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January 13, 1928.

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

My dear Dr. Gamewell:

At the request of Dr. Eric M. North, I am forwarding to you herewith a copy of a letter which Mr. Krause wrote him under date of February 10, 1923, together with a blue print of the map which accompanied that letter. Dr. North felt that this material would supplement the material which you now have in hand on the matter of the adjustment of the "City Site" property of Peking University.

Very sincerely yours,

Kathryn J. Linehan

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January 18, 1928.

Memorandum to Mr. Garside:

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The attached copy of the action of the sub-committee of the Executive Committee of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions was handed to the undersigned by Dr. Morris W. Ehnes on January 9, 1928.

ERIC M. NORTH

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January 18, 1928.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Leighton:

It is urgent that you see Dr. Ehnes as soon as possible concerning the settlement on the matter of the City Site.

Somewhat to my surprise, he thinks he has been sitting around waiting for you, and I have been waiting for him to come back from some one of his trips and let us know that he was available. I am sorry that we have misunderstood each other in this matter and therefore somewhat delayed the matter. I quote the text of a recommendation which his sub-committee has sent out to Peking. It has not been passed by the Executive Committee of the Methodist Board yet:

"First - The question of when the property should be definitely assumed by the North China Mission. Recommendations from the North China Mission indicate that June 30, 1927 would be the date on which the mission would assume complete responsibility for the property and that interest at 5% should be paid to Peking University on the balance due on the purchase price from that date. This suggestion was approved by the committee.

"The Treasurer also reported that the Peking University requests a mortgage on the property for the balance due on the purchase price at 5%. The payment of this mortgage, with interest, to be guaranteed by the Board of Foreign Missions.

"The Committee voted to recommend that we request the North China Mission to negotiate a first mortgage, in behalf of Peking University, on the East City property in Peking, China, formerly occupied by Peking University; that the Board considers this property adequate security for the balance due Peking University and that the Board declined to enter into an agreement at the present time to guarantee the payment of the mortgage interest."

I think that Dr. Ehnes feels pretty unhappy about the whole matter, as the Mission, in consequence of the arrangement, is saddled with a debt of \$173,000. on which it will have to pay interest at 5%, with no prospect of the sale of the property which would enable them to get out of debt. Of course, this is largely

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due to the turn of events which have failed to put Peking property at a premium.

If you have any banking friends in China who are interested in real estate, maybe you could help them to become interested in the Mission's efforts to get rid of the property. Can't you get General Feng or Chiang Kai-Shek to buy it for a headquarters? The Board is really in a rather unhappy position on this item.

I wish you would dictate a memorandum for Mr. Garside on your conference with Dr. Ehnes so that we may know where we are on this matter when you go.

Cordially yours,

Erie M. North
Secretary,
Peking University.

P. S. Since dictating the above letter, I have been informed that Dr. Ehnes is to be away for several weeks. I would urge that you endeavor to learn from his secretary what his itinerary may be and whether it may not be possible for you to get in touch with him on some of your own trips.

E. M. N.

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Copy for Mr. Garside

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For Mr. Garside

PEKING

February 16, 1928.

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Dear Dr. Diffendorfer:

It gives me pleasure to report to you that the Board of Trustees of Peking University has approved of the proposition which I discussed informally with your associates and yourself some days ago, regarding the unpaid balance on the price of our old site in the city. They approve of an effort to be undertaken jointly by representatives of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions and by the University to secure contributions from members of your constituency to the University in the present campaign; such contributions to count toward the reduction of the balance of approximately \$100,000 still unpaid for the city site. It is understood that we jointly endeavor to secure the total amount of \$100,000 for this purpose and that only such gifts be counted as are secured by this special cooperation.

If this conforms to your understanding and is acceptable to your Board, the effort can take effect at once.

Very cordially yours,

(Signed)

J. Leighton Stuart

Rev. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, D.D.,
Methodist Board of Foreign Missions,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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For Mr. Garfield

January 18, 1928

Dear Mr. Hiltner:

It gives me pleasure to report to you that the Board of Trustees of Yale University has approved the proposal which I discussed informally with your associates and yourself on the 12th regarding the special session on the side of our side in the city. They approve of an effort to be undertaken jointly by representatives of the National Board of Forestry and the National Forestry Society to hold a special session of your organization in the city in the present connection with our organization to discuss the subject of the National Board of Forestry and the National Forestry Society. It is my hope that we jointly endeavor to secure the total amount of \$10,000 for this purpose and that it will be secured as the result of the special session.

If you desire to work with us in this connection, please let me know to what extent, the above and take effect at once.

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) J. Hiltner

Rev. Mr. Hiltner, 211
National Board of Forestry, 211
120 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

February 21, 1928

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
China Union Universities Office
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Dr. Stuart: -

You will recall that in conversation on the 3rd instant we discussed the case of Rev. John McGregor Gibb, Jr. and I stated that Bishop Grose had written regarding Mr. Gibb. The Bishop feels that there should be definite understanding concerning his return to China and called attention to the fact that Mr. Gibb has specialized so that in the event of his not being needed for his special department in Yenching University, there would be no other place for him in the North China Mission. This would mean, in the event of the University's not continuing to use him, that it would be necessary for Mr. Gibb to be returned to America.

After discussing the case Bishop Grose stated that in view of these facts, his judgment is that there should be a written statement or agreement on the part of the University to continue Mr. Gibb's services in the University during the next term, or to assume full responsibility for the expense incidental to the sudden termination of his services.

Will you please give me such statement as you can approve, which will cover the case?

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Frank D. Gamewell

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FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Edward Furns Martin, Pastor
Seventh Ave. at Sixtieth Street
Kenosha, Wisconsin

February 23, 1928.

Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Brother Diffendorfer:-

✓ I have your confidential letter of the 18th concerning Mr. Nash. As a matter of fact, I have had a good deal to do with him since coming to Kenosha, but as I think I told you, have not succeeded in getting any considerable amount from him. I should like to help in any way that I can in approaching him concerning the Chinese University you mention. Mr. Nash is often in New York City, though less frequently than in previous years. I do not know whether it would be better to see him here or there, but I am sure of this, it will take several visits to get anywhere with him. He is not easily approached and is not amenable to suggestion concerning the need of the world. I should say that there would be a fair reason for expecting something later from Mr. Nash if he is approached through some representative Christian business man who has an appreciation of what the Missionary Work is doing for business of our Occidental type.

I remember that a few years ago Bishop McDowell had access to the Simmons money and Mrs. Z. G. Simmons used to give him as much as \$12,000. to \$15,000. a year for special work. The Simmons' live in Greenwich, Conn. now, and though Mrs. Simmons is no longer a member of our church here, I think if Bishop McDowell would ask her, she might respond. The whole family are very fond of him. You know he has a knack with certain aristocrats!

Nash is not so approachable, but I think will warrant cultivation, and while I do not think you could get much out of him just now - not that he does not have it but that he is not warmed up to the subject - I think properly cultivated he might be good for a considerable sum. Once more let me advise that you get your introduction through some Christian business man to whom he might look with real respect.

Sincerely,

E. BURNES MARTIN

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February 27, 1928.

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

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Replying to your letter concerning the return of Mr. J. McG. Gibb and his family to Peking, I realize the embarrassment which the Methodist Board would have in appointing him to any other work in China, in the event of his services being discontinued by the University. The University ought, therefore, to look forward to his permanent connection with us or advise against his return to China at this time.

There seems to be every reason to expect that he will continue to be associated with the University during the remainder of his active service. In order, however, to protect the Board, I suggest that it be agreed that in the event of his leaving China before the expiration of a furlough period the University be responsible for the proportion of travel expenses for himself and family equivalent to the number of remaining years. For instance, if he stays through four years of a seven year period, the University will stand for three-sevenths of his travel charges.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory to your Board,
I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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

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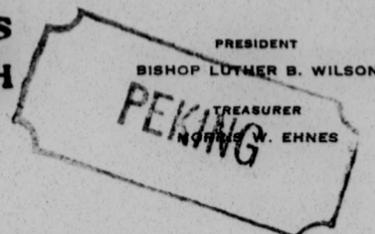
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February 28, 1928.

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Garside:

I have your notice of the meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee, fixed for Wednesday, at 11 a.m. I have a fixed appointment on Wednesday and Friday mornings for lectures, and it would be impossible for me to be present. I rather feared this when I was named a member of the Committee.

While writing, let me express my regret that I did not firmly decline the appointment on the new Committee on the China Universities. I am persuaded that I cannot serve on that Committee and believe that there is a very real reason why you should appoint Dr. Gamewell in my place. There has been no word spoken about it, but this is my conclusion. I do not know whether his official relation to the Peking University will make him eligible for this or not. I would think that you might assign Dr. Eric to the position I was elected to, and make Dr. Gamewell a coopted member.

I am trying to diminish the number of committee engagements that I have because I am concerned with certain other lines of work which simply cannot be done unless I take that course, and I would be in error if I allowed myself to accept the appointment on this exceedingly important committee.

Yours cordially,

Frank Mason North

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New York, N. Y.

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Peking University

March 1, 1928.

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

My dear Dr. North:

We are sorry to learn through your letter of February 28 that you are feeling somewhat unwilling to accept formal appointment as one of the representatives of Peking University on the Committee for Christian Colleges in China.

You have always given the Committee such a generous share of your time and thought that we have all considered you as in effect a member of the Committee anyway. So in formally electing you as one of the Peking representatives we felt that we are merely making your relationship with the Committee somewhat more definite.

If you really feel that you would prefer to keep your relationship with the Committee on a somewhat more informal basis, we will of course bring up to the next meeting of the Peking Executive Committee the question of accepting your resignation and appointing someone else. We hope, however, that we may continue as heretofore to count on your interest and assistance as an "unofficial adviser".

Very sincerely yours,

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March 5th, 1928

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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
China Union Universities Office,
150 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. City.

Dear Dr. Stuart:-

I have your letter of the 27th ultimo and note the conditions you propose regarding the responsibility of the University in the event of Rev. John McGregor Gibb returning to America before the expiration of the full term of seven years; namely, that you would pro rate his travel expenses on the basis of the proportion of the normal period, spent on the field; for instance, if he stays thru four years of a seven year period, the University would be responsible for three-sevenths of his travel costs.

You will notice this suggestion does not quite meet the proposal as brought forward by Bishop Grose, namely, that there should be an agreement on the part of Yenching University to continue Mr. Gibb's services in the University during the full term of seven years, or to assume full responsibility for the expense incident to the sudden termination of his services. This would mean provision for such furlough salary as might be necessary as well as travel expenses for Mr. Gibb and family to his home in America.

I am quite sure that the simple statement that the University would pro rate travel expenses will not meet the case. As stated, the travel costs would be but a small part of what would be involved in a sudden return to this country. Mr. Gibb would probably have to be carried for a year or a good part of a year on furlough salary and it is to care for such contingency that Bishop Grose is anxious to secure agreement. In the light of all the facts it seems to me that the University should pro rate Mr. Gibb and family's travel expenses with the Board, and should assume his salary for such period as may be agreed upon.

Cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

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March 7th, 1928

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
China Union Universities Office,
150 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. City.

Dear Dr. Stuart:-

Rev. J. McGregor Gibb — X ✓

I have recently written you regarding the return of Rev. John McGregor Gibb to Yenching University, making a general statement as to the conditions under which our Board would be willing to return him to the field.

Since writing you we have received the Redistributions of the North China Mission for 1928, together with a report of actions taken at the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mission. At that Meeting the following definite action was taken:-

"It was voted that we provide for the out-coming of Mr. Gibb when the Budget will allow, on the condition that Yenching University guarantee that Mr. Gibb will be continued in the service of the University during the full period (of seven years) under his next furlough.

"It was further moved that before Mr. Gibb's return to the field we have a definite understanding with Yenching University that in case they do not continue his services thruout a full period, that they shall bear such a share of the outcoming and home-going expense as we would not be expected to bear following the regular rules of the Board.

"Following the above two actions, vote was taken upon the name of J. McGregor Gibb and he was requested to return to the field."

The above is in substance what we discussed. In a copy of a letter sent by Dr. Felt to the Acting Presidents of the University, under date of February 6th, I note the following: "There is no expectation of the return of Mr. Gibb and family before the opening of school in the Fall of 1928." This follows a statement that he has not been included in the Budget for 1928 - but I find that they have included Mr. Gibb's support in their Budget thruout 1928.

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I think it well that I put all these facts before you and add that I feel we have an obligation in the matter. We expect to send Mr. Gibb to the field during the coming Summer, at all events. Of course I am not in a position to make any promises but the matter will be brought up at the next meeting of the Staff and in the light of all the facts connected with Mr. Gibb's case I trust we can secure approval for his return to Peking. It will be necessary, however, that we first have from the University a statement such as I outlined in my previous letter to you, and to which reference is made in the action quoted in the beginning of this letter.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

Frank S. Queneley

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March 8, 1928.

This letter was dictated before our meeting today.
I think the action agreed upon today will cover
the case. F.S.Q.

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MORRIS W. EHRES

March 12th
Nineteen Twenty-eight.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Stuart:-

I am herewith enclosing copy of letter received from Rev. E. Burns Martin, Pastor of First Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin. We have communicated with Bishop McDowell.

We have also received the following word from Dr. Albert E. Day of Christ Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.:

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"In accordance with Dr. Diffendorfer's letter, Dr. Jenny, representing the Peking University, called on me. It, however, does not seem wise to have him work among our membership at this time. For the first time since the Consolidated Budget went into effect in this church, the Board of Trustees has given me the opportunity of taking a special Easter offering to be devoted to South American education. I am, therefore, trying to save whatever resources are loose for that offering. I promised to let in the Board of Temperance immediately after Easter for a canvass, so that our field is pretty well occupied from now until June. I hope you will understand this and will not think it is an unwillingness to cooperate but rather an attempt to conserve our resources and keep a promise already made."

Sincerely yours,

John R. Edwards
John R. Edwards

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And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with

*"And shall I fear to own His cause
Or blush to speak His name?"*

NOW that so many missionaries are out from their posts in China, has the Christian cause collapsed there? Have Chinese pastors and teachers forsaken their posts in face of persecution? Have intimidated members forsaken the church? the pupils fled the schools? the pastors denied their discipleship? Have schools and churches and clinics closed under persecution or fear? Have Chinese Christians been forced back into Confucianism and Buddhism?

We might generalize, but we prefer, instead of generalizing, to answer these honest questions of the friends of China concretely and from the witness of men and women who know and see China:

*"I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by Thy word."*

"I was almost the first to see one of our Anglo-Chinese College teachers after he had received nine knife wounds late one night," writes the Rev. H. C. Havinghurst from Foochow. "After he had limped his bloody way home, I found him, not unnerved and intimidated, but cheerfully smiling and making light of his suffering. You go wild over the daring bravery of a Lindbergh, but we have seen courage of an even superior type in the last three months."

Another Foochow teacher was similarly attacked, says Mr. Havinghurst. When someone sympathized with him he said: "Oh, this is all to be expected if you stand for Christ and the church these days, because everyone is too busy in the revolution to be able to control all the anti-Christian agitators."

The Rev. Lyman L. Hale tells of a Chinese who went to the home of the Christian pastor.



The Chinese pastor and his Official Board are keeping the Church open.

"I want to be baptized," he said.

"Hadn't you better wait a little while?" asked the pastor. "Christians are very likely to be persecuted these days."

"No," he replied thoughtfully, "I want to be baptized now. This seems to be a very good time for it."



The mission-trained Chinese teacher carries on.

When the army occupied the churches in Nanking—horses being stabled in one and soldiers billeted in another—one of the pastors was threatened with being led through the city wearing a dunce cap. This is considered a terrible disgrace in China. His people advised him to flee, but he steadfastly refused, saying:

"Why should I fear to be marched through the streets? Jesus marched through the streets for me bearing a cross."

*"For Jesus won the world through shame,
And beckons thee His road."*

From Yenping in Fukien Province, comes the story of Ding Chang Hua, a Christian pastor whose life and whose loyalty are typical of hundreds of Methodist pastors in China. Some time ago a number of Christian leaders of Yenping signed a petition to the National government asking for the return of church properties that were being occupied by military forces. The first signature on the petition was that of the Rev. Ding Chang Hua. A notice from the local authorities gave him three days in which to leave the city, but he only smiled and was in his pulpit the following Sunday morning.

A few minutes before the service began someone notified the congregation that the church was to be "raided" and that it would be advisable to hide the Bibles and Hymn Books. Raids upon other churches had usually meant the destruction of Christian literature. So the books were hidden. Then a young officer and several soldiers appeared. He told the waiting congregation not to be afraid. "All we want is a man

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g with them and confirming the word by the signs that followed · Mark 16:20

by the name of Ding Chang Hua," he said. When the soldiers placed him under arrest they bound him and led him through the streets of Yenping to their headquarters.

The congregation remained for a while in silent prayer and then met to consider the plight of their



Arithmetic still occupies the mind of young China.

pastor. They talked the matter over for almost two hours and finally decided to go in a body to the chief officials of the city and to demand the release of their pastor. Not only that, but they pledged themselves to ask the officials to put all of them in prison with their pastor if he were not released. "If one is to suffer, all of us will suffer," they said.

As they marched through the city streets in a body other Christians joined them so that there was a goodly number by the time they reached the office of the acting Mayor. He expressed his surprise at seeing so many Christians voluntarily coming together at a time when Christians were being persecuted. He expressed surprise also to hear of the arrest of the pastor and asked for formal complaint in the matter. The military commander of the city was equally surprised at this demonstration and promised to have the pastor released at once. Then the congregation marched to the building in which Pastor Ding was being given the formality of a trial by a jury of anti-Christians. The determination of the Christian group to suffer along with their pastor so impressed those who were prosecuting him that they found themselves powerless to do other than let him go free. That evening the whole city was aroused by the sight of the congregation marching through the main street singing songs of praise and thanksgiving and carrying Pastor Ding at the head of the procession.

"This episode bound the Christians together as never before and moved them to decide to die before they would see the church rooted out of Yenping City," reports the Rev. Frederick Bankhardt in telling this story.

*"They see the triumph from afar,
By faith they bring it nigh."*

"Never have I been more encouraged from what I have seen of our Chinese Christian workers than at present," says Mr. Bankhardt. "Even when we had to leave they stepped right up and took hold of the work so that we felt our labor had not been in vain. I firmly believe that should all missionaries be driven out of China, these people who know and love Christ would be true and that eventually the church would triumph."



The preachers on Nguka District, Fukien, meet to study the scriptures together.

From Fukien comes the story of a Chinese woman doctor, a member of the Methodist church, but practicing privately. One of the best known anti-Christian leaders of the province went to her to have his eyes treated. He talked to her at length of the folly of Christianity. "Before Christianity came to my home" she replied, "I could not read or write. The Christian missionaries taught me both and gave me a good education. Later they sent me to a medical school. Had it not been for what they have done for me I could not be treating your eyes today. But for Christianity I would be an ignorant woman—the kind seen everywhere in China."



This Chinese couple—both western-trained M.D.'s—carry on the Water-of-Life Hospital, Kiukiang, during the missionary's absence. The baby is their oldest son.

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SUSAN TOY Ensign Memorial Hospital in Nanchang is still in operation and caring for the medical matters of the community, although Dr. George T. Blydenburgh, its superintendent, is temporarily practicing in Korea. Dr. Wu, a competent Chinese medical man, has organized a Chinese staff into an administrative committee. This places definite responsibility on each member of the staff and so makes each one feel his share of the burden of carrying on. The institution continues to have the good will of the community despite the fact that the communist group controls the politics of both the city and the province.

The Rev. Lyman L. Hale, of Kiangning, relates how an officer and his soldiers entered a town on his district and immediately occupied the church and school. The Chinese pastor was as polite as possible under the circumstances. He received his "guests," welcomed them, and helped them wherever possible, but he was quite firm in the determination that he needed the church building on Sunday for a religious service. The officer was reasonable. He and his soldiers were also present on Sunday and sat in the congregation listening attentively to the service and sermon.

In another town the pastor and officer talked frankly about the purpose of the Christian church in that community. "Well," said the officer finally, "if that is what the church is trying to do here we will not interfere with your work, but will help you carry it on." and that officer gave his personal check of \$500 for the work of the mission school.

*"Go, labor on; spend and be spent,
Thy joy to do the Father's will."*

In far Yuki, where Miss Esther Ling is in charge, a letter comes saying that the anti-Christian propaganda is very heavy. Many Christians have been greatly frightened and some were beaten. Miss Ling writes: "The revolutionists wrote me a letter ordering that our school must promise not to read the Bible or go to chapel. We teachers talked it over and decided to go on. Three preachers from the country have come to me and have said that it would be a great injury to the country church if the girls' school is disbanded. One thing makes us very glad—our students like to come to school and there is no absence since the trouble came." Because of the disturbed transportation, no money or checks were able to get through to Miss Ling, so she and her workers were carrying on with no salaries, but she writes, "I will carry on with school, even though I haven't a cent of money."

*"Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss."*

When thirty-one boys were graduated last term from the Union High School in Chengtu, West China, this inspiring motto was adopted by the



A Chinese local preacher.

class and placed upon the wall where it might be viewed by the hundreds of visitors attending the exercises: "We stand for God, for character, for learning, and for country."

"Shantung Christian College is carrying on with a Chinese staff and with an enrollment of about 80 students," according to L. E. Willmott, secretary of the China Christian Educational Association, Shanghai.

Much of Nanking University's work has been resumed with Chinese staffs. West China Union University and a majority of the schools in Szechuen Province have reopened and are carrying on with Chinese teachers and large enrollment. Forty or fifty primary schools maintained in Honan Province by the United Church of Canada are open, and are being supported entirely by the Chinese. Schools in Kiukiang are open, and regular church services are reported as being held in Yochow.

*"Lead on, O King eternal,
We follow not with fears."*

The Christians of China are following the Master. They carry on churches and schools and clinics. What do they ask of the sister church in America? Simply that we do not withdraw our prayers and our support, that we too carry on in the name of the Master. They are not fearful of the outcome of Christianity in China. Cannot our faith be as great as theirs?

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Peking University

March 18, 1928.

Dr. Frank D. Ganswell,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Ganswell:

May I communicate formally the action taken by the Executive Committee of Peking University on March 8, 1928 in regard to Mr. John McGregor Gibb, Jr.:

"E-2249 VOTED that in response to Dr. Ganswell's letters of February 21st and March 5th in regard to Mr. John McGregor Gibb, Jr., the Executive Committee agree that, in the event of Mr. Gibb leaving China before the expiration of a seven year period of service the University will be responsible for the proportion of travel expense for himself and family equivalent to the number of remaining years; and that, in this event, the question of salary during the ensuing furlough period will be a matter for adjustment between the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Trustees of Peking University."

We sincerely trust that the above action entirely meets the wishes of the Methodist Board.

Very sincerely yours,

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March 28, 1928

The Reverend J. Leighton Stuart, D. D.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Stuart:

I have returned to the office and will be available almost any afternoon. I think it might be wise for you to call the office on the telephone and learn whether or not I shall be in.

I shall be very glad to talk matters over with you in regard to our Board and Peking University. In fact, I am very anxious to have the matter settled as speedily as possible.

Very sincerely yours

Morris W. Ehnes

Treasurer

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Methodist

April 12, 1928

Memo. to Mr. Sutherlands

Referring to our brief conversation this morning, I find the following information in a report from Dr. Jenney, representing the University, with reference to the Methodists in Pittsburgh.

On March 5th, Dr. Umy of the Bellevue Methodist Church invited four ministers to meet Dr. Jenney - a Dr. Day of Christ Methodist Church, Dr. Duncan of Emory Church, Dr. Payton, District Superintendent of the Pittsburgh District, and Dr. Umy himself. These four ministers agreed that Dr. Payton should furnish Dr. Jenney a list of about thirty Methodist men and women in Pittsburgh and vicinity who might be solicited during two weeks. It was requested that Dr. Stuart should write Dr. Payton giving him full information about the University and its objectives. It was also requested that Dr. Diffenderfer write him in order that Dr. Payton might have full information to serve as the basis for a letter of introduction for Dr. Jenney to present to these friends. Dr. Payton also agreed to give Dr. Jenney a letter of introduction to Mrs. Cochran at Dawson, Pa.

Dr. Jenney reported that the three pastors seemed very favorable in their attitude but that Dr. Day seemed to think South America had the first claim. All agreed that there were great difficulties because of financial problems of almost every church in Pittsburgh.

On March 12th, Dr. John R. Edwards wrote Dr. Stuart quoting from Dr. Day as follows:

"In accordance with Dr. Diffenderfer's letter, Dr. Jenney, representing the Peking University, called on me. It, however, does not seem wise to have him work among our membership at this time. For the first time since the Consolidated Budget went into effect in this church, the Board of Trustees has given me the opportunity of taking a special Easter offering to be devoted to South American education. I am, therefore, trying to save whatever resources are loose for that offering. I promised to let in the Board of Temperance immediately after Easter for a canvass, so that our field is pretty well occupied from now u til June. I hope you will understand this and will not think it is an unwillingness to cooperate but rather an attempt to conserve our resources and keep a promise already made."

Olin D. Wannemaker
Assistant to the President

ODW:O
Mr. Geo. F. Sutherland
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

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TRANSFER

PEKING

April 13th, 1928

Mr. B. A. Garside, Sec'y
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.

Dear Mr. Garside:-

I have not replied to your letter of March 16th containing report of Action E-2249 of the Executive Committee of Peking University, taken March 8, 1928, regarding Rev. John McGregor Gibb, Jr.

The action as quoted I think is entirely satisfactory and we will proceed accordingly.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

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WALTER A. ...

April 15th, 1922

Dr. B. A. ...
150 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.

Dear Mr. ...

I have not replied to your letter of March 1st, ...

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Very truly yours,

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April 13, 1928

The Reverend J. Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

For Fin. Com.
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Attached
Copy sent to Will at his request 4/7
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My dear Dr. Stuart:

In my conversation with you it was agreed that the balance which the North China Mission owes Yenching University is \$97,398.15, Gold, and that the North China Mission would begin to pay interest on this amount on June thirtieth, 1927 at the rate of five per cent per annum.

At the meeting of the sub committee of the Board on December 13th, 1927 the committee voted to recommend that we request the North China Mission to negotiate a first mortgage in behalf of Yenching University, on the East City property in Peking, China, formerly occupied by Yenching University; that the Board considers this property adequate security for the balance due Yenching University and that the Board declines to enter into an agreement at the present time to guarantee the payment of the mortgage interest.

Of course we are both interested in having this amount paid as speedily as possible and I am hoping that adjustments may be made soon that will make this possible.

Very cordially yours

Morris W. Ehnies

Treasurer

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Peking University

April 19, 1928.

Dr. Frank Mason North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. North:

We are attaching hereto a copy of the action taken by the Board of Trustees of Peking University at its annual meeting held on April 10, 1928, in which certain amendments to the charter of the corporation are proposed. You were present at the meeting and are familiar with this action and the discussion which preceded it.

May we request that you take whatever steps are necessary to bring this request to the attention of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church for their formal approval. We trust that all the cooperating boards may find it possible to act promptly in this matter in order that the processes necessary for amending the charter may be completed with a minimum of delay.

Faithfully yours,

BAG/A
Enc.

Secretary.

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PRESIDENT
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TREASURER
MORRIS W. EHRES

PEKING

INDEXED April 21, 1928.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Garside:

I have your favor of the 19th concerning the amendments to the charter of Peking University, and regret that it did not come to my attention on or before the 19th, as our Executive Committee met on that date, and will have no further meeting, unless one is called for special business, until June. In other words, I do not see how official action can be taken on this matter at any early date, and yet I know that you greatly desire that there should be early action. I state the case and attention shall be given to it at the first opportunity. I assume that there will not be the slightest objection to the proposed changes and I am sorry that our action must be delayed.

Yours cordially,

Frank Mason North

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MORRIS W. EHRES

May 8th, 1928

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
China Union Universities Office,
150 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. City.

Dear Dr. Stuart:-

I have been trying to see you but quite understand that your days are crowded, as are mine. I am still hoping to see you because there are matters I wish very much to discuss with you in person. On the other hand, it seems well that I should make a statement in writing regarding the case of Rev. John McGregor Gibb.

As you know, the Redistributions of the North China Mission for 1928, contain no provision for the out-going of Mr. Gibb. This will amount to \$2000. or more and I do not yet know how we can cover it. In the meantime there is persistent question regarding the wisdom of Mr. Gibb's return to China. I have gone over all this with you in person and know how you feel but it scarcely seems wise to ignore such a statement as reached me yesterday from Peking. I quote:-

"There is no great enthusiasm for Mr. Gibb's return to Yenching outside of Dr. Stuart himself. A couple of months ago the head of the chemistry department had a long talk with me about Mr. Gibb, and he ended it up in this way, 'I wish to goodness he would find a job in the U.S.' It is perfectly true that in the building work at Yenching Mr. Gibb used his utmost endeavors, and in spite of many mistakes did a great piece of work, which no other member of the staff at Yenching could have approached; yet unfortunately in doing that piece of work he excited a great deal of opposition from members of the staff. This opposition will make his future connections with the University somewhat difficult to say the least. I understand that the last plan is to use him not in the department of chemistry, but in another capacity. In this capacity I think he will have a better chance to show his talents, which he undoubtedly possesses, but at the same time he is likely to provoke new opposition. What we fear is, that when the opposition becomes strong, he will be sacrificed. I can assure you that there is a far kinder feeling in the Mission towards Mr. Gibb than there is at Yenching.

I trust you will pardon me for having written about this matter with a large degree of frankness."

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This same letter states that Yenching is over-staffed and that some of the teachers have very little to do, and quotes further, you as saying "Yenching could easily look after twice as many students as we have there today."

You cannot expect an overburdened Board such as ours is, under present financial conditions, to exert itself where there is plainly no real need to be met. I am not at all sure that we would be doing the right thing in returning Mr. Gibb to the field in the light of all the facts that have reached us. I realize that it is awkward to deal with the situation now but it will be much less expensive than it will be to deal with the matter a year or two hence.

Sincerely yours,

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Frank S. Jewell

Methodist Board

May 10, 1928

Dear Doctor Gamewell:

I have your letter of May 8th and regret very much that we were unable to find a chance for you to present its contents to me in a personal conference.

You already understand my attitude regarding Mr. Gibb. I have not failed to pass on to him all the questions regarding his fitness and the contribution that he is able at this time to make which have come to me from within our University group or from outside. He feels definitely that he wishes to go on doing the thing that he went to China for and that he will be able to make good when given a chance. Since the Methodist Board assumes the responsibility for the maintenance of four persons on our staff and since no charges have been brought against Mr. Gibb and the University desires to retain his services, it would seem to me that the Board should stand by its obligations to pay his transportation to the field just as it would in the case of any one else.

Regarding the argument that we are already over-staffed and that some of our teachers did not have enough to do, we always welcome such criticisms and try to profit by them. If the Board cares for a fuller statement as to why we have as many teachers as are now on the staff and the amount of time that they respectively give to University duties, I shall be glad to respond to such a request after I return to Peking. Meanwhile, it would scarcely seem a proper ground for refusing to stand by an agreement definitely entered into. Otherwise, it seems to me that the Board should themselves explain to Mr. Gibb the precise grounds upon which it bases such refusal.

I realize fully the embarrassment that this problem is giving to you and should much prefer to have talked with you in person. Your absence from the city and my sailing so soon makes this impossible.

With assurance of warmest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours

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

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May 21, 1926 TRANSFER

My dear Dr. Ward:

Dr. Stuart spoke to the committee in terms of warmest appreciation of you and of your interest in Yenching University. He was grateful for the earnest goodwill that he knows you feel toward the institution and your desire to help him in every possible way in meeting the difficulty of adequately financing of a Christian university in China. He informed our committee that on certain conditions he thought he might be able to gain your consent to devote yourself for some length of time to this problem. He did not feel, however, at all certain that this could be brought about.

The problem is indeed a most difficult one. The University has suffered seriously from the inadequacy of its organization in this country. Especially has this been the case during the last year and a half. It is peculiarly difficult to discover a man who is familiar with China, sufficiently interested in Christian education in China, and capable of conducting the promotional office of one of our universities. It seems even more difficult to discover just the right person to spend a good deal of his time in travel and in direct contact with prospective donors of large amounts of money.

The Trustees have been facing this problem and endeavoring to solve it for a long while. Sometime ago part of the problem was settled through an arrangement whereby Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker has become responsible for the promotional office in New York. More recently, one of the best informed and most devoted friends of the University has very strongly recommended to us a man of long experience in raising funds who might serve us as our field representative.

The committee felt that the opportunity to secure this man so strongly endorsed by one who knows intimately the difficulties of the task and who is so desirous of its successful accomplishment, must not be allowed to pass. We, therefore, immediately took steps to secure him as our field representative.

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Dr. Stuart expressed the earnest hope that, under any circumstances, you might be able to cooperate with us in one way or another before returning to China. He felt that your deep interest in the University and your wide connections in this country would be of great value to us. His estimate of the value of your services in China was so high that he said he was very reluctant to see the mission field deprived of you permanently even for the sake of Yenching University.

Hoping that I may have the pleasure of seeing you in the East within a few weeks, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

Chairman of the Finance Committee

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circumstances, you might be able to cooperate with us in one
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this country would be of great value to us. His estimate of
the value of your services in China was so high that he said
he was very reluctant to see the mission field deprived of
you permanently even for the sake of temporary convenience.

Should that I may have the pleasure of seeing you
before you leave, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Foreign Missions

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Peking University

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Dr. Morris W. Eames,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Eames:

We quote for your information the following action of the Committee on Finance, Property and Investment of the Trustees of Peking University, taken at a meeting held on May 8, 1928:

"CP-2503 VOTED to approve the agreement between the Board of Trustees of Peking University and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church as set forth in Dr. Morris W. Eames' letter of April 13, 1928 whereby it is "agreed that the balance which the North China Mission owes Yenching University is \$97,596.15 gold, and that the North China Mission would begin to pay interest on this amount on June 30, 1927 at the rate of five per cent per annum".

We are all very much gratified to have the question of the city site property of Peking University thus satisfactorily adjusted.

Very sincerely yours,

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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TRANSFER

Kansas City,
May 30, 1928

PEKING

Mr. E. A. Evans,
Chairman, Finance Committee,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Evans:-

I write in reply to your letter of May 22. I have long been interested in the work and outlook of Yenching University and my recent visit to its campus increased my enthusiasm and my convictions concerning its present service and its promise.

Dr. Stuart has repeatedly urged me to consider giving full time to the work of the University, helping to represent it in America and returning occasionally to China for refreshing one's experience and messages. I have understood the close co-operation between Dr. Stuart and your Board in such plans.

As I told him recently, I shall not make final decision concerning my work of the near future until some time in the summer, though when I went to Yenching last winter at the expense of the university it was with the definite understanding that while in America this year I would try to co-operate with him and with you in promoting its interests.

Just at present there are before me other possible courses for China service both in America and China. The appeal of Yenching has been so strong and of such long standing that I am ready to seriously consider any proposal which you care to make.

The date for decision of personal matters involved has been so advanced that I may have to answer other proposals about June twenty fifth. If there is any service which you wish me to undertake in keeping with Dr. Stuart's proposals you can address me at 415 State Street, Albany, New York, whence Mrs. Ward will know how to forward to me. I am to be on an extended tour in Iowa with a party of Chinese speaking in churches, Chambers of Commerce and noon-day clubs during June.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Ralph A. Ward
Ralph A. Ward

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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July 1, 1928

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 1, 1928, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the Bureau for their consideration.

The Bureau has advised that they are unable to furnish you with the information requested in your letter of July 1, 1928, at this time.

I am sorry that I am unable to give you the information requested in your letter of July 1, 1928, and I am sure that you will understand the reasons therefor.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Special Agent in Charge

The Bureau has advised that they are unable to furnish you with the information requested in your letter of July 1, 1928, at this time.

Very respectfully,
Special Agent in Charge

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June 16, 1928

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My dear Dr. Ward:

I am sorry not to have been able to answer immediately your much appreciated letter of May 30th. We are grateful to you for writing in the same friendly and generous spirit you have manifested all along toward Yenching and its problems. The difficulty of financing this or any other Christian university in China has been so great during the last few years that all active goodwill merits and receives the deeply grateful appreciation of our Board. Moreover, we are confident that most of the actual securing of money for the institution must be done by persons who have been long in China, are informed at first hand, and are deeply interested in the success of the institution. I need scarcely assure you, therefore, that we value your wish to help us and that we desire to avail ourselves of this in any way practicable.

For the present I do not know just what step we can take to render effective your willingness to help us in solving our difficult problems. We should be very happy if it were possible for you to assist us in certain special matters for which Dr. Stuart felt you would be better qualified than any one else who could cooperate with us. We should be glad for an opportunity sometime to discuss these particular things with you. With our present organization, however, we are unfortunately not in a position to add an additional salary to the budget of our home office except for such temporary and special services. Under these circumstances I do not see any alternative for us but to reluctantly refrain from seeking to add you to the force now endeavoring to solve satisfactorily the financial problem of Yenching.

I assume that you will be coming East at some time in the near future. I hop I may then have the pleasure of meeting you and discussing in detail the special service you may find it possible to render us while still free from the other engagements which may in the near future require your full time and attention.

Awaiting such a possible personal conversation, I remain, with all good wishes and sincere appreciation,

Cordially yours,

Dr. Ralph A. Ward
415 State Street
Albany, New York

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TREASURER

MORRIS W. EHRES

YENCHING

August 27th
Nineteen Twenty-eight.

Rev. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

TRANSFER

Re: Yenching University Documents

Dear Mr. Garside:-

At a meeting of the Committee on China, on July 17th, 1928, items were considered in relation to Yenching University documents which were approved, subject to final approval by the Corresponding Secretaries.

Dr. Gamewell has communicated the bulk of the matters to you. It remains now for me to express the approval of the Corresponding Secretaries, which is herewith done.

In accord with your request in letter of June 28th to Dr. Gamewell, I have signed on behalf of our Board, the form enclosed entitled "Exhibit C".

Sincerely yours,

J. R. Edwards
John R. Edwards

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November 2, 1928.

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

My dear Dr. Gamewell:

I wish to advise you that on September 27, 1928, the charter of the corporation of Peking University was amended by vote of the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, whereby the name of the corporation became, effective as of that date, Trustees of Yenching University.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I therefore request that you take such measures as may be necessary to have this fact officially noted on the records of your Board in order that remittances to us from your Treasury Department, representing payments of the Board's appropriations or remittances on gifts or contributions intended or designated for Peking University or Yenching University, may be issued in the new name of the corporation, Trustees of Yenching University, without confusion or misunderstanding.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary,
Trustees of Yenching University.

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November 9th, 1928

Trustees

Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary,
Trustees of Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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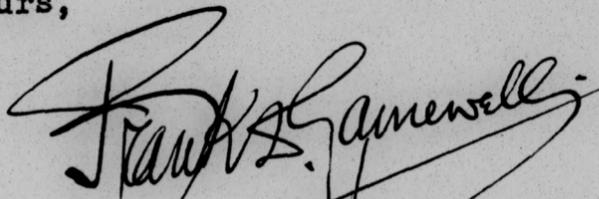
Dear Mr. Garside:-

In your letter of November 2nd, you report the action of the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, whereby the name of the corporation became, effective as of September 27, 1928, Trustees of Yenching University. You request that this fact be officially noted on the records of our Board in order that remittances from our Treasury Department, representing payments of our Board's Appropriations or remittances on gifts or contributions intended or designated for Peking University or Yenching University may be issued in the new name of the corporation, Trustees of Yenching University, without confusion or misunderstanding.

May I state that your request has been cared for and the changes have been officially noted.

Sincerely yours,

FDG
MEW



Associate Secretary, Eastern Asia.

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Board of Foreign Missions
Of the Methodist Episcopal Church

150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

GENERAL SECRETARY
JOHN E. BISHOP
ASSOCIATE SECRETARY
MARK D. BISHOP

NOVEMBER 1, 1929

Mr. J. A. ...
Director of ...
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

In your letter of ...
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Very truly yours,
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Dr. Frank D. Gamewell,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Gamewell:

You are already quite familiar with the actions taken by our various University Boards of Trustees in regard to the proposals for the coordination of Christian higher education in China. In order, however, to bring this matter formally before the Methodist Board we quote below the actions of the four University Boards of which I am Secretary or Assistant Secretary. We request that you take whatever steps you feel will bring this program before the Methodist Board in the way that will cause it to receive the most thoughtful and sympathetic attention.

Action of Fukien Trustees on Nov. 8th

"T-803 VOTED that the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University records its hearty approval of the principle of the correlated program as submitted to it with the understanding, however, that the principle of the correlated program will be referred to the Mission Boards cooperating in the University for their approval, and that the Board of Managers be requested to advise the Board of Trustees as to the participation of Fukien Christian University in the correlated program and the details of such participation."

Action of Nanking Trustees on Nov. 14th

"T-577 VOTED that the Board of Trustees records its hearty approval of the general policy of the coordination of Christian higher education in China; that it refer the correlated program to the Mission Boards cooperating in the University for their information and their recommendations; that it request the Board of Directors of the University to make recommendations as to the place of the University of Nanking in the correlated program."

Action of Shantung Governors on Nov. 21st

"NAS-109 VOTED that the North American Section expresses its

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heartly approval of the general principles underlying the program for the correlation of Christian higher education in China, and records also its warm approval of the general proposal that within this program Shantung Christian University shall continue and develop still further its purpose of emphasizing the training of leaders in the fields of teaching, evangelism, medicine, nursing, and other social and religious service in the towns and smaller cities and the rural districts of China; that the Section requests the Field Board of Managers to make recommendations as to the place of the University in the Correlated Program and the details of its participation therein; and that the Section refers the Correlated Program to the various mission boards cooperating in the University for their information and for their recommendations."

Action of Yenching Trustees on Nov. 16th

"I-2382 VOTED that the Board of Trustees of Yenching University record their approval in principle of the general plan for the correlation of Christian higher education in China and that the Secretary ascertain from the Board of Managers their reactions to the plan and to the details as they affect Yenching University."

The Board of Governors of West China Union University took a very similar action at their meeting on October 29th. Probably Dr. Frank Anderson has already sent you a copy of this action, but for your convenience in having all the University actions together I quote it herewith:

"821...RESOLVED:-

1. That the Board of Governors finds itself in general agreement with the tentative plan prepared by the Council of Higher Education for the correlation of Christian higher education in China
2. That the Board recommend:-
 - (a) That these plans be sympathetically considered by each of the Mission Boards cooperating in support of the West China Union University.
 - (b) That the Senate of the University consider the terms of cooperation as applied to the West China Union University and report to this Board.
 - (c) That the Council of Higher Education consider the advisability of making provision for revision of the terms of cooperation from time to time."

You have already received copies of the illustrated booklet

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January 1, 1929

Dr. Wm. B. Tower
Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Tower:

As a matter of form, I am writing at this time to bring to your attention the fact that the term of Dr. Frank Mason North as a representative of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church on the Board of Trustees of Yenching University technically expired with the close of the calendar year 1928. While it is understood, of course, that a trustee serves on the board until the actual election of a successor, we should very much appreciate it if your board could find it possible either to re-elect Dr. North to succeed himself or to elect a successor to him, for a period of four years, in the class of 1932.

At this time I wish to transmit to you formally the following action taken by the Board of Trustees of Yenching University on November 16, 1928,

"T-2386 VOTED that the Board of Trustees of Yenching University bring to the attention of the cooperating Mission Boards action T-2385 with the request that each of the Boards having three or more representatives upon the Board of Trustees of Yenching University elect at least one woman among its representatives".

The action T-2385 referred to in the above action provides, under the amendment of the Constitution, that approximately one-third of the total members of the Board shall be women. At the present time the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church has no woman among its representatives. Mrs. J. M. Avann, who is a member of the Board, is a member through her co-optation.

We should appreciate it if you could find it possible to have this matter brought to the attention of your Board at an early date.

Cordially yours,

Secretary.

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Mr. B. A. Garside
Secretary Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:

I have your letter of recent date concerning the expiration of the term of Dr. North, a representative of this Board on the Board of Trustees of the Yenching University.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of our Board on December 20, Mrs. William Boyd, 250 Tulpehocken Street, Germantown, Philadelphia, Penna., was elected as a representative of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church on the Board of Trustees of Yenching University, to succeed Dr. North, for a period of four years, in the class of 1932. Mrs. Boyd is the wife of Mr. William Boyd, one of the members of our Board of Foreign Missions, and the Board while regretting the severance of Dr. North's relation to Yenching, counts itself fortunate in the election of Mrs. Boyd to this important position. Mrs. Boyd has consented to the election.

Cordially yours,

Wm. B. Tower
Recording Secretary

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Board of Foreign Missions
of the Methodist Episcopal Church

150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

MEMORANDUM
TO THE BOARD
FROM THE SECRETARY
DATE

The following report was received from the
Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church
for the year ending June 30, 1911.



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Yenching University.

January 21, 1929.

Mr. Frank T. Cartright,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Cartright:

As you know, Mr. J. McGregor Gibb has during the last year been continued by the Methodist Board as one of their quota to Yenching University, pending the completion of other financial arrangements by Mr. Gibb. On December 14, 1928, President Stuart wrote as follows:

"I note that Mr. Gibb is being carried by the Methodist Board until he has made other arrangements, and as I have written before, heartily endorse this procedure. Looking forward to the time when this will not be necessary, I am making a suggestion, as explained in the enclosed copy of a letter to Dr. Felt."

Dr. Stuart also sends us a copy of his letter to Dr. Felt, in which he suggests the appointment of Dr. T.H. Chen to fill the place on the Yenching University quota formerly occupied by Mr. J. M. Gibb. In regard to Dr. Chen, Dr. Stuart writes:

"We are at present making every effort to reduce our already rather large staff instead of adding either western or Chinese members, and therefore, do not contemplate in the immediate future a request for any new missionary appointee. Dr. Chen as a product of the early missionary work in this region, an honored member of the original Peking University faculty and of the reorganized institution from its inception, as an efficient teacher, an earnest Christian and as a man much beloved by his associates in the church as well as in the University, would seem admirably qualified. It would seem to me also that our Methodist friends would prefer to have a definite individual through whom they could strengthen their direct touch with the institution rather than contribute a certain amount in money. Dr. Chen's salary at the present time amounts to LC\$3500 a year which is only \$300 more than an amount agreed upon among the constituent Boards when a vacancy has not been filled."

I presume that in due course correspondence on this matter will be coming to you direct from Dr. Felt.

Whenever any decision has been reached as to the discontinuance of Mr. Gibb's support by the Methodist Board, I would be very glad to have a word from your office.

Very cordially yours,

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

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January 29th, 1929

Mr. B. A. Garside, Sec'y
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:-

Your letter of the 21st instant is before me. I will reply directly to the last paragraph of that letter by quoting a communication from Dr. Edwards to Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, which went forward under date of January 8th. You should have been informed at the same time - I am sorry this was not done.

"We have just received a letter from Mr. John McGregor Gibb informing us that he is to return to China as a member of Dr. E.W. Kemmerer's Commission to advise with the Chinese Government on subjects of finance, banking and taxation. I understand from his letter that he will have this position for about a year and does not know what will happen beyond that.

"It is gratifying to the Secretaries of the Board to know that even a temporary position of this kind has been opened up to Mr. Gibb. I believe that, in the light of all that he has done during his service in China, unless his new position continues to claim him beyond the limits of the year and unless some other favorable position opens to him, he should be definitely considered for a place in the University and I hope that our plans will work out in such a way as to make his reinstatement in the Yenching University possible, in some capacity of service."

The attitude of our Board has been in cases where money is being given as a substitute for a missionary on the Faculty, that this is given to the school administration. The selection of the man to be supported is left in ~~your~~^{their} hands therefore I doubt whether any favorable action could be expected looking toward the suggested appointment of Dr. T. H. Chen to fill the place formerly occupied by Rev. John McGregor Gibb. I am sure there will be no objection from our Board to any appointment that Dr. Stuart and the others at the University would care to make.

I believe you have not been informed officially that Mr. Gibb's support was discontinued on the 31st of December, 1928 and he is now under other appointment as noted above.

Very truly yours,

Frank D. Gamewell
FRANK D. GAMEWELL

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OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK CITY**

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January 29th, 1929

Mr. B. A. Garside, Sec'y
Trustees of Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Garside:-

(Under date of December 12th you wrote to Dr. Gamewell concerning the approval of the Mission Boards cooperating in Yenching University, to a revised composition of the Board of Managers of the University.)

I am glad to report that at the January Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, action was taken in response to this request, as follows:-

"Approval given by the Board of Foreign Missions as one of the cooperating Boards in Yenching University, of the revised composition of the Board of Managers of the University, as set forth in the Bye-Laws of the Board of Managers, approved by them on September 22, 1928."

Sincerely yours,

Frank P. Cartwright

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February 6, 1929

Yenching University

Dr. Wm. B. Tower,
Methodist Board of Foreign Missions,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Tower:

I believe I have not formally acknowledged receipt of your letter of January 4, informing us that Mrs. William Boyd has been elected by the Methodist Board as one of its representatives on the Yenching Board of Trustees.

I have informally expressed to Mrs. Boyd our happiness at her election to the Yenching Board, and will report this election to the Trustees in due course.

Very cordially yours,

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February 13, 1929.

Mr. Frank T. Cartwright,
Board of Foreign Missions,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Cartwright:

We thank you for your letter of January 29th telling of the new plans Mr. John McGregor Gibb has recently made. We are all very happy that Mr. Gibb is finding it possible to get back to China, even though in a different type of work than heretofore.

I am communicating to President Stuart the attitude of your Board with regard to the appointment of Dr. T.H. Chen as Methodist representative to fill the place formerly occupied by Mr. Gibb. We are glad to have your assurance that while the Methodist Board would probably not favor appointing a Chinese member such as Dr. Chen to fill Mr. Gibb's vacancy on the Methodist quota, that nevertheless you feel there will be no objection from your Board to any appointment that Dr. Stuart and the others at the University may care to make.

Before writing to Dr. Stuart with regard to the filling of Mr. Gibb's vacancy on the Methodist quota, I would appreciate having a further word as to the method the Methodist Board would prefer to use in providing the University with the usual cash equivalent for this place on the quota so that they can employ a substitute and care for the payment of his salary. In Yenching University the cooperating boards have in general agreed to Max. \$3,000. per year as representing a fair cash equivalent. In certain cases, however, this payment is made to our University Treasurer here in New York and in other cases is handled on the field. At the present time the Methodist Board is paying to our New York office a cash equivalent for vacancies on the Hanking quota. However, in 1924, when a Methodist vacancy existed on the Yenching quota, Dr. Ward wrote to Dr. Eric North, under date of May 21, 1924, "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 Max. \$3,000. 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." As far as the University is concerned, payment here in New York or on the field is equally satisfactory.

Very cordially yours,

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

April 4, 1929

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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside:

I have before me a letter which you wrote to Mr. Cartwright, the corresponding secretary for the East. I have talked with Mr. Cartwright and explained to him that evidently what I stated was not clear to him.

I stated that we were now contributing our regular appropriation to Yenching University. If the amount which we contributed was a part of Mr. Gibb's salary we, of course, would continue to make the contribution to Yenching University. If, however, Mr. Gibb's salary was paid through the North China Mission the amount would have to be paid by the North China Mission to Yenching University in Peking.

It is my understanding, however, since I made this statement, that Mr. Gibb's salary was not included in the amount which we contribute this year to Yenching University, therefore it must be paid by the North China Mission to Yenching University in Peking.

While Mr. Gibb was in this country we were paying his furlough salary. We were authorized to do this by the North China Mission. However his furlough salary was discontinued on December 31st and this credit has been transferred to the North China Mission. It cannot be recalled now without special arrangements which would take several months.

I trust the explanation I have made will be satisfactory to you.

Very sincerely yours

Morris W. Ehnes

Morris W. Ehnes,

Treasurer

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY, N. Y.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE
ALBANY, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the application of the State of New York for the purchase of the land owned by the State of New York, and in reply to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. [Name]

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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April 24, 1929.

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The Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Attention of Mr. B. A. Garside:-

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:-

Enclosed herewith is our check #8365 for \$40.00 covering the following designated gift:-

March 1929 #25 Gift of Rev. Stanley W. Wiant,
654 Fairview,
Hamilton, Ohio.

Continued for the Wiant Memorial Residence, Yenching
University, Peking.

Kindly make this amount available for the purpose for which the gift
is remitted.

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Devesty
Charles E. Devesty.
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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK CITY

May 1st, 1929

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TRANSMITTED

Mr. B. A. Garside,
China Union Universities Office,
150 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. C., N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:-

I am afraid you have not been informed of the action taken by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at the meeting of its Executive Committee in February 1929, with reference to the coordination of Christian higher education in China. I quote our action below:-

"That we express general approval of the proposals to coordinate more closely the Christian Colleges in China; formal consideration of the particulars of the correlated program to be given after they have been considered further by the interested college boards in China and in the homeland.

When the proper time has arrived for financing the forward movement for a correlated program for Christian Higher Education in China, we favor a united financial appeal."

This action was communicated to Dr. Wallace under date of February 25th. I am sorry we did not send you the word at the same time.

Sincerely yours,

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May 17, 1929.

Dr. John R. Edwards,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Edwards:

We are enclosing herewith a certification of your appointment as a delegate of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University on the occasion of the formal dedication of the University. This is issued in accordance with the action of the Executive Committee, May 2, 1929.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to so arrange your plans as to be present in Yenching at the time of the formal dedication in the autumn. We believe this will prove an extremely interesting and a most unique occasion.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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May 24th, 1929.

Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:-

I am in receipt of your letter of May 17th, with enclosure of Delegate's Certificate to the formal dedication of Yenching University, September 27th to October 1st. My present plans will not take me to the Far East until after the Annual Meeting of our Board in November.

I wish I could be present for the important dedication. Inasmuch as some change in plans may take place, I am holding the certificate here.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

John R. Edwards
John R. Edwards
Corresponding Secretary

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MEMBERS
OF THE INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS
180 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Dear Sir,
I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. regarding the International Geological Congress, and am glad to hear that you are interested in the work of the Board of Foreign Members.

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Mr. B. A. Garside, Ass't Secy,
University of Yenching,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:-

On March 9th the Peking Members of the Executive Committee of our North China Conference voted as follows:-

"Action #556: It was voted that we authorize the Shanghai Treasurer to pay over to Yenching University the sum of \$3000.Mex., during the year 1929 only, in lieu of the services of J.M.Gibb."

I send this merely for your information and it will not be necessary for you to acknowledge receipt of the note.

Fraternally yours,

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Frank T. Cartwright

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Board of Trustees
of the University of the State of New York
100 South Avenue, New York City

Mr. J. M. ...
University of the State of New York
100 South Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. ...

Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees
of the University of the State of New York
100 South Avenue, New York City

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November 4, 1929

Mr. A. E. Chenoweth,
Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church,
New York, N.Y.

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Chenoweth:

This will put in writing the matter I discussed informally with you Saturday morning.

Our Yenching Promotional Office has a card for Miss Amelia B. Watson, 155 Washington St., Delaware, Ohio, showing that a letter was received from her dated June 21, 1923, in which she said she would authorize the appropriation of \$2500 of her Centenary Estate Note to the James Bashford Memorial Building at Yenching University. Mr. F. I. Johnson, who was then at the Cincinnati Area Headquarters, wrote the Yenching Promotional Office on August 2, 1923, stating that "I have a communication from Miss Amelia Watson of Delaware, Ohio, in which she indicates that \$2,500 of her \$5,000 estate note given to the Centenary cause, may be applied to the Bashford Memorial in Peking. I have requested her to arrange for the payment of interest on this estate note, but have had no response from her on the subject."

In going over all the remittances both from individuals and from the Methodist Board for the Bashford Memorial, we cannot find that any gift from Miss Watson has been included. We would appreciate it if you would check over your records to ascertain the present status of Miss Watson's pledge.

Very sincerely yours,

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CC: Promotional Office

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