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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 19, 1926

**TRANSFER**

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

Resignation of the  
Rev. Charles H. Corbett

Dear Dr. North:

It is with the deepest regret that I report to you the action of our Presbyterian Board yesterday afternoon in consenting to the withdrawal from relationship to the Board of the Rev. Charles H. Corbett who for many years has been a representative of this Board upon the staff of Peking University. I spoke to you last week regarding Mr. Corbett's proposed resignation and told you that we were earnestly hoping that he would not insist upon withdrawal but would allow the Board to vote him an extended leave of absence from the field in order that he might feel free to go forward with work among American colleges under the auspices of the Committee of Christian World Education of the Council of Christian Associations. However, Mr. Corbett has finally written insisting that his resignation be accepted and, in view of various instabilities and divergences on the field which are exceedingly disturbing to him, it seems on the whole wise to accede to his wishes in the matter. Our Board action of yesterday afternoon was as follows:

"In view of special circumstances and in accordance with the expressed desire of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Corbett of the North China Mission, the Board with deep regret consented to the discontinuance of their relationship as regular missionaries, financial allowances to terminate as of January 1, 1926 at which time Mr. Corbett entered upon service under the auspices of the Committee of Christian World Education of the Council of Christian Associations. The Board earnestly hopes that, after the stipulated period in this work among American colleges, the way will be open for Mr. and Mrs. Corbett to resume service in China where their lives have been highly influential in many spheres of activity."

The Presbyterian Board believes that Mr. and Mrs. Corbett are just the sort of missionaries that it should have in China at this time and is anything but happy over the severance of their relationship with the Board and the Missions in China.

Mr. Corbett has undertaken eighteen months of service, beginning January 1, 1926, with the Committee of Christian World Education of the Council of Christian Associations and we sincerely hope that, at the end of that time, he and Mrs. Corbett will be prepared to accept reappointment as missionaries to China. Inasmuch as Mr. Corbett was a member of our guaranteed Presbyterian quota on the University staff, our Board will doubtless be expected and prepared to pay the financial equivalent of Mex. \$250.00 a month, beginning January 1, 1926 and continuing until Mr. Corbett's vacancy is filled.

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Dr. North

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January 19, 1926

Inasmuch as this letter is probably the fullest statement that will be written on this matter, I am venturing to send a copy of it to the President of Peking University, to the Chairman of our Presbyterian China Council, and to the Secretary of our North China Mission.

Again expressing the deepest regret that Mr. and Mrs. Corbett are, at least temporarily, removed from the work of the Board and of the University, I remain

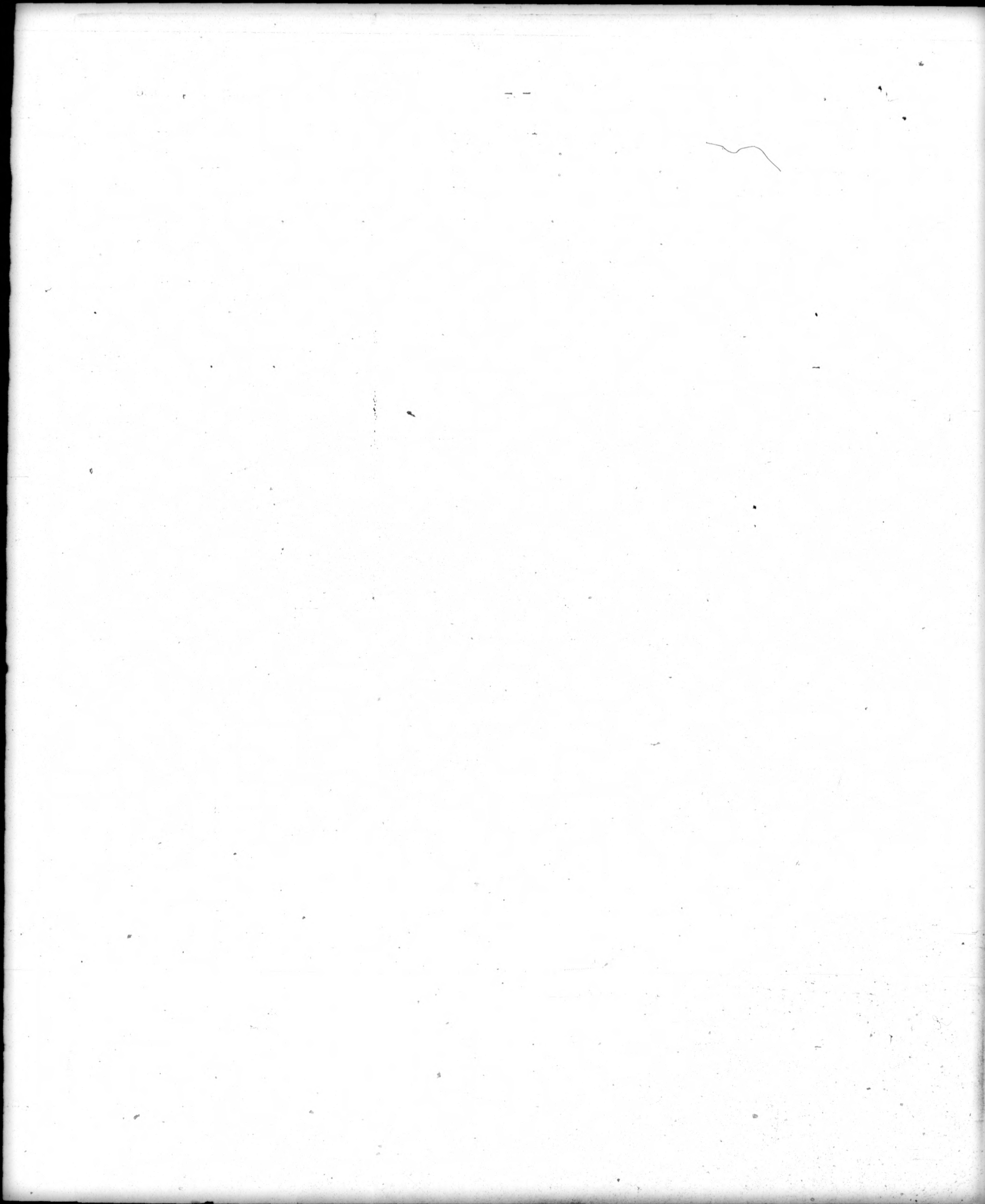
Very sincerely yours,

*George T. Scott*  
George T. Scott.

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TRANSFER

January 25, 1926.

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

My dear Dr. Scott:

It has been with very real regret that I have learned from Mr. Corbett of his determination at the present time not to return to Peking, and of the action taken by the Presbyterian Board on January 18th and quoted in your letter of January 19th.

I have reported the matter to President Stuart and am grateful to you for sending him a copy of your letter to me. I know of no one who does not share the regret that Mr. Corbett feels it necessary to sever his relations to Peking University in which he has been a most valued teacher and to which he has rendered such splendid service in the problems of its development.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,  
Peking University.

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Copy to Dr. Stuart

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DEPARTMENT FOR SPECIFIC WORK

SECRETARIES

GEORGE H. TRULL  
MISS MARY W. KERR

February 1st, 1926.

Rev. James H. Lewis,  
Secretary of the Peking Committee,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Lewis:

Through Dr. W. P. Schell, I am advised that instead of asking for two residences costing \$7,500.00 each this year from the Presbyterian Board for Peking University, there is more urgent need for \$15,000.00 toward the general fund required to complete and equip existing residences. We understand that the Westminster Church of Albany, New York, was interested in providing one of these residences, but we are not at all acquainted with the details. Dr. Schell thought that perhaps you could tell me about this, so I am writing to learn if there is anything that our Board should do in this connection, or are you in touch with the church and arranging with them to give the money? Would this church be willing to have its \$7,500.00 go toward this general fund to complete the existing residences?

Do you know whether there is any other church that might be prepared to contribute the other \$7,500.00 through the Presbyterian Board to complete the \$15,000.00 fund which we would like to see secured this year?

Cordially yours,

*George H. Trull*

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

February 15, 1926.

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

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. Scott:

With reference to the memorandum which you sent me some time ago from Dr. Spear, inquiring as to the situation of the religious courses at Peking, I enclose a copy of a letter I have recently received from President Stuart. I think that Dr. Spear has already received an answer in a letter from Professor Barbour, under date of December 22, 1925.

Dr. Stuart notes, however, that the courses in religion during the semester in question were elected by 64 men and 11 women. You will be interested in seeing Professor Barbour's letter.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary,  
PEKING UNIVERSITY.

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Enclosure.

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CABLE ADDRESS: "INCULCATE NEW YORK"

*Pres Board*  
TELEPHONE WATKINS 8191

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DEPARTMENT FOR SPECIFIC WORK

SECRETARIES  
GEORGE H. TRULL  
MISS MARY W. KERR

February 16, 1926

Mr. James H. Lewis, Secretary,  
Peking University,  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Lewis:

*- this carbon  
copy in file 17  
Buckley*

Enclosed is a carbon copy of my letter of this date -  
to Rev. Justin W. Nixon, D. D., Pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church  
of Rochester, N. Y. It is self-explanatory. It is the desire of  
the church that the President of the University, Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,  
be assigned to them for support from the \$3,500 which the University will  
receive from the church through the Board of Foreign Missions of the  
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., so will you kindly write to Dr. Nixon  
about this matter assuring him that this can be done, and will you please  
notify President Stuart? Kindly send me for our files a copy of your  
letter to Dr. Nixon.

It is our understanding that your office will be responsible for  
furnishing the church with field letters from President Stuart and such  
other information about the University as the church should have at regular  
intervals throughout the years of their support. Our Board seeks to  
provide all donors to specific work with field information at least three  
times a year. Will your office, therefore, kindly send to Mrs. A. W. Dimock,  
Director of our Bureau of Foreign Information, such field letters and  
material of the character mentioned so that she may then forward them to the  
Brick Church?

Faithfully yours,

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*Geo. H. Trull*

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

February 20, 1926.

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

**TRANSFER**

My dear George:

The final revision of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Peking University, providing for the reorganization of the Board of Managers, as approved by the Board of Managers, is at hand. I understand that favorable action has been taken by your North China Mission. I do not know whether action by your China Council is necessary. Have you had sufficient word from China to enable you to have this acted upon by your Board, so that the revised form of the amendment can be approved?

The changes over the form considered at the meeting of the Trustees in September are not fundamental, the chief alterations being the addition of the Vice-President (with the expectation that this will be a Chinese), the Chairman of the Woman's College Administrative Committee, which had been agreed to by Dr. Stuart, but which he forgot to bring up when he was here and the making explicit, rather than implicit, the selection of one Chinese member of the Board by each of the four National Churches or Church groups related to the University.

I am asking how soon you are likely to be able to act. If you can act soon, I can call a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Peking University to adopt this amendment, in the interests of completing the reorganization of the Board before the present school year ends.

Will you please call me on the telephone on this item?

Cordially yours,

Secretary, Peking University.

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March 15, 1926

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

TRANSFER

Dear Dr. North:

The enclosed action is self-explanatory and is obviously  
an effort to reconcile different points of view regarding the  
composition of the Field Board of Managers of Peking University.

I should be glad to talk the matter over with you at  
your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

*George T. Scott*

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
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TRANSFER

The Executive Council of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions on March 12, 1926 considered the proposed Reconstitution of the Field Board of Managers of Peking University in the light of the actions of the Presbyterian North China Mission upon this proposal. Before presenting the matter formally to the Presbyterian Board the Executive Council desires to raise it informally with the University Trustees. Without discussing here either the detailed actions of the North China Mission or the Council's reasons for the moderating proposal below, the Council ventures frankly to suggest what it believes would be a strong, justifiable middle position which is actually a marked advance beyond the present situation. The Council's proposed changes are briefly as follows: (Notations are those of Art. IV. Sec. I of the Revised Draft; the phraseology below is insignificant).

- (a) That Chinese be given Equal Representation with foreigners; etc.
- (c) That Two Members (either foreign or Chinese) shall be elected as determined by each of the four local Missions;
- (e) Inasmuch as the University staff has three of its members (President, Vice-President and a Woman Administrative Officer) on the Board of Managers the presence of Four other Faculty Members seems as unnecessary as it is unusual.

Would it not be well if the Alumni(ae) were given specific constitutional right to elect a certain number of Managers?

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TRANSFER

The Executive Council of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions  
has considered the proposed reorganization of the Board of  
Foreign Missions in the light of the action of the  
North China Union on this proposal. Before presenting the matter formally  
to the Executive Council, the Executive Council desired to consult  
with the Board of Foreign Missions. It is noted that the Board of  
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March 16, 1926

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

TRANSFER

Re Furlough of Dr. H. W. Luce

Dear Dr. North:

The following self-explanatory action of the Presbyterian Board was taken at its meeting of March 15, 1926:

"In view of the formal request of the Trustees of Peking University for the continued services of Vice-President Henry W. Luce in the United States during the year ending March 31, 1927, the Board voted to extend his furlough until that date and to permit Mrs. Luce to return from the field on furlough, the Board to pay such financial allowances as Dr. and Mrs. Luce would receive if residing in Peking, any other expense on account of travel, furlough, etc. to be provided by the University."

As you well know we cannot consider with complacency the continued absence from the field of such valued missionaries as Dr. and Mrs. Luce but, nevertheless in view of the situation as presented by the University Trustees and by Dr. Luce, the Presbyterian Board is prepared to assent rather reluctantly to the Trustees' request.

Very sincerely yours,

*G. T. Scott*

George T. Scott.

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Copy to Dr. Luce

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**TRANSFER**

March 17, 1926

REGISTRATION OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS IN CHINA

The following Minute was adopted by the Executive Committee of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions on January 15, 1926 for recommendation to the Board. In view of the absence of any recommendation from Presbyterian agencies in China, the Board thought it best to defer action and has now approved of this Minute being sent informally from the Executive Council to the Presbyterian China Council.

"The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions has learned with deep interest of the revised Regulations of the Registration of Christian schools announced on November 16, 1925 by the Ministry of Education of China and is gratified to note that the constructive and altruistic objectives of Christian education are therein recognized more clearly and more favorably than was apparent in similar previous announcements. However the Board notes with regret certain religious inhibitions or disabilities unusual to private institutions and it ventures to hope that the Ministry of Education may have still larger opportunity to consider the useful place which unhampered private education fills in the life of the nations, and to become more fully cognizant of the high idealism, the fraternal motive, the true patriotism and the educational method of Christian schools and also of the indispensable and beneficial place which religious thought and expression occupy in a Christian program of a comprehensive training for life. The Board unequivocally intends that each school with which it is connected shall fully satisfy all just requirements and aims of the Chinese Government in supervision and management, in curriculum and standards, and in close relationship to the present needs and future aspirations of the community and of the nation, and shall seek wisely, harmoniously and unselfishly to serve the highest interests of the people of China. The Board authorized the Presbyterian China Council, if it should deem wise, to convey this action to the Ministry of Education, to express to the Ministry and to other educational leaders of China the Board's sincere appreciation of their tremendous task, to congratulate them upon the remarkable progress made in their school system in recent years and to make known the earnest desire of the Board and of its missionaries, both to cooperate cordially in the general educational advance of China and also to effectuate a mutually satisfactory coordination of the supervisory functions of Government with the essential and generally recognized rights and privileges of private schools. Upon this whole question, the Board will await later report in the light of the further investigations that are intimated above and of the findings of the Evaluation Conferences."

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

April 14, 1926.

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.

TRANSFEE

My dear Dr. Scott:

The Trustees of Peking University at their September meeting expressed themselves as in favor of an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution providing for a reorganization of the Board of Managers to provide for a majority of Chinese members.

In accordance with the instructions of the Trustees, this was conveyed to the constituent Mission Boards and to the Board of Managers on the Field.

Favorable action was taken by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church and by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. The Field Board of Managers has, however, returned to the Board of Trustees recommendations for the modification of the form of the amendment, and after consideration of these modifications, the Trustees at their meeting on April 13, 1926, adopted the amendment in the form stated on the enclosed sheet.

The provisions for the amendment of this part of the Constitution include the requirement that a majority of the cooperating Mission Boards shall concur. The amendment is, therefore, in order for the consideration of your Board in its revised form. We hope that the Board will find it possible to act favorably upon this amendment at an early date.

I think I need not outline in this letter the considerations which have led to the making of this amendment, as you and other Presbyterian members of the Board of Trustees are familiar with them.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary,  
Peking University.

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NORTH CHINA MISSION

MINUTE

April 19, 1926

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions learned with deep interest that the Trustees of Peking University had approved of applying for the registration of the University with the Ministry of Education of China with the explicit understanding that the regulations governing registration are not at variance with the primary object of the University as stated in its Charter, - namely, "The purpose of the corporation shall be to establish and maintain in Peking, China, a University, founded and conducted on strictly Christian, evangelical, but not sectarian, principles, and to aid the youth of the Chinese Empire, now Chinese Republic, and of other countries, in obtaining in such University a literary, scientific or professional education." The Board had expected that a further study of this important question and that favorable official interpretation or modification of the Government regulations would precede the registration of any of the great, interdenominational Universities in China; as a participant in the University the Board could acquiesce in the registration only on the basis of the understanding and expectation of the Trustees that this step will not impair the evangelical Christian character and influence of the institution ~~without~~<sup>on</sup> compromise of its recognized religious principles and program. So far as this Board is concerned it participated in the establishment of Peking University and shares in its support with full faith that the University will promote the Christian religion in China and that this is included in its purpose.

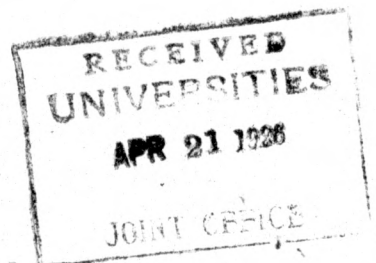
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MINUTE

April 18, 1928

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

April 20, 1926

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

TRANSFER

Dear Dr. North:

Re. Peking University

The action of the Board of Trustees of Peking University at its recent Annual Meeting conditionally approving of application for the Registration of the University under the Educational Regulations of China was reported at the meeting of the Presbyterian Board yesterday, April 19, 1926 and the enclosed minute was, upon recommendation of the Executive Council and of the Foreign Department Committee, unanimously adopted.

The action of the University Trustees regarding the composition of the Field Board of Managers was also presented to the Presbyterian Board yesterday and the following action was taken:

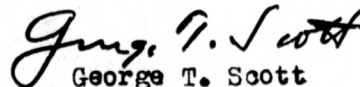
"The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions ratified the action of the Trustees of Peking University in amendment of Article VI of the University's Constitution readjusting the membership of the Field Board of Managers; hereafter (a) a majority shall be Chinese, (b) at least one-fifth shall be women, and (c) of the four members heretofore chosen by our Presbyterian North China Mission, two (one of them Chinese) shall be chosen by the Mission, one by the Presbytery of Chihli and one by the Presbyterian China Council."

The particular phraseology of this action is not intended in any way to interpret or limit the Board's approval of the Trustees amendment; the three items mentioned were selected simply as the outstanding changes which would result from the adoption of the amendment.

I am enclosing herewith an extra copy of this letter and of the minute referred to above which you may wish to send to President Stuart in Peking. Copies are also being forwarded to the North China Mission and to the China Council.

With best wishes for the highest usefulness of the University as an influential center of vitalizing Christianity, I am

Very sincerely yours,

  
George T. Scott

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April 26, 1926.

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

TRANSFER

My dear Scott:

I have to acknowledge with much appreciation your letter of April 20th conveying the action of the Presbyterian Board ratifying the action of the Trustees of Peking University in amending Article IV of the Constitution of the University.

I note that your letter refers to it as "Article VI". If it stands as VI in your action you may wish to correct it.

I have also to acknowledge the enclosures, with the action of the Presbyterian Board upon the program of registration approved by the Trustees of the University, and your letter to Dr. Luce containing the action of the Executive Council.

I think I need not hesitate to say that in the matter of registration the Trustees, the President and the Managers are very anxious that registration should not impair the Christian character and influence of the University or seriously interfere with its ability to demonstrate the power of the Christian way of life, both in its institutional conduct and in the encouragement of its students in that direction.

The action of your Board I shall convey to the field and to the Trustees.

Cordially yours,

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CABLE ADDRESS: "INCULCATE NEW YORK"

*Copy for Dr. North*

TELEPHONE WATKINS 9191

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
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**TRANSFER**

CHINA EDUCATIONAL REGISTRATION, etc.

(Comment in Letter of Mrs. Charles K. Roys to G. T. Scott  
September 23, 1926 from Peking).

"Things politically are infinitely worse than they were a few years ago; the government educational system is feeling the effects. Four government institutions in Peking are closed. The government university students are scattered; president in hiding.

I am not deeply concerned about registration as an immediate issue. The new document concerning the southern schools is much more stringent than the former one. But there is no ground, I feel, for panic or for immediate action."

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TRANSFER

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W. REGINALD WHEELER  
MISS IRENE SHEPPARD

Oct. 5, 1926.

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

Dear Eric:

I was certainly happy to hear of the grand gift from the Hall Estate for Peking University and I congratulate you on your part in securing this appropriation. It certainly comes at a most timely moment.

I have heard that Jim Lewis has offered his resignation as Executive Secretary of the University. I am fond of Jim and appreciate the attractiveness of his personality, but in view of the recent financial difficulties in which he has become involved, and because he must necessarily give a large proportion of his time to his own business affairs, as a trustee of the University, I would vote to accept his resignation, with the understanding that Dr. Luce would take over the job and see what he could make of it within the next three years.

I hope that your son is well. Both your son and mine bear the names of honored grandfathers. I trust that they can struggle along under this weight and eventually emerge within shooting distance of the high marks set by their illustrious ancestors!

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*W. Reginald Wheeler*

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Peking University

TRANSFER

October 11, 1926

Dr. George T. Scott,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Scott:

You know of the arrangements made by Peking University which Dr. Luce has chosen, whereby he will remain here for a period of three years on campaign work for the University. I take it that he understands, as I believe you do, that this is likely to mean a change in his relation to the Presbyterian Board at the end of the Board's present fiscal year. However, that may be, the Trustees are, at the present time, under the necessity of supplementing Dr. Luce's salary making it practicable for him and Mrs. Luce to settle down in the United States for this period while he is engaged in this work. In working upon this matter the Finance Committee needs to know clearly the support which Dr. and Mrs. Luce are now receiving, both as to salary and in allowances. Will you also advise me whether, upon the settling of Dr. and Mrs. Luce in this country and their withdrawal from the Presbyterian Mission, it is understood that the costs of the return of his household goods from China will be met by the Presbyterian Board? I should like to know what your regulations are in this matter and to have your interpretation of them.

Cordially yours,

Secretary  
Peking University

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

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

October 14, 1926

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

TRANSFER

Dear Dr. North:

Under date of October 11, you inquired regarding financial and freight allowances for the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Luce.

The financial allowances which the Presbyterian Board is prepared to undertake on account of Dr. and Mrs. Luce during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1927 are (a) the salary which they would receive if resident as missionaries in Peking, - namely, \$1500. Gold and (b) \$300. Gold for child's allowance - a total of \$1800. Gold.

The Board would not provide rent allowance inasmuch as it provides a residence for them in Peking where the Board would prefer to have them in service at this time. As to medical allowance, it would not seem that this should be expected from the Presbyterian Board inasmuch as the University is, by its supplementary grant to Mr. Luce, lifting his stipend out of the restricted missionary limit which makes necessary some additional help from the Board.

Freight allowance.- Our Shipping Department advises me that, inasmuch as Dr. and Mrs. Luce are apparently looking forward to permanent residence in the United States, the Board would be prepared to pay the customary freight allowance for missionaries leaving the field permanently, - namely, four (4) measured tons for the family. It is understood that the other expenses in connection with Mrs. Luce's return to this country are to be provided by the University.

In this connection, I believe that Dr. Luce's ecclesiastical relationships are with the Presbyterian Church in China where he is a member of the Chantung Presbytery. We believe it would be highly expedient for him to transfer his Presbyterian relationship at the earliest opportunity to a Presbytery in connection with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.; otherwise, when his relationship with the Presbyterian Board is discontinued in the near future, he will have no connection with the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. and this would affect his eligibility under the prospective pension plan of the Church, etc. I am taking this matter up directly with Dr. Luce.

Sincerely yours,

*G. T. Scott*

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November 11, 1926.

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

Dear Eric:

It was bully to have your note of November 8th, telling of the subscription of \$70,000 by Mr. and Mrs. McBrier for a recitation hall on the campus of Peking University.

After touching bottom on its finances a few weeks ago, the University seems to be emerging on the hill tops, and I am sure that much of this momentum is due to your skilful and indefatigable efforts.

Mother has been somewhat disturbed by the reports from China, and wonders if the Wheeler Chapel can actually be erected, or if it is safe to start building now. I have tried to point out that within the last month or two, the University has received gifts of approximately \$225,000 for buildings and equipment and that the donors would not have acted thus if they thought their investments might be lost through revolution or through paralysis of building. If you could send me a brief statement, reporting the present situation in regard to the plant, the amount of funds already invested, and the recent gifts for the plant, and, also, a clear statement concerning the decision as to the site for the chapel and, if possible, a drawing of the proposed building, it would help me in trying to round up the balance of the cash due for this building.

As ever yours,

*W. Rex Wheeler*

W. Reginald Wheeler.

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November 19th, 1926.

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

Dear Eric:

Thank you for sending the copy of the report of the auditors of Peking University for the period ending June 30th, 1926, which accompanied your note of November 11th.

On reading the minutes of the Committee of Finance, Property & Investment of the Peking University Trustees, dated November 1st, I was happy to see that the Committee had voted to pay Dr. Luce \$6,000. annually, including his salary and allowance from our Board. I think this action was quite right and I heartily applaud it.

I was tremendously impressed by the record of the operations of the Central Office of the China Union Universities, forwarded with your note of October 28th. I remember when we hatched out this egg I never thought it would grow into a chicken of its present size.

Sincerely yours,

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Peking University

December 1, 1926

Mr. W. R. Wheeler,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Rex:

I have recently had letters from President Stuart expressing great eagerness as to beginning work upon the Wheeler Chapel. I am sure that he would not have so spoken had he any doubt of the wisdom of going ahead with it at once. They are most anxious to have it as an integral part of the life of the students from the very beginning of their experience in the new site where the new outlook and traditions of the University will be enshrined. We have delayed in taking this matter up with you, however, partly because we have not had in hand the fully developed architect's report as to the location proposed for the chapel and as to the nature of the building which it seemed wise to construct at this point. I enclose herewith two copies of extracts from the report of the architect, Mr. Murphy, upon this matter, and I have sent for blue prints of the sketches of the building which he has already made, and should be glad to go over these with you if you find an opportunity. Dr. I. T. Lew is here, and you may feel as I do that it would be very much worth while to have his counsel upon many of the features of this building.

You may be interested in the following brief statement as to the condition of the University's plan. We now have on the new campus, constructed and in use, four dormitories costing about \$50,000. each, a recitation building for the School of Theology costing \$40,000., two science halls costing nearly \$70,000. each, and a library costing approximately \$50,000. when its construction is fully completed. The main administration building and auditorium (the Bashford building) is nearing completion and will cost approximately \$130,000. In addition to these, there is one refectory to build for \$40,000. and one of similar cost under construction. We also have funds in hand for the infirmary and for part of the men's gymnasium, construction on both of which will be carried forward just as soon as building operations begin again in the spring. We have also erected a considerable number of residences and have rebuilt or renovated quite a number of Chinese houses. This is all apart from the buildings of the Woman's College which include a recitation building, an administration building, a house for the Dean and some of the resident faculty, and four dormitories. Quite recently Mr. McBrier, who, as you know, is quite familiar with matters in China and is a business man of considerable experience, has sent us his pledge for \$70,000. for the erection of a recitation

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hall on the north side of the main quadrangle. Mr.McBrier is anxious to have construction of this begin as early as possible and has no hesitation about the wisdom of doing this. You will be interested to know also that we have received from the Estate of Charles M.Hall \$91,500. toward our power plant construction, and a pledge of \$75,000. more.

If it is convenient and practicable for you to authorize us to proceed actively in the expense involved in the drawing of plans and in the preparations for the purchase of materials it will be an advantage to us in getting this started in the spring. You know that the China New Years season at the end of January is the best time to contract for materials and labor, and it will be a help to us to know well before that that we can plan to have the construction go forward just as rapidly as possible. I should presume that of the whole amount of \$50,000. it would be our desire, if convenient to you, that some \$10,000. be available early in January and the balance in payments of about \$10,000. per month beginning in March.

Cordially yours,

Secretary  
Peking University

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Peking University

December 1, 1926

Mr. W. R. Wheeler,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Rex:

Apart from the data contained in my other letter to you of this date, I wanted to ask you what the status was of the part of the gift for the chapel that was made at the time of the Woman's College campaign. It is my recollection that we agreed that one third of the chapel should be an interest of the Woman's College with the expectation that that would make available to the funds of the Woman's College campaign one half of such a third from the gifts of the Lucy Spellman Rockefeller Fund to the campaign. I have not definite word that the Yenching College Committee has decided that the extra amount secured in that way should be allotted to the chapel, but I have taken the position that it should and trust they will do this. This, of course, would mean, as I understand it, that something over \$8000. would be available in addition to the Wheeler gift.

May I ask whether any payment of actual funds was made to the Yenching College Committee by any member of the Wheeler family at the time of their campaign? If so, it does not appear clearly in the Yenching College accounts and I would like to dig it out and tag it if such a payment were made.

Cordially yours,

Secretary  
Peking University

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December 4th, 1926.

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

Dear Dr. North:

Your letter of December 1st in regard to the Wheeler Chapel at Peking, enclosing statement from Mr. Murphy, architect, has been received in Mr. Wheeler's absence on campaign work.

This morning we received from your office the drawings of the chapel.

Your letter of December 1st, in which you inquire as to the status of the part of the gift for the chapel, made at the time of the Woman's College campaign, has also been received.

We will hold these letters for Mr. Wheeler's attention on his return to the office on the 13th.

Sincerely yours,

*Augustine Schuler*

for W. Reginald Wheeler.

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December 16th, 1926.

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

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your two letters of December 1st, for the extract from the statement of Mr. Murphy about the Wheeler Chapel, and for the blue prints of the proposed building. I have just been away for a couple of weeks, and have not had time to go over the statement before this.

I think perhaps the letter which you have written for me to circulate among the members of my family will have to be changed, at least in the last paragraph, in that payment of \$12,500. has already been made, and this probably ought to be noted in the letter asking for the payment of the balance. The initial payment was made during the Woman's College campaign in, I think, 1922, with the understanding that this gift would be matched by an additional amount from the Rockefeller Fund, in the ratio of one to two. There surely must be correspondence on this point. The gift was sent direct to the treasurer's office of the Woman's Colleges and did not pass through our Board.

There are somewhere in the files of the Peking office a pledge of \$25,000. from my mother, half of which was paid in 1922; pledges of \$5,000. each from my sister, Mrs. Rachel Wheeler Farley, and myself; and record of a verbal statement by my brother, A. R. Wheeler, promising a similar amount when needed. There is another brother who has not as yet committed himself in black and white. On the basis of pledges received \$40,000. has been subscribed, with an additional \$5,000. on the horizon, and the \$6,000. from the Rockefeller Fund would make up the total of \$51,000. The payment of this sum depends on the completion of a bond issue which is now being put upon one of our timber properties. This should have been wound up some time ago but on account of various legal difficulties it has been dragging. The process ought to be completed, certainly by the end of this year. You see we are hocking our property to provide funds for Peking.

It might be a good thing also to add to your letter a statement giving the total invested, or for which there has been authorization to invest, in the site at Peking, and the amount of endowment now available, with the present annual budget.

I saw Dr. Luce some days ago and asked him to order from Mr. Murphy a couple of the bird's-eyes of the University on which we could indicate the buildings thus far constructed, and I also asked him to send certain other

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pictures which he had with him when he was in my office. Possibly he has already ordered these.

I will drop over at the office as soon as I have a spare moment and talk over this situation, as there are some elements in it that I cannot put into a letter. Meanwhile let me thank you for your two notes. I thought you might like to have these suggestions in regard to the letter which is to go out to my family.

Sincerely yours,

*W. Reginald Wheeler*

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