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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

PEKING  
January 5, 1928

Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary  
Peking University Trustees  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

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Dear Mr. Garside:

Re. Presbyterian Quota on Peking University Staff

It has long been recognized that from several points of view our Presbyterian quota of six men missionaries on the staff of Peking University has been disproportionately large. This matter was frankly discussed with President Stuart in a conference which Dr. Brown, Mrs. Roys, Mr. Wells and I had with him in my office three or four weeks ago. After that conference the question of reduction of our quota was considered and virtually approved by our Executive Council three weeks ago, the Council suggesting that before definite action was taken I write to you at the University office letting you know of our thought regarding the matter, which suggestion I carried out in a letter to you.

The proposal of the China Secretaries was again considered and was formally approved by both the Foreign and Executive Councils last week and upon their recommendation the Board at its meeting January 3rd took the following action:

"The Board on January 3, 1928 voted to increase to six its quota of men missionaries on the staff of Peking University so as to provide for the support of Dr. and Mrs. Louis E. Wolferz the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Henry W. Luce and the Rev. and Mrs. W. Reginald Wheeler missionaries of the Board then on the Peking University staff and under University support. Inasmuch as the Board now has only three men missionaries on the staff, it appears inadvisable, in view of the very small number of students entering Peking University from Presbyterian schools and missions, of the present financial situation made more urgent by the disturbed conditions in China and of other considerations, to continue longer the enlarged quota of six men missionaries in addition to the women missionaries in the Woman's College of the University. Consequently, the Board voted to provide from April 1, 1928 and until further action four men missionaries (or the accepted financial equivalent) for Peking University staff."

This action does not in any way indicate any lessening of the interests of our Board in the University and its work. It is a result of a general process of readjustment which is under way in all of our undertakings in China. In adopting this proposal the Executive Council understood that a similar study would be made of the relations of our staff quotas to our Board's approved responsibility in other China institutions in which we cooperate.

You will notice that the reduction of the quota to four is postponed to April 1, 1928, the beginning of our Board's next fiscal year at which time

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appropriations are made on account of vacancies. The appropriations of April 1, 1927 on account of vacancies on our Peking University quota will carry through the entire current fiscal year of our Board.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

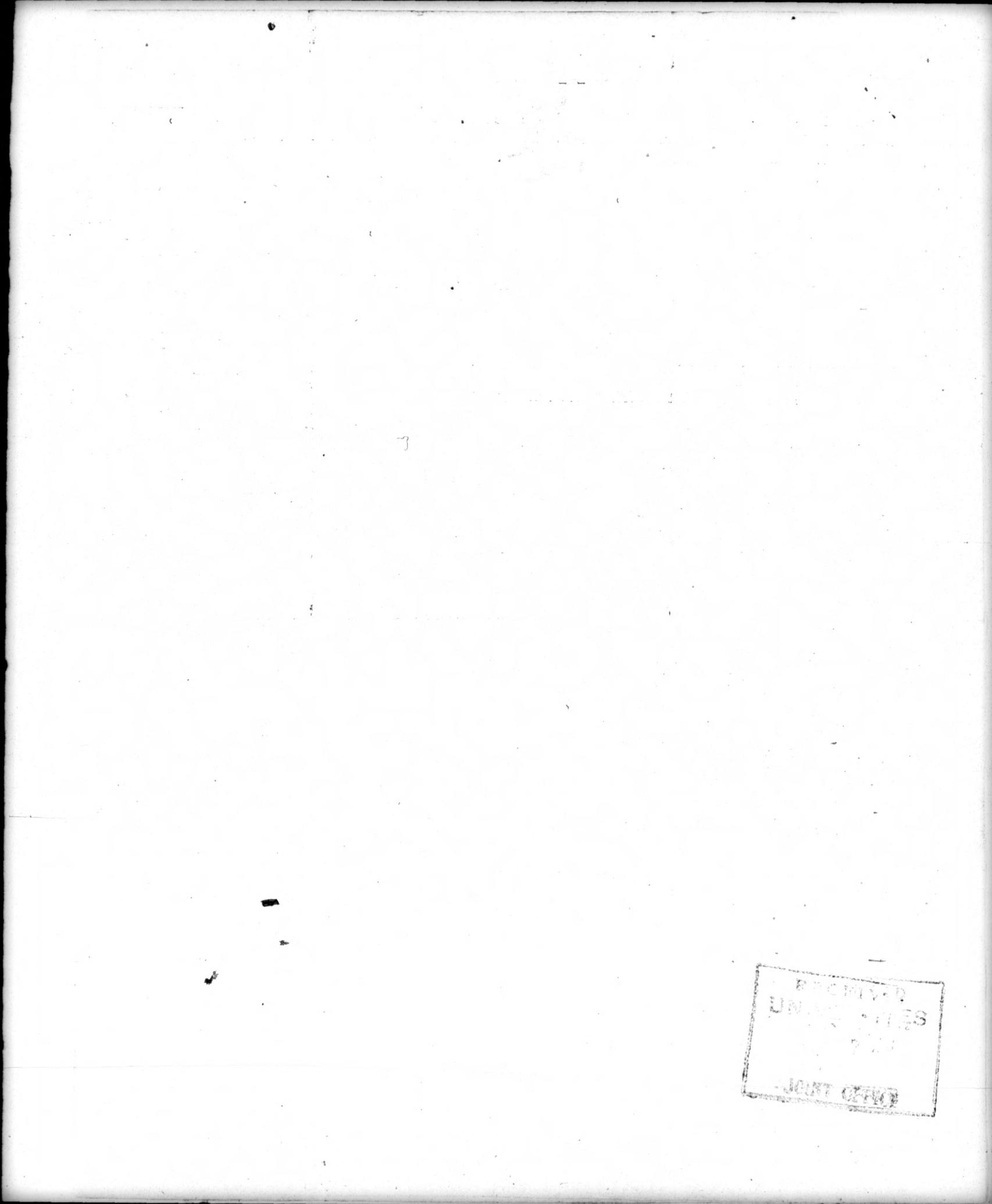
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" " Secretary of North China Mission

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Peking University

January 17, 1928

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

My dear Dr. Scott:

For the sake of our formal records I am quoting below the latest actions of the Peking University Trustees in the case of Dr. H. W. Luce. This extract was taken from the minutes of the joint meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees held on December 5, 1927. You were present at this meeting and are already familiar with the action taken.

The Assistant Secretary called to the attention of the Committee actions Nos. F-2168 and E-2171, and also read to the Committee a letter from Mr. George G. Barber transmitting a communication from Dr. H. W. Luce. The following minute was adopted:

EF-2204 VOTED: At its last meeting the Executive Committee gave consideration to the statement of the Finance Committee (F-2168) to the effect that in the present program of financial promotion for the University the services of Dr. Luce will not be needed, and requested Mr. Barber to confer with Dr. Luce upon this matter. The Committee has now before it Mr. Barber's report and a letter from Dr. Luce dated November 28, 1927 in which Dr. Luce states

'I understand that the Finance Committee desires to make plans which will secure a larger income than seems possible to them under present arrangements. This effort to secure greater funds is, happily, so much in accordance with my own great desire for the University that I could hardly fail to be willing that the Committee proceed in this great task without my cooperation.

'I regret, however, that the personal plans which I made when endeavoring to carry out the desires of the Committee, as registered in its action of April 1st, and July 7, 1926, are such as to make it necessary for me to ask the Committee to hold to its original agreement in the matter of personal finance.'

After full consideration the Committee records its

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action as follows:

In the judgment of the Executive Committee the active service of Dr. Luce to the University is not now required. Leave of absence under salary for the remainder of the period of the three year agreement adopted April 13, 1926 is accordingly granted."

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary  
Peking University

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Peking University

January 17, 1928

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

My dear Dr. Scott:

This is to acknowledge your letter of January 5, 1928 in regard to the Presbyterian Quota on Peking University staff. I will bring this matter to the attention of the Peking Trustees or the Peking Executive Committee at the first opportunity.

We, of course, deeply regret that it is necessary for any of the Boards to reduce their quota on the staff of any of our Christian Universities in China just at this time. All of our China colleges are having so many difficult problems already that it is most unfortunate for them (to also) be faced by the possibility of reduced support on the part of the cooperating boards just when this support is deeply needed.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

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MISS IRENE SHEPPARD

March 6, 1928

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Mr. B. A. Garside  
Asst. Sec. Peking University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Garside:

I have your note of March 5 accompanying the  
Yenching University proposed budget for 1928-29.

I presume that action by the Trustees on this  
budget will be taken later.

Is not the proportion of the expenditure proposed  
for University administration, \$62,310. (Mex.) out of a total of \$335,513.  
(Mex.), an unbalanced one? This and other questions I suppose will come  
up for later discussion.

I think you did a fine piece of work in reporting  
on the various capital funds and other accounts of the University. I must  
say that the present state of these accounts with their reciprocal over-  
drafts gave me the jim-jams when I saw it outlined! I hope very much that  
we can get the accounts into a better balance in the near future.

Have you had any success in locating the gift of  
\$12,000. made by my mother, Rachel A. S. Wheeler, for the women's share  
of the University chapel? This gift was a part payment of the pledge of  
\$50,000. made by the Wheeler family for the chapel. The initial payment  
was made at the time of the women's colleges campaign with the understanding  
that it would secure a 50 percent additional gift for the chapel of \$6,000.  
from the Rockefeller fund. In other words, there should be a credit to the  
chapel fund of approximately \$18,000. and this did not appear in the item-  
ized statement which you had prepared.

It was suggested that the women's share in the chapel  
was approximately one-third, hence the assignment of \$18,000. as the women's  
share of this building.

The gift was made I think in 1922.

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Mr. B. A. Garstide

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March 6, 1928

With reference to the payment of the balance of the Wheeler chapel pledge, I sent to Dr. North extract from a letter from my brother, N. P. Wheeler, one of the executors of the N. P. Wheeler Estate, dated March 3, 1927, as follows:

"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 bare-footed. 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."

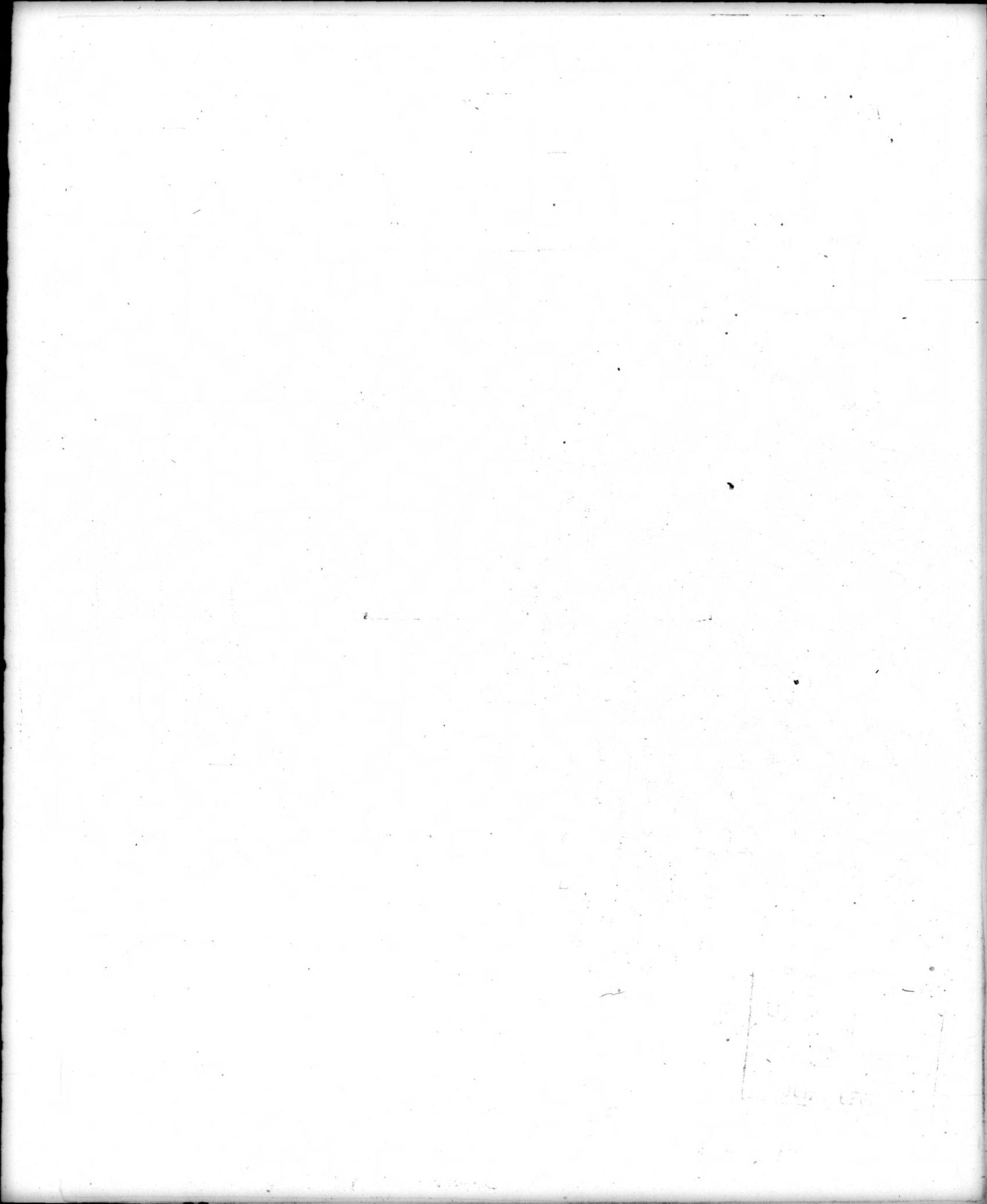
Sincerely yours

*W. Reginald Wheeler*

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Peking University

March 9, 1928.

Mr. W. R. Wheeler,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

Thank you for your letter of March 6th commenting on a number of Peking matters.

We note with interest your comments in regard to the proposed budget for 1928-1929. This budget will be taken up for consideration at the Finance Budget Committee meeting on next Tuesday. We hope you will be able to attend.

An investigation of our records confirms the statement I made to you some days ago that the remittances thus far received for the Wheeler Memorial Chapel are now entered on the accounts of the Yenching Women's College. There is a considerable volume of correspondence in our office records on this matter. Perhaps the most concise summary of the matter is in the following extract taken from the minutes of the Yenching Women's College Committee meeting on April 15, 1927: "Dr. North reported on the status of Plant funds, referring to the fact that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer contained the sum of \$12,500.00 paid by Mrs. Wheeler for the chapel and also \$6,250.00 received from the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Fund on account of Mrs. Wheeler's gift." The "Treasurer" to whom Dr. North refers here is Mr. L.A. Bowman, the Treasurer of the Yenching Women's College Committee. Mrs. Lucius O. Lee, writing on January 29, 1927, makes it clear that the women's college committee recognizes their responsibility in regard to these funds when she says: "The Yenching Women's College Committee must of course recognize its obligation to secure funds so that the amount given by the Wheeler family for the chapel can be released for that particular purpose."

Our office does not attempt to keep any of the detailed financial records of the Yenching Women's College, so we do not have available any of their financial statements which would list this item along with their other building funds. If, however, you would like to secure such financial statement, I will be glad to pass on your request to Mr. Bowman. If there is anything else that we can do to clear up this matter, please feel free to call on us.

Very sincerely yours,

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*Attache to Eric North's letter of April 27, 1928*

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Peking University

April 26, 1928

Mr. L. A. Bowman  
131 No. Dearborn St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Bowman:

During the last few weeks a number of questions have been raised as to the receipt of certain contributions secured by Miss Jean Dickinson while she was in America during 1925-26. I wrote Mrs. Williams early in April enclosing copies of letters dealing with Miss Dickinson's contributions and asking her to look into the matter for us. She has probably communicated with you. A few days ago Dr. Stuart handed me a copy of Miss Dickinson's letter of April 16th in which she gives further information regarding the name of one of those who promised to give to the work at Yenshing and the approximate date at which his contribution should have been received. I quote from her letter:

"It will be difficult to give you any useful information about Mr. Post's gift for the practice school. It was in the summer of 1925 that I visited them in the country and they offered, with their usual initiatory generosity, to give for the children's work side of our program, for it is in children that Mr. James H. Post has always been most interested. Presumably I then mentioned our office address, and was surprised that the matter had not been completed when he asked me sometime shortly before I left, March, 1926, to whom to send his gift. Again I told him 150 Fifth Ave. He is not the type of man who needs any follow up, or should be repeatedly asked, for they give to the outside limit, always.

"I also remember telling the office, in reporting his offer, that the Posts should not be repeatedly requested to give, resting assured that they always would when possible. His daughter, also, one of my best friends, is giving annually to the women's college budget.

"I am astounded if there is no record of receipt. There is only one loophole I would suggest. His daughter, Mrs. Thomas Morrow, (55 Remsen Street. . . Post address, 88 Remsen St. Brooklyn) sends through Mrs. Boyd. It may be that he would have used the same address, for my sake being more interested in the Women's side of things than the men, and possibly thinking more credit would accrue to me or to the womens college.

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for me by sending to Mrs. Boyd for joint work.

"Hoping that this may be cleared up without risking any interrogation of the Posts."

I have made an examination of all the accounts in our Peking ledger where Mr. Post's gift may have been placed if it had been received in our New York office and am able to find no trace of any such contribution. I have also gone through our Peking files without finding any correspondence in regard to such a gift. Dr. Eric North has no recollection of such a pledge or contribution as referred to by Miss Dickinson ever having been handled here in New York. It seems from Miss Dickinson's correspondence the objective toward which Mr. Post promised to contribute is such that his gift should have been handled through the Women's College rather than the office of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

We hope that you will be able to clear up the uncertainty in regard to Mr. Post's gift. We have, as far as I can find, no definite assurance that Mr. Post's contribution was ever paid over. We all realize how often it happens that even the most interested of our friends sometimes overlook pledges they have made, particularly if some careful system of follow-up is not used. Just now our office has several very embarrassing cases of this sort where we have received such clear-cut pledges that it seemed safe to authorize certain expenditures, only to discover when the funds are urgently needed that they are not forthcoming.

We will be anxious to learn what you discover in regard to this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

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CC: Mrs. Boyd  
Mrs. Williamson  
Miss Dickinson

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Peking University

April 27, 1928

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

My dear Dr. Seott:

We are attaching hereto a copy of the Constitution and By-laws of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University showing the incorporation of changes approved by the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees on April 10th. You are familiar with the fact that the changes made in Article II, Article III, Sec. 1, Article VII, Sections 1 and 2, Article XI and Article XII of the Constitution "shall be effective only on the concurrence of a majority of the fully cooperating Mission Boards". We would appreciate it therefore if you will see that the necessary steps are taken to bring to the attention of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. the changes in the Constitution, particularly the Articles mentioned, and request their approval. While it is not formally required, it would, I think, be desirable to have the Board also express its general approval of the revised Constitution and By-laws of the University as well as take definite action on the Articles mentioned. Since it is hoped that formal approval of these documents can be completed before the annual meeting of the Board of Managers in June, we trust that it will be possible for the Presbyterian Board to take early action in this matter. If other copies of these documents are needed for the use of your Board please let us know.

Very sincerely yours,

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April 27, 1928

Mrs. O. R. Williamson,  
135 No. Secville Ave.,  
Oak Park, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Williamson:

I am attaching copies of letters we are today sending to Miss Dickinson and Mr. Bowman. They concern, as you will note, a promise Miss Dickinson received from Mr. James H. Post in 1925 to contribute some \$5,000.00 to the Practice School at Yonking. As far as we can ascertain our New York office has not had any formal knowledge either of Mr. Post's pledge or his contribution. Since Miss Dickinson seems to feel we should know something about the matter we are doing what we can to clear it up. If you can assist us with any further information we would very much appreciate it.

Very sincerely yours,

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135 N.Scoville Avenue, Oak Park, Ill.

April 30, 1922.

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Mr. B.A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, New York.

My dear Mr Garside:

Your letter under date of April twenty-seventh with copies of letters sent to Miss Jean Dickenson and Mr. L.A. Bowman has just been received.

The question raised in these letters regarding the gift of Mr. J.H. Post of \$5000.00 for the Practice School was considered when Mrs. Boyd gave her report as chairman of the Promotion Committee. No one present had any record or any knowledge regarding Mr. Post's contribution. It is possible that this report had been given to the Yenching Committee at its annual meeting in New York before you had come into the room.

The letter you had written me regarding this had come just previous to our meeting so I thought the information or rather the lack of any information brought out through Mrs. Boyd's report made very evident that so far as our Yenching Committee is concerned we know nothing about Mr. Post's gift.

The Practice School has been so constantly before us that I certainly hope and trust Mr. Post may still send on the \$5000.00 if Miss Dickenson can discover in some tactful way that it has not already been sent.

I regret very much not having sent you a formal reply to your letter received just prior to our annual meeting but considered the question answered when the discussion at that meeting disclosed the fact that no one knew anything about it.

Should anything further come up or if I can be of any assistance please call upon me.

Very cordially yours,

*Hina M. Williamson*

*Mrs. Oliver (R.)*

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Peking University

May 4, 1928

Mrs. O. R. Williamson,  
135 No. Scoville Ave.,  
Oak Park, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Williamson:

We thank you for your letter of April 30th telling us what investigations have been made in regard to the pledge of Mr. Post of \$5,000.00 for the Practice School. Since neither Dr. Stuart nor I were present at the time Mrs. Boyd's report was given to the Yenching College Committee, and since this item was (quite properly) left out of the formal minutes of the meeting, we had not obtained the facts you give us. From what you say it seems quite certain that Mr. Post's \$5,000.00 has never yet been paid to any one connected with the University.

I find that plans have been made for one of the Peking Trustees, who is a close friend of Mr. Post, to try to secure his interest in the present financial campaign of the University. I am sure that when this approach is made the good work Miss Dickinson did two years ago will bear a generous fruitage.

Very sincerely yours,

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CC: Mr. Bowman  
Miss Dickinson  
Campaign office

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May 5th, 1929  
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Mr. B. A. Garside,  
Peking University Office,  
150 - 5th Avenue, New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:

In view of the desire to secure new members on the  
Yenching Board of Trustees, and in order that a vacancy may be  
provided for the election of an additional member, and after  
conference with President Stuart, I hereby offer my resignation  
as a member of the Board of Trustees.

The acceptance of this resignation will provide a  
vacancy in the coopted membership, Class of 1929.

Faithfully yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

W. Reginald Wheeler.

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Proposed Changes in ~~Constitution~~ Constitution of Peking University

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The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions voted general approval of the revised Constitution and Bylaws of Peking University and specific approval of particular amendments to certain constitutional provisions, the revision of which calls for concurrence of the majority of the fully cooperating Mission Boards, as follows:

- (a) Art. II Insertion of the name of the University; omission of the title of the Chinese nation.
- (b) Art. III Insertion of the title "founders" as alternative for "Trustees."
- (c) Art. XI Transfer from the Trustees to the Managers of the authority to waive "in very exceptional cases involving particular qualifications for a specialized position" the requirement that members of the staff shall be Christians of evangelical faith.
- (d) Art. XII Technical renumbering of the articles which require for amendment the concurrence of cooperating Boards.

However, as to the proposed amendment of Art. VII which would reconstitute the Field Board of Managers so that, aside from certain members from the teaching and administrative staff, it would become a self-perpetuating body rather than directly representative of the cooperating Missions and of the related Chinese churches, the Presbyterian Board demurs; it believes that the Field Board of Managers should continue to be largely chosen by the cooperating Missions and Chinese churches which founded the University and so largely maintain it; the Board understands that the Managers will consider this question in connection with the proposed amendment of their Bylaws.



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

156 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

May 16, 1928

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees,  
Peking University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York

Re Amendments to Peking University  
Charter, Constitution and By-laws

Dear Mr. Garside:

Pursuant to the request in your recent letter for consideration by the Presbyterian Board of the changes proposed by the Trustees of Peking University in the University's charter, constitution and by-laws, the Executive Council of the Board gave consideration to these matters at its meeting last week and the Board at its meeting of May 14.

1. The action of the Presbyterian Board on the charter is as follows:

"The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in response to the request of the Board of Trustees of Peking University voted to consent to and approve of a change or alteration of the charter of the University corporation in the following particulars:

(a) By changing the name of the Corporation to 'Trustees of Yenching University'.

(b) By changing the first paragraph of the second numbered clause of the amended certificate of the Corporation so as to read as follows: 'The purpose of the corporation shall be to establish and maintain in Peking, China, a University to be known as Yenching University, founded and conducted on strictly Christian and evangelical, but not sectarian, principles, and to aid the youth of China and of other countries, in obtaining in such University a literary, scientific or professional education.'

(c) By adding a new clause to the amended certificate of the corporation, 'Clause 6' to read as follows: 'The corporation shall have the right to take and hold by gift, grant, devise or bequest, property or endowment without restriction as to value or amount.'

2. A copy of the action on the constitution and by-laws is enclosed herewith. The Board dislikes to enter a demurrer on even one proposal, - that of the method of election of the Field Board of Managers, but probably the Trustees hardly expected that their proposal would be approved by Presbyterians born and bred to representative government!

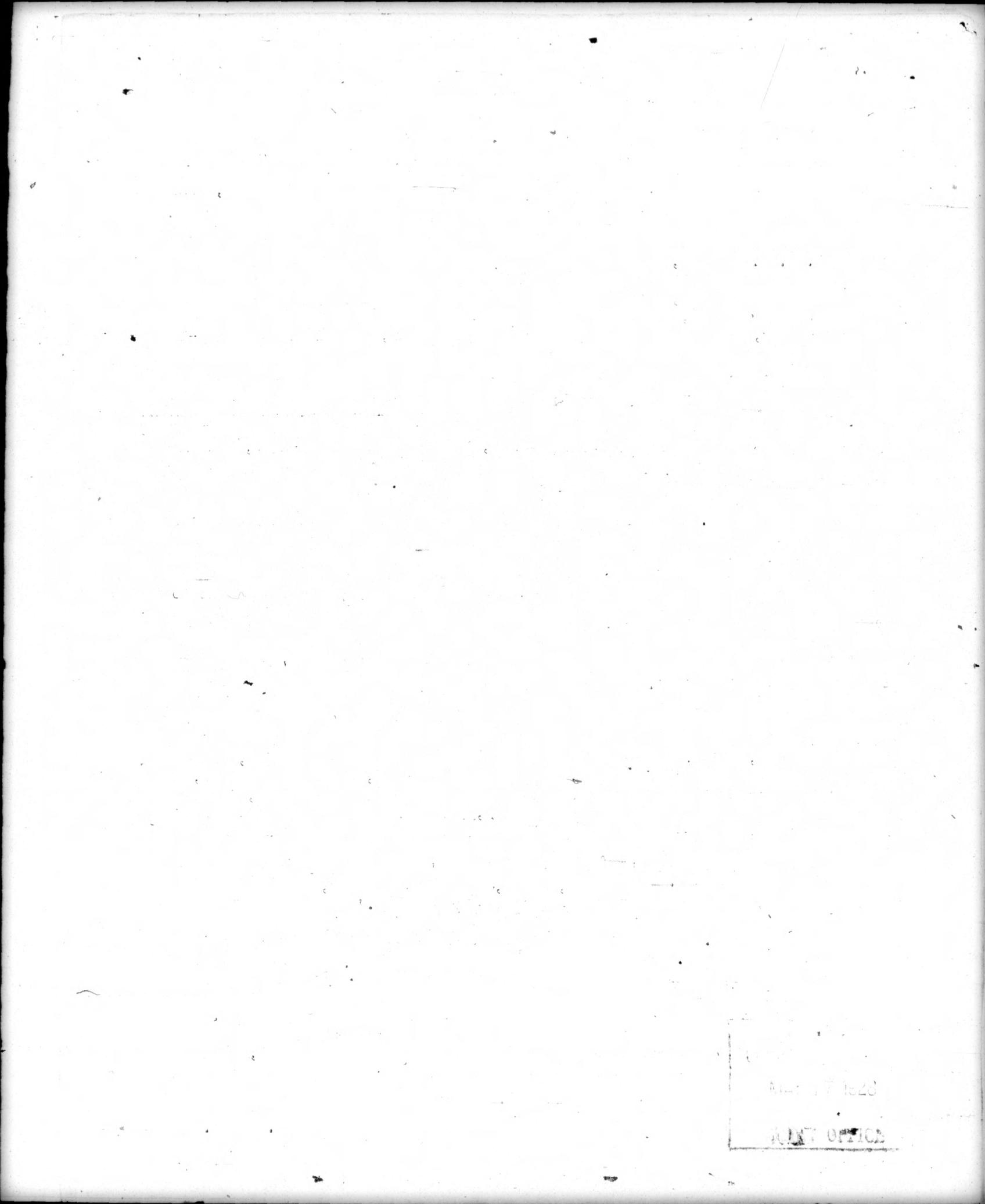
Very sincerely yours,

*George T. Scott,*

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Peking University

May 31, 1928

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

My dear Dr. Scott,

In response to your request of last week, further inquiries have been made concerning Mr. C. T. Ludington, whose name has been proposed as a coopted trustee of Peking University. Mr. Wannamaker has sent us the following memorandum:-

"Mr. Ludington's father was a Presbyterian and very generous in his giving to the church. At present Mr. C. T. Ludington is a member of the Presbyterian church, at which Dr. Andrew Hatch is the pastor, in Bryn Mawr. He also gives generously to the church.

"I am convinced that he would be invaluable as a member of our Board of Trustees both with respect to his religious interests and also from other important points of view."

You probably noticed the following item in regard to the Ludington family which appeared in the New York Times of May 30th:-

LUDINGTON LEFT \$8,211,519.

Curtis Publishing Company Official Gave Bulk to  
His Three Sons.

Philadelphia, May 29- Charles T. Ludington, philanthropist and business man of New York and Philadelphia, left an estate of \$8,211,519, exclusive of real property, at his death in Ardmore November 13th, according to an inventory filed today.

The largest single asset was 24,248 shares of the Curtis Publishing Company stock, appraised at \$4,485,000. Mr. Ludington came here in 1901 to join the Curtis Company, and was Vice President and Treasurer at his death. His holdings of bonds exceeded \$3,000,000.

Mr. Ludington's sons, Charles T., Wright S., and Nicholas S. will share the bulk of the estate. A sister, Mrs. Helen Ludington Rotch, receives \$50,000, and the wife of the New York home, and an annuity of \$5,000 is given to another sister, Katharine Ludington.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG/G *Copy to Mr. Wannamaker*

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Peking University

July 17, 1928

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

Gentlemen: Attention Miss Graham

We wish to acknowledge with thanks your check received on the 16th inst. in the amount of \$875 as the first quarterly remittance on account of the general appropriation for Peking University for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, although the check specifies that it is for the "account of Yenching Womens College". This is in accordance with our understanding as to your preference of handling this check as agreed over the telephone this morning.

Will you please pass this letter on to Mr. Hogel so that we may be in agreement in our record of this payment.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,  
Peking University.

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July 19, 1928

Mr. W. R. Wheeler,  
25 Broadway,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

This is to formally convey the action on your resignation taken by the Yenching Executive Committee on June 22, 1928:

"E2510 VOTED that in consideration of the fact that Mr. Wheeler will be absent from America for the major part of the year remaining on his present term as a soepted Trustee, the Committee regretfully accepts Mr. Wheeler's resignation as tendered on May 5, 1928. The Committee desires to record its appreciation of the many years of service Mr. Wheeler has rendered the University both on the field and in America, and is confident that his interest in the work at Yenching will continue undiminished. It is hoped that after his return Mr. Wheeler may again be able to resume his relationship to the University as a member of the Board of Trustees."

We are sincerely sorry that we are not to have the benefit of your help with Yenching problems this year and certainly hope that in the near future we can again draft you in on this important task.

Very cordially yours,

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copy of this letter  
placed in file  
into journal

July 24, 1928

Mrs. J. M. Avann,  
Mrs. O. R. Williamson,

My dear Mrs. Avann and Mrs. Williamson:

For a couple of months Mr. Bowman and I have been corresponding about two amounts due from the Women's College on building operation accounts. Mr. Bowman's letter of June 6th mentioned that he was planning to consult with you in regard to the matter. As about six weeks have elapsed since his letter was written, possibly some delay or misunderstanding may have arisen. I am therefore enclosing copies of correspondence on this matter as follows:

- (a) My letter to Mr. Bowman, dated May 17, 1928, giving full details as to the two amounts due from the Women's College for funds advanced by the University for Women's College Building operations.
- (b) Mr. Bowman's letter to me of June 6th.
- (c) My letter to Mr. Bowman of June 9th.
- (d) Dr. E. M. North's letter to you dated June 30, 1928.

I feel we should apologise for asking you to dig through this somewhat difficult financial correspondence! Yet the matter is quite important and is becoming increasingly urgent. Our New York treasury is seriously embarrassed by what is substantially a loan to the Women's College amounting to \$13,984.55. During much of the time since these funds were advanced - six to twelve months ago - we have had to borrow this amount at 5% interest, so you can appreciate our anxiety to have it cleared off as quickly as possible. It is important to the Women's College also to clear off this account, for I am anxious to send on to Mr. Bowman all funds received during the present campaign for the current budget of the Women's College, but will probably not be able to do so until the clearance of this outstanding account relieves our financial situation.

I believe my letter of May 17th, together with the comments in Dr. North's letter of June 30th, indicate pretty clearly the situation regarding both these accounts. Possibly it will be helpful, however, to review briefly the general procedure in handling such funds, as well as to summarize these two particular accounts:-

As you know, the funds for the building operations at Yenching

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have been sent to the field in two classifications, (1) remittances or drafts specifically designated for a particular building or objective; (2) remittances or drafts for general building needs, to be later charged against the various buildings as the use of these funds require. Most of the money used in the Yenching College buildings was sent out to the field by Mr. Bowman designated for these buildings either individually or collectively. However, these buildings have also shared, along with the rest of the campus, in the general building operation funds. These general funds have been used chiefly for the purchase in quantity of such supplies as sand, cement, lime, and the like, and when these materials have been employed in the different buildings suitable charges have been made on the field Treasurer's books. These general funds have also been used for paying various Construction Bureau employees, and the charges divided up later by the field Treasurer among the different buildings as the work done by these employees justifies. From time to time the field Treasurer has notified our New York office of the amounts he has thus distributed from general building funds to the different buildings, and we have by journal voucher charged these buildings accordingly. It is through this second method of charging the various Women's College buildings for materials and services paid for out of general funds that all except \$22.65 of this present indebtedness of \$13,994.65 has been incurred.

The amount of \$65,434.70 due on the Second Science Building is made up of the three amounts listed in my letter of May 17th. These represent charges made on the field as indicated above, as per Mr. Wiant's letters of December 16, 1927 and April 9, 1928. This amount is, according to the record here and in Peking, well within the amount authorized by action Y-119 as quoted in my letter of May 17th, so I know of nothing to delay its payment.

The amount of \$210,559.85 due on Yenching College general building operations is likewise made up of the three items listed in my letter of May 17th, - the first a purchase of lighting fixtures amounting to \$22.65 made by our New York office last year, and the last two charges made on the field as indicated. A number of buildings are included so the situation is not quite so simple as in the case of the Second Science Building, but certainly the validity of the account is equally clear.

I understand that in both these accounts the charges made by the field authorities cover materials and services furnished over several years, and that this clearance will bring the adjustment of these accounts practically up to the date Mr. Wiant wrote his letter of April 9, 1928.

Since beginning my correspondence with Mr. Bowman I have had the opportunity of consulting personally with Mr. Wiant, who is now on furlough. He assures us that our statement of these accounts is correct, and repeats that no payments in settlement of the amounts due have been collected on the field. Mr. Bowman's records will, I believe, agree with these figures.

I do not know what discussions you may have had with Mr. Bowman on these matters, or what information you have already received, so I have tried to set forth all the facts as fully as possible. We sincerely hope that we may at a very early date clear up these two accounts, and will sincerely appreciate your assistance.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary

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135 N. Scoville Ave., Oak Park, Ill,

July 26, 1928.

Mr. B. A. Garside,

150 Fifth Ave., New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Garside:

The mail this morning brought me the letter from you with others enclosed.

You mention having sent me the same letters previously but evidently they miscarried for neither did I receive them or hear from Mr. Bowman or Mrs. Avann regarding the questions brought up in them.

Doubtless you already knew that although I have been chairman of the finance committee I have never had any oversight of building construction or drafts for same. These have always been handled directly with the New York office and Buildings Committee and the treasurer.

Recently as you will recall I did help Miss Gouldy in her effort to make final settlement for the building of the "Li" house. That I believe has been the extent of my activity in the construction department.

Of course I believe not thoroughly that the Women's College should promptly meet its financial obligations and to that end will immediately try to get in touch with Mr. Bowman and advise him to forward the draft. I wished you to know why I had not sent you word regarding this at an earlier date. I regret exceedingly that the earlier letters failed to reach me. Very sincerely yours,

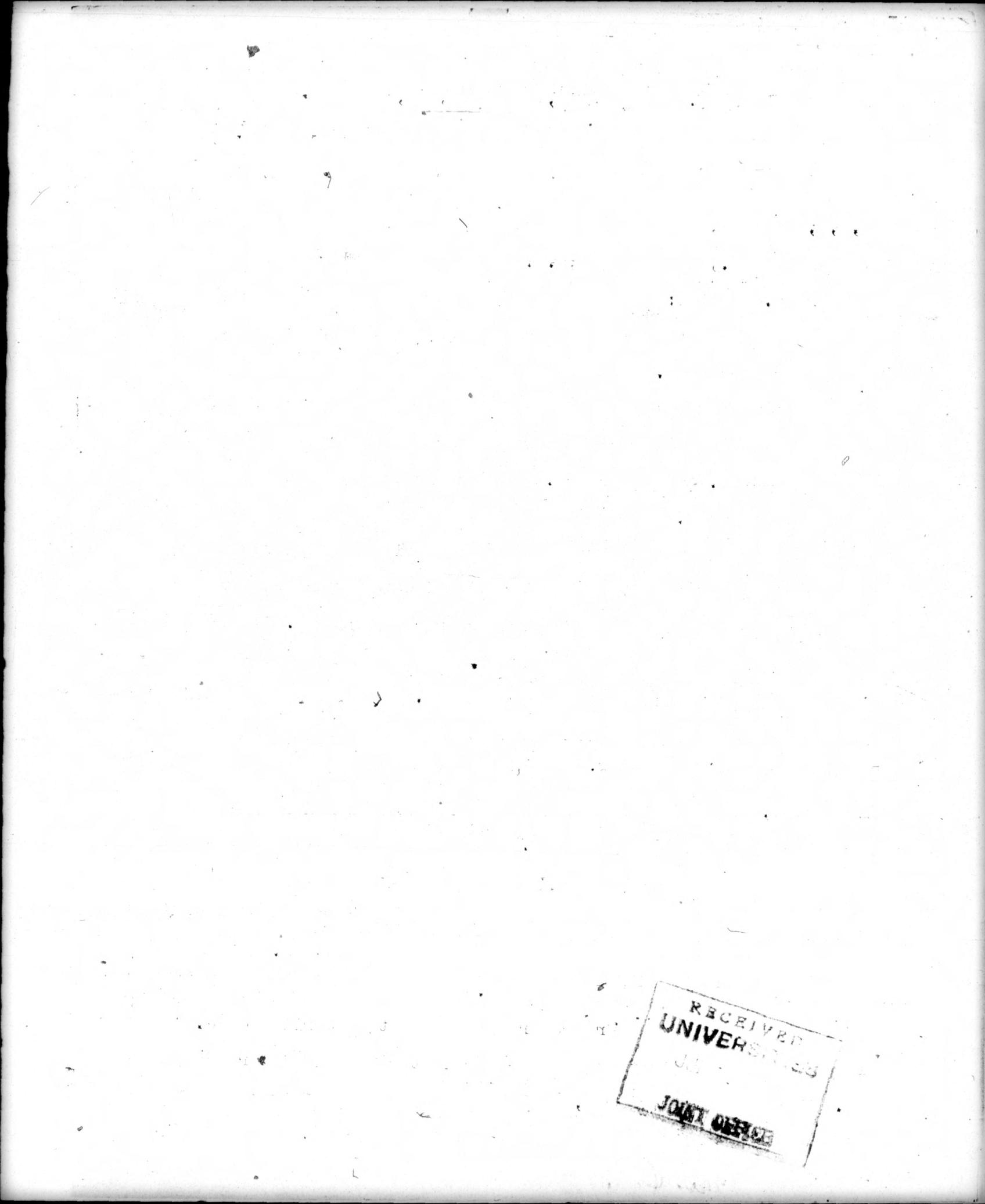
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Peking University

July 30, 1928

Mrs. O. R. Williamson,  
135 N. Scoville Ave.,  
Oak Park, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Williamson:

We thank you for your letter of July 26th in reply to our communication dealing with the plant accounts. We are grateful for the interest you have shown in the matter.

You will be interested to know that, when the Field Treasurer's office completed all payments for Mrs. Li's residence, No. 62, they found they had about Mex. \$100.00 more than was needed, so they sent me a draft for this balance with the request that I forward it on to Miss Gouldy. This I did several weeks ago.

Very cordially yours,

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Oak Park, Illinois.  
July 30, 1928.

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Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Garside:

Since writing you I went to see Mr. Bowman and he had taken up the question of which you wrote me with Mrs. Lee. She had advised him that the Yenching Women's College Committee will probably have a special meeting in September, and to wait until then before paying the account that you mentioned.

Mr. Bowman showed me vouchers for two amounts which he had sent to Mr. Wiant for the building account, totalling \$7249.50, and since these had been forwarded on May 28th and June 5th, he thought that they might be a portion at least of the account which you rendered. It is most difficult and mystifying to have an order for a given amount with no designation whatever and makes it hard to keep accounts straight.

I had no idea, of course, as to "what" the above demands were for so did not feel that I could decide anything about it. I am very sorry not to have accomplished more but could not do much under the circumstances.

Very sincerely,

*Anna M. Williamson*

*(Enc. O. P.)*

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
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MISS IRENE SHEPPARD

August 8th, 1928.

TRANSFER

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Garside:

I am acknowledging for Mr. Wheeler the receipt of your letter of July 19th, sending him the action of the Executive Committee of Yenching University on June 22nd, accepting his resignation.

When we write Mr. Wheeler again we will be glad to forward the action to him. As you know, he does not return from Africa before November.

Sincerely yours,

*Augustine Schaefer*  
for W. Reginald Wheeler.

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Oct. 6 1928

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

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My dear Mr. Garside:

A note came the other day  
from your secretary saying  
you had no record of a  
gift from Mrs. Olds of Chicago  
so I suppose no one has  
approached her since Dr. Stuart  
was here. Yesterday I was at  
a gathering where I hoped to

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meet a mutual friend of his  
and mine but my friend was  
called out of the city by illness  
of her father so anything I  
can glean to report must come  
later.

The minutes of the joint group  
meeting, September 28, have been  
received and read with great  
interest. My particular copy  
ends with the 3<sup>rd</sup> page therefore  
I have only one paragraph of  
"13" and President Pendleton's

Suggestions were entirely omitted.  
I suppose there may be a copy  
of that missing page on hand and  
I will be duly grateful to receive it.

Very sincerely yours

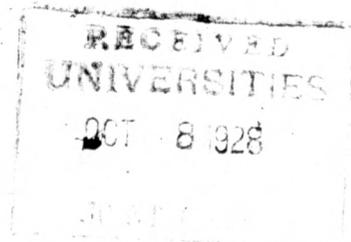
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October 22, 1928

Dear Dr. Scott:

Thank you for replying promptly to my inquiry regarding the possibility that the \$1500 Gold contributed annually by the Third Presbyterian Church of Rochester to the Presbyterian Board in behalf of Yenching University might be allocated for the time being to a Chinese professor on the faculty. I assure you that we understand thoroughly the situation as explained in your note. If there is any correspondence with Dr. Gillies in regard to this matter I will send you a carbon copy of our letter.

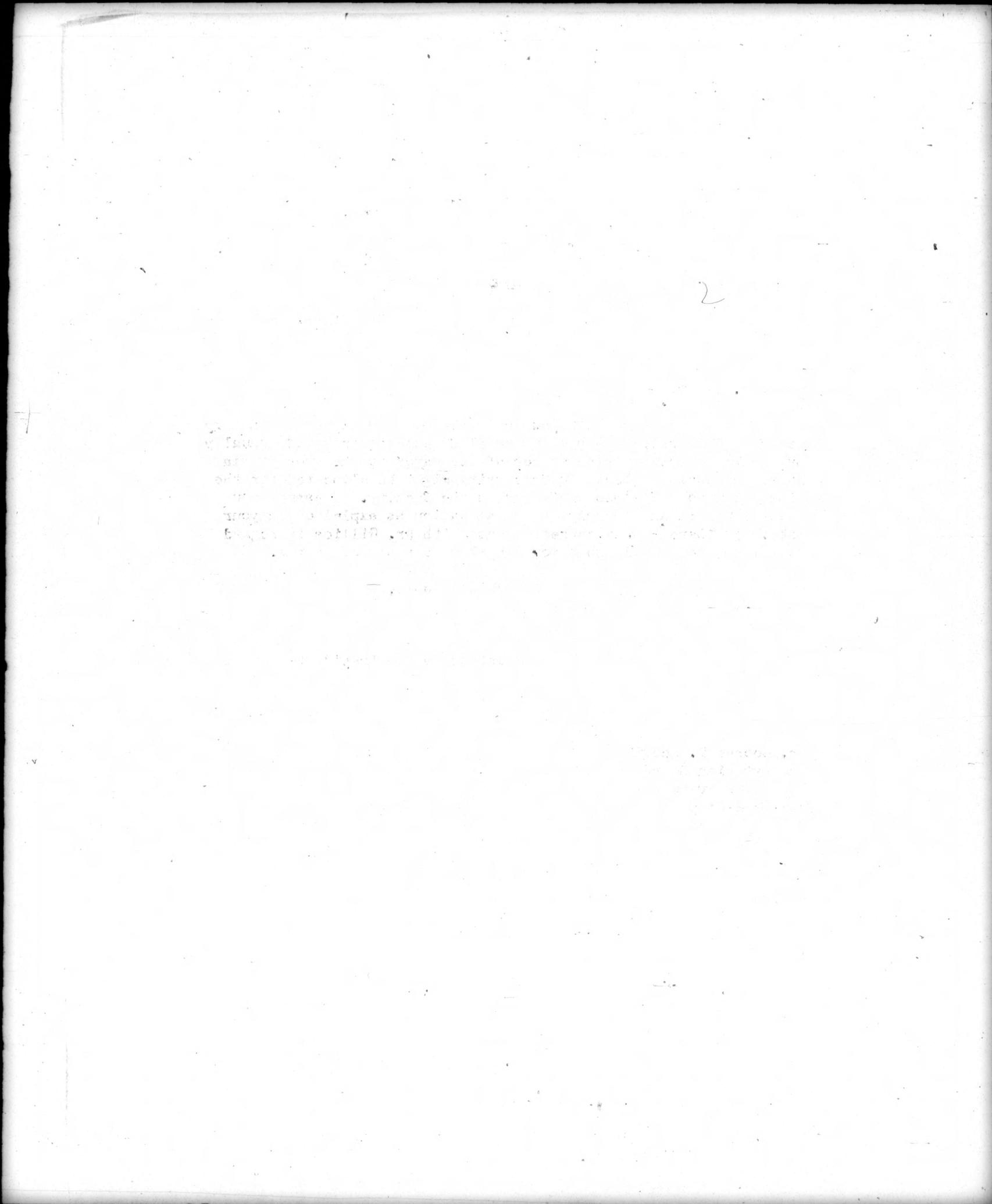
Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

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

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October 26, 1928.

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

My dear Dr. Scott;

I wish to advise you that on September 27, 1928, the charter of the corporation of Peking University was amended by vote of the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, whereby the name of the name of the corporation was changed to Trustees of Yenching University.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I therefore request that you take such measures as may be necessary to have this fact officially noted on the records of your Board in order that remittances to us from your Treasury Department representing payments of the Board's appropriations or remittances on gifts or contributions intended or designated for Peking University or Yenching University may be transmitted in the name of Trustees of Yenching University without confusion or misunderstanding.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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December 12, 1928.

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

My dear Dr. Scott:

You are already familiar with the action taken  
by the Yenching Executive Committee at the meeting of December 3rd,  
as follows:-

"VOTED that, although pending further action by the Board of Trustees, Article IV, Section 1, of the Constitution as adopted April 10, 1924, defining the composition of the Board of Managers is being retained as Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution, the Board of Managers be authorized to continue for the time being under the organization set forth in the By-Laws of the Board of Managers as approved by that Board at its meeting on September 22nd, 1928; and that the Secretary be instructed to transmit to the Mission Boards cooperating in the University, with a request for their approval, a statement of the revised composition of the Board of Managers as set forth in their By-Laws referred to above; with the understanding that the Board of Trustees will be asked to take final action on this revision of the composition of the Board of Managers at the annual meeting in April, 1929.

The new composition of the Board of Managers referred to in this action is as follows:-

"Section 1. There shall be a Board of Managers in North China, to be composed of not to exceed ~~twenty~~ twenty-one members.

Section 2. The Board of Managers shall be constituted in accordance with the following provisions:-

a) The bodies which founded the University shall

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appoint, according to a process mutually agreed upon, eight members.

- b) The University faculty shall appoint five members as stipulated in its own by-laws.
- c) The above constituted members shall elect additional members to the Board from the country at large provided that the membership of the Board shall not exceed a total of 21.
- d) At least one-fifth of the Board of Managers shall be women and a majority of the Board shall be Chinese, preferably those living in and near Peking.
- e) In filling vacancies consideration shall be given to graduates of the University.
- f) Aneessential and the sole religious qualification for membership shall be profession of evangelical faith in and loyalty to Jesus Christ.
- g) The term of office of the members of the Board of Managers shall be for such periods as shall be provided in the By-laws of the said Board and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Section 3. The Chancellor of the University shall have the privilege of attending meetings of the Board and of taking part in all discussions, but without the right of voting."

By comparing this proposed composition of the Board of Managers with Article VII of the Constitution of Yenching University, a copy of which was attached to the Executive Committee Minutes of December 3rd, you will notice the changes proposed. In general it may be said that the total membership of the Board is reduced from approximately 30 to approximately 21. The representatives from the cooperating Mission Boards is reduced to 8 members. Representation from the faculty is increased from 3 to 5, and number of coopted members is increased to eight.

We would appreciate very much your kindness in seeing that this proposed change in the composition of the Board of Managers is brought to the attention of the proper body in your Board. We sincerely hope that all the cooperative Mission Boards will find

if possible to take action before the 1st of March 1929, so that there will not be any delay in bringing the matter before the annual meeting of the Yenching Trustees in April 1929.

Very sincerely yours,

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December 12, 1928

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

My dear Dr. Scott:

You are already quite familiar with the actions taken by our various University Boards of Trustees in regard to the proposals for the coordination of Christian higher education in China. In order, however, to bring this matter formally before the Presbyterian Board we quote below the actions of the Boards of the University of Nanking, Shantung Christian University and Yenching University. We request that you take whatever steps you feel will bring this program before the Presbyterian Board in the way that will cause it to receive the most thoughtful and sympathetic attention.

Action of Nanking Trustees on Nov. 14th

"T-377 VOTED that the Board of Trustees records its hearty approval of the general policy of the coordination of Christian higher education in China; that it refer the correlated program to the Mission Boards cooperating in the University for their information and their recommendations; that it request the Board of Directors of the University to make recommendations as to the place of the University of Nanking in the correlated program."

Action of Shantung Governors on Nov. 21st

"NAS-109 VOTED that the North American Section expresses its hearty approval of the general principles underlying the program for the correlation of Christian higher education in China, and records also its warm approval of the general proposal that within this program Shantung Christian University shall continue and develop still further its purpose of emphasizing the training of leaders in the fields of teaching, evangelism, medicine, nursing, and other social and religious service in the towns and smaller cities and the rural districts of China; that the Section requests the Field Board of Managers to make recommendations as to the place of the University in the Correlated Program and the details of its participation therein; and

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That the Section refers the Correlated Program to the various mission boards cooperating in the University for their information and for their recommendations."

Action of Yenching Trustees on Nov.16th

"T-2382 VOTED that the Board of Trustees of Yenching University record their approval in principle of the general plan for the correlation of Christian higher education in China and that the Secretary ascertain from the Board of Managers their reactions to the plan and to the details as they affect Yenching University."

You have already received copies of the illustrated booklet printed by the Committee for Christian Colleges in China and also the pamphlet giving the details of the Correlated Program as prepared by the Council of Higher Education in Shanghai last July . If you need any additional copies of either or both of these booklets for distribution among members of the Presbyterian Board preparatory to their discussion of this matter, our office will be glad to supply you. We have a rather large supply of the illustrated booklet and a much smaller quantity of the Correlated Program.

As you know, Dr.Wallace will be in America during the month of January. If it is convenient for the Presbyterian Board to discuss the Program while he is here I know he will be happy to meet with you.

Very sincerely yours,

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

156 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

December 18, 1928

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

Re. Constitution Yenching University

Thank you for your letter of December 12 requesting consideration by the Presbyterian Board of the proposed revision of the Constitution and Bylaws of Yenching University, particularly in regard to the composition of the Field Board of Managers.

The matter was presented to the Board at its meeting yesterday, December 17 and after discussion action was taken upon the recommendation of the Executive Council approving the proposed revision as follows:

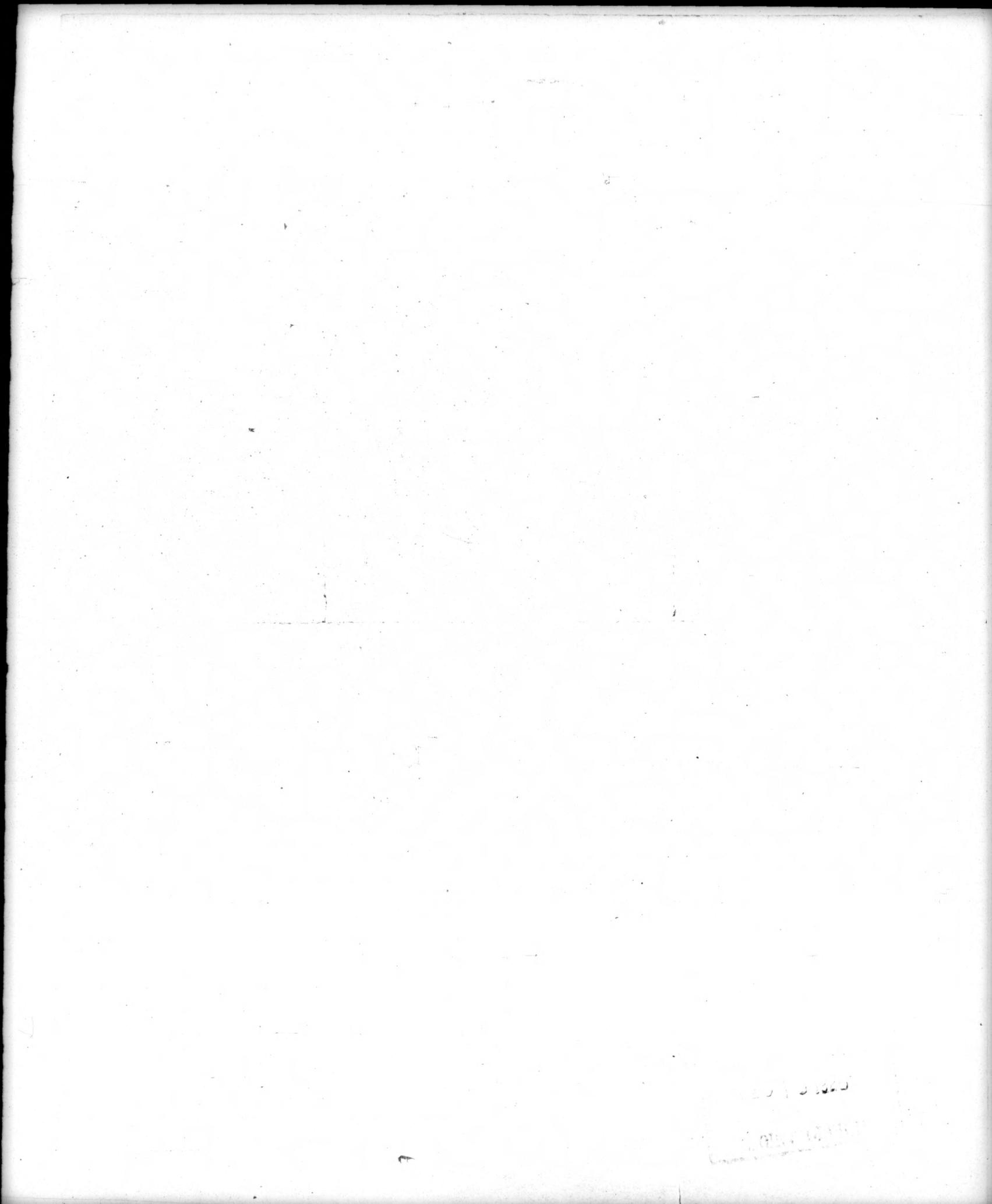
"The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions on May 14, 1928 approved the revised Constitution and Bylaws of Yenching University with the exception of the proposal to make the Field Board of Managers a self-perpetuating body instead of which the Presbyterian Board then expressed its opinion that the 'Field Board of Managers should continue to be largely chosen by the cooperating Missions and Chinese Churches which founded the University and so largely maintain it.' The University now recommends that the Board of Managers continue to be constituted largely on such a representative basis, eight members to be elected by the cooperating Churches and Missions and five by the faculty, these representative members to elect not more than eight additional members. The Board gave formal approval to this revision to the Constitution."

Sincerely yours,

*George T. Scott*  
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