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Tunghsien, Near Peking, March 10, 1918.

Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Peking Federated University

My dear Dr. Brown:

The decision of the Trustees about the site of the university came the other day and relieved our suspense. We are glad to have it settled. We are hoping that we shall soon get news of the election of a president. A few of us who are vitally concerned in the future of the university were talking over plans the other day and came to a discussion of possibilities for the presidency and several names were suggested that I have not heard mentioned before. These may have been sent you by Oglivie already, but to make sure I am sending them now.

(1). Mr. W. B. Pettus, head of the Union Language School of Peking.

Mr. Pettus used to be travelling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement in the U.S. He is a nephew of Senator Pettus and was disinherited for becoming a Christian. He was formerly in the Y.M.C.A. with headquarters in Nanking. He travelled as Student Secretary and so knows all the colleges of China. He has been in Peking only a short time but he has done wonders with the language school. He made a scientific study of language teaching in Germany, and has made a transformation of the Chinese teachers. He is now branching out in the line of lectures which are held at the British and American Legations. He has just about secured a large gift for a library of the Language School. He is prominent in the American Society of North China. He knows how to work with other men and to use them. As the plan is to have the Language School a part of the University, it would not be necessary for him to give up that work entirely. As far as I know, he has no idea that his name is being suggested. His wife is a daughter of a prominent Japanese missionary, Dr. De Forrest, if I remember right. Mr. Pettus is on the ground, yet he has not been mixed up in any of the discussions. He is a Baptist by denomination.

(2). Mr. Leighton Stewart of the Theological Seminary at Nanking.

Mr. Stewart is noted for his ability, clear thinking, consecration and good fellowship. He is Chinese born and is a Southern Presbyterian.

(3). Dr. D. Willard Lyon.

I have not seen Mr. Lyon for twenty-two years, but he is very highly spoken of, and I heard an English missionary speak of him as one of the wisest missionaries in China.

(4). Mr. Chang Po-ling.

If it is possible to have a Chinese president, Mr. Chang is by far the best candidate. Drs. Speer and Sailer can tell you of his notable work at Nan-Kai School Tientsin. At present he is studying in America. In some respects it would be a pity to take him from his good work at Tientsin, but this would be mitigated by the fact that his brother is now taking his place and is doing very well.

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These were the names mentioned in the group referred to an all of them met with favor. In addition I am going to suggest a man in America who is not known to my colleagues here.

(5). President Harry M. Gage, LL.D. of Huron College, Huron, S.Dak.

Perhaps
Dr. Gage was a schoolmate of mine. He has been in College work for about 17 years in connection with Fairfield College and Huron College. The latter was a very hard proposition, but he has helped to make it a very creditable institution. He is a good speaker, a strong personality that takes well with men, he has raised a great deal of money, and he is thoroughly consecrated. He would probably have been in the mission field had it not been for his old father that he could not desert. His father is now dead. He knows about our university scheme but he has no inkling that his name is being mentioned in connection with it. He is about thirty-nine. His scholarship is evidenced by the fact that he was fellow in philosophy in Columbia University in 1904-5.

None of the men mentioned cares anything about money but may I suggest that it would be hard for the president to do his work on the salary of an ordinary missionary. In Peking he ought not only to entertain the Chinese students and teachers, but also the Commissioner of Education, the Presidents of the Chinese Colleges, etc., besides an ever-increasing number of distinguished scholars who pass through Peking on their travels. I hope the Trustees will assure the president an income sufficient to meet these obvious duties.

With very kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Charles H. Corbett.

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April 22, 1918

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Rev. Charles H. Corbett
American Presbyterian Mission
Peking, Chih-li, China

My dear Mr. Corbett:

Thank you very much for your good letter regarding the possible qualified men to undertake the leadership of Peking University. On behalf of the Committee which has this question deeply at heart, I wish to thank you most sincerely.

Inasmuch as the Rev. Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York City, is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Peking University and is directing the thought of the Trustees and of the Committee in their search for a President, I am having sent to him today a copy of your letter. We are also sending a copy to the Rev. Dr. George Heber Jones, who is Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

With kindest regards, and best wishes for all of the work in which you are engaged, I am

Sincerely yours,

(A. J. Brown)

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The Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D.
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Brown:

I enclose you herewith the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Trustees ofeking University held April 11th, 1918 and desire to call special attention to the following items which concern the relations of the Trustees with the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

1. We have noted your communication and also one from Miss Hodge concerning the resignation of Miss Davison and the nomination of Mrs. Williamson to fill her place. For the moment we overlooked the fact that Miss Davison belonged not to the group of trustees elected by the Boards but the coopted group so that her successor will be elected by the Board of Trustees, but we shall, of course, have the nomination which comes with such unanimity both from your Board and that of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Board and I have no question but that Mrs. Williamson will be confirmed for the unexpired period of Miss Davison's term.

2. We have also noted the appropriation by the Board of the sum of \$15,000 for property purchases of the University and I only express the thought of the Board in making mention of our grateful acknowledgments.

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3. The Trustees have thought it well to appoint an Executive Secretary for the University whose functions are defined on page three of the minutes herewith. On nomination of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, but subject to conference with the Presbyterian Board it was voted to elect the Rev. William E. Gleysteen to this office. You already know the process we are now taking in this matter and we shall hope for early action rendering effective this proposal. Pending this conference I am holding up formal notification to Mr. Gleysteen but have sent him a cable.

4. As a step toward the unifying of the entire financial administration we have voted to ask the Boards cooperating to arrange to make their payments as far as they relate to larger and more general items of expenditure in connection with the University enterprise through the Treasurer of the Trustees. This would properly cover your generous appropriation of \$15,000 for property purchases. The address of our Treasurer is Mr. E. M. McBrier, 208 Broadway, New York City.

5. It was also voted to recommend to the Board of Managers the unifying of our work in Peking beginning with the autumn semester of 1918. This would involve the Tonga School.

Will you not kindly go over the minutes and let us know if there are any corrections which occur to you. If I do not hear from you calling attention to corrections that ought to be made I shall understand that the minutes are correct and will so report at the next meeting of the Trustees.

Very cordially yours,

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The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

May 7, 1918.

The Rev. George Heber Jones, D.D.,
Sec'y Board of Trustees,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

My dear Dr. Jones:

Referring to your letters of April 19th and 24th regarding the election of the Rev. William H. Gleysteen as Executive Secretary of the Field Board of Managers, I write to state that our Board at its meeting the 6th instant took the following action:

"The Board of Trustees of Peking University having elected the Rev. William H. Gleysteen of the North China Mission, Executive Secretary of the University, subject to conference with the Presbyterian Board, the Board voted that it saw no objection to the proposed arrangement if Mr. Gleysteen and the Mission shall find it practicable and can make suitable provision for that part of Mr. Gleysteen's present work which he would have to relinquish, the Trustees having offered to reimburse the Board in the amount that shall be needed for the employment of special assistants for this purpose. It is understood that the proposed work will not require Mr. Gleysteen's entire time or involve his giving up his present position as Principal of the Truth Hall Academy for Boys and that it is a temporary arrangement pending the election of a permanent President."

I am informing the Mission to-day and also writing Mr. Gleysteen. I assume, of course, that you will communicate with him directly regarding the details from the viewpoint of the Board of Trustees.

I am writing to Mrs. Williamson about the oversight in connection with her election and I assume that you will see that her election as a co-opted member to succeed Miss Davison is confirmed at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur H. Brown

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The Board of Foreign Missions
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156 Fifth Avenue
New York

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

August 2, 1918.

The Rev. George Heber Jones, D.D.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Jones:

Your letters of July 8th and July 11th respectively to Dr. Brown in his absence have been referred to me. Thank you for the enclosure of the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Managers and of the proposed budget of the University, with the Treasurer's covering letter, etc.

In regard to the question of the Presbyterian Board's financial participation in Peking University, it seems rather inadvisable to take action on this important matter during the summer when the Board does not convene, especially in view of several complications which arise; namely, our Board's payment of Dr. Wolferz' travel and outfit amounting to \$538.40 and of Dr. Wolferz' salary on the field, and our Board's understanding that its \$1,000. pledge was for the running expenses of the institution on the field and its action that the funds so pledged would be made available to cover items submitted in the budget of field expenditures.

It seems wise, therefore, for this matter to go over until the meeting of the Board in September.

With kind regards, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,
George D. Smith
Associate Secretary

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The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
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156 Fifth Avenue
New York

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

August 12, 1918.

The Rev. George Heber Jones, D.D.,
150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

My dear Dr. Jones:

I have your important letter of the 5th instant with its attached correspondence regarding Peking University matters. I must confess that I am doubtful about the advisability of transacting important business by circular letter in the summer vacation season, especially, too, as some of the matters are to be handled by Dr. Smith, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, who is now in Peking and whose report it seems to me we should await. Moreover Nos. 1 and 2 of the items which you present are virtually Dr. Lowry's appeals from decisions of the Field Board of Managers and the Trustees ought not to pass upon an appeal unless and until the body appealed from has been given a copy of the appeal and offered an opportunity to make due rejoinder. We should get ourselves into serious trouble with the field brethren if we sustain a minority appeal without hearing from the majority.

Cordially yours,

Arthur Kraus

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150 Fifth Avenue,
Aug. 27, 1918

The Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Dr. Brown:-

I have delayed replying to your favor of August 18th relating to Peking University matters, pending word from the other members of the Executive Committee. So far I have received a very full letter from Mr. McBrier, expressing his judgment on the various matters concerned. Dr. Barton, however, has not yet returned from the Pacific coast and necessarily matters are held up as far as he is concerned, until his return. I find that Dr. North is in substantial agreement with you that the matters under advisement are of such major importance that it would be preferable to consider them in a full meeting of the Committee rather than to transact such important business as is before us by circular letter. This really falls in with my own view, as you will remember that I raised the question as to the advisability of circular letter vote and only proposed it as a possible exit out of an apparently urgent situation.

One matter, however, involves some embarrassment because of the necessary delay awaiting action. This is in connection with the appointment of Mr. Breece to the staff of the University this fall. I have corresponded with Mr. Breece and find that he is willing to go but is in a very awkward position, because of the following circumstances:

1. He has already proceeded a considerable way in arranging to go to France under the Y.M.C.A. for work among the Chinese battalions, in fact he has reached a point where they were taking up the matter of his passport.
2. His relations to the University of Minnesota are such that he must give them a definite answer as to whether he will return for another year, by September first.
3. He is willing, if the way should open immediately, to respond to the call to go to Peking University rather than to France or to remain in Minnesota, but thinks it impossible to hold up his decision until we can get our meeting to fully consider the matter.

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I have written him, telling him that we are debarred from formal action on his appointment pending a meeting of our Executive Committee, because the action involving a permanent commitment such as would be the case with him, cannot be taken in a hurried fashion. I am sure he will understand the circumstances in which we find ourselves. I have ventured, however, to say to him that unofficially and personally, my opinion is that in view of the fact that he has already spent nearly five years in Peking, knows the Chinese language, is personally known to the members of the faculty and is deemed so desirable that the Board of Managers have cabled for him, will result in favorable action by the Executive Committee.

I have further raised the possibility of his finding some way by which he could postpone his decision until we have had a chance to meet.

I have not yet heard from him on this matter, but in response to a second letter from him written the day I wrote him from New York, I telegraphed him that the situation was unchanged and that he must act on his own judgment in the matter, but that I trust that if possible he could arrange for some delay before reaching final decision.

I have conferred with Dr. North over this matter and his judgment is decidedly against any hurried action, although he recognizes the desirability of our meeting the wishes of the Board of Managers in connection with such a desirable appointee as Mr. Breece appears to be. Have you any light you could throw on the matter?

Cordially yours,

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The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
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156 Fifth Avenue
New York

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

August 15, 1918

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RE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD FUNDS FOR PEKING UNIVERSITY CURRENT ACCOUNT.

Dr. George Heber Jones
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Jones:

The Executive Council, acting on behalf of this Board, has voted, in view of the request from the Board of Trustees of Peking University, to make available as soon as the account can be adjusted the balance due from the Presbyterian Board to the University Trustees on account of the Presbyterian Board's pledge of \$1000 a year toward current expenses of the University.

The Treasurer of the Presbyterian Board is planning to request the Board's fiscal agent in China to report back at once on payments which he has made on account of Dr. Wolferz, chargeable to the Trustees. Our thought is to ask our Board's fiscal agent to make provision to advance Dr. Wolferz' salary up to December 31, 1918, after which date the Trustees will doubtless wish to make other arrangement for payment of his salary inasmuch as the Trustees now request the Boards to make their payments to the Trustees' Treasurer in New York City.

Regretting the delay which the necessity of word from China causes in making the adjustment, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George T. Scott

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Associate Secretary

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COPY FOR DR. JONES

February 19, 1919.

RE PRIVATE DINNER BY PEKING UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES

The Waldorf Astoria,
Fifth Avenue & 34th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I write to confirm my personal conversation yesterday, February 18th, with your Mr. Oscar relative to a dinner of from twenty-five to thirty-five persons, including ladies, in a private room at 6:30 P.M. on the evening of Thursday, April 10, 1919.

Mr. John L. Severance who is frequently a guest in your Hotel is a member of the Board of Trustees of Peking University and will be the host at this dinner, privately meeting the expense connected with it. He has asked Dr. George Heber Jones of 150 Fifth Avenue, phone Chelsea 2130, and me to make the arrangement on his behalf.

We understand that the price of the dinner will be \$5 a plate and that the room will be large enough to seat thirty-five or forty people if necessary. We will later inform you of the exact number expected to be present and will arrange the menu.

Sincerely yours,

(G. T. Smith)

On behalf of the Peking University Trustees

GTS/R

Cc Dr. G. H. Jones
Dr. Smith

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**The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York**

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

February 20, 1919.

Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith,
New York City.

Dr. George Heber Jones,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones:

Will you allow me to venture a suggestion which you probably have already in mind in connection with your consideration of the medical education of women in Peking; namely that some representative (s) of Peking University have frank and full conference with the officers of the Peking Medical College regarding their plans for the education of women. I had opportunity yesterday to learn something of these plans from a group of the leaders of the Rockefeller Medical work in China and although I am very ignorant on the subject I believe the scope of the Rockefeller Peking Institution is fast broadening as related to women students and it would seem to cover much of the field prescribed for the Union Woman's Medical College. I may be entirely mistaken but I feel that there should be a clear understanding among those interested and responsible for the medical education of women in Peking.

Sincerely yours,

George T. Scott

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156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

MADISON SQUARE BRANCH
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

February 25, 1919.

RE BAKER AS MISSIONARY ARCHITECT FOR UNION INSTITUTIONS
IN SEOUL.

Mr. John T. Underwood,
New York City.

Mr. John L. Severance,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. George Heber Jones, D.D.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I address you as the respective Chairmen of the Cooperating
Board for Christian Education in Chosen and of its Executive and Property
Finance Committees.

You are familiar with the question of having Mr. Norman Baker
go to Seoul as Architect for Chosen Christian College and for such future
building as there may be in connection with the Severance Union Medical College.
I wish to report a cablegram from Dr. Avison in Seoul which reaches me this
morning:

"Baker immediately. Missionary appointment or otherwise.
(Signed) Avison"

Dr. Avison by his expression "or otherwise" obviously refers to
his hope expressed in previous letters from him, that if none of the Associated
Mission Boards can support Mr. Baker that his support could be provided
either by some outside source or out of the building funds of the Institutions.
This last method would seem quite proper as Architects fees are a part of
the cost of a building. To this last proposition I believe both Mr. Underwood
and Mr. Severance have agreed.

However, I have not given up hope that the Methodist Board might
see its way clear to place a third missionary on the staff of Chosen Christian
College and that Mr. Baker might possibly be such third man.

I am not sure that Mr. Baker is available now. I, however, have
written to him to come to see me.

I have just telephoned to Mr. Dana to see if he had received any
word from Mr. Murphy in Korea that would throw light on Dr. Avison's cablegram.
Mr. Dana reports that no such word has come. Mr. Dana, however, thoroughly
approves of Mr. Baker's qualifications and believes that he would be an admir-
able man for the work in mind. Mr. Murphy should land in San Francisco March
10th and is expected in New York City about March 15th.

With kind regard, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George T. Scott

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF

UNIVERSITY TEACHERS

NEW YORK

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT NEW YORK, N. Y., ON DECEMBER 12, 1919

RESOLUTION NO. 1. That the Association express its appreciation to the Board of Directors for the excellent work done during the year 1919.

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The Rev. Geo. T. Scott,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

My dear Mr. Scott:-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 25th in regard to the appointment of Mr. Norman Baker as the architect for the Chosen Christian College and for such future building as there may be in connection with the Severance Medical College.

Personally, I feel that it will be necessary to have someone like Mr. Baker in the capacity suggested, in view of the situation of Mr. Weller. It is not possible for us to take action in the matter of the appointment of Mr. Baker under our Board for reasons which I have explained to you over the phone.

Should Mr. Baker go to Korea, I think on the whole, it would be better that he should go out under the College enterprise and then later on, should it seem wise that he become our third man on the faculty of the College, that matter can be taken up and pressed to a decision.

Very cordially yours,

GHJ
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Franklin

March
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Rev. Geo. T. Scott,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

My dear Mr. Scott:-

I have looked into the matter of the status of the Presbyterian Board's payments on property investment in Peking University. The report of the Treasurer, dated April 22nd, 1918, shows that you were credited with a payment of \$44,921. It is evident however, that this amount, as well as the amount paid by the other Boards, has been absorbed in the property purchases which have been made, as the debits and the credits on the balance sheet of that date, equal each other with no balances carried over. From this, it would seem that there is no balance that we could draw upon for the \$2500 necessary to meet the payments for putting the present property in condition to open the University work as per the instructions of the Trustees.

Will you not kindly take the matter up and if agreeable, in harmony with the request of the Trustees, secure an appropriation of \$2500 towards the \$10,000 so urgently needed.

I am glad to report that both the American Board and the Methodist Episcopal Board have taken action making their quota of \$2500 each, available. We should like very much to have this item cleared off as far as Board action is concerned, by the time of the Annual Meeting.

Very cordially yours,

GHJ
AET

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The Board of Foreign Missions
of the

Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. ✓

156 Fifth Avenue

New York

March 19, 1919.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

RE PRESBYTERIAN CAPITAL FUNDS FOR PEKING UNIVERSITY

Mr. E. M. McBrier,
Treasurer Peking University Trustees,
Woolworth Building,
New York City.

My dear Mr. McBrier:

Inasmuch as Dr. George Heber Jones, I understand, is away from the city for some time, I venture to send you the following letter which I wrote to him under date of March 5th, for which I have received no reply and the answer to which your Trustees accounts will doubtless show:

"In your letter to me of March the 1st you refer to the hope that the Presbyterian Board can make an additional appropriation of \$2500.00 toward urgent property needs at Peking University. The Presbyterian Board follows the custom of making to a particular institution the largest grant for property that it can and then leaves the Trustees of the Institution to determine the use of the money. The Presbyterian Board has made appropriations for property at Peking University as follows:

March 31, 1917,	\$ 1,243.35 gold
January 21, 1918,	33,756.65 "
April 1, 1918,	15,000.00 "
Total...	\$50,000.00 gold.

The first two of these appropriations total \$35,000.00 gold and were remitted through the Presbyterian Board Treasurer in Peking. Your letter of March 1st refers to \$44,921.00 as having been received by the University Treasurer from the Presbyterian Board. Your figure is doubtless Mexican dollars representing the silver equivalent of \$35,000.00 gold. The third Presbyterian appropriation for property listed above of \$15,000.00 was made to the Treasurer of the Peking Trustees in New York City.

May I ask if this last \$15,000.00 gold has all been expended for property at the University. If not and if there is a balance on hand of at least \$2500.00 of this \$15,000.00 capital fund could not the Treasurer of the Trustees meet the present requisition for \$2500.00 out of such balance on hand.

The Presbyterian Board has sent out an appeal for an additional \$20,000.00 for Peking University property and when any considerable amount is received for this special object it will be made available. The Board is faced with a deficit on March 31st of many hundreds of

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Mr. E. M. McBrier

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March 19, 1919.

thousands of dollars and so has no liquid assets from which it could make property appropriations even if it were accustomed to make capital appropriations out of liquid funds.

Colonel Henry W. Hodge, a member of the Peking University Trustees has now returned from France and is in New York City. Therefore it will not be necessary any longer to call upon Dr. MacGregor to serve as alternate for Colonel Hodge.

Trusting that out of the \$50,000.00 gold appropriated by this Board for Peking University property there may be at least \$2500.00 unspent for property in order to cover our share of the present need, I am"

Regretting that the Presbyterian Board appears to be negligent in a matter in which we are endeavoring to do all that we can, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George P. Scott

Associate Secretary for Higher Education.

GTS/R

Cc Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith.

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The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. ✓
156 Fifth Avenue
New York

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

April 1, 1919. *ref 7*

RE PEKING UNIVERSITY

Dr. George Heber Jones,
Sec. Peking University Trustees,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Mr. E. M. McBrier,
Treasurer Peking University Trustees,
Woolworth Building,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

The Presbyterian Board at its meeting March 31st 1919, made a small special appropriation of sundry gifts recently received for the property fund of Peking University. The total of these special sundry gifts amounted to \$105.00 and will be remitted by check by the Presbyterian Treasurer to the Treasurer of the Peking Trustees.

It is possible that by this time you may have received word from Peking which would enable you to inform me regarding the disposition made of the \$15,000.00 appropriated by this Board for property account last year.

In order to clear away confusion in the minds of the Auxiliary Societies of our Presbyterian Women's Boards regarding the support of wives of Presbyterian Missionaries teaching in Union Institutions but not supported by the Presbyterian Board, the Presbyterian Board at its meeting on March 17th, 1919, took the following action:

"When a married missionary is supported by sources other than the Presbyterian Board, his wife and/or family shall also be supported from sources outside of the Board and its Auxiliaries."

At Peking University this action at present would relate only to Mrs. Wolferz. I understand that there is no question on the field as to the source of her support and that the University budget shows that the University out of its extra Board funds assumes the support of Prof. Wolferz on the basis of a married man's salary.

With kind regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

George P. Scott

Associate Secretary for Higher Education.

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**The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York**

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

April 14, 1919.

**PAYMENT OF PRESBYTERIAN BALANCE ON CURRENT EXPENSE
PEKING UNIVERSITY**

Mr. E. M. McBrier,
Treasurer of Peking University Trustees,
Woolworth Building,
New York City.

My dear Mr. McBrier:

You will recall that the matter of the exact amount due from the Presbyterian Board on account of its pledge of \$1000 gold a year for the current expense of Peking University was referred to the Treasurer of the Presbyterian Missions in China as to what payments had been made on account of Professor and Mrs. Wolfers or on other non-Presbyterian accounts for Peking University. The reply from our Treasurer, Mr. Meyers, in Shanghai has been received. The enclosed statement prepared by the Treasurer's Office of this Board shows a total of \$1450.54 paid out on account of travel, freight, outfit and so forth, on account of Professor and Mrs. Wolfers and \$100.00 paid to the University in the year 1917, making a grand total of expenditures of \$1550.54, which amount subtracted from the \$2000 pledged for the calendar years of 1917 and 1918 leaves a balance due from this Board of \$469.46, for which amount please find enclosed this Board's check drawn to the Treasurer of Peking University Trustees.

I tried to get this statement and check to you on the morning of April 10th so that it could be shown in your Treasurer's report that afternoon at the meeting of the Peking Trustees. At the Woolworth Building I was informed that your offices were closed for the day. I took the check with me to the Trustees meeting but as you were not present the Treasurer's report was omitted.

With kind regard and regretting the long delay in securing report from the field, I am

Sincerely yours,

George P. Scott

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Enc.

Cc. Dr. George Heber Jones.

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Ernest B. Brier

April 15th, 1919.

Mr. Geng T. Scott,
C/O Board of Foreign Missions of the
Presbyterian Church, ✓
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Scott:-

I acknowledge with thanks yours of April 14th
enclosing check for \$469.46 .

I am sending a copy of your letter to Dr. Edw.
Lincoln Smith under whose supervision an attempt is being made
to straighten out the financial relation between the Board of
Trustees here in America and the Board in China.

I must confess that I do not at all understand
the relationship and have not the time to go into a thorough
study of same . There seems to be considerable misunderstanding
as regards finances between the two Boards.

All that I have attempted to do was to keep an
account of the money that had been paid to me by the various
Boards and pay same out on order of the Board of Trustees.
As for the reason for the use therefor, I have not made any
investigation and have no information.

I sent a financial statement to Dr. Smith on
Wednesday, April 9th , and same should have arrived in ample
time for presentation at the meeting on the 10th, but I was
advised by Dr. Smith that same did not arrive until after the
meeting. I greatly regret this.

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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The Board of Foreign Missions
 of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
 156 Fifth Avenue
 New York

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

April 16, 1919.

Rev. Thomas S. Donohugh,
 150 Fifth Avenue,
 New York City.

My dear Donohugh:

Enclosed please find three copies of Memorial Minute of Bishop Bashford and Mrs. Lowry, which the Peking Trustees at their meeting April 10th instructed me to draft. Inasmuch as the Trustees ordered that a copy be sent to the family of Bishop Bashford and the family of Mrs. Lowry, I have had a total of three copies struck thinking that you might wish to forward it in this present form.

I am expecting to hear soon that the Methodist Board has deputed you to study the situation in the Far East, leaving Vancouver on or about July 3rd 1919.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George T. Scott

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The Rev. George T. Scott,
The Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Scott:

Many thanks for the copies of the Memorial Minute concerning Bishop Bashford and Mrs. Lowry to be forwarded to the families. It is kind of you to send them in duplicate.

Your invitation is most attractive. It would be a great pleasure to go with you, but as I look ahead over the next few months I fear that it is out of the question. I will endeavor to consult Dr. North to see whether or not our Board should be represented on this educational deputation, for I agree thoroughly with you that there would be many advantages from a visit by a group representing our two Boards which are working so closely together all over the world.

We are off tonight to Hampton, but I shall hope to have an opportunity to talk over the situation with you upon my return.

Yours cordially,

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

April 23, 1919.

RE REELECTION OF DR. MERRILL TO PEKING UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES

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

Rev. Edward Lincoln Smith, D.D.,
Peking University Trustees,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions at its meeting on Monday, April 21, 1919, reelected the Rev. William Pierson Merrill, D.D., as one of its representatives on the Board of Trustees of Peking University for a term of three years ending April 1922.

Inasmuch as Dr. Merrill was prevented from being present at the meeting of the Presbyterian Board at which he was reelected, I am sending him a copy of this note.

With kind regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

George P. Scott

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Cc Dr. W. P. Merrill

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Copy of Letter from Shantung University Trustees to Peking University Trustees, responding to Peking University Trustees' Action and overture of May 16, 1919.

June 7, 1919.

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY
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Re: Joint Secretary for three China Universities.

Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith,
287 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Smith:

In regard to the proposal of the Peking University Trustees to the Joint Board of the Shantung Christian University, I, as Secretary of the Shantung Board, wish to report that its Executive Committee took favorable action on the Peking proposal at its meeting May 27, 1919. The action of the Executive Committee has now been confirmed by representatives of both the Canadian Presbyterian and Southern Presbyterian Boards and therefore is the effect of the action of the full Joint Board and is, moreover, unanimous. I quote the entire paragraph including the action as it stands in the Minutes of May 27, 1919:-

"JOINT SECRETARY FOR SHANTUNG, PEKING AND HANKING UNIVERSITIES. The Chairman presented the proposal which the Board of Trustees of the Peking University is making to the Home Boards of Shantung and Hanking Universities, namely, that a Secretary be secured who can give all or most of his time to caring for and promoting the interests in America of Peking, Shantung and Hanking Universities. Although the discussion showed that this plan could not be put into effect without some rearrangement which might not be entirely easy, nevertheless, on the whole, the proposal seemed very commendable and its consummation greatly to be desired, it was unanimously VOTED to concur in the proposal of the Peking University Trustees, to instruct the Secretary to inform the Peking Trustees of this favorable action in the hope that they would proceed and to appoint Dr. Monroe and Dr. Brown a committee with power to act further and conclude any final arrangements."

The Hanking University Trustees is planning a Meeting Tuesday, June 17th. A few days ago I heard that the proposal for a Joint Secretary had not reached them, but perhaps it has been sent to them by this time.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) George T. Scott

Secretary Shantung Joint Board.

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

Nanking, China, Sept. 25, 1919.

Dr. Eric North,
Methodist Board of Foreign Missions,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y., U. S. A.

My dear Dr. North:

Brief statement re Peking University

The Board of Trustees of Peking University asked me if I would report back to them briefly on conditions as I found them at the University during my visit, especially in regard to the matter of architect for the University. Therefore I venture to write you a brief statement of the University and send a copy to Dr. Smith.

The latter part of August I had the pleasure of a conference of several hours with President Leighton Stuart and Bishop Lewis at Peitaiho. Dr. Stuart showed me a copy of the serious letter which he had shortly before sent to the Board of Trustees. Matters regarding the entire question of the Peking University seemed rather dark in the mind of both Dr. Stuart and Bishop Lewis. I was glad to do everything I could to make Dr. Stuart feel that the Trustees are really supporting him and that the principal thing necessary for enlarged support is unification of policies and programmes by the Field Board of Managers with the faculty. We talked over many matters concerning which I will make brief reference later as they all came up a fortnight afterwards at a special meeting of the Field Board of Managers.

The Field Board of Managers met at the University on the afternoon of Saturday, September 6. There seemed to be rather a full meeting of the Board, eighteen in all being present, including Bishop Lewis, Dr. Gamewell (Shanghai), and Mr. Ralph Ward, and also Dr. Walter Lowrie, Chairman of the Presbyterian China Council, and Mr. Schell and myself, of our Presbyterian office. Dr. Stuart presided and it was very encouraging to see how his fine spirit is harmonizing the group of Managers (as well as the faculty) and is crystallizing the programme of the institution. I made a statement, ~~was~~ trying to clear up the various misunderstandings that were evidently in the mind of the Board of Managers concerning the Trustees, ~~but~~ suggesting that the Board of Managers have a persistent, united policy for the University, insisting that the University should be financed within its known resources, that a strong centre should be developed ~~now~~, with new departments.

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and other extensions added later, after the foundations had been permanently laid. I let it be known that I am speaking solely for myself, and not on behalf of the Trustees, and yet as one somewhat familiar with the personnel and plans of the Trustees.

The Managers feel that the Trustees should supply a stronger financial support, and I intimated that the Trustees also realized this and that the co-operating boards could hardly be expected to have any great zeal for an institution that was so disunited as had been the University. The Managers feel, however, that now they themselves are very harmonious and that the entire faculty is swung in behind Dr. Stuart, and that they are now working in the closest co-operation and fellowship and fully deserve enlarged support from home. In regard to the matter of keeping their expenditures within their assured income, there was practically a unanimous feeling that the assurances from the Board of Trustees had been very indefinite, although the Managers felt that the Board had been fully informed about the situation and had been specifically requested to state with clearness exactly what was available for running expenses, and that the Board had failed to specify just to what extent America would stand behind the current expenditures of the University. The Managers evidently feel that if they send an estimated budget of current expenditures to the Trustees and the Trustees do not definitely disapprove of the estimates, that the Managers are then free to go ahead with those expenditures, charging them to the Trustees and making sight draft if occasion demands. I did my best to straighten out this confusion, which, I believe, is one of the most serious practical problems just at present. There is no question in my mind that the co-operating boards must increase their appropriations for the University, and do so immediately. I should think that at present each of the co-operating boards ~~must increase their appropriations for~~ should grant annually at least \$4,000 or \$5,000 Mexican, and that each board should supply three or probably four missionary teachers on the staff. As a matter of fact, I believe each of the co-operating missions does now furnish on an average three teachers, although the guaranteed minimum is only two. The home treasurer and the field treasurer must clearly understand one another and work in absolute accord.

The question of architect is a very perplexing one. As suggested by the Trustees, I had long interviews regarding this with Mr. Gleysteen, Mr. Roger Greene and Dr. Stuart and others. Of the latest developments and with Mr. Hussey's recent correspondence with Dr. Stuart you are doubtless already fully informed. I fear that I have no definite judgment to give as the decision depends so largely upon the question of the law in the case. There may be legal difficulties in summarily dismissing Mr. Hussey. Would it not be well to have a dependable legal opinion acceptable by the whole body of Trustees rendered on this matter and then proceed accordingly? President Stuart is quite right in insisting that Mr. Hussey's bill for full service should be itemized, which would doubtless bring it to a much lower figure than the general statement submitted by Mr. Hussey.

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In one way the question of architect is not so immediately pressing as it was prior to the decision to purchase a new site outside of the city walls. It will be some time before a sufficient amount of land can be secured to justify proceeding with the erection of university buildings on a new site, and in the meantime I assume that extended architectural services will not be required for the erection of university buildings on the land at present owned on the south-eastern corner of the city. A competent gentleman who has had experience with Mr. Hussey in Peking is inclined to believe that the Trustees would do well to sever relations with Mr. Hussey, even at a cost which would be considerably above what it might be thought his actual services for the University were worth. The Trustees can safely rely on President Stuart to do the wise thing in this difficult matter.

Present buildings and equipment. Nothing has made me happier in my entire visit in this part of the world than to see the fine spirit, the warm enthusiasm, and the progressive methods with which the Managers and faculty go about the work of the University in the poor little buildings which they now occupy, with their extremely meagre equipment. One might think that they had the buildings of Harvard University at their command, with the income of the University of Columbia! The Board of Managers meets in a bare room of a gatehouse, classes are held in a little made-over Chinese house, and they look with great pride on their expansion into a small German furniture factory, the engine room of which becomes the University Library, and the manager's residence becomes a Theological Hall, with class rooms and dormitories, Professor Ogilvie's new residence being what must have been the servants' quarters of the former German manager. Two or three small Chinese houses across the street are being fitted up for students' dormitories, and members of the faculty show visitors about with the proud enthusiasm that Peking University has a place to live. An institution which starts with this spirit has a fine future ahead.

New site. The general consensus of opinion is strongly in favor of a site outside the walls, of which you have before this been informed in full. Mr. Schell and I, in company with Dr. Stuart and Mr. Corbett, spent one afternoon tramping over the section in mind and riding farther out to an old Manchu residence which Dr. Reinsch believes would make an attractive campus. The chief virtue of the latter, in my mind, is that possibly sufficient ground for the University might be bought in one piece, but even of this I am doubtful. It is really too far from the city, and one thinks of various city contacts which would be necessary for the foreign staff. The common opinion is leaning strongly to a site near to the city wall, and the opinion of Mr. Schell and myself would confirm this, if such a site can be secured in the not distant future and of a size adequate for full development. The Women's Arts College, affiliated with the University, would hope to have its own campus in

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the neighborhood of the University, and those in charge of the women's college are, I believe, very favorably inclined to the section of the country that the University has in view now. Even if it took some time to acquire the new site, I would strongly favor it, especially in view of the fact that the University could for two or three years get along on their present campus, especially if one or two other buildings might be made available for them, which buildings could later be taken over, perhaps, by the Methodist Middle Schools or for other missionary work.

Sale or retention of present site. I told the Managers that I believed that the Trustees would be disinclined to retain the present site permanently as a form of investment to secure income for the University, largely because I believed that the Trustees would feel that the money which had gone into the land for University campus in one place should be made available to purchase land for the same campus in another place. However, if the Trustees can secure new money in amounts sufficient to buy an entire new campus and put up adequate plant, it would doubtless be a good investment for the University to hold its present land, erect Chinese dwelling houses, and rent them as a source of income, this really being endowment invested in real estate. Of course the government might not look with favor upon an institution making money out of land which it did not directly use for missionary purposes.

Name. The new name in great gold letters on a beautiful black board greets one as one enters the main gateway. Every one seems to be pleased with it, and the Methodists have at least accepted it with very good grace. With the new name that meets with general favor, and a new president who meets with absolutely unanimous favor and support, and a new site in mind on which people are much more largely agreed than upon any other site, one finds that the Managers and the faculty and the student body are working together in utmost harmony and are looking forward to a growing institution with high hope. I trust that I did not discourage the Managers unduly or unfairly misrepresent the Trustees by clearly intimating that I felt that the plans of the four co-operating boards were hardly commensurate with the wonderful ideas of expansion which I had heard expressed in the various quarters in Peking. I ventured to express the belief that the home boards thought of Peking University as one of the great sister universities of China, as the University that would influence educational life from the capital of the world's most populous nation but that would not conspicuously predominate above the various other missionary universities for whom we also had large hopes and plans. I also stated that the co-operating boards could not at present hope to develop to highest efficiency departments in every single branch in each university, but that the boards were thinking of developing certain departments to a high standard in particularly universities; that, for instance, agriculture and forestry was for the present considered to be Nanking's sphere for high

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development, and that probably, also, theological teaching of the highest quality would for the present be centred in Nanking Seminary, but that other schools and departments were in mind for high development of Peking University. I tried to make it clear that in this as in all other things, I was simply giving my interpretation of what I think the boards have in mind.

Board of Trustees. A rather common feeling among the Managers and faculty at Peking is that the individual members of the Board of Trustees do not take sufficiently active personal interest in promoting university affairs. I frankly told them that I knew of no better Board of Trustees for any missionary institution, and that the Peking Trustees had, I believe, spent two or three times as much time on Peking University matters in the past two years as had any other similar board of trustees of which I know, on the matters of its institution. Some of the Managers seemed to feel that on the Board of Trustees there might be a larger number of younger, aggressive business men of wealth and influence, to take a share in active promotion work. I explained the difficulty of securing such men to do such work but expressed the hope that the Peking Trustees and all other missionary boards in the States might be successful in finding Christian men of this sort in this new day of church and missionary development.

Rejoicing with the Board of Trustees in the assured future of Peking University, I beg leave to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

George P. Scott

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

December
Fourth,
1919.

The Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D.,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Dr. Brown:

The following is the action of the Executive Committee concerning the request to the Mission Boards to appropriate \$3,000. at two for one for the next period of years for Peking University.

"Voted, that in view of the termination of the three year agreement of the four Boards, who furnish \$1,000. each per year for current expenses, and of the increasing current expenses of the University, and in view of the fact that the amount now supplied is considerably below the appropriations made by the Boards to other Union Universities, the Executive Committee requests the participating Boards to contribute to the current expenses of the University \$3,000 annually each at the rate of two for one beginning January first, nineteen twenty; this agreement to be subject to review and revision at the beginning of the third year."

I think that it is quite possible ^{that} if the letter which Dr. Smith wrote to you did not include the statement as to the time to which the matter should be adjusted.

I sincerely hope that the Presbyterian Board will be able to adjust this action to meet the basis of understanding contained in the motion.

Faithfully yours,

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The Board of Foreign Missions
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Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.**156 Fifth Avenue****New York**

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

December 5, 1919.

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

My dear Dr. North:-

Your letter of October 20th regarding the desired increase to the contributions of the Cooperating Boards for the current expenses of the Peking University arrived during my absence and was held until my return. Since then I have received a letter from the Rev. Edward Smith, of November 26th, on the same subject. I had pleasure in presenting the matter at the first meeting of our Board after I got back, and can report that the following action was unanimously taken:

"In view of the growth of the Peking University and the increasing cost of operation, the Board complied with the request of the Board of Trustees of the University to increase its appropriation toward current expenses from \$1,000. gold to \$3,000. gold annually, at the exchange rate of two for one, this increase to take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year, April 1, 1920, and the enlarged amount to be included in the Board's regular budget for that and ensuing fiscal years."

I am prepared to take up the larger question as soon as I receive from you the communication which you are to send to the Cooperating Boards on the basis of the resolution that I offered at the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Cordially yours,



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December 9, 1919

Mrs. O. M. Williamson,
Room 48, 17 North State St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

TRUSTEES
PEKING UNIVERSITY

My dear Mrs. Williamson:

It was a matter of great regret to us that you were unable to be present at the meeting of the Trustees of Peking University on December 2. It was a most important meeting and I believe that all the actions taken look to a development of great importance in connection with Peking University and the Woman's College. It is our earnest desire that everything should go forward smoothly and on a scale adequate to establish in Peking the University and Woman's College that shall properly represent Christian forces in that important city.

I enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of that meeting. The documents referred to in the Minutes were sent you in advance of the meeting.

I find that in endeavoring to straighten out the formalities for the affiliating of the Woman's College with the University, I do not know whether as a matter of fact the Presbyterian Board has acted upon the basis of affiliation set forth in the document entitled, "Suggestions Regarding the Reorganization etc." The American Board has taken action approving the basis of affiliation. May I ask whether the Presbyterian Board has done so.

I may be mistaken in my impression that it is desirable for the Presbyterian Board to act. It may be the Board will accept the action of some other Committee than the Board itself. If that is the case, that is quite satisfactory to me and to the Executive Committee. The only question in our mind is, Does the document come to us with the approval of the authorities who are responsible for cooperation in the

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Woman's College, not simply of the representatives of that authority as they may be contained within the membership of the Trustees of Peking University.

May I therefore ask that you send me at your earliest convenience a record of such action, or inform me to whom I should turn for it, in order that I may have the proper papers formally before us.

As I understand it, this basis of affiliation is not an agreement between the Boards participating in the Woman's College, as to the amount they will furnish to the College, but simply an agreement as to the basis of representation that will be used, whatever the actual participation may be.

With all good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

December
Tenth,
1919.

The Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D.,
Bd. of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Brown:-

I note in your letter of December 5th that you are prepared to take up the larger question of the specific needs of Peking University when you receive from me a communication on the basis of the resolution you offered at the meeting of the Board of Trustees.

I enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of that meeting.

May I call to your attention the fact that the proposals for advance must first be acted upon by the Executive Committee before they are presented to the Boards for their action. May I therefore, ask you as a member of the Executive Committee to give your attention to the scheme that is laid out, criticizing from a point of view of its thoroughness, practicability and wisdom if we are to place in Peking a Christian University of the very first grade. If we do not have some such working statement thoroughly prepared and shaken down so as to represent the conceptions of the Board of Trustees and of the Managers for the advance of the University we shall continue in the confusion which exists in a good many minds at present.

Will you not there write me your criticisms and suggestion concerning the program outlined there, out of which Mr. Luce, Mr. Wheeler and myself may get the criticisms of the members of the Executive Committee in shape for a meeting of the Executive Committee at which the proposals will be considered and I trust passed and then recommended to the Boards. I enclosed herewith a brief statement which endeavors to summarize in condensed form the proposals made in the longer statement.

Faithfully yours,

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

The Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D.,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Brown:-

One of the items concerning Peking University which should be settled speedily is the matter of the relation of the Woman's College to the University. By the action of the Trustees that their recent meeting the matter was referred back to the committee on Woman's work for their reconsideration, in view of the fact that you and Dr. F. M. North had not yet gone over the proposals and that when that had been done the proposals should be referred to the Executive Committee for ratification.

Certain of the form of documents which would seem desirable have not yet come before us. I understand that the Managers of the Woman's College on the field and that the Managers of Peking University have taken favorable action upon the proposals, the formal notice of this action has not yet been received. I am anticipating it within a short time, however. I understand that the American Board has taken favorable action and have written for a copy of that. I ask whether the Presbyterian Board has taken any action in favor of the proposed basis of affiliation which I assume may have been laid before the Board through Mrs Williamson, or some one of the ladies who are cooperating in the development of the Union Womens Work on the foreign field. If such action has been taken, may I request that you have sent to me a copy of the action.

Pending the receipt of these documents, however, it is desirable that you give your criticisms of the proposed basis of affiliation in order that we may know whether, you as a member of the Committee on Womens work give your approval to it. I think that undoubtedly the

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Executive Committee will accept whatever action and
recommendation may be taken by you and Dr. F. M. North.
I enclose a copy of the document referred to.

Faithfully yours,

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THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE NORTHWEST

ROOM 48, 17 NORTH STATE STREET

CHICAGO

December 13,
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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY
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Rev. Eric North, D.D.,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City

My dear Dr. North:

Your letter of December 9th with the minutes of the meeting of the Trustees of Peking University held December 2, 1919, has been received. The documents referred to in the minutes were also received by me and are on file.

Your question as to whether the Presbyterian Board has acted upon the basis of affiliation as set forth in the document entitled "Suggestions Regarding the Re-organization of the North China Union Women's College", is a very proper one and such action should be reported to you. You are also correct in your impression that it is quite necessary for the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions to take action, for it would not be satisfactory to the Board that the document should come to the Board of Trustees with merely the approval of the representatives who may be on the Board of Trustees. Dr. A. J. Brown represents the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of U.S.A., on the Board of Trustees of the Peking University, and through him word will reach you of such action as the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions may take regarding the basis of affiliation of North China Women's Union College.

The Women's Boards (for we are six) of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., are all auxiliary to the General Board of Foreign Missions in the U.S.A. Therefore, any questions of policy must be taken up by our General Board for action and approval. Dr. Brown will undoubtedly send you the information you have requested, since I am sending your letter on to him, asking that he reply directly to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. O. R.) Anna M. Williamson

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President.

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

Mrs. O.R. Williamson
Room 48
17 North State Street
Chicago Illinois

My dear Mrs. Williamson:

The question has been raised by Dr. Frank Mason North as to whether the document stating the basis of affiliation of the Woman's College with the University is clear concerning the definite responsibilities of the Trustees of the University toward the College. Miss Miner states that it is the general understanding that the Trustees of the University are the Trustees of the College, and she and I suggest the addition of the following statement at the beginning of the document setting forth the basis of affiliation.

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

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

May I ask whether this addition meets with your approval as a member of the Committee on Woman's Work? I hope that you will be able to give me your reply by return mail inasmuch as a meeting of the Executive Committee is called for Friday, December 26, and I am anxious to have the matter crystallized by that time. If the Executive Committee takes action upon this modified form, I will then see that it is referred back to the participating Boards to be sure that they recognize or accept the understanding made definite by this addition.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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Rev. Arthur J. Brown
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions
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My dear Dr. Brown:

Dr. Frank Mason North has raised the question concerning the basis of affiliation of the Woman's College with Peking University as to whether it makes clear that the Trustees of the University are the Trustees for the property and business of the Woman's College. Miss Miner states that this is the understanding, and we therefore suggest to the Committee on the Woman's work in connection with the University the placing of the following statement at the beginning of the basis of affiliation.

1. "The Trustees of Peking University shall be Trustees for the Woman's College and shall hold the property, executive documents, grant degrees and administer the interests of the Woman's College in accordance with the usual responsibilities of Trustees.
2. "The Trustees of the University shall use the Woman's College Council as its agency for caring for the interests of the Woman's College in the manner below (Here follows the rest of the document)"

I trust that you will be able to give this your scrutiny ~~for~~ the meeting of the Executive Committee on Friday at 3:30.

Faithfully yours,

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Rev. Eric N. North, D.D.,
150 Fifth Av.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. North:

Your letter under date of December 20th, has just been received. My understanding regarding the responsibilities of the trustees of the University of Peking toward the Woman's College was the same as Miss Miner has stated, i.e. the trustees of the university are the trustees of the college.

I approve of the suggested addition of the statement at the beginning of the document, setting forth the basis of affiliation, which you have included in your letter and numbered "1 and "2.

Faithfully yours,

M. D. R. / Anna K. Williamson

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