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135 NORTH SCOVILLE AVENUE.
OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

Jan. 7, 1925

Dear Doctor. North:

The notice for the Telling
"U" Trustees meeting has come
and I'm sorry not to be able
to attend. I'm hoping Mr. Rags-
my alternate - may be there. I
shall be east a week later but
this week is impossible for me.

With this I am sending you
the proposed 1924-25 budget. Will
you please look it over and also
the rough estimate of expenses etc. at

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the new campus.

Is there not some uncertainty as the estimates are made out as to whether they are in gold or Mex?

Possibly I am dense but the building items are surely "gold". The others I'm not certain about. Can you illuminate this for me since I'm hoping to consult the members of our western finance committee before many moons.

No "revised" or "harmonized" budget has yet come from Peking in response to our request but there has hardly been time to put face.

With best of good wishes for you for the New Year I am

Yours
PRESIDENT
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most sincerely yours
Mr. O.R. (Bria R. Williamson)

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

January 20, 1925.

Mrs. O. R. Williamson,
135 North Scoville Avenue,
Oak Park, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Williamson:

I am writing the identical note to you and Mrs. Avann and Mrs. Lee, enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. Bowman. I hope that the matter is entirely clear. The essential facts are:

- First: The Methodist Board of Foreign Missions will furnish, during the year, \$100,000. Gold which we can use on the heating plant.
- Second: Not all of this amount will be available in time to pay for the machinery and heating mains.
- Third: I am asking the Woman's College Committee to make available their one-third share, namely, \$50,000. Gold on call, so that I can meet the costs of the machinery and the mains as they fall due.

It is urgent that this be made possible, otherwise, I shall not be warranted in placing the order for the heating mains which ought to be placed immediately, to enable the construction to be finished by next fall.

Cordially yours,

Secretary, Peking University.

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135 NORTH SCOVILLE AVENUE
OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

Feb. 2, 1925

My dear Dr. North:

Your note regarding
the authorization of the payment
of \$50,000 toward the
mechanical installation at
the Yen Ching Campus has
been received. I am writing
Mrs. Lee that I approve and
send this on that you may
know things are moving here.

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The Yenching Committee voted favorably on that question so I feel we should now make the payment when requested.

I have received the 1925-1926 budget for Yenching and when I have had copies made will send one on to you. Also the revised 1924-25 budget came and the totals agree or rather balance so I feel that we are working on a safe budget this year.

The pressing need is more current expense money for

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135 NORTH SCOVILLE AVENUE
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next year and the years to come.
Do you know whether that
"joint committee" - Miss Florence
Dyer, Secretary - is planning
an endowment fund campaign?
That is really what is needed
for I understand Mrs. Thurston
of Guilford and Dr. Reichauer
of Tokio are both out for help
for those institutions and
Miss Dickinson is soon to
arrive from Yenching. The
time seems ripe for action

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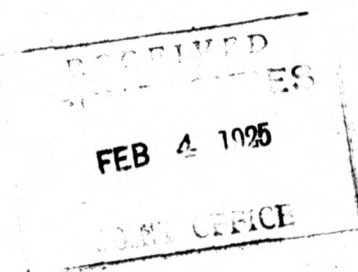
and we certainly ⁴ need some
definite plan to secure funds.
I was surprised to learn that
Dr. Luce was back in the U.S.A.

Possibly you saw Mrs. Brown
in Washington and other members
of the Yenching committee and have
already laid plans to do large
things for Yenching.

Most cordially yours

Mrs. O. R. Anna M. Williamson

February 2,
1925.



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Peking University

February 13, 1925.

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

My dear Dr. Scott:

I do not think I have officially reported to you the action of the Trustees of Peking University in approving the return to the United States of Dr. H. H. Luce, Vice-president of the University, to assist further in the financial work of the University. It is the clear understanding of the Trustees that under this arrangement the Presbyterian Board is not to provide the usual furlough arrangements, but that the Board will provide as much as, and no more than, it would provide if Vice-President Luce were in Peking.

A note from President Stuart refers to a letter from you assuming that P. H. Ritter may be counted as the sixth man in the Presbyterian quota. We have both been familiar with this matter, and it has been clear from the point of view of the University all along, and has been stated to the Presbyterian Board, I think, quite definitely that the University cannot possibly consider Mr. Ritter as the sixth man in the quota supplied by the Presbyterian Board. The urgent needs of the University for staff and for current operations make it absolutely necessary that all available resources that can apply upon the needs of the University be applied, and that, in the words of President Stuart - "We absolutely cannot afford any such luxury as Mr. Ritter's services in our present financial condition."

I am watching out for a Presbyterian to turn up in the search we are making for filling specific positions for which there is need, and if the right Presbyterian should turn up for permanent appointment we shall certainly see that he is presented for consideration in connection with this sixth place.

Cordially yours

Secretary.

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CHINA UNION UNIVERSITIES

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SHANTUNG CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
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150 Fifth Avenue, New York City
ERIC M. NORTH, Secretary

Telephone
Chelsea 2130

*As a Covering Explanation = O.K.
As an Action = too long.*

March 31, 1926.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

TRUSTEES OF PEKING UNIVERSITY.

In accordance with the action of the Executive Committee on March 26th, I am enclosing herewith the draft of the statement concerning the name of Peking University, with the understanding that after the criticisms of the members of the Executive Committee have been received and the document thus revised, it will be presented to the Trustees for their consideration at the annual Meeting on April 5th.

Will you, therefore, be so kind as to send me your criticisms of this document as soon as possible? In order to put this in the hands of the Trustees by mail before the meeting, I should appreciate having word from you by Saturday morning, April 4th.

Cordially yours,

Eric M. North
Secretary, Peking University.

The Reverend L. B. Wilson, D.D.

The Reverend Frank Mason North, D.D.

The Reverend A. J. Brown, D.D.

The Reverend George T. Scott, D.D.

The Reverend James L. Barton, D.D.

Mr. Franklin T. Garner.

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March 31, 1925.

A STATEMENT CONCERNING THE NAME OF PEKING UNIVERSITY.

From the Executive Committee for the Consideration of the Annual Meeting
of the Board of Trustees - April 9, 1925.

The Trustees of Peking University have received through President J. Leighton Stuart the action of the Board of Managers recommending to the four constituent missions that the English name of Peking University be changed to Yenching University and the formal notice that two of these missions have concurred in the recommendation and that the other two have taken similar action although the formal notice is not yet at hand.

The grounds for this action appear in President Stuart's communication to the missions and may be summarized as follows:

1. The official Chinese name of the University is Yenching Ta Tsueh (Yenching University).
2. The National University of Peking has the Chinese characters for Pail Ching Ta Tsueh (Peking University) with confusion resulting both in the minds of much of the English speaking public in and out of China, and in many practical matters as mail and cables, a source of irritation to both Universities. In connection with such issues as the anti-Christian attitude of teachers and students in the other University it can result in serious and undeserved criticism of us.
3. There is a feeling in China that our use of the name Peking University even though chosen before the other University came into existence is undesirable and presumptuous. This is shared both by the friendly and the unfriendly.
4. The growing nationalistic spirit combined with anti-religious agitation makes it desirable for the University to make clear its purpose to be as truly Chinese as possible while keeping intact its religious purpose. The change of name will identify the University more closely with Chinese forms and reduce the foreign complexion.

In considering this recommendation, the Trustees desire to make record of the following facts concerning the name of the University. The English name "Peking University" first appears in the corporate title "Trustees of Peking University" secured when the Methodist college was incorporated in the State of New York in 1889. This was nine years before the University now known as the "National University of Peking" was founded. In December, 1915, when the amendments making the University a union institution were added to the charter, the name of the corporation was changed from "Trustees of Peking University" to "Peking University." At that time the confusion between the names of the two Universities had not yet appeared.

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The Chinese name of the University 'Yenching Ta Hsueh' (Yenching University) was adopted by the Board of Managers and the Board of Trustees in 1919 with the approval of a commission of Chinese scholars. 'Yenching' is an ancient name for the city of Peking. As the official Chinese name of the University this has (by transliteration of the first word and translation of the second and third words) naturally come into frequent English use in China to avoid confusion with the Government University. Such usage appears in newspapers, educational association reports, on the letter heads used locally, and in other more incidental ways. The recommendation of the Board of Managers that 'Yenching University' be the English name of the University therefore does not involve the adoption of an entirely new name but seeks to make the Chinese name official both in English and Chinese.

The name 'Yenching College', as applied to the College of Arts and Sciences for women in Peking University and so used in the United States, came into usage after the affiliation with the university of the North China Union Women's College, which took place several months after the name 'Yenching Ta Hsueh' was adopted by the Trustees. In Peking at this time the Women's College was known as 'Yenching Ta Hsueh' (Yenching Women's College).

With these facts in view the Trustees could point out that neither the Chinese nor English names of the University have been intended to do other than to identify the institution as fully as possible with China and its life. Western names have not been imported and attached to an institution that aims to be fundamentally Chinese. Furthermore, for the confusion resulting from the selection of names, Peking University can hardly be held responsible, as, in respect to time at least, it may be held to have had a prior right to the name. The Trustees, however, recognize that now that the confusion has arisen, priority is far from being the sole consideration and, inasmuch as the choice of the Government of China for the name of its major institution in North China, - a choice which it had every right to make, - has brought about confusion, the Trustees of Peking University seek to remedy the difficulty. 'Yenching Ta Hsueh' is in China to help and not to hinder and its major interest is to contribute, through high ideals of education and the inspiration of the Christian religion, to the advancement of humankind.

The Trustees further desire to express to Dr. Honlin Chiang, Acting Chancellor of the National University of Peking, their appreciation of his forbearance in the matter and their desire that Peking University in no way be confused with the National University.

In considering the proposed change of name, the Trustees have to bear in mind that Peking University has a considerable constituency of American and British friends devoted to it, ~~the great~~ a proportion of whom know the University only as 'Peking University'. As associates, several of whom are building up the University, their understanding of the reasons involved in such a change must be secured.

In pursuance of the recommendation of the Board of Managers of December 6, 1924, and the concurrence therewith of the cooperating missions in North China, and with view to the avoidance of confusion

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between the National University of Peking and Peking University, the Trustees, therefore, instruct the officers of the Board gradually to introduce into letter heads and literature, the wider use of the Chinese name of the University and in such a form as "Yenching University at Peking" and to insert from time to time in our literature statements interpreting the use of the Chinese name and the purpose of the University in bringing this into wider currency. The possibility of a change of the legal name of the corporation will be under consideration at a later time.

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May 6, 1925.

The Reverend W. R. Wheeler,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Rex:

I have the honor to inform you that the Trustees of Peking University have elected you a co-opted trustee in the Class of 1926. This would seem to indicate that your term was short and sweet, but I trust that instead, it may be long and glorious. Behold the rewards of the righteous who resign to make way for the magnates!

At the same time you were made a member of the Committee on Budget of the Trustees which will have some very stiff and interesting problems before it in the months to come.

Trusting that all is well under your sombrero, I am

Affectionately yours,

P.S. You might like to read carefully the minutes of the meeting of April 9th; you will find a number of interesting items in them.

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Copy for Dr. Eric M. North

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

May 28, 1925

The Editors,
The Sunday School Times,
1031 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

Under date of May 25, you asked if the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. is cooperating in the work of Peking University, Peking, China. The North China Mission of this Board does its higher educational work through Peking University.

For a great many years, the North China Mission cooperated with the local mission of the American Board in a college near Peking but some six or eight years ago this college united with the Methodist and the London Missionary Society institutions in Peking, forming the Peking University. This Christian institution is, of course, quite distinct from the government institution of the same name. It is possible that the Scotch and Irish Presbyterian Missionary Societies in Manchuria have recently united their college at Mukden with the Peking University. If I recall rightly, their students went to Peking but the two Mission Boards are not as yet represented on the University Board of Trustees.

The North China Mission of our Presbyterian Board undertakes to support six men on the staff of the Peking University. At present, it is represented by five of these men as follows:

The Rev. H. W. Luce, D. D., the Rev. C. H. Corbett,
The Rev. H. S. Vincent, D. D., Louis E. Wolferz, Ph. D.,
Randolph Clothier Sailer, M. A.

These five members of the Mission have their support provided by special contributions, the donors of which specially designate their gifts for these workers in connection with Peking University.

The President of the University is the Rev. J. Leighton Stuart, D. D., a missionary of the Southern Presbyterian Church. For some time, Dr. Stuart was supported in the University by the Southern Presbyterian Board but, as the Southern Presbyterian Church has no work in that vicinity, I am inclined to believe this arrangement has been discontinued.

You will be pleased to know that the University is constructing a fine new plant, the funds for which have been secured by special contributions directly designated for the property of this institution. Many friends of Christian Missions have a particular interest in this work and desire to support it by special gifts which are not available for any other object.

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May 28, 1925

The Peking University is a vigorous outpost of positive and constructive Christianity in China's capital where the anti-Christian student movement centers and where the Christless waves of Russian Bolshevism come crashing in from the North upon the unprepared masses of China.

Fully appreciative of any cooperation which you can render in strengthening this key position in the front line trench of Christianity in Northern China, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(G. T. S.)

George T. Scott.

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The United States Times

The United States Times is a vigorous outpost of positive and conservative Christianity in China's capital where the anti-Christian student movement centers and where the Christian waves of Russian Bolshevism come crashing in from the north upon the unprepared masses of China.

With appreciation of any cooperation which you can render in strengthening this key position in the front line trench of Christianity in Northern China, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George F. Scott.

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June 1, 1925.

The Reverend George T. Scott, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Scott:

Thank you for permitting me to share your energetic and stimulating letter of May 28th to the Sunday School Times. I do not know what particular item they have in mind to set after us for. There was a recent congress of religions in Peking in which two or three of the University men took an entirely incidental part, and a Chinese brother whom we have known before to be egged on by the ultra-conservative point of view, set after us in the Peking papers, but without making a very good case. If this item should come up, let me know and I will provide the necessary refutation.

I have also to acknowledge your sending over to me the letter from Vice-President MacRae of Shantung Christian University, dated April 20th, concerning the application to the China Medical Board for additional grants.

Cordially yours,

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

June 3, 1925.

The Reverend George T. Scott, D.D.,
Board of Foreign Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Scott:

I find that among the duties of this office too long neglected is the settlement of the loss in exchange on the cash appropriations of your Board for the current support of the Peking University for the year ending June 30, 1924. The drafts of the Treasurer in Peking on current account totalled in this year U. S. \$22,412.35 and brought Mex. \$43,700. making the average cost of Mex. \$1,000. U. S. \$512.868. As your appropriation is U. S. \$3,500 at two for one (or Mex. \$1,000.00) the loss on your appropriation (paid in full except for loss in exchange) is U. S. \$90.08.

We would be glad to have your remittance made out to "Peking University" at your early convenience.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Peking University.

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Presbyterian Mission, Peking, June 6, 1925.

Rev. Dr. George T. Scott,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City. U.S.A.

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Dear Dr. Scott:

Your joint letter to Dr. Stuart and me, as well as the General Board letter No. 88 have recently come. In view of your cablegram of about a month ago approving of the action of the China Council in permitting the North China Mission to assign me to the work contemplated among students in Yenching and Tsing Hua, your letters were a very great surprise. On the strength of the cable, I had gone ahead and made plans, and the University had taken steps for the erection of my residence. I am at a loss to understand how this contrast between cable and letter came about. I fancy that it must have been that you, too, must have misunderstood the action of the China Council as it was worded in their minute No. 2553, March 4, 1925. However, I wrote you that I had received an explanatory letter from Mr. Patton, and you acknowledged having received this letter of mine, so that I do not see how you could continue to have misunderstood the ambiguous wording of the minute. I also asked Mr. Patton to write to you making the minute more plain, but his letter probably did not reach you before you wrote to me on April 20. For your further information, I shall quote to you Mr. Patton's letter to me, which I hardly thought was necessary to quote in my last letter inasmuch as I stated the substance of it to you. Mr. Patton said (March 28, 1925): "In acknowledging your letter of the 21st I can say in a word that my interpretation of the situation seems to coincide with that of yourself. Our Ad Interim Committee minute was worded intentionally so as to permit the Mission to assign you to work, even though it were in the University field, safeguarding, however, any official relation because of the point at issue concerning quota. We feel with the Board that a quota should be taken seriously. If there is an obligation on one side, it should work in each direction." It was obviously the intention of the China Council, therefore, to allow the Mission to assign me to this special work with students, even though they were Yenching students. Therefore your point (h) merely stating that the China Council has "concurred in the Board's view that the quota limitation should be adhered to" will probably be as much a surprise to the Council as it is to me.

The summary of facts, as I understand them, can be repeated very briefly. It was agreed that I should go out to the field and do whatever work the North China Mission should assign me to do; (whether it was student or non-student, University or non-University, was not stipulated, except that it was not to be under the quota of the University). It was thoroughly understood by Dr. Stuart, Mr. Carson and myself, - and I am sure by Dr. Reed also, - that, though the chances were slight, there was the ever-open hope that I might be assigned to student work before the end of the five years. (See my letter to Dr. Reed of Jan. 12, 1923, in which is the following sentence: "Mr. Carson has told me that Dr. Brown would write to the North China Mission explaining the special circumstances of my appointment, as well as my own personal convictions, and that it might very possibly be that the Mission would assign me to student work even before the end of the five year term.") (Also see Dr. Reed's letter to me, of February 6, 1923, which you have quoted.) I have always stood ready to take up any assignment of the

Mission, and I think that the Board, too, ought to abide by the decision of the Mission. I allowed myself, in order to meet a special request of the Council (though it was contrary to the agreement) to be assigned outside of the North China Mission for a year, a fact which the Board has but slightly acknowledged. At the end of that year, after a few months in Peking giving the Station time to become acquainted with me and my ideals and qualifications, the Station at my request, assigned me to student work, with particular reference to Yenching students. This was on the one condition that their force-list be not thereby changed. But it is obvious that I had been assigned to Peking without regard to the force-list anyway. At the request of the Station, the North China Mission then ratified this assignment, and subsequently the China Council took the same step. Now the Board, misinterpreting the action of the Council, and ignoring the wishes of the Station and the Mission, and (as I understand it) acting contrary to the agreement made with me that I was to do any work assigned for my first five years and at the end of that time be admitted to the University under the regular quota, has cancelled this assignment.

This action has left me with no definite future. The position I was called to in Shanghai last year is not filled. The position I have been called to in Changsha is of exactly the same sort as that in Peking, so I imagine the Board will also refuse to permit me to do that. The task there is also to work, as a Presbyterian missionary, among students of a certain section of the city, chiefly those in Ya-li College. That type of work it is evidently not desired by the Board that I do. That, too, would be contrary to my expectations of being permitted to live in North China in order to fit myself for later work in Yenching. I am left, then, as a member of the North China Mission assigned to a work that the Board has refused to permit me to assume. How far the Mission will insist on my doing this work I do not know. But I hardly think it fair for the Board to bring pressure on the Mission to assign me to some other work when it was distinctly understood that I was to accept the assignment of the Mission after I had had ample opportunity to confer with them and to let them know what sort of work I desired. Not only is this unfair on the part of the Board, but I consider that it is also in direct violation of our agreement, which I have attempted loyally to live up to.

I am very sorry that the Board has viewed this matter as a question of technicality. Even on the technical grounds of our agreement, I think the Board is wrong. But I greatly prefer not to view it as a technicality. Does the Board have no desire to allow a young man to do the work that he feels he is fitted to do? Does the Board not wish to meet the larger issues of the upbuilding of the Kingdom of our great Christ even though a technicality may thereby be broken? Does the Board have no regard for the desires of the Church friends who are supporting a missionary, or for the wishes of the Station, Mission and Council under whose direction that missionary is working? Does the Board not feel the pulse of student life in China and see the superb opportunity that is offered to its representative to be accepted in a position at the living center of the student heart of the country? Does the Board feel that the upholding of a regular order of technical procedure is above all these considerations? I can hardly believe it, for I know the Board as a big-hearted, broad-visioned group of men anxious always to work for the larger interests of Christ's rule. And yet I would be compelled, by the terms of my agreement, to give up my own desires, the desires of my Church, Station, Mission, Council, and the University, to give up this unusual opportunity in this unusual juncture in the history of student evangelism, honourably to keep to

this technicality, and I feel that it were a just and true one. But being convinced, as I am, that it is not just, nor in accord with the terms under which I accepted employment under the Board, I feel that there is but one further step for me to take.

That step I do not wish to take, and will defer it as long as there is hope to avoid it. It is that I request the church friends who have made my mission in China possible, to give their support directly to me. I feel that I know the temper of these people; I know the type of work they desire me to do. I know with what splendid enthusiasm they raised the necessary money entirely over and above their former and regular gifts to the Board. I know how disappointed they were when they had to accept the compromise which seemed to cut off the possibility of my getting into student work for five years. I know how they rejoiced when they discovered that the mission had decided to appoint me to student work immediately, thus filling our highest hopes. Therefore, though I cannot definitely say that they will be willing to support me immediately, I think that the strong probability is that they will do so. I repeat, however, that I do not wish to take this step, as my relationships with my fellow-missionaries on the field have been most cordial and pleasant and I do not desire to act as an independent missionary. But I think you will agree with me that my loyalty to Christ should be higher than my loyalty to the Presbyterian Board, and that my conscience could hardly be satisfied in giving up an opportunity such as comes to few men, in order to obey an order based on what seems to be a breach of agreement on the part of the Board.

My reluctance to take this step, leads me to avoid the dangers of hasty action. I shall therefore wait until I have your answer to this letter before proceeding further along my contemplated course.

Please be assured again, Dr. Scott, that I wish to work in complete and harmonious harmony with your rules and with our agreement. I do not question your earnest desire to do the right thing, but I do wish that somehow or other I could get you to look at my problem from a little different angle from that of the strictest interpretation of the technicality that seems to be governing our relationship. Even though your technicality be right, - which I do not want, - I ask you to go beyond it.

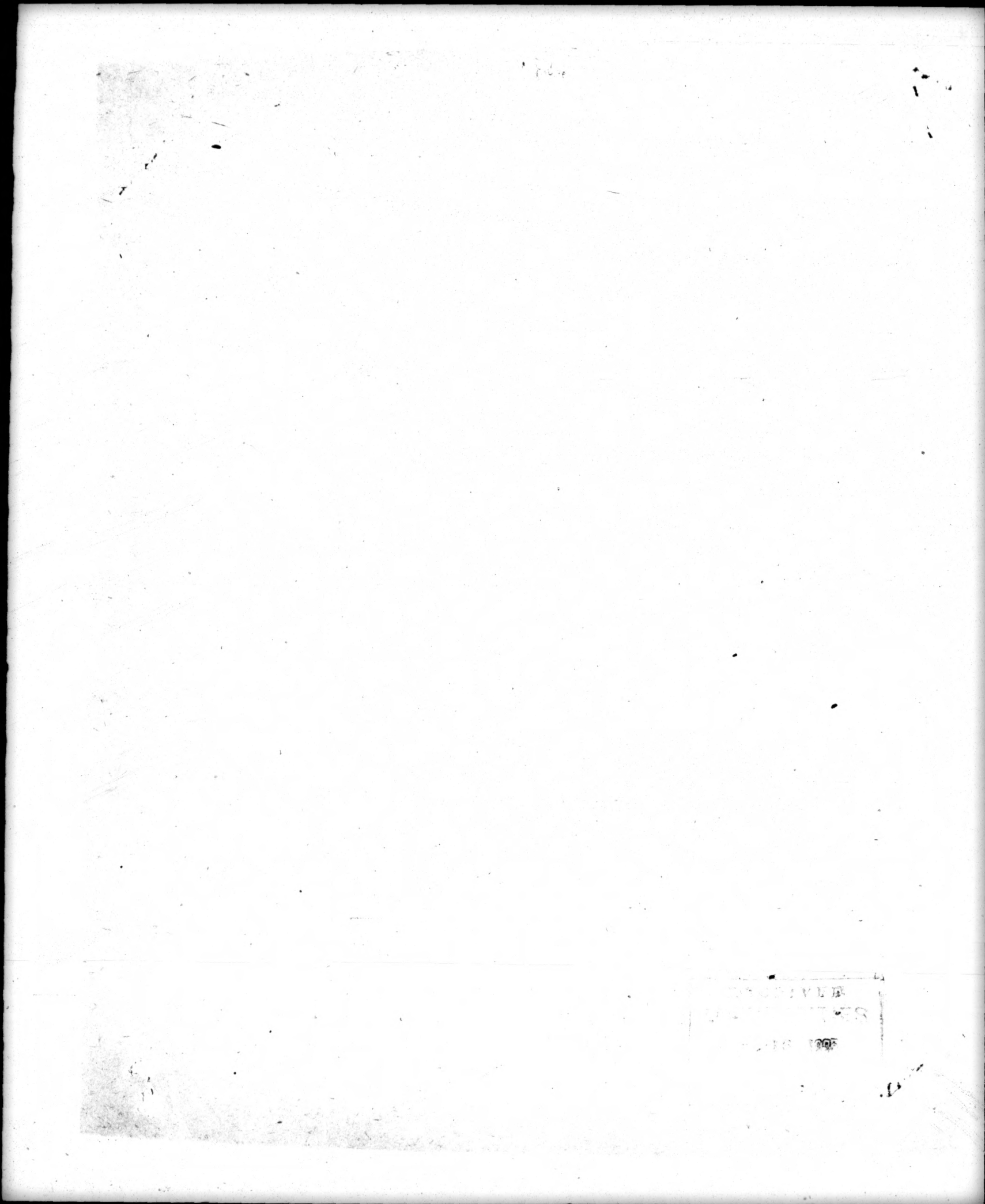
Please tell me what you think of my proposal, and give me your personal as well as your official advice on my future course.

With best wishes to all in your office, I am

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

Richard H. Ritter.

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CABLE ADDRESS: "INCULCATE NEW YORK"

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

RESIDENCES

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

September 24, 1925

Dr. Eric M. North, Assistant Treasurer,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. North:

The Presbyterian Board at its meeting of Monday afternoon,
September 21, took the following action:

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"A special appropriation of Gold \$1,000.00 was made for the
Warren Building, Peking University, North China Mission, this amount having
been received for this purpose from the Presbyterian Church of Warren,
Pennsylvania. It includes payment of the following pledges: \$50.00 from
Miss Harriet M. Talbott, \$25.00 from H. L. Banghart, and \$25.00 from Miss MRS.
Mary T. Banghart. This appropriation is to be paid to the U. S. Treasurer
of Peking University."

It is our understanding that this appropriation is available
on call if it has not already been remitted to you.

Sincerely yours,

George T. Scott
George T. Scott.

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October 14, 1925.

The Reverend George T. Scott, D. D.,
The Board of Foreign Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. Scott:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter written by Mrs. W. M. McKelvey together with a check for five thousand (\$5,000.) dollars, made out to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Pres. Church U.S.A.

You will note that this is a pledge of Mrs. McKelvey to a total amount of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.) dollars, toward which six thousand (\$6,000.) already paid by her toward a residence is now to be counted. I trust that this matter is in order and that it will be possible for your Board to take the necessary action and turn over to the University the five thousand (\$5,000.) dollars which the Board herewith receives. We are anxious to shape these plans and get the building under way, so that at least a part of it will be available next fall for the beginning of the operations on the new site.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
Peking University.

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.156 FIFTH AVENUE
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

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

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My dear Dr. North:

Enclosed please find a check for \$5,000. endorsed to the order of Peking University being the contribution of Mrs. W. M. McKelvy of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as partial payment on the Infirmary of Peking University. In reply to my letter of last week to Mrs. McKelvy presenting the situation she has written requesting that her check be endorsed to Peking University.

In accordance with Mrs. McKelvy's desire the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions at its meeting today took the following self-explanatory action transferring her previous gift from residence to the infirmary:

"In January 1922, the Board received \$6,000. Gold from Mrs. William M. McKelvy of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, designated for a professor's residence at Peking University, China and the Board appropriated this amount for this object on February 6, 1922. Mrs. McKelvy now desires to undertake to provide approximately \$25,000. Gold for the construction of the Peking University Infirmary and to have her gift of \$6,000. transferred to the Infirmary. In accordance with the donor's wishes and subject to the approval of the Peking University Trustees, the Board voted to transfer the above mentioned appropriation from its original object to the construction of the Infirmary, or to such other purpose as may be mutually agreeable to the donor and the University Trustees and recommended that further gifts for this object, which is not within the Board's authorized property list or within the Board's budget as approved by the General Assembly, be made directly to the Peking University Trustees."

In order that Mrs. McKelvy and Dr. Luce may have record of the action I am sending each of them a copy of this letter.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George T. Scott
George T. Scott

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Copy for Mrs. McKelvy

" " Dr. Luce

" " Mr. Carter

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Dr. George T. Scott,
Board of Foreign Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. Scott:

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

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

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

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

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
Peking University.

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

October 23, 1925

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TRANSFER

Dr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.Re: Courses of Religion at
Peking and Nanking Universities

My dear Eric:

Will you please be good enough to give me what light you have or can secure on the following memorandum which I have just received from Mr. Robert E. Speer?-

"I have been told in a personal letter from one of the men in the University of Peking, who is in hearty accord with the policy of making the Bible teaching and the religious courses optional, that in the curriculum arrangements for this year, when the new policy was in effect for the first time, the religious courses were placed at the same hour with the required Physics and Chemistry laboratory hours which all science students are required to take, or at the hours when the other allied science courses that fit into a major in Physics and Chemistry are given. As a result, there are few students in the Freshman Class who are able to take the majority of the courses in religion, while in other cases the announcements of the courses were not made early enough to secure any serious consideration for them by the men.

I have been informed also that when the Theological students appeared for personal interviews with the faculty with the view to selecting their courses only two lines of study were offered, Greek and Hebrew and Exegesis or Church History, three other possible lines of specialization being not even mentioned.

Have you any report on these points? We have been so strong in our position with regard to required religious teaching in India and Persia where the situation has been more difficult even than in China that I imagine our Board would be very interested to know the outcome of the adoption of the voluntary policy in Peking. As I understand, Nanking still retains the required Bible courses. Is this correct?"

You will recall what a serious time we had because religious worship and study were not required at Chosen Christian College; the government did not then permit required attendance and many critics felt that our Board should withdraw from the institution. Perhaps it is this particular issue which inspired yesterday's inquiry from the Sunday School Times.

I am enclosing an extra copy of this letter in case you care to forward it to the field.

Sincerely yours,

George T. Scott
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The Reverend George T. Scott, D.D.,
The Board of Foreign Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. Scott:

Referring to your note of October 23rd, concerning the required religious courses at Peking University and at the University of Nanking. I have to report that at the University of Nanking two (2) hours a week are required of Sub-Freshman; five (5) hours a week of Freshman; five (5) hours a week of Sophmores.

At Peking University the courses in religion are optional. I do not, however, have in the bulletins of the Universities a schedule of classes showing the conflicts to which your letter refers. I have written to President Stuart about this and I will report to you as soon as I hear from him.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
Peking University,
Secretary,
University of Nanking.

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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156 FIFTH AVENUE
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

November 2, 1925

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

Dear Dr. North:

Re. University of Peking

The Executive Committee of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions at its meeting this afternoon considered the proposal of the Peking University Trustees on reconstituting the membership of the Field Board of Managers and took the following self-explanatory action:

"Inasmuch as the proposal of the Trustees of Peking University for a change in the election of members to the Field Board of Managers directly affects the representation elected by the North China Mission upon the Field Board, it was voted to defer action until an expression of opinion is received from the Mission and the China Council."

We have reported this action to our North China Mission and the China Council and have asked them for an early expression of opinion.

Sincerely yours,

George T. Scott
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November 14, 1925.

The Reverend George D. Scott, D.D.,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Scott:

CONCERNING HARVARD-PEKING INSTITUTE

You will have noted in the minutes of the meeting of September 24, 1925 actions T-1925 and T-1926.

In this letter I am carrying out procedure of T-1926.

You will note that at the meeting of the Special Committee on the Harvard-Peking Institute of October 26, 1925, the Special Committee expressed its judgment that the conditions named by the Trustees in Action T-1925 would be satisfactorily covered by the amendments which the Special Committee approved in Action H-P-1925.

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

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

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

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

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The Reverend George D. Scott, D.D.

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November 14, 1925.

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

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

Cordially yours,

Secretary.

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

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

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INSTITUTE
December 8, 1925

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

Harvard-Peking Institute

Dear Dr. North:

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Your letter of November 14 concerning the Harvard-Peking Institute was reported to the meeting last week of our Executive Council and to the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions yesterday, December 7.

All friends of China would warmly welcome such an institute of Chinese studies as that proposed for it would, without doubt, do much toward the development of improved relations between America and China and a better understanding of things Chinese. There is every reason to believe that the association of the Institute with Peking University will be helpful and mutually beneficial in all respects. Our understanding is that all assignments to the staff at Peking University will be made with the University's approval and, of course, in accordance with the Constitution of the University. The Presbyterian Board did not feel that formal action was necessary in the premises but recorded the following minute as a matter of record:

"Report was made regarding the proposed establishment of a fund for the promotion of interest in Chinese studies with particular relation to developing interrelated courses at Peking University and Harvard University, with the provision that any assignments to the staff of Peking University under this plan would be subject to the approval of the University."

Very sincerely yours,

George T. Scott
George T. Scott.

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Letter from Dr. Stuart - copy sent to Dr. Geo. T. Scott.

PEKING UNIVERSITY.

Office of the President,

December 23, 1925.

Dr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, U. S. A.

TRANSFER

My dear Eric:

I have your letter of October 28 enclosing one from Dr. George Scott of October 23, referring to a memorandum from Mr. Robert Speer regarding religion courses in this institution.

I had some difficulty in locating the source of the criticisms, and I am enclosing a reply by Mr. Barbour who wrote the original letter. There is perhaps nothing to add to what he has written. His criticisms are deserved in each case in the sense in which he has made them, but not if they are assumed to imply any indifference on the part of our Faculty to the subject in question. The term has begun two weeks earlier than usual, in order to make up the incompleting work of last June, in the midst of a very tense and uncertain political situation, and with faculty correlation between the very efficient and energetic officers of the Men's College and the Theological Faculty, who were disorganized, and have never developed the same type of efficiency. The Dean was sick and as he has hitherto arranged such matters almost entirely alone, that group of somewhat individualistic teachers had not realized what was taking place until the other courses were all pretty well determined upon. We now have a registrar in the School of Religion, Mr. B. M. Wiant, who is acting in close co-operation with the Deans and Registrars of the Men's and Women's Colleges, and I feel sure that confusion of this sort will not soon occur again.

As to the advice to the Theological students, I am not quite sure from the memorandum sent what the implications are supposed to be. As far as I can learn from conversation with the teachers those who happened to be advisors stressed other courses than "Religion Education, Christian Sociology, and Homiletics." This would indicate that as a group they were more interested in study and scholarship than in more practical types of training, which is, I believe, a just complaint against most of them and one of which they are all quite conscious. Fortunately we are provided with some teachers who are primarily interested in more practical training, and I have no doubt but that this will not be neglected, and that even those who themselves feel unfitted for leading in this are just as aware of its importance as others.

This is not the place, perhaps, to enter upon an argument as to the wisdom of having elective courses in Religion as against compulsory. Our Faculty are frankly experimenting. Despite our earnest desire that every student would elect one or more courses of this nature, yet there are very few of us, if any, who would not agree that under all the conditions we are for the present at least pursuing the wiser of course, in order to accomplish

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our religious purpose. I have already pointed out more than once to our Trustees that this policy was adopted before any pressure came from the government or other Chinese sources, purely on the ground that we believed it would be more effective for our purpose. It may be of interest to enclose a list of the courses that have been actually taught this past autumn. Our Trustees can be assured that we shall do everything possible to make such courses as attractive and as convincing as we know how, and that we shall use every proper encouragement that would lead our students to elect such courses, either to seek the truth for themselves, or to equip themselves for Christian service,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. LEIGHTON STUART.

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