Dr. North:-

With reference to your letter of July 13th, I am glad to be able to quote the action taken by the Executive Committee of the Board on July 16th, as follows:-

"That the Treasurer be authorized to make a temporary advance of an additional \$25,000 to Peking University if the same is required before the funds are made available from the loan of the New York Bank, to be repaid when the loan is finally negotiated."

This will fulfill the hope you expressed in the last paragraph of your letter.

Cordially yours,

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John R. Edwards  
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Peitaiho Beach, Chihli  
July 22, 1925.

My dear President Stuart:

I have been hoping to have an opportunity for a personal interview before you sail for America. Seeing the announcement that you are to sail soon I am sending you this letter, lest I may not have the opportunity of seeing you before you leave.

Even before coming to China I had a deep interest in Yenching University. Since assuming my official duties here, I have neglected no opportunity to express that interest. Even at the risk of being misunderstood in my attitude, I am going to express my concern at two points.

First, I have received the impression that the institution is more and more tending to become a Chinese educational institution rather than a university devoting itself to the training of Christian leaders in an atmosphere that is thoroughly and fervently religious. I am not for the moment discrediting the importance of Chinese educational institutions of highest academic standards, but if I rightly conceive our task as Christian missionaries, it is neither to educate China nor to convert China, but to train Christian leaders for this work among their own people. Without any criticism whatever upon your policy as President or upon your faculty as a body, I believe the institution is not making the contribution which it ought to make in furnishing Christian leaders to the various cooperating bodies. Unless it does this, it can not legitimately expect support from missionary funds, however valuable its work may be from the cultural point of view.

Second, in the face of existing conditions in China and of the attitude of many Chinese, my judgment is that there will be a policy of increasing conservatism on the part of the Mission boards, especially on the part of the Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the financial support of educational institutions in China. A policy of conservatism if not of retrenchment seems to me inevitable, if not desirable. Indeed, I am inclined to the judgment that the time has come when there needs to be a thorough-going revision of our whole missionary policy.

Now I have written the above with the utmost frankness and at the same time with just as much kindness and brotherliness and personal interest in the work in which you are engaged. I hesitate to increase your already too heavy burdens by a single word that could possibly be interpreted as criticism. At the same time, I am simply presenting my impressions with brotherly regard and a genuine interest in your institution.

Ever faithfully yours,  
(Signed) GEORGE R GROSE

President J. L. Stuart.

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Aug. 13, 1925.

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MORRIS W. EHRES

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Dr. Eric M. North,  
Peking Union University,  
BUILDING.

My dear Dr. North:-

As the Board of Foreign Missions is making arrangements to pay the \$100,000.00 on the property taken over from Peking University, the question naturally arises when Peking University will ask the Board of Foreign Missions to pay the balance due.

I shall be grateful for a reply as early as convenient.

Very cordially yours,

*Morris W. Ehres*

Treasurer.

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of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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SECRETARY-TREASURER  
FRANK MARSH NORTH

Dr. Aldo E. North  
Leaning Union University  
BUILDING

My dear Mr. North:

The Board of Foreign Missions is planning an  
arrangement to pay \$100,000 on the 1st day of  
over from the University, the question naturally arises  
when Leaning University will ask the Board of Foreign  
Missions to pay the balance due.

It will be grateful for a reply as early as possible.

Sincerely,  
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Very respectfully,  
Morrison



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August 24, 1925.

Memorandum to Dr. Eric M. North:

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I have received a letter from Dr. Gamewell, written from Shanghai on July 24th, stating that at the present time he thinks it very unwise for our Board to enlarge its material development. By this I am assuming he means the erection of buildings, because of the chaotic conditions and the present anti-Christian and anti-foreign agitation. I am writing to ask if you expect our Board to pay the full \$100,000. to the Peking University this year. I am raising this question because I desire to keep the borrowings down to the minimum. It may be that you are proceeding with your developments. If you are not, it would be to our advantage not to be pressed financially at this time.

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*Dr. Eric M. North*

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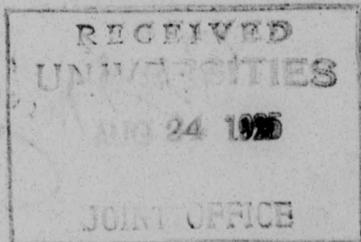
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August 24, 1926

Memorandum to Mr. Eric H. North:

I have received a letter from Mr. [Name] written from Shanghai on July 24th, stating that the present time he thinks it very unwise for our Board to undertake material development. By this I am assuming he means the erection of buildings, because of the chaotic conditions and the present anti-Chinese and anti-foreign situation. I am writing to ask if you expect our Board to pay the first \$100,000 to the Peking University this year. I am raising this question because I desire to keep the portfolio down to the minimum. It may be that you are proceeding with your development. If you are not, it would be to our advantage not to be pressed financially at this time.

*A. W. C.*  
Morris W. Cross



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PEKING UNIVERSITY

September 8, 1925.

The Reverend Morris W. Ehnes,  
Board of Foreign Missions of the  
Methodist Episcopal Church,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Ehnes:

With reference to the arrangement worked out last December by which the title to the property of Peking University in Peking City was transferred to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church this summer, and in connection with which the Board of Foreign Missions has already made us a payment of \$50,000. and is to pay shortly \$50,000. more, it was understood that the University would be prepared to vacate the property in September of this year. This has proved to be impossible, as you know, and we are seeking to make an equitable arrangement in connection with our continuing to remain upon the property, which we shall probably have to do until July, 1926.

It was our understanding that the arrangement was made with the expectation that the Mission would be able to meet the interest charges upon the \$100,000. by the rents from part of the property. As this is not practicable and as it seems wise to continue to administer the property as a unit, we being responsible for its upkeep and care so long as we occupy it, it has been suggested that the University carry the interest charges upon the \$100,000. which the Mission has borrowed until the University vacates the property. This will mean that the Mission will not be out of pocket for the arrangement made and that it nevertheless has title to the property. Meanwhile, the University will continue its occupation without embarrassment in the way of separate administration of any part of the property, until July, 1926.

This is the proposal which President Stuart, Mr. Warner and myself will put before our Finance Committee at its meeting on September 16th. I am writing you this early as I understand that your committee meets on September 17th and you may wish to have the matter in preparation. I shall advise you promptly of the action of our Finance Committee.

It would be our desire in this connection that our agreement to make such a payment of the interest charges be a part of a document from you acknowledging your indebtedness to us for the balance of the purchase price of the property, for we are, at the present, in the position of having transferred title to the Board of Foreign Missions but of having no legal document to show our auditors covering the payments of the purchase price which are yet to be made. I hope very shortly to submit to you a full schedule of the cost of the property in order that you and your Accounting Department may be satisfied that the figure then named accurately represents the basis of purchase, namely, the gold book cost of the property.

Cordially yours,  
(Signed) ERIC M. NORTH  
Secretary,  
Peking University.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

September 8, 1925.

The Reverend Morris W. Eames,  
Board of Foreign Missions of the  
Methodist Episcopal Church,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Eames:

Referring to your letter of August 13th, I have to reply with reference to the payments of the \$50,000. which it was planned you would make within the next few months that the building of the University is still going forward and that we are depending upon these payments upon the understood schedule of \$25,000. on October first and \$25,000. on January first.

With reference to the payment of the balance, I am writing you under another cover.

I have had under consideration your desire to hold back designated gifts until after the first of November. I think there is only one of the Peking University items which I ought to clear up, so far as I can tell now, before that time, and that is a gift of \$100. from Miss Jennie A. Gouldy, credited to Trinity Church, Newburgh, New York. If you can send this forward, I shall try to hold off on the others until the end of your fiscal year.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,  
Peking University.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

September 11, 1925.

Mr. Van Santvoord Merle-Smith,  
120 Broadway,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Merle-Smith:

We are on the point of reaching an understanding with the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church with reference to the final settlement for the City Site, and it seems to us that a legal check-up upon the phases of it with a view to the documents necessary is advisable. Let me outline the situation and indicate what we need.

There is an understanding with the Board that the Board will pay to the University the gold cost of the City Site, a total amount of \$222,398.15 (subject to a possible minor correction). Upon this, the Board has paid to date, \$75,000. and has agreed to pay on October first and on January first, each, \$25,000. more.

The title of the property in Peking City was transferred in June to the Board of Foreign Missions, this being a part of the agreement by which the \$100,000. (\$50,000. now paid and \$50,000. to be paid) was to be paid to the University. This was in order that the Peking Bank could assure itself of this resource as one of the assets of the Board in making the proposed loan to them, though it happened that they finally borrowed the money in New York, without using this arrangement with the Peking Bank.

A part of this plan was also the expectation that the University would leave the City Site in September, 1925, and that the Board could then use the rents from the property to pay for the interest upon the loans. It is, however, now apparent that the University will need to remain on the City Site until July, 1926, and will need to continue to occupy the entire property, so that by this action the Board of Foreign Missions is shut off from gaining the rents which they expected to use to pay the interest on the money which they borrowed to make the payments on the City Site.

After going over the matter with President Stuart and Mr. Warner and Dr. Ehnes, the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, it was agreed that, subject to the ratification of the necessary committees, the University would assume the entire interest obligation for the \$100,000. borrowed, from the time that it was borrowed until the University should leave the City Site, and that the University would pay the taxes and do whatever usual repairs might be necessary until that time.

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Van Santvoord Merle-Smith

September 11, 1924

You will note that we are now in the position of having transferred the title to the property to the Board of Foreign Missions and yet of having no document from them acknowledging their indebtedness to us for the balance of the purchase price.

It would be our thought that some document could be shaped which would clear up this whole matter of settlement of the details involved, in completing this matter. So far as I can see, the only item that is not definite now is the method of payment of the balance due, beyond the two amounts already agreed upon on October first and January first. This balance the Board is not prepared to commit itself to pay at any fixed time, though Dr. Ehnes is trying hard to raise the money for this.

The items to go into such a document as I have referred to seem to me to be the following:

First: Acknowledgment of the indebtedness of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church to Peking University with agreement to pay \$25,000. on October first and on January first, the balance - ?

Second: Agreement on the part of Peking University to pay the interest upon the last \$50,000. paid (borrowed by the Board and paid to the University) and upon the two payments of \$25,000. each, still to be made, and upon any other similar loans and payments that may be made up to the time that the University vacates the property, the interest to run from the date on which the Board borrowed the money and paid the University to the date on which the University vacates the property, and the amount to be the actual interest cost to the Board of Foreign Missions. I think also that if the Board makes a straight payment without having to borrow the funds, the University should pay interest at a fixed rate on the amount paid, said interest being in lieu of rent for that proportion of the property.

Third: Agreement on the part of the University that up to the time that it vacates the property it will pay the taxes and carry out the necessary repairs, in accordance with its practice of the last three or four years.

Fourth: Agreement on the part of the Board that after the University vacates the property the Board will pay interest to the University at a fixed rate on the amount remaining yet unpaid of the total purchase price.

It happens that the Finance Committee of the Board meets on the day after our meeting on September 16th, so that I should like, if possible, to clear up as many of the details as we can, in order that I may report our position to Dr. Ehnes so that he may secure the necessary action by his Finance Committee, the next day.

You will be interested to know that the negotiations at Cambridge for which Dr. Stuart came over were held yesterday and appeared to be promising.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,  
Peking University.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

September 14, 1925.

The Reverend Morris W. Ehnes, Ph.D.,  
Board of Foreign Missions of the  
Methodist Episcopal Church,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Ehnes:

I am now able to report the checking over of the figures for the Gold cost of the City Site of Peking University which is in the process of sale to the Board of Foreign Missions. The total cost, Mexican, of the one hundred and twenty-eight items (more or less) of property which are involved, is shown in the property lists furnished from year to year by Mr. O. J. Krause to have a total of \$389,807.32 Mexican. In checking upon this figure, we have the original property list and have noted in Mr. Krause's lists of annual receipts and disbursements and in his supplementary lists of property, the additions and deductions made each year.

The determination of the Gold book cost of the property consists of showing how much this amount of dollars Mexican has cost the University in dollars Gold. We have traced through Mr. Krause's balance sheets and other financial statements a series of separate Mexican amounts which appear on his books to be the result of the use of certain amounts of dollars Gold. The figures as we have worked them out here show that there is carried in Peking against this property an overdraft of \$11,475.04 Mexican, for which no Gold investment has been made.

As far as the University is concerned, it would be equally agreeable for us either for you to pay us the Gold equivalent at the day's rate of exchange at time of payment in Peking of this overdraft, or to have Mr. Krause arrange to transfer this overdraft in Mexican to the account of the Mission.

Deducting this overdraft of \$11,475.04 Mexican from the amount of the Mexican cost of the property, the amount of Mexican which we have purchased with Gold appears now as \$378,332.28. The checking back of the Mexican items of which this figure is composed shows a slight discrepancy of \$5.54 Mexican, as compared with the figure which the Gold amounts apparently yield. This is probably due to some slight difference in the rate between Mr. Krause's interpretation and mine, of the pro-rated division of the Mexican amount of a Gold charge not all used for this purpose. Waiving this slight difference, the Gold equivalent of the Mexican items referred to above is U.S.\$222,-398.15. Mr. Krause, in reporting to you, I believe, used a figure of approximately \$228,000.00. This was because he calculated the Gold cost of the Mexican overdraft of \$11,475.04 which we are carrying in the bank at the day's rate at the time, which makes the difference.

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September 14, 1925.

Our suggestion is that it be agreed that the total figure be \$222,398.15 Gold, with the understanding that in the settlement the overdraft now carried by us, of Mexican \$11,475.04, will be taken over in Mexican by the Mission.

You understand, of course, that up to the present time, the payments by the Methodist Board upon this transaction have totalled \$75,000. Gold, leaving a balance due of U.S.\$147,398.15, plus the overdraft. This is the amount which should be used in the document to which I referred in my letter of September 8th, provided that the document involved is drawn up before further payment is made by the Methodist Board.

After the two payments of U.S.\$25,000. each, on October 1, 1925 and January 1, 1926, are made, the amount which will then be due, and for which no arrangement for payment has been made, will be U.S.\$97,398.15, plus the overdraft.

As I knew you desired to have this exact figure reported to you as early as possible and checked over by the representatives of the Board, and knowing that you were away, I have, at Mr. Sutherland's suggestion, gone over the whole matter with Mr. DeVesty and Mr. McKenzie, and they have expressed themselves satisfied, both as to the processes and as to the results. They can, of course, report to you, and I have the analyses available for your attention at any time.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,  
Peking University.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

September 18, 1928.

Mr. Van Santvoord Merle-Smith,  
120 Broadway,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Merle-Smith:

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing data upon the sale of the City Site of Peking University to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. I trust that the form in which this appears may be acceptable to you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Eric M. North.

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September 19, 1925.

Dr. Eric M. North, Secretary,  
Peking University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. North:

I am enclosing herewith a draft of the proposed agreement between the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Peking University relating to the transfer of the City Site.

I am not sure that the corporate names are correct. You can probably check this up for me and also the fact as to under what laws the corporations are organized. You will notice that I have used the sum, \$222,398. You told me orally that a sum had definitely been agreed upon but I do not recollect whether there had been a change in the amount you mentioned in your letter.

You will note that I have made the last instalment become payable on or before August 1, 1926. Some definite date ought to be put in regarding which there can be an understanding as to extension. It seems to me reasonable and necessary for Peking University to require some such date because in the event there should be a controversy in the Methodist Church between the Liberals and Fundamentalists serious questions of property rights might arise. In the case of such a contingency Peking University should be protected. I merely set the date arbitrarily. I presume the exact date will be a matter of negotiation.

With regard to the rights of the two parties during the period of occupancy of the property, I have introduced some new elements. I have covered the matter of interest, taxes and repairs, as you suggested. I have included in addition an obligation to pay insurance premiums and have inserted a provision throwing the risk of damage by fire, earthquake, etc. upon Peking University. As I understand the situation, such risk should be upon the University and the Board should be protected to that extent. In the present unsettled state of China it would

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Dr. Eric M. North

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not be wise to leave such a point uncovered. I have put in arbitrarily the rate of  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$  as the interest rate to be paid by the University on instalments of principal paid by the Board out of its own funds and received by the University during the period of occupancy. I have applied the same rate in respect of the interest to be paid by the Board to the University after surrender of the property.

I have inserted a clause requiring the Board to mortgage the property back to the University to secure the part of the purchase price to be paid. In ordinary circumstances this might not be necessary, but in view of the possibility mentioned of doctrinal controversies in the Protestant Churches with the complications as to the property rights which attend them, I am of the opinion that the University should require such security. I am not familiar in detail with the steps that should be taken under the Chinese law but understand that without great difficulty such a mortgage can be arranged.

Trusting that this draft will answer your purpose,  
I am,

Very cordially yours,

*Van S. Merle-Smith*

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

September 28, 1925

Dr. Morris W. Ehnes,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Ehnes:-

Mr. Van S. Merle-Smith, a trustee of Peking University and who is a lawyer, has gone over the matter of the legal documents involved in the transfer of the property now held by the Board of Foreign Missions in the City of Peking. I am not sure that the provisions of this will be in all respects satisfactory, but at least it will serve as the basis of our working out something which will be satisfactory.

I think, as far as I see, the only point where perhaps the University might make some alteration would be as to the rate of interest upon unpaid balances on either side. The rate given was suggested by Mr. Merle-Smith. I also have some doubt as to whether it would be practicable for the Board to execute an effective mortgage and am not sure that this is necessary. You may have some comment upon this item.

Cordially yours,

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Secretary.

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October 2, 1925.

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MEMORANDUM TO DR. ERIC N. NORTH FROM MR. MORRIS W. EHNES.

RE: OFFER OF MR. WALLACE.

I have just read Dr. Stuart's letter reporting his conversation with Mr. Wallace. The plan which Mr. Wallace has agreed to is exactly what we talked over when I was in Detroit.

I would write accepting his proposition. He evidently plans to turn the property contracts over to you, just as ours have been paid and are being paid at the present time.

From Dr. Stuart's letter, I assume that he intends to include the balance to make the \$100,000. in his will. I shall be glad to see that this is done when I see Mr. Wallace, and decide upon the items to be included in his will.

I shall be in the office again to-morrow morning and Monday, and should be glad to talk this over with you in detail, and, if you do not think I am presuming too much, I should like to see the letter which you write to Mr. Wallace.

M. W. EHNES.

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TREASURER  
MORRIS W. EHNES

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October 7, 1925.

Peking University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find <sup>4th</sup>our check #7926  
for \$25,000.00. This covers the ~~third~~ payment on  
the Peking Property Account.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles E. Vesty*

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Of the Methodist Episcopal Church

150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

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CHARLES E. DE VOSTER, ACCOUNTANT

October 1, 1925

Dear Sirs:  
The Board of Foreign Missions  
of the Methodist Episcopal Church  
has the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter  
of the 28th inst. regarding  
the proposed revision of  
the constitution of the  
Board of Foreign Missions  
of the Methodist Episcopal  
Church, South.

The Board of Foreign Missions  
of the Methodist Episcopal  
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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

October 7, 1925.

The Board of Foreign Missions of the  
Methodist Episcopal Church,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Gentlemen: ATTENTION: MR. R. A. HASEMEYER.

Referring to the Board of Foreign Missions bill #740 of August 14, 1924, on shipment of 111 crates, 14 cases, plumbing fixtures from J. Simmons & Company to Peking University, Peking, China, covered by insurance to the extent of \$228., the details of insurance not in hand, goods listed in the Board of Foreign Missions order #18916, Simmons order #28743-4, folio #5322, I have to report that we have received complaint from Peking as to damages to this shipment, in the following items:

Lavatories: 21" x 18"

1 broken at side  
7 enamel cracked at one or both angles of back and front plate.

24" x 18"

14 enamel cracked at one or both angles of front and back plate.

These were received on the field in January, 1925, and were uncrated in August, 1925. Mr. Flood, the storekeeper reports:

"Goods left in crates for safety, not handled since arrival till unpacking. Crates evidently not strong enough to prevent jars and shocks reaching goods, thus causing enamel to crack and to flake off. One only bears any sign of a blow and that at the centre of the basin rim at back, at which point it could only have been reached by some part of the crate being driven in on it."

With reference to three additional 21" x 18" lavatories, where the enamel has flaked off, the Simmons Company will replace these free of charge. With reference to the other items, however, they write as follows:

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Fixtures which we supplied under these record numbers were manufactured by the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa., and came forward from their plant in a car load for free lighterage delivery, so therefore, between point of origin and placing on board steamer, there was but one handling and all the material was packed in our usual careful manner for long ocean voyage and inland transportation. We feel sure you will approve under such circumstances we could not very well be held accountable for safe arrival of merchandise at destination.

"We are somewhat surprised to learn of this complaint, in view of the fact the material has been on the job for practically one year and furthermore, the fixtures apparently have been subject to severe weather conditions, owing to their having been stored in the open.

"This fact only leads us to believe you would not be fully justified in calling upon us to make good on a claim of this character and trust you will explain our position clearly to the Board.

"Please understand we are not attempting to avoid responsibility, but this order was one of a number we were fortunate to secure from the Board of Foreign Missions, on a basis which called for material delivered in good order, free alongside vessel New York, and if we exercised the greatest care in packing for export shipment, would it not be reasonable to suppose our responsibility ceased on delivery in good order to steamer? In this connection we are wondering if Mr. Barker took the precaution to insure these plumbing supplies, especially enameled ware, against breakage."

Will you please go over this matter and advise us how to proceed to collect for these damages under the provisions of the insurance?

Cordially yours,

Secretary,  
Peking University.

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Board of Foreign Missions  
Of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

150 Fifth Avenue  
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CABLE ADDRESS, MISSIONS PHONE, CHELSEA 2130

Oct. 9, 1925.

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PRESIDENT  
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TREASURER  
MORRIS W. EHNES

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Dr. Eric M. North,  
Peking University,  
Building.

My dear Dr. North:-

You will recall that we had some negotiations in regard to the adjustment with Peking University covering the property that was transferred to our Board. In looking over the Minutes I find that on December 18, 1924, a committee was authorized by the Executive Committee to take up all these matters. I am asking the Recording Secretary to see that this is brought to the attention of the Executive Committee and that a committee is appointed at the next meeting. I think it would be wise to have this committee appointed before we proceed.

Very cordially yours,

*Morris W. Ehnes*

Treasurer.

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Board of Foreign Missions  
Of the Methodist Episcopal Church

150 Fifth Avenue  
NEW YORK CITY

CABLE ADDRESS: MISSIONS PHONE CHIEF: 2190

Oct. 9, 1926

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES  
RALPH S. CROSSLANDER  
JOHN R. COWARD  
SECRETARY-COUNSEL  
FRANK MARON NORTH

Dr. Eric S. North,  
Yale University,  
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Dr. North:

You will recall that we had a meeting in New Haven in the summer of 1925. I am writing you according to the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was held in New Haven, Conn., on August 11, 12, and 13, 1925. I am writing you according to the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was held in New Haven, Conn., on August 11, 12, and 13, 1925.

*Frank Maron North*

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October 20, 1925.

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

Gentlemen:

For your information, I am sending you a copy of Bishop Grose's letter which came to Dr. Stuart just before he left for the United States last summer. I think that you ought to have this as indicating the thought of Bishop Grose. You have, I think, already heard from Dr. Stuart, his comment upon the points made by Bishop Grose, and Dr. Stuart will, on his return, endeavor to go over the matter fully with the Bishop.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,  
Peking University.

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October 23, 1925.

Dr. John R. Edwards,  
Board of Foreign Missions of the  
Methodist Episcopal Church,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Edwards:

I enclose an abstract from the minutes of the Trustees of Peking University held September 24, 1925, containing the text of an amendment to Article IV. of the Constitution of Peking University recommended by this meeting of the Board of Trustees to the cooperating Missions Boards for their favorable action. This amendment has not had final action by the Board of Trustees as the meeting of September 24th. was not called for the purpose of action upon the amendment but I think there is no doubt that after the formalities have been completed the Trustees will adopt formally the amendment as stated here.

We, therefore, desire as soon as practicable the concurrence of your Board in this proposed amendment, since the amendment of this section of the By-Laws requires the concurrence of the cooperating Missions Boards.

You will note that although the action calls for a diminution in the number of representatives of the Local Missions, a general officer of each Board resident in China is brought in to the Board of Managers affording as definite and official representation between the Mission constituencies and the Board of Managers as before, there being both one representative of each Local Mission and one general officer of the Church of that Mission upon the Board of Managers.

The second sheet enclosed gives the present text of Article IV.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,  
Peking University.

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November 14, 1925.

The Reverend F. D. Gamswell, D.D.,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City

My dear Dr. Gamswell:

CONCERNING HARVARD-PEKING INSTITUTE

You will have noted in the minutes of the meeting of September 24, 1925 Actions T-1925 and T-1926. In this letter I am carrying out procedure of T-1926.

You will note that at the meeting of the Special Committee on the Harvard-Peking Institute of October 28, 1925, the Special Committee expressed its judgment that the conditions named by the Trustees in Action T-1925 would be satisfactorily covered by the amendments which the Special Committee approved in Action H-P 1925.

I have to report that Mr. Homer V. Johnson indicated that such modifications as might seem desirable by the Harvard-Peking groups would be satisfactory to him and I take it that therein we have his informal concurrence in the modifications made.

I have also to report a letter from Dean Wallace B. Donham of Harvard University, stating that the memorandum as revised by our Special Committee "meets with the entire and cordial approval of President Lowell and the men in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences who are interested in the Institute." He adds that so far as they can see, there is no reason why the whole enterprise should not proceed.

You will, therefore, note that in accordance with the action of the Special Committee upon this matter, the requirements stated in Action T-1926 have been met and I am, therefore, notifying the Mission Boards in accordance with that action of the completion of the agreement.

For your information in this connection, I enclose a copy of the memorandum of the Conference of September 10th, 1925 as revised and approved by Harvard University and Peking University.

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The Reverend F. D. Gunswell, D.D.

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November 14, 1959

You will be interested to read the following paragraph from Dean  
Dorham's letter:

"You may be interested to know that Bishop Beale has just been lunching with the group interested in the Institute and that from every possible standpoint the project met with his enthusiastic approval as an enterprise of the greatest importance, set up so far as he could see in an ideal way. He was also extremely helpful to us all because of the most cordial and hearty word of approval which he gave the Peking University, to Dr. Stuart and to others in Peking who are in charge of your institution."

Cordially yours,

Secretary,  
PEKING UNIVERSITY.

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P.S. - It would seem desirable that until the necessary legal steps have been taken to carry out the purposes expressed in the memorandum the discussion of the matter as private and confidential and confined to as few persons as may be possible. No public statement, of course, will be issued until the trustees of the Hall Estate are ready to do so.

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NORTH CHINA MISSION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

43 Hatamen Street,  
Peking.

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November 24, 1925.

YENCHING

Rev. M. W. Ehnes, D.D.,  
New York City.

Dear Doctor Ehnes:

Your letter of October 8th in which you enclose four notes of \$100,000 Gold each for our signature for the purpose of renewing the loans made on account of the purchase of the East City site is received. Enclosed herewith I am sending two of the notes as per your request. The other two will be sent to you in a later mail.

Your report of the conversation with Dr. Leighton Stuart, President of Peking University and your agreement with him that the University should not pay rent until they move to the new site has been noted. This item was taken up by our special committee dealing with East City property matters at its meeting on the 19th instant, and in the light of all the facts as understood here it has seemed wise to our committee to reaffirm the action of the special committee which met in June with Bishop Grose to the effect that rent be charged for all residences occupied by the University; that no rent be charged for buildings strictly used for University work such as dormitories, recitation rooms and library.

I have had a conversation with Dr. Stuart since our meeting to learn from him exactly what was in his thought when making the arrangement he did with you. He reports that in his thought there seemed to be no great difference so far as the financial aspects of the matter were concerned, - whether the accounts were handled by the University or by our Mission from the first of July. I pointed out to him, however, that it would make a very great difference from one particular point of view, and that is my return on furlough to the United States this coming March. In accordance with our action in the spring and report to Dr. Stuart we have been handling the East City property matters, so far as rentals and repairs are concerned, in our own Mission accounts. I stated to Dr. Stuart that to turn this back to the University accounts now, to a new treasurer and new assistant treasurer, who are not at all familiar with the details connected with the properties, and then later for these men to turn the accounts back again to Mr. Fuller who also is new at this business, would mean in my judgment very serious confusion of accounts and the details connected with this property. Dr. Stuart stated that he did not realize that my return to the States came as early as it does. In his thought I would be in connection with the University accounts until they move to the new site. In that case, having handled the properties during the past years for the University through the University accounts, he felt it would not make much difference, and that is the reason for his request made to you. Under the present conditions the accounts are continued under our own Methodist Mission, and the interest on the loans should as originally arranged be charged to our North China Mission accounts. If interest has been paid to you by the Trustees I would suggest that you refund the payments made by the University on interest account and charge the same to our Mission account to be taken care of in our East City property account.

Your paragraph mentioning the fact that a committee has been appointed to negotiate with Peking University on all matters connected with the future payments on the property is noted. In bringing this to the attention of our special committee about the only suggestion that occurred to us to make was this, that it was considered a fair proposition for our Mission to pay to the University a fair rate of interest on any balances unpaid at the time of moving to the new site. However, that the payment of interest should not begin until three months

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after all properties on which no rents have been charged are vacated. The reason for suggesting that a period of three months be allowed to elapse before interest becomes due is the fact that after the University moves it will take about that length of time to arrange the properties for rent and to secure tenants for the properties thus vacated. Not only is this true in regard to properties vacated for which no rents have been charged the University during this year of occupancy; It is also true, in large part, of the fourteen or more residences that will be vacated when the University moves to the new site, i.e., it will be very difficult to find immediately tenants to fill all these residences.

It would seem therefore that for a short period, a period however more or less indefinite, no income can be expected from some of these vacated properties. Fortunately, the income from rents for the present year should leave a margin to cover any shortage in income for the following year. It will be no easy task for our Mission to keep all of these houses fully occupied all the time, for a while at least. After all the properties are once rented the changes in tenants later on will not be in such large groups as when the University moves out and will be much easier handled.

My letter of October 14th I believe answers the various questions in your former letter which you are inquiring about in this letter.

The deeds for all the properties involved are in our possession and the ownership has been transferred to the Board of Foreign Missions and is now in the hands of our North China Mission.

One item in connection with these properties has to do with the Chinese registration. Originally when purchasing these properties for the University site promises had been secured from the officials that on completion of the purchase of the properties and the setting up of the University it would be possible to secure a deed for the whole plot from the government with practically no cost for the service of registration. Moving the University to the new site put a very different complexion on the whole matter, and as soon as it is at all possible it will be necessary for us to secure the registration for these properties. We are not definitely certain at this time as to what the cost will be to us. We are endeavoring to secure the help of those who are in position to help so as to keep the cost at a minimum. Upon inquiry I am given to understand that the ordinary registration fee is 6% of the cost of the property. Besides this there are other fees paid to the Police Department and also to a Department of Public Construction. These latter charges I am not able at the moment to learn exactly. Our committee is having this matter in mind and as stated above all will do its utmost to keep this cost at a minimum.

You may want to question why we as a Mission have consented to taking over these properties when they are still unregistered. The factor that has controlled in this matter is the fact that when turning over perhaps three-fourths to five-sixths of these properties to the University by our Mission they were turned over in the same manner, i.e., without being registered. It has seemed therefore impracticable to insist that the University take the trouble and expense for registering these properties when the matter had been originally neglected by our own Mission; and when turning over the property our Mission claimed credit for all the properties turned over. Receiving back the properties at the original figure it seemed that the burden of completing the transaction, including registration, should fall on the permanent holder of the property.

A revised and full list has been prepared of all the properties in this East Section controlled by our Mission. As soon as this list can be rechecked and a statement prepared on the same it will be forwarded to you for your information and filed.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) O. J. KRAUSE

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Methodist Board

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TREASURER  
MORRIS W. EHNES

November 27th, 1925.

Rev. James H. Lewis  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

Dear James:

I have just communicated with Dr. Eric North regarding the appropriations of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church to Peking University for 1926. You are familiar with the facts but it is better that I should state them in writing.

In 1925, the full amount was appropriated to the Union Universities notwithstanding the fact that some of our missions were cut nearly 50%. At a meeting of the Bishops of Eastern Asia held in Shanghai on September 16th and 17th, the following action was taken:

"It is our united judgment that union institutions, schools and hospitals, should share in the necessary reductions in appropriations and that any shortage in this year's appropriations to these institutions should be made good through special contributions secured through the efforts of the officers of these several institutions."

In the light of the financial decrease which confronted our Board, we appropriated to Peking University and to the other Union Universities 60%, guaranteed by the Board and 40% to be secured in designated gifts or better, as stated in the action of the Bishops, "through special contributions secured through the efforts of the officers of the several institutions". I am frank to say that I do not believe we have a moral right to load over this 40% on the institutions if there is any way by which we can secure it ourselves.

Before I close may I thank you for your very cordial and deeply appreciated invitation to dine with you on Thanksgiving. Do not think I took it as a matter of course, lightly appreciated. Again and again yesterday, your kindness in returning to the office and in inviting me and offering to come for me with your car and bring me back, entered into my thought and brightened the Thanksgiving Day.

Your father and I worked, as you know, in closest cooperation many years. He often said to me that he talked more

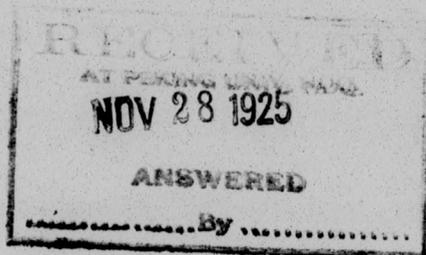
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frankly to me after Bishop Bashford's death than to anyone and found relief in so doing. It was my privilege to speak at the Memorial Service in your father's memory; first, at the North China Conference, later at the Eastern Asia Conference at Foochow and still later at the General Conference in Springfield. In each case I did not feel that I was enabled to say all that was in my heart to say, but I deemed it a great privilege to represent one I held in such high regard and deep affection.

Very cordially yours,

*Frank K. Gamewell*

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

December 18, 1925.

MEMORANDUM TO MR. JAS. H. LEWIS.

My dear Mr. Lewis:

I attach herewith copy of a letter from Dr. Gamewell concerning the appropriation of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions for 1926.

You will note that the effect upon the University upon its fiscal year is not so serious, as the Board has paid us for the first half of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1925 on the \$3,500.00 basis. We shall receive in our second half of fiscal year \$1,050.00, so that the amount to be made up in Designated Gifts will be \$700.00. I direct your attention to the last paragraph of Dr. Gamewell's letter and suggest that you confer with him, Dr. Edwards and Mr. Chenoweth upon this item.

Cordially yours,



Secretary,  
PEKING UNIVERSITY.

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December 28th, 1925.

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

Dear Dr. North:-

At a meeting of the Executive Committee  
of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal  
Church, on the 17th instant, the following action was taken  
in response to a request contained in your letter of October  
23rd addressed to Dr. Edwards:-

"That approval of the suggested amendment  
to Article IV. of the Constitution of  
Peking University be granted."

Cordially yours,

*Frank D. Gamewell*

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September 28th, 1926

Dr. W. H. Harris, Secretary  
Yale University  
150 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. City

Dear Dr. Harris:

As a member of the Executive Committee  
of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal  
Church, on the 17th inst. we received your letter  
in response to a request for information regarding the  
and addressed to the Secretary.

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Sincerely yours,

*Walter H. Harris*

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