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Peking University

February 18, 1927

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

My dear Rex:

I have a cablegram from Peking expressing the result of our instructions to Mr. Barker when he was here to re-open with our friends on the field the whole question of the capacity of the chapel with a view to taking into consideration the points which we have made here as to the capacity of the chapel. This cablegram, dated February 16th, is as follows:

"Recommend chapel 550 chairs."

It is my judgment that, in view of the very prolonged consideration which the people on the field have given to this matter both when it first came up and now, we would not secure any alteration in their judgment by raising the matter with them further.

In view of this I want to bring the matter before our Finance and Property Committee again here in order to arrive at a definite conclusion, but before doing that I would like to know whether you have any come back on this matter.

You will be interested to know that the University of Nanking has now made all religious activities voluntary beginning with this semester.

My own feeling is that, on the whole, the wisest thing to do at Peking is to erect a chapel on the basis of the size they recommend, and leave to the far future the problem of the capacity of that chapel in relation to an as yet unknown ultimate number of students.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary
Peking University

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Copy for E. M. North

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

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

February 23, 1927

My dear Dr. and Mrs. Luce:

Re. Relationship with Presbyterian Board

This letter is addressed to both of you and a copy is being mailed to each of you as I think the recently reunited family is again temporarily separated but I hope not for long. This reminds me of the laugh which was caused in the Board meeting on Monday afternoon when the President read the heading on the docket item: "Relationship of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Henry W. Luce, North China" and asked "what is wrong in the relationship between Dr. and Mrs. Luce!"

I presented Dr. Luce's latest letter to me and a copy of his latest letter to Dr. Schell to the Executive Council last Friday for consideration. You recall that previous Board action thought it was advisable that your relationship as missionaries under regular appointment of the Board should be discontinued as to the end of the present fiscal year March 31, 1927. At Council meeting last week it was voted to request the Board to extend the relationship for another six months, namely to October 1, 1927. This was done for several reasons including the following: (1) The Pension Plan of the Presbyterian Church has not yet gone into effect. (2) It is not known whether Dr. Luce has as yet acted upon our urgent advice of last year and transferred his membership to a Presbytery in connection with our Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, presumably bringing a letter from the Church in China for this purpose. (3) Continuing the relationship for another six months will carry it beyond the thirty year period as I believe you first sailed for the field in September 1897.

The Board on February 21st adopted the recommendation of the Executive Council as follows:

"In view of special circumstances the Board voted to extend to October 1, 1927 the furlough with the present financial allowances of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Henry W. Luce of the North China Mission."

The financial allowances referred to are field salary of a married missionary in Peking, plus allowance for one child. At present these are \$1560. Gold and \$300. Gold respectively, a total of \$1860. Gold. Other allowances are excluded. This action does not amend Board action of March 11, 1926 except as it modifies the date of your withdrawal from responsibility as regular missionaries.

The Executive Council asked me to urge you to transfer your Presbyterian membership to the United States. Of course you may have done this in response to Dr. Reed's letter to you of October 14, 1926. It is thought that the new Pension Plan of the Presbyterian Church will go into effect within the next six months.

Trusting that this renewed attempt by the Board to make reasonably suitable arrangements works out satisfactorily, I am with warmest personal regards

Very sincerely yours,

(G. T. Scott)
George T. Scott

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Copy for M. M. W.

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

155 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

February 22, 1927

Rev. J. H. W. W.

Dear Sir:—The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the proposed mission to the Chinese in the city of Shanghai. The Board has been deeply interested in the work of the Chinese in the city of Shanghai and has been studying the situation in the city of Shanghai for some time. The Board has been deeply interested in the work of the Chinese in the city of Shanghai and has been studying the situation in the city of Shanghai for some time.

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Very sincerely,
(Signature)
Secretary

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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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February 28, 1927

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

Dear Eric:

Enclosed is a carbon of a letter from Mr. Murphy to Mr. Louis H. Dreyer, dated February 26th, referring to an order of birdseyes and drawings relating to the Peking University chapel. I had asked Mr. Murphy to secure these so that I might send them on to the various heirs of the N. P. Wheeler estate. I should think that the cost of the papers should be charged against the Chapel account. Will you O. K. the order and return it to Mr. Murphy?

With reference to the plans for the chapel, I had the feeling as reported to you and Mr. Barker verbally, that the University was not planning largely enough in making the chapel, which should serve both the men and the women of the institution, have a seating capacity which would not allow for extension of the present enrollment. Five hundred and fifty seats would accommodate the total student body but would not allow any room for additions to the student enrollment. The original intention was to make the chapel the central building in the whole university plan, with provision for seating capacity for the entire student body. I can understand the reasons for relegating the chapel to a more informal and less central position, and for making it very much smaller, but I do not like to express this decision in concrete and steel without the clear understanding that the University is not displacing, by so doing, its emphasis upon the central value of religion in its work. Why conduct a Mission university that is supported largely by the Church in this country, if religion is not to be central and fundamental in its whole program. I am sure that Dr. Stewart and that you agree with this, and the change in the plans for the chapel can be explained by stating that the means which are now being discussed are better fitted to accomplish the end we all have in mind than were those which were before us when we first planned for the chapel building.

In view of the cable which you reported to me in your letter of , which indicated that the field felt the seating capacity of 550 seats was the right one for the chapel, I am notifying the members of our family that the amount required from them will be the same as was originally proposed - that is, \$50,000., and I will try to secure the cash from them in the near future. Will you kindly send on your letter,

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stating the financial situation and status of the University, so that this can be forwarded with the various pictures and plans of the chapel building?

Yours sincerely,

W. Reginald Wheeler

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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March 9th, 1927.

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

Dear Eric:

The following is an extract from a letter dated March 3rd, just received from my brother, N. P. Wheeler:

" I have written Mother that of course we stood ready to make good any promise to which she was a party on Pekin funds. That is one thing we always will do if we go barefooted. I have suggested to her that it was probable that you would not call for funds immediately or until China was a bit more settled. If I set up a reserve fund to cover so that your Board knows the civil war in China will not affect our pledge they certainly will not want to start construction immediately and under present conditions; however, I do not know how your minds work. "

If you will cover the point that he raises, concerning the necessity of construction of the chapel now, in the letter you are preparing, it will help.

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler
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March 10, 1927.

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

My dear Rex:

President J. Leighton Stuart has written several times expressing great eagerness to begin work upon the Wheeler Chapel. He is most anxious to have it as an integral part of the life of the students as early as possible in their experience at the new site, wherein the new outlook and new traditions of the University will be enshrined. There is no other building that adequately provides for the spirit of common worship that is so truly a part of the religious influence which the University desires to exercise.

We have delayed in taking this matter up with you, partly because the full decision of the authorities, both administrative and architectural, upon the location of the Chapel and the nature of the building to be constructed, has not been reached until quite recently. I have sent you extracts from the report of the architect and have ordered prints of the sketches of the building and of its location sent to you to show you what is in our thought. You will recollect that this building was originally planned to stand at the crossing of the axes of the architectural scheme, but it has seemed that this location calls for a building of a type which might not well fit with our conception of a chapel, and it is also in our thought that the distinctive and less rigidly formal location now selected will make the building of more significance for its religious use.

As we understand the matter, the intention of your family was for a gift of \$50,000., and we have written pledges of \$30,000. and an understanding that other amounts had been agreed to verbally which would carry the total to the figure desired. Of these gifts, \$12,500. has been paid by your mother upon her pledge of \$25,000. It would be a genuine advantage to us, if it were convenient to you and your family, if additional payments could be made in equal instalments through the next six or eight months.

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Mr. W. R. Wheeler

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March 10, 1927.

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It is our plan to go ahead with this building just as rapidly as the working drawings are completed and as the funds are in hand. The situation in China is not regarded by us as seriously affecting our building operations at Peking, as there is no indication of any disturbance there or near there, and as the various marchings and counter-marchings of opposing armies about Peking in the last two or three years have not caused us any disturbance, except delay in the delivery of building materials over the railroads. Our Finance Committee here recently authorized building this spring up to the extent to which we have funds available. This includes the large McBrier Recitation Building, which completed will cost approximately US\$70,000. We are also starting the north wing of the Warner Memorial Gymnasium, and completing other items which have been partially erected. You may be interested in the following schedule of buildings which are now practically completed and are now in use, together with our estimates of their completed cost:

Bashford Memorial Administration Building	US\$135,000
Ninde Memorial Building for School of Religion	45,000
Berry Memorial Library	52,000
Physics and Biology Building	81,000
Chemistry and Geology Building	81,000
Four dormitories @ \$50,000 each	200,000
Two dormitory-dining halls @ \$40,000 each	80,000
Many residences, approximately	265,000
Heat, Light and Water Plant	425,000

Including the land and miscellaneous items not included above, the total investment on the new site is \$1,700,000.

You asked, a day or so ago, about our annual budget. Including the salaries of staff supported by the Mission Boards, the annual budget for this year is something over US\$200,000., most of which is supplied by grants from the Mission Boards, the China Medical Board, the Hall Estate, and invested funds.

I trust that you can assure us that we can move forward steadily with the plans for the early erection of this building. Our Finance Committee is very chary of undertaking any construction until funds are well in hand for it and if matters could proceed as we should wish, we would hope that the building could be available for use about a year from now. The necessity of purchasing materials in advance and being sure of the ability to meet the commitments involved makes it necessary for us to have the funds on about the schedule I have indicated above.]

I think one cannot reflect upon the meaning of such a building as this in the heart of a great educational centre in China without feeling that it has a very profound service to render in developing high ideals of service and truth and faith in those whose leadership of their country will be severely tested in these coming years.

Faithfully 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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MISS IRENE SHEPPARD

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

Dear Eric:

I am not sure if you are still officially located at 150 Fifth Avenue, but I know you will pass on the enclosed extract from a letter by Rev. Warren H. Stuart dated April 23rd to the proper official. You will note that Mr. Stuart desires to have kept for credit in gold the amount equivalent to 4,000 Mex., which he had loaned to Yenching University on the field at 6 per cent. I do not know whether this fund can be rescued from Peking or not, but you will know how to deal with the matter. I have written to Mr. Stuart that I have passed on his request to you.

I certainly am sorry to see you depart from the office where you have reigned with such distinction and efficiency. It will be a long time before the China Universities obtain another Eric North, but the American Bible Society is fortunate in having such a man ready to take the helm of its great work, and I congratulate both the society and you and in the Biblical sense wish you happiness and success.

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

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Peking University

June 8, 1927

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

Dear George:

You will remember that the question has been raised whether Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mead can take the place of Professor and Mrs. Corbett in the Presbyterian quota at Yenching University. The matter of filling this vacancy has become active in the last few weeks with reference to next year's work and I think that Mead is interested in the possibility of appointment under the Presbyterian Board. Mead is due back in New York about the 20th of June, and I think likely you may wish to take the matter up in a definite way at that time and I am writing you in order that this may be in your thought beforehand.

In a letter to me Mead refers to having written you three months or more ago asking for better understanding of matters involved in relationship to the Board. I believe he will take these up with you when he reaches New York. It would be our hope that, if the relationship between the Board and Mead works out, Mead might have his local relationship with the support of the Sewickly, Pa. church which has been going to Professor Corbett. I hope that you can keep this contact open until the Mead matter can be settled.

Cordially yours,

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Secretary
Peking University

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Peking University

June 17, 1927

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

My dear Dr. Scott:

For your information I convey herewith the following action of the joint meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees of Peking University taken June 16, 1927:

"Voted That the Finance Committee express to the Executive Committee its judgment as follows:

Owing to the growing deficit in campaign expenses and the inability of the present force to interest our constituency in giving new money to our enterprise, it is the best judgment of the Finance Committee that the campaign office should be relieved of the services of Dr. Luce as of July 1, 1927."

"After extended consideration it was

Voted that George T. Scott as a member of the Executive Committee, and such other representative or representatives of the Presbyterian Board as he desires, confer with Dr. Luce and report to a meeting of the Executive Committee to be called later."

Faithfully yours,

Secretary
Peking University

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July 22, 1927

Dr. George T. Scott
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Scott:

On April 14, not long after the Manking incident, President Stuart wrote a letter giving some extended consideration to the problems involved in the reorganization of the University to meet the situation. I have not shared this letter until the present time, because of my feeling that some suggestions in it might better be dealt with in the light of the result of some issues in connection with the Hall Estate.

As the time of settlement of these issues by the Hall Estate is not certain and as the measures in Dr. Stuart's letters, to which I refer, have not been pressed by the Board of Managers in their June meeting, I feel that these letters should now be shared, particularly with the interest of giving to Dr. Stuart without formal action the judgment of some of the members of the Board of Trustees upon the more essential issues that appear to be outlined.

Will you, therefore, as you have opportunity to read and to think over the points Dr. Stuart mentions, be so kind as to write me your judgment and impressions in order that we may send these forward to President Stuart for his information? The points which seem to me to need your particular consideration are the points involved in the status and powers in relation to each other of the Trustees, the Managers and the Faculty. See especially matter following Item V in the letter of April 14.

Supplementing the extracts from President Stuart's letter of April 14, I include a statement from his letter of April 20 and from his letter of June 16, written after the June meeting of the Board of Managers.

Faithfully yours,

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Secretary

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September 12, 1927

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

My dear Dr. Scott:

I am instructed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Peking University to communicate the following action taken by the Committee on September 9, 1927:

E-2152 VOTED that in view of the approaching date at which it has been proposed that Dr. H.W. Luce's status as an appointee of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. is to be terminated, the Executive Committee expresses the hope that the Presbyterian Board may see its way clear to continue Dr. Luce in his present status, at least until the end of this calendar year."

In the sincere hope that the Presbyterian Board will find it possible to take this action, I am

Faithfully yours,

Assistant Secretary

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Peking University

September 20, 1927

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

My dear Dr. Scott:

We have today received from Dr. J. Leighton Stuart the following comment on a cable he sent us the latter part of August:

"L. M. Mead: In accordance with a cable which I shall probably send within the next few days, we approve of Mr. Mead's continuing his studies in America for one year and then coming to us under the Presbyterian Board with the expectation that it would be a permanent appointment. We assume that during the coming year the Board will grant us the usual \$250. silver per month in lieu of his appointment."

We sincerely trust that the Presbyterian Board will find it possible to make this appointment to the staff of Peking University, and also that during the year before such appointment becomes operative it will be able to supply the usual \$250. silver per month in lieu of this member of the staff.

Faithfully yours,

Assistant Secretary
Peking University

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CC: Mr. Mead
Mr. L. S. B. Hadley

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Peking University

October 19, 1927

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

My dear Dr. Scott:

I am writing to confirm the request already informally made, that you take up with the Presbyterian Board the provision of the usual cash equivalent for vacancies on the Presbyterian quota of Peking University.

We understand that Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Vincent, who are now returning to this country via Europe, have either gone off the Presbyterian salary lists or will soon do so. We trust that there will be no difficulty in providing this salary equivalent through the regular channels to the Field Treasurer of the University.

Our records show that there is one further vacancy at present on the Presbyterian quota which I believe it has been suggested that Mr. Lawrence M. Mead may possibly fill when his present year of study is completed. Here too we trust the Presbyterian Board will supply the cash equivalent until some worker is appointed.

Faithfully yours,

Assistant 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 28, 1927

TRANSFER

Mr. B. A. Garside, Assistant Secretary,
Peking University,
Peking, Chilli,
China.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Referring to your letter of October 19, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Vincent left China in the early summer. They are temporarily working in Siam; their resignation has not yet been accepted. We haven't yet received the reports showing just when their China salary ceased. Inasmuch, however, as the matter of financial equivalents for the Board's quota of six on the University staff is handled by the Board's Shanghai Treasurer with the Treasurer of the University on the field, no doubt the proper adjustment has already been made.

Regarding the other vacancy on the Board's quota for Peking University, the amount to cover this vacancy is regularly appropriated by the Presbyterian Board at the beginning of the fiscal year and is no doubt being paid as is customary in such cases by the Shanghai Treasurer of the Board to the University Treasurer in Peking.

Sincerely yours,

George T. Scott
George T. Scott.

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December 8, 1927

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

Dear Eric:

I am confirming a day letter which was
wired you today, addressed also to Mr. Warner,
as follows:

"Regret cannot attend Trustees Meeting
tomorrow Stop Suggest Dr. Luce be
elected trustee as Dr. Hume was elected
by Yale Trustees after resignation
president college Stop If no vacancy
available I hereby offer my resignation
to make room Stop Believe Luce election
right step at this time.

(signed) W. R. Wheeler"

I am sure you understand the point of
view back of this wire. Dr. Luce has many
friends. The severance of his relationship
with Shantung University after he had worked
so strenuously and fruitfully for it, was a
blow to that institution, from which in a
certain sense it has never recovered. At least
its certain progress was impeded by his withdrawal.
I think that there will be something of the same
effect in Dr. Luce's forced withdrawal from Peking
University. When Dr. Hume was forced into a
resignation at Ya-li the trustees tried to meet
the situation by electing him as a member of the
Board, thus insuring his continued relationship
with the college. I think similar action in relation
to Dr. Luce would be a right step and would help
to carry him over this period which is a tragic
one to him, and would also help to conserve the
interest of his friends in the University. If
there is no vacancy on the Board I will gladly
resign with the understanding that later on I
might be able to reappear as it happened several

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years ago when you and I withdrew temporarily.

I will be in the West for two months this winter and in Africa for six months this coming fall and winter and could not in any case be a very faithful attendant at the meetings. Think this over and bring it up at the Trustees Meeting.

I have been trying to work on a book and have been nearly driven to distraction attempting to do this and carry the office work as well. I am up here for a few days trying to concentrate on the vexatious volume. I remember your trials and tribulations with the Mission Study textbook when you were in the office, and know you will understand.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

W. Reginald Whaler

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

December 17, 1927

TRANSFER

B. A. Garside, Secretary,
Peking University Trustees,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New YorkRe Staff Quota for Peking University

Dear Mr. Garside:

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions has for some time been feeling financial pressure which has recently been increased by the China Emergency. Under this pressure, the Board naturally does not wish to carry unnecessary loads which further increase its deficit.

For a number of years the Presbyterian Board joined with the Methodist and American Boards in assuming the support of six members on the Peking University staff, Board action of January 5, 1920 stating the explicit condition of six members being supported by each of the three Boards. Furthermore, that action of the Presbyterian Board was taken because on the Peking faculty there were actually at that time six Presbyterians of whom three, Dr. Wolferz, Dr. Luce and Mr. Wheeler, were not supported by the Board; it was largely to provide Presbyterian support for these three Presbyterian missionaries that the Board increased its quota from two to six. Inasmuch as there are two vacancies, and will soon be three, in the Presbyterian quota and inasmuch as each of the other Boards mentioned in our conditional action is no longer supporting six foreign staff members, the Executive Council of the Presbyterian Board believes that, in view of financial pressure, of the small Presbyterian student enrolment and of other considerations, the Presbyterian Board quota could quite properly be reduced.

This Board has no diminished our interest in Peking University and its success. We frankly believe however that, under the circumstances, the Board is providing an undue amount and proportion of the support of an institution with which its local undertakings are less related than are those of the sister Boards with much larger work in the Peking area.

Will you be good enough at your early convenience to let me have such statement of fact and of opinion as you think we should have before us in deciding this question?

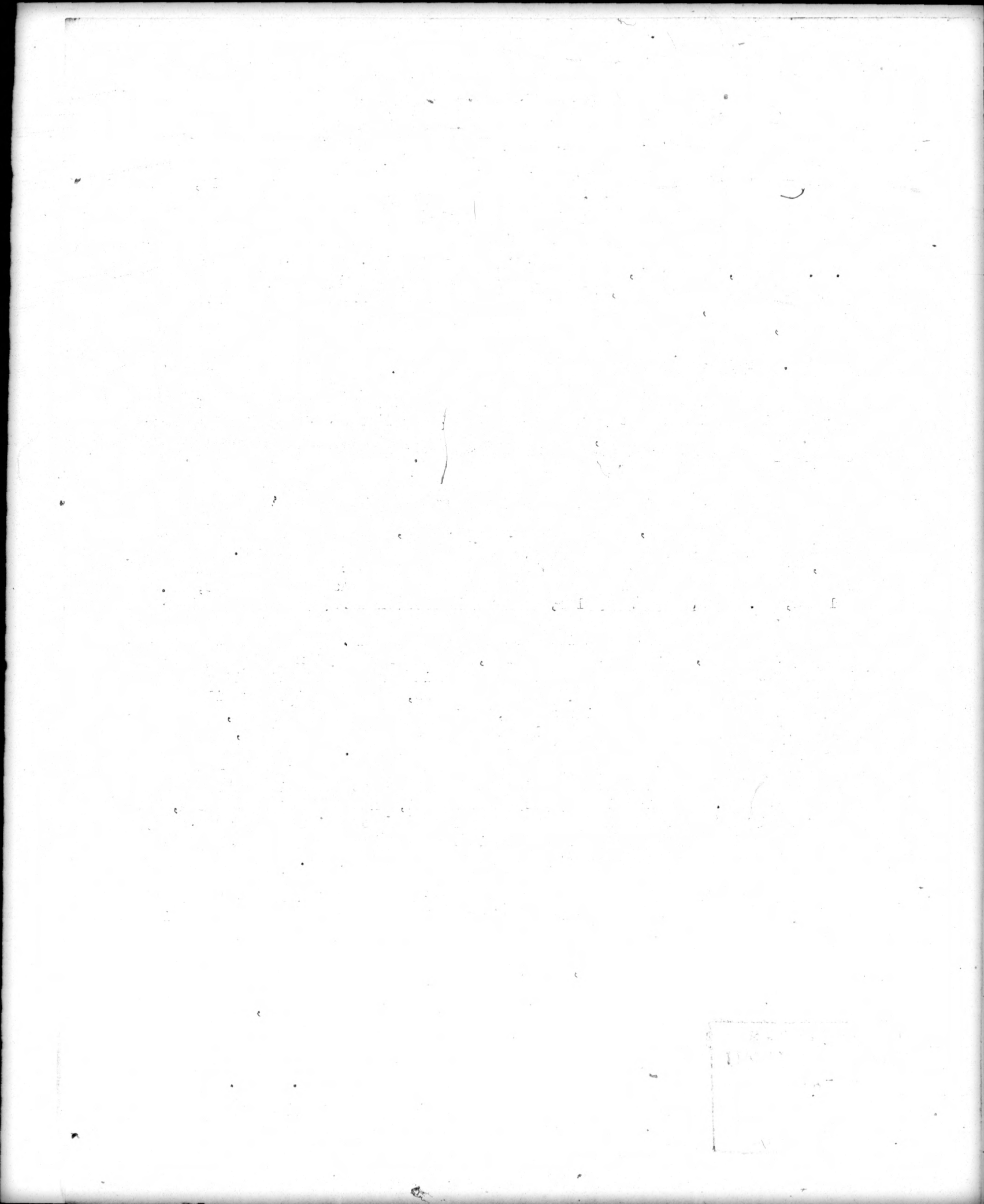
With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George T. Scott
George T. Scott.

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C O P Y

MRS. OLIVER R. WILLIAMSON
135 North Scoville Avenue
Oak Park, Illinois

Copy for Campaign Office
TRANSFER

Dear friends of Yenching:

Your communication regarding the financial campaign for Yenching University has been received.

How I wish I might pledge the thousand for Yenching! I most thoroughly believe in Yenching and all that Dr. Stuart is doing for the University and hope and pray that health and strength may be given him for his strenuous task.

It is impossible for me to underwrite such a pledge at this time, but I certainly am willing to do all I can to help in the campaign and trust I may be privileged to be of assistance in promoting it.

Sincerely yours

(Signed) Nina H. Williamson ✓

Mrs. O. R.

December 27
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