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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

January 2nd, 1920

Dr. Arthur J. Brown
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

Dear Dr. Brown:

Pursuant to the action of the Trustees of Peking University December 2nd, 1919, and to the action of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the University December 26-31, 1919, I am setting before you in this letter the financial needs of Peking University for the next five years, and the portion of that total program which the Trustees request (the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.) to secure for the University.

The Trustees of Peking University have fixed \$2,066,000 as the requirement of the University for land, buildings, and equipment in the five year period; and \$2,000,000 as the amount of endowment. The Executive Committee believes that these amounts should be presented to the participating Boards in the ratio of 25% to each Board, or \$516,500 for buildings and equipment, and \$500,000 for endowment. The action was as follows:

VOTED: "That the \$2,066,000 be divided among the four participating Boards in the ration of 25% to each Board, and that the Boards be requested to put on their budgets an additional \$2,000,000 in the same ratio so that the Trustees may be free to obtain these sums outside of Board sources."

The program above does not provide for the salaries of the missionary faculty, the endowment named being sufficient only to provide for the salaries of the Chinese staff and the current expenses of the University, and that only on the assumption that the Boards maintain their present basis of \$3,000 a year at 2 for 1, to the current expenses of the University.

With a view to providing the necessary men a proposal was submitted suggesting that each board, in addition to the

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~~to these~~ missionaries they are now supporting should take on two new men each year for two years, and then one each year for three years, on which the Executive Committee took the following action:

VOTED: "That the Executive Committee accept the proposal submitted as the scale of increase in faculty that will be required to put the University on an effective basis; and that the Committee agree subject to the approval of the various Boards to work to that scale in the provision either of the missionary teachers or of the amount of support necessary for the required number."

In order, therefore, that the program of each of the participating Boards include a sum sufficient for the salaries of these men, I take the liberty of suggesting that you add to the amounts named above, as part of your askings from your constituency, a sum equivalent to the expense you would be under in providing two new men a year for two years, and one man a year for three years in the five year period. It seems to me that unless this is done proper representation of the financial program of the University will not be made in the statements of the Interchurch World Movement, nor will the participating Boards be prepared to provide the salaries necessary for the additional staff.

You understand no doubt that the request to write into the budgets of the Boards the endowment amounts, is due to the fact that only such amounts appear in the program of the Interchurch World Movement as are on the budgets of the Boards participating in the campaign. Unless these endowment amounts appear, therefore, on the budgets of the Boards concerned they will be omitted from the budget statements of the Interchurch World Movement Campaign.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee will be sent to you as soon as they can be prepared. I should be glad to answer by phone or correspondence any inquiries which may make this matter specific and definite if it is not already clear.

Faithfully yours,

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January 6, 1920

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

My dear Mrs. Williamson:

I have received the following cablegram from
Dr. Stuart:

"The land is for sale. Must be done
immediately or not at all. One
hundred thousand dollars Mex. required.
Will Board authorize drawing.
Political developments make local
assistance impossible"

"Stuart"

In response to this I have replied
as follows:

"We are trying to arrange the matter.
Will telegraph when authority obtained.
Where is location. Have you enough
land to erect new buildings required.
If not can you purchase adjoining
property to advantage. How large is area.
Do not forget girls college.
Please telegraph definite answer immediately."
"North"

It seems impossible to secure a meeting of the
Trustees this week at which authorization of such a draft
might be made. It is my belief, however, that by corres-
pondence I can be authorized to send a cable directing
them to draw the draft, and that the formal meeting
authorizing the draft which will be necessary in order to
make a loan legal and possible, can be held.

By the time when the answers to this letter are
received I should have an answer to my cable to President
Stuart, as I feel that the Trustees will not desire to
make it final without knowing the facts called for by my
cable. If, however, the Trustees will delegate to the

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Executive Committee the responsibility of approving the choice of site revealed by the answer to my cablegram, it will be possible to carry through the authorization in the least possible time.

May I therefore ask whether you approve authorizing the managers to draw on us for \$100,000 with the understanding that a meeting of the Trustees will be called at the earliest possible moment to make the action official and arrange the necessary loan, and providing that the response to my cablegram to Peking is satisfactory to the Executive Committee?

A meeting of the Trustees of Peking University is called for the 13th - 14th or 15th of January at the session of the Foreign Missions Conference at New Haven, provided that notification can not be sent to you before that of a more satisfactory time.

Trusting that you will inform me promptly concerning your judgment in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

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January 6, 1920.

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Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
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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

AJB:M

No. 421

January 6, 1920.

Re. Peking University.
Special gift to cover loss in exchange made
for Taylor Mem'l Hospital, Paotingfu.
Appropriation from China Medical Board for
Hugh O'Neill Jr. Mem'l Hospital at Shuntefu.
Special gift for Union Medical College for
Women, Peking Station.
Special gift for Francis Jenks Hall Mem'l
Day Schools in Peking Station field.

To the North China Mission.

Dear Friends:-

I have written in a separate letter the good news of the increase in salaries and children's allowances which we are sure you so urgently need. I now write of some other actions taken at this and the preceding meeting of the Board. The most important of these actions relates to Peking University. You will be interested to know that the Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee have held several long and earnest meetings recently and that plans are being perfected for special effort in behalf of the University. The official communication to the Field Board of Managers will of course come from Mr. Eric North, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, but I want to report to you what has been done thus far.

You will already have received my letter of December 17th regarding the transfer of the Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. Luce and the Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Reginald Wheeler from the Central China Mission to the North China Mission for services in the University.

The following action taken at the meeting of our Board January 5th is perhaps so self-explanatory that I need simply quote it:-

"The Board learned with sympathetic interest of the plans of the Board of Trustees of Peking University regarding the needs and plans of that institution, and the following actions were taken: The action of the Board December 1, 1919, increasing its annual contributions toward the current expenses of the University, apart from missionaries' salaries, from \$1,000. to \$3,000. to date

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from April 1, 1920, was amended by making the date January 1, 1920, and the necessary appropriation was made to provide for this expenditure during the remainder of this fiscal year, the contribution for the ensuing fiscal year to be included in the regular budget. All the appropriations of the Board for the University are to have the benefit of the rate of exchange which the Board has already voted for expenditures in China. The Board voted to supplement its original agreement to support at least two members of the foreign staff, by now assuming the support of six members of the foreign staff of the University, including the Theological Seminary, this number of members of the North China Mission being already on the staff, the Board assuming that the American and Methodist Boards will support a like number. To this end, the three members now supported were supplemented by the support of Louis E. Wolferz, Ph.D., and Mrs. Wolferz, the Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. Luce, and the Rev. and Mrs. William Reginald Wheeler. As Mr. and Mrs. Luce and Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler were transferred December 15, 1919, from the Central China Mission to the North China Mission for the University, with the understanding that their support would be met by the Board of Trustees of the University, that part of the Board's action of December 15th was rescinded. The necessary appropriations were made for the salaries and allowances of Mr. Luce and Mr. Wheeler and Dr. Wolferz and their families from January 1, 1920. In reply to the request of the Board of Trustees of the University that the Board should join the other cooperating Boards in appointing two new men each year for two years and then one man each year for three years, the Board replied that its assumption of the support of Mr. Luce, Mr. Wheeler and Dr. Wolferz will meet this request for a year and a half; that it is impracticable now to make a definite pledge regarding further appointments; but that when the time comes the Board will gladly take into careful consideration the needs of the University as reported by the China Council and the Board of Trustees, with a view to making such additional appointments as may be possible with due regard to the available candidates and the relative needs of the other higher institutions with which the Board cooperates. The further request of the Board of Trustees, that each of the cooperating Boards include in its program for the Interchurch World Movement for a five year program \$516,500. for land, buildings and equipment and \$500,000 for endowment, was referred to the Committee, already appointed, on the relation of the needs of union educational institutions to the Interchurch World Movement."

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GENERAL SECRETARY

January 6, 1920

Mrs O. R. Williamson,
Room 48,
17 No. State Street,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs Williamson:

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of Peking University a basis of affiliation was adopted substantially that which was presented to the meeting of the Trustees on December 2nd. The arrangements, however, for the field Board of Control were omitted as it seemed wise at this time to provide only for the Committee of the Trustees and to work out the rest a little more leisurely.

At this same meeting a budget of \$1,020,000. was adopted by the Executive Committee as desirable for the development of the Women's College. This is an advance of the figures which were presented from the field, but it is believed that the advance is justified in the light of a comparative study of the estimates of the University itself and of the other Women's Colleges in China.

It was the thought of the Executive Committee that each of the Boards which expect to participate in the Women's College should recognize their share of responsibility in the same manner in which the responsibility is being presented to the Boards participating in the University. The Executive Committee has asked the Board participating in the University to share in the University budget at the rate of twenty-five percent for each of the four Boards. As four Boards are expected to participate in the Women's College the responsibility which we would like to see each Board undertake would be twenty-five percent of the figure \$1,020,000.

You will remember that it is impossible to include in the budget of the Interchurch World Movement any amounts for institutions which do not already appear in the

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budgets of some one of the participating Boards. This will mean that this budget for the Women's College in Peking University cannot appear in the statements of the Interchurch World Movement unless the entire amount responsibility indicated for each of the participating Boards is assumed by those Boards and written into their budgets.

It is not perfectly clear to me, inasmuch as there are a number of Women Boards in connection with the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions as to whom this matter should be presented, but I am writing to you asking you to take it up with the responsible authorities. I am also writing to Dr. Arthur J. Brown laying the matter before him in case it is for action by his Board.

I enclose a sheet indicating the detail of the estimates for advance. A copy of the basis of affiliation will be sent you later.

With all good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

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January 6, 1920

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

My dear Dr. Brown:

I have written to Mrs Williamson stating to her the approval of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Peking University of the budget of \$1,020,000. for the advance of the Women's College.

As in the case of Peking University this budget must be accepted by those Boards which intend to participate in the Women's College in order that the budget may appear in the budget statements of the Interchurch World Movement. I am not just sure who are the authorities in the Presbyterian Missionary group before whom this budget should be laid, in order that it may be adopted as part of the proposals of advance for the Woman's Missionary Boards. I am accordingly writing to you and to Mrs Williamson also. I trust that the Women's College may look to you for your friendly interest in seeing that this matter is handled in the correct way.

With all good wishes, I am

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

January 6, 1920.

The Rev. Dr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY
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My dear Dr. North:-

Referring to your official letters of December 4th and January 2nd regarding Peking University I have pleasure in reporting that I presented the matter at the next meeting of the Executive Council and then at the following meeting of our Board which was held yesterday the 5th inst., when the following action was unanimously taken:-

"The Board learned with sympathetic interest of the plans of the Board of Trustees of Peking University regarding the needs and plans of that institution, and the following actions were taken: The action of the Board December 1, 1919, increasing its annual contributions toward the current expenses of the University, apart from missionaries' salaries, from \$1,000. to \$3,000. to date from April 1, 1920, was amended by making the date January 1, 1920, and the necessary appropriation was made to provide for this expenditure during the remainder of this fiscal year, the contribution for the ensuing fiscal year to be included in the regular budget. All the appropriations of the Board for the University are to have the benefit of the rate of exchange which the Board has already voted for expenditures in China. The Board voted to supplement its original agreement to support at least two members of the foreign staff, by now assuming the support of six members of the foreign staff of the University, including the Theological Seminary, this number of members of the North China Mission being already on the staff, the Board assuming that the American and Methodist Boards will support a like number. To this end, the three members now supported were supplemented by the support of Louis E. Wolferz, Ph.D., and Mrs. Wolferz, the Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. Luce, and the Rev. and Mrs. William Reginald Wheeler. As Mr. and Mrs. Luce and Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler were transferred December 15, 1919, from the Central China Mission to the North China Mission for the University, with the understanding that their support would be met by the Board of Trustees of the University, that part of the Board's action of December 15th was rescinded. The necessary appropriations were made for the salaries and allowances of Mr. Luce and Mr. Wheeler and Dr. Wolferz and their families from January 1, 1920. In reply to the request of the Board of Trustees of the University that the Board should join the other cooperating Boards in appointing two new men each year for two years and then one man each year for three years, the Board replied that its assumption of the support of Mr. Luce, Mr. Wheeler and Dr. Wolferz will meet this request

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Questions regarding the Woman's College I understand are not yet ready for presentation to our Board. If this is incorrect, you will of course advise me.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Brower

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

January 12, 1920

Mrs. O. W. Williamson,
Room 46,
17 North State Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Williamson:

I enclose a copy of the basis of affiliation adopted by the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Peking University and relating to the Woman's Arts College.

I have sent a copy of this to Dr. Arthur J. Brown, requesting him to take it up with whatever is the proper agency in the Presbyterian Missionary group, to approve it as a basis for affiliation. You will notice that it does not become operative until it has been acted upon by at least two of the Women's Boards concerned in the Woman's Arts College.

I trust you will assist in seeing that this matter is carried forward to its completion.

Faithfully yours,

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" Salvation through Jesus Christ not only a treasure, but as well a trust. "

THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE NORTHWEST
ROOM 48, 17 NORTH STATE STREET
CHICAGO

January 13, 1920.

Rev. Eric M. North, D. D.
150 - Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.
My Dear Mr. North:-

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

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Your communication of January 6th regarding the cablegram from Dr. Stewart, Peking University about the necessity for the immediate purchase of land at the cost of \$100,000. has been received.

I do approve delegating to the Executive Committee the responsibility of approving the choice of site revealed by the answer to your cablegram also on authorizing of the managers to draw on the trustees for \$100,000. with the understanding that a meeting of the trustees will be called at the earliest possible moment to make the action official and arrange the necessary loan and, providing the response to your cablegram to Peking is satisfactory to the executive committee. I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. O. R.) Nina M. Williamson

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ROOM 48, 17 NORTH STATE STREET
CHICAGO

January 13, 1920.

Rev. Eric M. North, D.D.
150-Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

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My dear Dr. North:-

Your communication of January 6th regarding the adoption of a basis of affiliation of the North China Woman's College by the executive committee of the trustees of Peking University is at hand. The budget of \$1,020,000. as adopted by the executive committee as desirable for development of the Woman's College, is also given, as well as the statement regarding the necessity for having this amount written into the budget of the participating Boards, if it is to be included in the budget of the Inter Church World Movement. You were correct in writing to Dr. Brown of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, for it is necessary that our general Board take action before our Woman's Boards could approve any amounts.

I am also writing Dr. Brown in order that he may know that I have received your communication and fully understand that he is the one who should present this question to Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions.

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Sincerely yours,

Mrs. O. R. / Anna M. Williamson

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January 19, 1920

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

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

My dear Doctor Brown:

May I acknowledge with much appreciation your letter of January 6, concerning the action of your Board with reference to Peking University? I sincerely trust that the sentiment developed by Dr. Speer's remarkable address at the Foreign Missions Conference and the practical measures suggested by the action taken there, are going to make it possible for Peking University to find its entire needed advance included in the budget approved by the participating Boards in America. I am hoping it will be possible for the Methodist Board to include in proposals for future advance, a very substantial amount in addition to what has been provided for by the Centenary.

I note your action with reference to the support of Mr. Luce, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Wolfers. I note also that you regard it as impracticable to make a definite pledge regarding further appointment. I can quite understand that and urge that you have in mind the fact that the University will greatly need suitable faculty if it is to expand in the manner in which we desire and further, that even though the Presbyterian Board and the other participating Boards may not be able to furnish the men, it is highly desirable that they should furnish the salaries of men whom the University may secure if the Boards do not have them available in person. This is a practice which is being followed in the case of Nanking and I believe it to be thoroughly sound and one which provides wisely for the permanence of the growth of the University.

I hope, therefore, it will be possible for the Presbyterian Board to carry out the suggestion contained in my letter to you concerning this matter, in which I suggested that in the askings for the advance of the University there should be included a sum equivalent to the amount deemed by your Board necessary to provide for the support of two new men each year for two years and one new man each year for three years. I may be mistaken but I fear that if this is not done, the Boards will say to us

that we have not the funds to provide the faculty necessary, and the faculty are of prime importance.

I note at the end of your letter the statement that questions regarding the Woman's College you understand to be not yet ready for presentation to your Board. I think this is not correct. I believe that if you will refer to my letter of January 3 to you, and to my letter of January 6 to you referring to my letter to Mrs. Williamson, you will find that action on these matters is desired now. The two points involved are

- 1st. The approval by some Presbyterian Board that is qualified, of the basis of affiliation of the Woman's College with the University.
- 2d. The approval of the budget of \$1,020,000 for the advance of the Woman's College, and the inclusion of one-quarter of that amount in the askings of the Presbyterian Women's Boards for the next five years.

I have a letter from Mrs. Williamson of January 13, in which she says it is necessary for the General Board of Foreign Missions of your Church to take action before the Woman's Board can approve any amount. She tells me that she is writing you in order that you may understand that you are the one to present this question to the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions.

With all good wishes, I am

Faithfully 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

January 22, 1920.

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The Rev. Eric C. North, Ph.D.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

You, of course, know about the availability of the Rev. Dr. Howell S. Vincent of our North Siam Mission for the Peking University, so that I need not explain the circumstances. The only thing which delays our Board in transferring him is the question of his financial support. As you know, our Board has already raised its quota from two to six members of the faculty. There is no vacancy among them except that caused by the recent lamented death of Mr. Ogilvie, but this does not help in the case of Mr. Vincent because Mr. Ogilvie was in the Theological Seminary and we must appoint his successor to the Seminary while Dr. Vincent of course would go to the Arts College.

In these circumstances, the question has arisen whether one of the other cooperating Boards which does not have its full quota of six, to which the Presbyterian Board has now risen, would be willing to cover Dr. Vincent's support by providing the cash equivalent of a missionary family so that Dr. Vincent could be sent out by our Board, with the understanding that he would be supported by the Board of Trustees until such time as the other Board is prepared to fill up its quota with its own men.

I have asked Mr. Luce ^{and} our Special Object Secretary, Mr. Trull, to confer with you personally about this, but I send this note in order that the request may be one of official record. I may add that any official action of our Board transferring Dr. and Mrs. Vincent to the North China Mission for the Peking University must be preceded by a request from the Trustees of the University, or its Executive Committee, that such transfer must be made.

May I inquire who supports Mr. Bailie who, I understand, has been released by Nanking University and is supposed to be with Peking University?

Cordially yours,

Arthur J. Brown

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the understanding that the specific number of new missionaries to be appointed from year to year and the exact amounts of money that are to be pledged will be determined by the Board on the basis of the estimates submitted from year to year by the Board of Trustees, the available resources of the Board and the relative needs of other institutions."

We shall be interested in learning from you in due time what action the other cooperating Boards have taken.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Brown

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The Board of Foreign Missions
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156 Fifth Avenue

New York

February 10, 1920.

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

The Rev. Eric C. North, Ph.D.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

Referring to our correspondence and the official actions of the Trustees of the Peking University, regarding the Woman's College, I now write that our Board February 2d unanimously took the following action:

"Communications were presented from the Board of Trustees of Peking University regarding the basis of affiliation of the Woman's College with the University and the responsibilities that it is hoped that the cooperating Boards are asked to assume. The Board expressed its deep and sympathetic interest in the Woman's College as not only an integral but an exceedingly important part of the program for higher education in China represented by the University, and it is the desire and full purpose of the Board to do everything in its power in the interests of the College as one of the major cooperating Boards. The Board notes, however, that the proposal presented to the Trustees of the University December 2, 1919, call upon each of the cooperating bodies to furnish the salaries with the usual allowances, travel expenses, etc., of not less than five foreign teachers, contribute not less than \$100,000. gold to the plant and equipment and not less than \$4,000. gold annually to current expenses. The Board raised a question as to whether so large a missionary staff and annual appropriation are needed at this time, although the Board recognizes that they may be required later. The Board regrets that it is not now in a position to pledge itself definitely to appoint four additional foreign teachers in addition to the one Presbyterian missionary now upon the staff and to increase its annual contributions to current expenses which it is now paying to \$4,000. gold. The exact amount of money and new missionaries that the Board can pledge for the ensuing fiscal year for its work in various fields cannot be known until developments in connection with the New Era and Interchurch World Movements shall become somewhat further advanced. The Board at this time, therefore, must content itself with cordially approving the affiliation of the Woman's College with the University and expressing with like cordiality its desire to cooperate with the other Boards in giving it all practicable development, with

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

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

New York February 13, 1920.

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

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My dear Dr. North:

Your letter of the 13th instant, in behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Peking University, requesting the participating Boards to loan their credit for the purpose of meeting a draft of 100,000. Mex. for land, was carefully considered at the meeting of our Executive Council this morning. The Council feels that before taking action it would like to have information as to what reason there is, if any, why this need cannot be met by the immediate sale of the land now owned by the Trustees at the original site inside the city. Dr. North once stated in the meeting of the Board of Trustees, and it may be a matter of record, although I am not sure about this, that the Methodist Board would like to have the option of taking this property. If the Methodist Board desires to do this, our Executive Council raises the question whether it cannot make the money available toward the purchase of the land outside of the city. If, however, the Methodist Board does not desire to avail itself of this option, our Executive Council feels that the land should be immediately put upon the market. Our Council feels that in view of the ruinous loss in exchange involved in sending gold from America and the fact that the old property is to be disposed of, that property should be put into Mexicans on the field at the earliest possible moment and those Mexicans made available for the purchase of the new property without the loss in exchange which would be involved in sending money from the United States.

It may be that there is some point affecting the relation of the Methodist Board to the land inside the city which has escaped memory, but our Executive Council feels that this point should be cleared before it is asked to assume such a heavy liability at this most ruinous of all periods when our Board is just closing its fiscal year with an extraordinarily heavy deficit and when the hoped for return from the New Era and Interchurch World Movements will not be available until later.

I shall have pleasure in bringing the matter up at the next meeting if you can give me an early reply.

Sincerely yours,



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February 13, 1920

Dr. Arthur J. Brown,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

My dear Dr. Brown:

I regret that two or three days' illness has prevented me from getting to you sooner the action of the Trustees of Peking concerning the loan. The action is as follows:

"VOTED that the action of the Secretary in cabling the managers to draw \$100,000 Mex. at sight for the purchase of land provided that the land be outside the walls near the city, be approved.

VOTED that the Trustees request the participating boards to loan their credit to the Trustees for the purpose of meeting this draft, and that the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Treasurer are authorized by this Board to negotiate a loan on this credit of not to exceed \$130,000 Gold, and that the amounts so advanced are to be a first charge upon the funds of the University not otherwise designated."

I have never been furnished a copy of the action taken by the same Board, nor has Dr. Smith a copy of it.

I think it will not be difficult for you to arrange for appropriate action.

Faithfully yours,

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February 17, 1920

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

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

My dear Doctor Brown:

Your letter of the 13th instant, in reply to mine notifying you of the request of the Board of Trustees that the participating Boards loan their credit to meet a draft for land, is at hand.

I confess I am somewhat astonished at the action which you have taken or suggest. I do not see how it is possible to sell the land out from under the University as it is now operating in order to buy land at another point upon which buildings have not yet been erected and to which the University could not move for two or three years. The University must of course operate upon the land which it now holds, for two or three years. That land must be held by the University. Not all the land is in actual use by the University for purposes of instruction but the balance that is not so used, brings into the University an income of about \$8000 a year Mexican and relieves the participating Boards of just so much of a contribution to the current expenses of the University.

I can not see that the situation would be relieved at all if the Methodist Board should buy the land back from the University, for the University would then be in exactly the same position as is described in the preceding paragraph. If the Methodist Board should buy it, what would then be the relation of the University, conducting its affairs upon Methodist property, to the Methodist Board? I am afraid the proposal would lead to extended delays and great confusion.

May I further point out, that by vote of yourself as well as the other members of the Board of Trustees, the

Board of Managers has been authorized to draw. If it has drawn, these drafts will become due within a very few weeks - that is the situation which we must prepare to meet. I trust the statements I have made will put the matter in a clear light and will afford the basis for prompt action on the part of your Board.

With all good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

February 17, 1920

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

My dear Doctor Brown:

I have your letter of February 10, containing the rather elaborate action of your Board with reference to the affiliation of the Woman's College.

May I call your attention to the fact that the basis of affiliation suggested, does not state as the requirement for the next year, the provision for the salaries and expenses of five foreign teachers, \$100,000 gold for the plant and \$4000 annually for current expenses. It does state, however, that Boards which reach that degree of cooperation are entitled to two representatives. No action is asked for by the Board of Trustees of the University, committing any Board to the financial and personal program outlined by this document at the present time. What is needed, is approval of the document as a basis of affiliation and the appointment by whatever Board represents the interests of the Presbyterians in the Woman's College, of a representative who shall be a member of the Woman's College Committee of the Board of Trustees. I think you have sufficiently guarded, by the action you have taken, your financial interests. I am not quite clear whether the basis of affiliation is approved. The action of your Board states that the affiliation is approved. Whether this means the approval of the basis, or not, I cannot tell. If this is not so, I hope you will make it so in order that you may appoint the representative upon that Committee and in order that that Committee may get into action. As matters stand at present, the Woman's College has no definite Committee attending to its interests and is waiting altogether for the action of the Presbyterian group and the appointment of its representative upon that Committee.

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The cooperating Woman's Board of the Congregational group has already acted and has appointed their representative. If your action makes it possible for you to appoint such a representative, I trust you will do so at once.

I sincerely hope you will be in communication with Mrs. Williamson and that you will see that there is included in the askings of the Presbyterian Board for the Interchurch World Movement for next year, one-fourth of the asking of the Woman's College for the first year - that is, one-fourth of \$204,000, the total budget for the five years being \$1,020,000.

With all good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

February 17, 1920

The Reverend Arthur J. Brown, D.D.,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

My dear Doctor Brown:

There is at the present time less than \$1600 in the current account of the Peking University Trustees with which to meet drafts for the second half of the year's expenses on the field. The current finance up to this point has been carried entirely upon the appropriations made by the boards for the years 1917-1918 and 1918-19.

Although the Boards have taken action approving the furnishing of \$3000 at two for one, beginning January 1, 1920, for this current account, none of it has as yet been received. Some relief has been afforded by the gradual taking over by the Boards of some of the men now upon the University, but not enough to relieve the situation.

May I ask whether it would not be possible for the Presbyterian Board to begin paying its appropriation of \$3000 at two for one within the present month? You will recognize further that in the present condition of exchange, even if the Board should furnish only on the basis of a \$3000 figure, the University would be very quickly far behind because the exchange account would not be settled until the latter part of the year. May I therefore request that your Board either furnish a large proportion of the sum required, early in the year; or that if it prefers to make regular allotment month by month, that it provide it on the basis of \$6000 with the understanding that the exchange account will be settled by adjustment at the end of the year.

I trust you will see the difficulties and embarrassments of this situation and be able to take action looking to the relief of the University.

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According to books of the University, we have received from the Presbyterian Board \$1500 out of the \$2000 expected on the exchange account. May I ask how soon it will be possible for the Presbyterian Board to furnish the balance.

The books of the University Trustees also show that on the original property agreement of \$50,000 from each of the four participating Boards, we have received from the Presbyterian Board \$40,000. It would be a distinct advantage to the University in the present state of its treasury, to have the balance in hand. May I ask whether it is possible for the Presbyterian Board to consider meeting this obligation already incurred at an early date?

I may add that I am of course asking the other participating Boards to carry out the same adjustment of the current account as I have suggested to you in the first part of this letter.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Secretary

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

March 3, 1920.

Rev. George P. Scott,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Scott:

Recent advices from the treasurer of Peking University in China have enabled us to determine how we have come out upon the accounts of the year ending Dec. 31st, 1919. You will remember that the participating Boards appropriated for the period 1917 - 1919 \$3,000. apiece making \$12,000. as a total, and that last year they made a supplementary allowance of \$2,000. each to meet losses in exchange.

I believe it was anticipated at the time that the supplementary allowance was made that a later statement of the accounts with reference to the matter of exchange should be rendered for final settlement.

In order to realize two for one on the \$12,000. gold (or 24,000 Mex.) the treasurer of the Managers has required \$22,678.82 toward which the Boards have supplied to date the \$12,000. originally appropriated and \$8,000. on the exchange account. This leaves unprovided for on that account \$2,678.82.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees have instructed the secretary to ask the Boards to provide on equal shares, for the deficit on this account amounting to \$669.70 or almost exactly \$670. Unless the Boards make this provision the University will not have realized two for one on the appropriation up to December 31st, 1919, and the deficit will have to be carried forward as a drag upon the appropriation for the new year.

I sincerely trust that your Board will be able to grant the request of the Trustees by providing \$670. for this account.

In my letter of February 17th to Dr. Arthur J. Brown, concerning the current finances of the University as

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related to the Presbyterian Board you will find at the top of the second page an inquiry as to whether your Board can complete payment on the \$2,000. referred to above on the exchange account. According to our records we have received \$1500. I believe that Dr. Brown said that he was going to have the matter looked up.

With all good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

Secretary.

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The Rev. George B. (Scott)
Presbyterian Bd. of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

My dear Mr. Scott:

I am very glad that you are now back in the United States and am looking forward to the time when we can go over together some of our common problems with reference to education in the foreign fields.

Dr. Arthur J. Brown tells me that you are now the person to whom correspondence from the Trustees of Peking University should be addressed when it concerns the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. The first item that I have relates to the date of the meeting of the Trustees in connection with the meetings of other Boards of Trustees in the week beginning April 10.

It is the custom, I understand, to adjust this series of meetings so as to fit the arrival of Mr. S. H. Hawkins of the London Missionary Society. Recent correspondence from him indicates that he expects to arrive on the tenth of April, but that there may be some delay in the steamer arrival. He accordingly requests that the meetings be put in the latter part of the week. I have been in consultation with the Trustees of Canton Christian College and as the schedule stands at present it is as follows:

Wednesday - April 14th - Peking Medical College
Thursday Morning - open
Thursday Afternoon - Canton Christian College
Friday Morning and Afternoon - April 16th -
Trustees of Peking University.

Mr. Hawkins particularly requested that the meeting of the Peking Trustees be put in the latter part of the week and as the schedule now reads, either Thursday morning or any time on Tuesday is open for the Trustees of Shantung University.

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I am writing Mr. Hawkins of the schedule as ^{it now stands;} in our
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Faithfully 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

March 16, 1920.

RE BALANCE FOR PEKING UNIVERSITY CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS
TO DECEMBER 31, 1919.

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

My dear North:

I am glad to report to you that the Presbyterian Board at its meeting yesterday March 15, 1920, took the following self-explanatory action:

"A special appropriation of \$1170. gold was made to meet in full the balance of the Board's obligation to the Peking University Trustees on exchange account for current appropriations for the three calendar years of 1917, 1918, and 1919."

This was in accordance with your letter to me of March 31 1920, reporting that the balance on exchange account on behalf of the University's current expenditures was \$670, this balance being figured on the basis of a previous payment of \$2,000 on loss in exchange from each of the Boards. Inasmuch as the Presbyterian Board had paid \$1,500 previously and not \$2,000, there was an additional \$500 due from us, which \$500 added to the \$670 makes the total appropriation at this time of \$1170. I am asking our Treasurer's office to have this forwarded to the Peking University Treasurer. Inasmuch as Mr. Guernsey, Manager of the Treasurer's office, has just died, it is possible there may be some delay in making the remittance.

I understand that this pays in full the Presbyterian Board's obligation for all current expenditures of Peking University up through December 31, 1919, and that for the present calendar year of 1920 our Board is obligated for \$3000 gold at the rate of \$2.00 Mexican for \$1.00 gold, which sum should be remitted quarterly to the Peking University Treasurer in New York City.

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Sincerely yours,

George T. Scott

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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

March 15, 1920.

RE DR. DOWNING

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

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY
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Dear North:

Mrs. Downing, who with her husband Dean Downing of Minnesota University was an honorary member of the staff of Peking and Nanking Universities, I believe last year and the year before, called at my office a few days ago to inquire regarding the Universities and, I understood, to express the hope that she and Dr. Downing might be of some use in promoting in the States the interests of those Universities, especially of Peking. I believe Dr. Stuart spoke to Dr. Downing in regard to this and I take it that both Dr. and Mrs. Downing are keen for helping Peking University. From my office I believe Mrs. Downing went down to see Mr. Luce but, fearing that she missed him, I send you both this memorandum. Mrs. Downing herself would be a good person to help promote an institution. She is now lecturing under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

George P. Scott

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Cc - Mr. H. W. Luce

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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

March 29, 1920.

RE ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

THE BOARD OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

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

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Dear North:

I have your notification of my election by cooptation to the Board of Trustees of Peking University and I wish to let you know how fully I appreciate the distinct honor which is thus conferred upon me.

In spite of the fact that I am very happy to do anything, within justice to the rest of the missionary program, to help Peking University, for which there is a future of fine influence, I have nevertheless found great difficulty in deciding to accept this invitation to the Board because I am exactly the type of trustee of which there are already too many; namely, employed officers of the constituent Mission Boards. I fear that to accept membership would be an affront to the Field Board of Managers who spoke to me frankly about their thought of how a Board of Trustees should be constituted, with which general position I then concurred and do now concur. I have spoken to Luce and Wheeler of my desire upon the grounds mentioned to decline the invitation but both of them urged me to become a member of the Board.

I therefore rather reluctantly accept the honorable appointment to membership on the Board of Trustees. I do this with the clear understanding, which I have already personally intimated to you, Luce and Wheeler, that I will be only too ready to withdraw from membership whenever any likely, possible member, who is not an officer of a Mission Board, appears on the horizon.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

GTS/R

George P. Scott

Cc Pres. J. Leighton Stuart, Peking University
Prof. Charles Corbett, " "

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April Seventh,
1920.

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

Dear Mr. Scott:

I have a number of letters from you to answer concerning the affairs of Peking University.

First, let me acknowledge Dr. Brown's letter of March 2nd, giving the action of the Presbyterian Board upon the matter of the underwriting of the loan to the Trustees of Peking University. I also note the first condition laid down that the Trustees instruct the field Board of Managers to sell such pieces of land now owned with the city walls and not required for the uses of the University. I must confess that I fail to see why such action upon the part of your Board was necessary, or why the matter of underwriting the loan should be made contingent upon such instructions to the field Board of Managers. If the Presbyterian representatives upon the Trustees of the Peking University feel that the financial condition of the University makes it desirable for the University to dispose of such holdings as it may have and which are not in immediate use by the University and in a market not at the present moment presumably the most favorable, it would seem to me that these representations ought to be made by the representatives of the Presbyterian Board, or if necessary, by action of the Board itself, separately and distinct from, the matter of underwriting the loan. To inject into the condition of the loan would seem to me to be like forcing the Trustees of the University to consider the matter of the sale of that land, not upon its own merit and in accordance with their direct responsibility, but under the semblance of a ~~stress~~, probably not intended; that unless their judgment coincides with that of the Presbyterian Board upon a matter which involves primarily the responsibility of the Trustees, the entire matter of the negotiation of the loan which the Trustees need is to be held up. Of course, the matter is not so serious as I may have made it appear, if the Trustees may make their own interpretations as to what land is actually in use and needed by the University at the present site. *three*

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of March 16th

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with the heartening news of the action of the Presbyterian Board upon the exchange account of the University for the years - 1917, 1918 and 1919, check for which to the amount of \$1170. has been received. This will be of very material help.

May I also acknowledge your letter of March 15th. concerning Dr. Downing. I hope very much that Mr. Luce has taken up the matter of the cooperation of Dr. Downing and Mrs. Downing in the financial program of the University. I shall call the matter to Mr. Luce's attention, if he has not already acted upon it.

May I also express my appreciation of your acceptance of your election to the Trustees of the University. I can understand your reasons for wishing to decline the same reasons and some more besides gives me reasons for wishing to resign, but I believe that the Trustees of such institutions as Peking need the continual guidance and presence of those who are on the inside of the problems of the missionary work.

Let me express the hope that you will notify me officially within a day or two of the election of some one to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Col. Hodge. I should like to make arrangements for his successor to be present at the Trustee Meeting next week and should like to send him the documents of the University in advance of the meeting.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary.

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April 7, 1920.

Mr. George T. Scott,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Mr. Scott:

May I ask whether in view of the action of your Board approving the affiliation of the Women's College with the University you are yet prepared to appoint the additional representative of your Board upon the Women's Committee? I am most anxious to organize the Women's Committee in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of Peking University, and hope that you will be able to inform me of the name of your appointee.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary.

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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 9, 1920.

RE TRANSFER OF DR. AND MRS. HOWELL S. VINCENT

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

APR 14 1920

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

Dear North:

The following action was taken by the Presbyterian Board
at its meeting April 5, 1920:

"The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Howell S. Vincent, of the Siam Mission
were transferred to the North China Mission for service with
the Peking University, a vacancy in the Board's quota of the
staff having been caused by the death of the Rev. Charles L.
Ogilvie."

The Presbyterian Board would naturally prefer to continue its
succession in the Theological Seminary but inasmuch as there was a vacancy
in our quota of six and we understood that the University desired the
services of Dr. Vincent, we have transferred him for service at the
University. Possibly sometime in the future when a good Presbyterian
is available for Theological teaching the University will be able to
arrange that he may represent our Mission and Board in that Department.

Very sincerely yours,

G. P. Scott

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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 12, 1920.

RE MR. JOSEPH M. BAILIE

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

APR 14 1920

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

My dear Dr. North:

You asked me the other day to inquire into the present relation of Mr. Joseph M. Bailie with Nanking University, especially regarding any funds that he might be receiving for home allowance. The authorities of Nanking University, both on the field and at home, have been under the impression that Mr. Bailie was definitely taken over by the Field Board of Managers of Peking University. The Chairman and Treasurer of the Nanking Trustees were surprised to learn from Mr. Bailie that Peking University was making no allowance for his living expenses in the States, and arranged from some source for the payment to him of three months home allowance. They consider that the financial obligation of Nanking University to Mr. Bailie has been fulfilled. I believe he has been home on furlough about five months.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

George P. Scott

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April 14, 1920.

Mr. George T. Scott,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Mr. Scott:

A copy of your note dated June 7, 1919, addressed to Dr. E. L. Smith in reference to a joint secretary for three Universities, Shantung, Peking, and Nanking has just been handed me at this office. In the Minute of the action of May 27, 1919, a committee was appointed to act further and complete any final arrangements. Apparently this committee has not acted, and I find on the Minutes of our Board of Trustees dated December 2, 1919, the action

"Voted, that this Board of Trustees approve of the establishment of a separate office for Peking University under a general secretary."

This action, I believe, takes precedence over that of May 18, 1919, and since my connection with the University we have been proceeding on this latter course of policy.

I took up with Dr. Bowen, the President of Nanking University, yesterday the proposal that the three Universities be under one Board of Trustees, which would obviously necessarily follow the suggestion to secure a single secretary for the three institutions, with a single base for promotion. Dr. Bowen on behalf of Nanking University expressed his opposition to this proposal.

Under the circumstances, and as our Trustees meet tomorrow, I would suggest that no action be taken, unless there is some concrete proposal that the Shantung University Trustees wish to make to Peking. *There is no objection to any previous action of the Board.*

I believe that in the near future it will be a good step to bring all these colleges and universities in China under one directing and controlling body. This step will require careful consideration, however, and can hardly be taken at the

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With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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May 12, 1920.

Rev. George T. Scott,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Mr. Scott:

A recent cablegram from President Stuart of Peking University indicates that he is likely to draw upon the Trustees of the University for approximately \$75,000 Mexican for the purchase of land for the new site of the University.

Your Board has taken action looking to the endorsement of the note of the Trustees in borrowing the sum necessary to meet this draft, and somewhat more besides. We desire to have the adjustments with our bank, The Irving National Bank, Woolworth Building, New York, such that when the draft comes, the bank will be able to advance us the money immediately. The bank informs me that what is needed is a copy of the action taken by your Board in authorizing the underwriting of this loan, duly certified by the proper officer of the Board and sealed.

I should appreciate it very greatly if you will have this paper prepared and sent to me within a week, if possible.

Faithfully yours,

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Secretary.

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May 13th, 1920.

This is to certify that the following is a true copy of the action of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., taken March 1st, 1920.

"It was voted that report be made that the Board of Trustees of Peking University had an unexpected opportunity to secure at a cost of \$100,000 Mexican, a long desired tract of land outside the city wall as a site for the new University buildings; that the opportunity came in such circumstances that it had to be immediately taken advantage of or lost, to the serious detriment of the plans for the development of the University and a probably enlarged expenditure later; that the Board of Trustees had cabled authorization to the Field Board of Managers to effect the purchase; that a New York bank had been asked to loan the money on the note of the President and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees endorsed by the three cooperating Mission Boards; and that the American Board and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church had already approved this action of the Board of Trustees and authorized their respective Treasurers to endorse the note subject to like action by this Board. The Executive Council therefore recommends that this Board take concurrent action, and instruct its Treasurer to make the desired endorsement for one-third of the note subject to the following conditions: (a) That the Board of Trustees shall instruct the Field Board of Managers to make immediate effort to sell such pieces of land now owned within the city wall as are not required for the uses of the University until buildings can be erected on the new site, the proceeds of such sale to be applied toward the payment of the loan; (b) That this loan shall be considered the first charge upon any contributions for the University received in the United States which are not designated for other purposes."

(Signed) Stanley White

Secretary.

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Mr. George T. Scott,
Presbyterian Board of
Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Scott:

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Peking University, we were informed that the furlough of Mr. H. W. Luce, Vice-President of the University, had officially lapsed on the month of February, 1920.

The Executive Committee voted to request Mr. Luce to continue his stay in the States and to request the Presbyterian Board to continue his furlough for six months.

I trust that the Presbyterian Board will recognize the importance of this action and will continue the furlough. Mr. Luce is working quite as hard as if he were on the field and is rendering very important service to the development of the enterprise. I think it may be that at a little later date we would still have to ask for a further extension unless the financial situation, especially in reference to raising money, improves very rapidly.

With sincere good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

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Atlantic City, May 28, 1920.

Rev. Eric M. Barth, D.D.,
156 Fifth Ave., New York City, New York.

My dear Dr. Barth:-

Your letter together with the minutes of the May 14th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Peking University and the statement of Dr. Richard Roberts of the Church of the Pilgrims reached me at Philadelphia during the jubilee meetings of the Woman's Boards of Missions of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. at a time when it was impossible for me to make a reply.

In regard to the statement and recommendations upon which the Trustees are requested to pass judgment I will say that I agree and accede to the judgment of the Executive Committee as set forth in your letter: "that the industrial bureau was distinctly an experimental matter but that the importance of relating education to industry, particularly to practical arts in China, is so great and is a matter of such marked prominence in China's need at the present time, that we were

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were justified in taking the preliminary steps
necessary to investigate, and test out the value
of the association of the study of industrial
problems and training in the practical arts
to the University."

Regretting that an earlier reply was not
feasible and hoping this may arrive in time
to prevent the holding back in any way the plans
of the trustees, I am

Most sincerely yours

Ms. Oliver P. 1 Anna M. Williamson

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TRUSTEES OF
SHANTUNG CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

June 5, 1920.

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

Dear Dr. North:

The North American Joint Board of the Shantung Christian University at its meeting May 27, 1920, appointed Dr. Paul Monroe and me a Committee to cooperate with the corresponding Committees from Peking University and some other universities in China in the setting up of a joint office in America in the interest of Christian universities in China. Inasmuch as Peking University made the first approaches in this matter, I presume we should look to Peking University to lead in taking further steps. You may be interested in the Board's various actions on this and related questions, a copy of which I am also sending to Mr. Wheeler inasmuch as he requested to see it, -

"The question of promoting the interests of the University in America in connection with other China institutions was discussed. The Board was very favorably inclined toward joint home promotion with sister colleges; but failing this was quite prepared to set up a separate promotional campaign, for which various leaders were suggested.

"VOTED to appoint the Chairman and the Secretary a Committee to cooperate with the corresponding Committees from other Trustees in the setting up of a joint office for the promotion in America of the Universities' interests.

"VOTED to request Dr. Balme and Mr. Paul Cassat (University Treasurer now on furlough in the U.S.A.) to take advantage of any opportunities for promotion that may be presented.

"VOTED to ask Dr. Balme and the Secretary to start to prepare the necessary literature for a special campaign in the fall.

"Dr. Balme and Mr. Scott were requested to confer with Dr. Dickinson in regard to cooperating in a Shantung Office in New York City.

"VOTED to ask Mr. Cassat to devote his time from the middle of September to the middle of December to the promotion of the University.

"VOTED to request the British Joint Board to approve, if practicable, the return of Dr. Balme to China by way of America with a view to spending two months, or such time as may prove to be practical, here in the interest of the University."

Let me thank you for kindly sending your comprehensive and carefully articulated "Plan for the Coalition of the Interests of certain Mission Universities in China" which I have studied over with very cordial approval.

With kind regards, I am

GTS R

Sincerely yours,

George I. Scott

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

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

June 8, 1920.

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

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

Dear North:

Dr. Brown hands me your letter to him of June 3rd with the enclosures of your two letters of June 2nd to Dr. Smith. The confused financial situation of Peking University disturbs me although not as much as I know it disturbs you. You will not mind my saying that the field Treasurer and the other field representatives responsible for finance should know definitely and distinctly what they can do and what they cannot do, and then act accordingly. I dwelt on this at some length before the Field Board of Managers in Peking and in doing so drew rather heavily upon what small asset of good-will I may have had. However, as a friend of Peking University and feeling the importance of perfect harmony of action, especially on financial matters, between the home base and the field, I shall be glad to try to help you with this problem in any way in which you may think I could be of the slightest assistance.

With kind regard, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George G. Scott

GTS/R

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June 8, 1920.

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

My dear Dr. North:

The Presbyterian Board at its meeting yesterday
in response to the request from the Trustees of Peking University
extended the furlough of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Luce until
October 31, 1920, the action reading as follows:

"The Board voted to grant the request of the Peking
University Trustees for an extension of the furlough
of the Vice-President and Mrs. Henry W. Luce of the
North China Mission, and extend his furlough to October
31, 1920."

Another action sanctioning the return of Mrs. S.
Moore Gordon was also taken, reading as follows:

"In view of special circumstances, the Board approved
of the action of Peking University in granting Mrs. S.
M. Gordon of the North China Mission a short furlough,
the travel expenses being privately met."

Sincerely yours,

George T. Scott

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"Salvation through Jesus Christ not only a treasure, but as well a trust."

THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE NORTHWEST

ROOM 48, 17 NORTH STATE STREET
CHICAGO

Association Camp, P. O.
Estes Park, Colorado.

Mrs. W. Reginald Wheeler;
156 Fifth Ave, New York City, New York.
My dear Mr. Wheeler:

The minutes of the meeting of the Trustees of Peking University, July 16, 1920; estimated budget for the coming year as submitted by the Board of Managers; the revised budget as approved by the Trustees and President Stuart's first annual report were received, as were also the minutes of the Board of Managers from March 1, 1920 to May 14, 1920.

I am very glad to have the above in order that I may keep in touch with the work of the Board of Trustees also the Board of Managers.

The announcement of the meeting of the Trustees of Peking University for Friday, July 16 at 10 a. m. did not reach me here until too late to send in my regrets. It was impossible for me to attend.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours.

Mrs. Oliver R. Anna H. Williamson

August 2,
1920.

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October 4, 1920

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W. REGINALD WHEELER, SECRETARY

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

Dear Mrs. Williamson:

After conference with Dr. Smith, Dr. Luce and Mr. Wheeler it seems best to print two thousand copies of an illustrated pamphlet to be used in connection with securing funds for Peking University. Such a pamphlet would probably cover the needs of several years, and is necessary for campaign purposes. We have one estimate for \$816; it may be, however, that we shall want to employ a better printer and that we shall have to pay somewhat more than this amount. It is necessary for the Executive Committee to have the authorization of the Board of Trustees for the expenditure of all sums exceeding \$100, so I am writing to ask if you will not vote on the following motion: that the Executive Committee be authorized to spend not more than \$1000 on an illustrated pamphlet for the University. If you will write "Yes" or "No" on this page and sign your name and return it to this office at your earliest convenience we should appreciate it very much.

Faithfully yours,

Eric M. North

EMN:W

Secretary

(Signed in the absence
of Dr. North (E.M.N.))

"Yes"
Mrs. O. R. Williamson

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RECD. SCOTT

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Faithfully yours,

Eric M. North

Secretary

EMN:W

(Signed in the absence
of Dr. North *EMN*)

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I vote "Yes"

G. T. Scott

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October 19, 1920

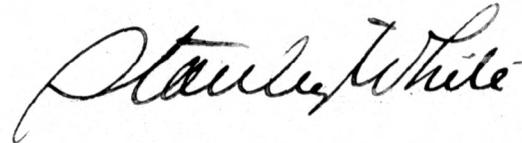
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To the Secretary of the Board of Trustees
of Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg leave to announce to you that at the meeting of the
Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, on October 18,
1920, Rev. George T. Scott was elected as the representative on the
Board of Trustees of Peking University for the Presbyterian Board.
This was to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Colonel Henry W.
Hodge.

Very sincerely yours,



Recording Secretary

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

October 21st, 1920.

To the Trustees of Peking University:

Re. the Presbyterian Board's Increased
Cooperation in Yenching College.

Gentlemen:-

After a recent conference of the representatives of the Presbyterian Board with Mrs. Frame of Yenching College, the Board received from the Yenching College Committee a revised basis of cooperation in Yenching, in which full cooperation calls for \$2000. gold annually (at the rate of \$2. Mex. to \$1. gold) for current expenses - for three missionary teachers and for capital grant of \$100,000.

The Presbyterian Board at its meeting on October 18th, 1920 took favorable action upon this proposal as follows:-

"It was voted that the Board accept the proposed basis of full cooperation in Yenching College, Peking and undertake to achieve this progressively as follows:- (a) to increase the Board's annual appropriation for current expenses to \$1500. gold (at the rate of \$2. Mex. to \$1. gold) beginning April 1, 1921) and to \$2000. gold beginning April 1, 1922; (b) to send to the Field a second missionary teacher in 1921 and a third missionary teacher in 1922; and (c) to endeavor to appropriate by April 1st, 1924 the full capital sum of \$100,000. for property with the hope of making some property funds available each year; the funds to carry out this program are expected from the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions."

With kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Geo. L. Scott

GTS/MJ

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November 11, 1920

Mr. George T. Scott,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Scott:

At the meeting of the Trustees of Peking University on November 8th the action of the Presbyterian Board on October 21st in regard to Yenching College was read and accepted, and it was voted that a statement of appreciation be sent to the Board for this action. Will you please transmit this to them?

By this vote Yenching College becomes formally affiliated with Peking University. According to the basis of cooperation which the Presbyterian Board has accepted, the Board is entitled to be represented on the Yenching College Committee by two members. If you wish, I shall confer with Mrs. Frame, who expects to be in the office tomorrow, and report to you concerning any suggestions she has in this line.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

WRW:W

Secretary of the University.

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156 Fifth Avenue
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

November 16th, 1920.

Mr. Reginald Wheeler,
Dr. Eric M. North,
Secretaries of Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

note

My dear Mr. Wheeler and Dr. North:-

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions yesterday took action relative to underwriting its share of the funds for the purchase of the new site for Peking University as follows:-

"Under date of March 1, 1920, the Board authorized the Treasurer to execute a guarantee or underwriting to the extent of one-third of a note not to exceed \$100,000. to be made by the Trustees of Peking University in the United States, upon which they could secure a like amount from the Irving National Bank in New York, in order to finance the purchase of a site selected outside the walls of the City of Peking. The Trustees have reported to the Board that they have received word from the field that the site can be secured for, approximately, \$80,000. Mexican. Exchange is to be fixed at the rate of \$1.00 per Mexican, which at the present time leaves a large margin of safety.

The Treasurer reported to the Finance Committee that under the authority given by the Board on March 1, 1920, he has executed a guarantee, as above described, in the sum of \$26,666.67, representing one-third of \$80,000. gold (or of \$80,000. Mexican, based on exchange at \$1.00). The American Board and the Methodist Episcopal Board have also each guaranteed one-third of the total sum, and funds are being secured at the present time to take up their shares of the obligation. The share of this Board is being secured through the budget of the New Era and by personal solicitation among the constituency in a campaign conducted by Messrs. Henry W. Luce and W. Reginald Wheeler, professors in Nanking University and now home on furlough."

Yours very sincerely,

Henry W. Luce

GTS/J

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

December 8th, 1920.

Dr. Eric M. North, Secy.,
Peking University,
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

My dear Dr. North:-

I take pleasure in notifying you that the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions at its latest meeting December 6th, 1920 appointed Mrs. O. R. Williamson, 17 N. State Street, Chicago, Ills. and Miss Margaret P. Mead, Sunnyside, Plainfield, N. J. as its representatives on the Committee of Yenching College. The covering action of the Board is as follows:-

"Upon nomination by the Woman's Board, Mrs. O. R. Williamson of Chicago, Ills. and Miss Margaret P. Mead of Plainfield, N. J. were appointed the representatives of the Board upon the Home Committee of Yenching College of Peking, North China Mission."

On behalf of the Presbyterian Board I am writing to Mrs. Williamson and Miss Mead notifying them of their appointment.

Sincerely yours,

J. T. Scott

GRS/J

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December 21st, 1920.

Dr. Henry W. Luce
and
Dr. Eric M. North,
Trustees of Peking University in N.Y.C.,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Re. Mr. Joseph Bailie.

Dear Dr. Luce and Dr. North:-

Mr. Joseph Bailie, formerly of Nanking University, called to see me the other evening and showed me a letter dated December 11th, which he had written to Mr. Wheeler regarding his (Bailie's) relations to Nanking University and Peking University. Inasmuch as Mr. Bailie learned that he had written his letter upon the mistaken assumption that he had been a regular member of our Kiang-an Mission, in which Nanking University is located, he left the letter with me.

Mr. Bailie did not seem to have realized previously that it was solely because of his membership in the staff of the Nanking University that he became a member of a Presbyterian Mission and then only an affiliated member, and that this affiliated relationship automatically terminated when he was no longer one of the four Professors in the University supported by the Presbyterian Board.

Mr. Bailie simply became related to the Mission because the University asked our Board to support him as one of its four teachers on the staff, and he was not a regular voting member of the Mission and his name did not appear in the list of the regular missionaries of the Board. Mr. Bailie seems not to have appreciated this fact until recently, though I can not think of any reason why he should not have done so.

He now hopes that if the Peking University cannot engage him that the Presbyterian Board will take him on as "a missionary-at-large for the poor of China."

I believe that Mr. Speer will write to the China Council for their advice as to Mr. Bailie and he will doubtless keep you informed as to the progress of any negotiations concerning him.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

G. P. Luce

GTS/J

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

December 24th, 1920.

Dr. Henry W. Luce,
Fourth floor,
155 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Luce:

In reply to a letter of notification to Mrs. O. R. Williamson of Chicago, of her appointment as one of the Presbyterian representatives on the Yenching College Committee, she writes under date of December 17th, giving information which you doubtless have but which I nevertheless venture to pass on:

"At a meeting of the Woman's sub-committee of the
"Peking University held here December 14th, it was
"decided that since the basis of affiliation has
"been approved by two denominations and is now
"operative that we should formally organize the
"committee as soon as possible.

"Our understanding is that the committee shall be composed
"of:

President Board Trustees
Secretary " "

One other member of Board of Trustees to be
named by that body

Congregational (Mrs. Franklin H. Warner, White Plains, N. Y.
(Mrs. George M. Clark, Evanston, Ill.
(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee, Evanston, Ill.

Presbyterian (Miss Margaret P. Mead, Plainfield, N. J.
(Mrs. Oliver R. Williamson, Chicago, Ill.

Methodist (Mrs. Orphy Cheney Avann, Chicago, Ill.

Wellesley College
President Pendleton

"It was voted that the organization meeting shall be held
"2 P.M. Friday, January 21, 1921, at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York
"City."

With best wishes for the season,

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Sincerely,
George Pendleton

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