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February 10, 1925

The Rev. J. Leighton Stuart, D.D., LL.D.
President - Peking University
Peking, China

My dear Dr. Stuart:

I have pleasure in notifying you of the establishment of the Francis Jenks Hall Scholarship Fund in the amount of $3,400 on the following restrictions -

> "The income therefrom is to be paid to or used for the educational benefit of worthy Chinese students of Peking University, at the discretion of the officers of the University. It is suggested that students of Truth Hall shall be given favorable consideration in the award of this scholarship; but the officers of the University are under no obligation to award scholarships to students of Truth Hall if they prefer other candidates."

Dr. Francis J. Hall was a member of the Presbyterian Mission in Peking from 1906 to 1913, and died there in 1913. The active person in this matter is Mr. Allan K. Hall, of 444 Kaumatose Avenue, Kaumatose, Wisconsin.

The following donors subscribed to this fund -

Mrs. H. H. Brosius	Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Hoffman
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Mrs. Kate B. Gordon	Unknown Friend

The income of this fund will be indicated in our monthly statements to the field, and, on the basis of specific authorizations to the Treasurer from time to time may be drawn for the purpose indicated.

Cordially yours

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

(Confidential) February 11, 1925

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Peking University
Peking, China

My dear Leighton:-

I want in this letter to refer to three items which are all indications of the same state of mind in the President of Peking University. First is your statement incorporated in the minutes of the Council for Higher Education, with reference to the extreme difficulty of the Finance Campaign for the University and its unrewarding aspects. Second is in your letter of December 12th to Mr. Warner, which he has shared with me. The third is the last paragraph of your letter of Jan 2 in which you express extreme anxiety concerning the development of the United States campaign. I recognize the state of mind as one I have seen before, and have fully sympathized with, though not being quite able to agree with it. You express surprise that no notice of large gifts has reached you, and a query as to whether the campaign work of the University is breaking down. There are some phases of your approach to this item which, you will forgive me for saying, seem to me unreasonable. Late last spring Mr. Lewis was appointed and just about as promptly as possible after he was appointed all the persons who had had any share in the active work of the campaign, particularly the most important persons such as yourself and Dr. Luce, departed for Peking or parts unknown, leaving Lewis with some elaborate card lists and an atmosphere in which the University was likely to be received with good will, but not necessarily much more. There then intervened the entire summer season, in which effective campaign operations are of course impossible, although Lewis gave much time and energy to the careful reorganization of the really rather badly jumbled lists. He then brought into operation the Lion Fund Campaign, his hopes for which have been rather slower of realization than he had expected, but they are at least preventing the accumulation of an additional campaign deficit, which was a matter rather cheerfully neglected by the preceding years of the campaign. He has also succeeded in cultivating steadily and effectively a number of large givers, gifts from whom, if they are to be of the size which the University deserves, require patient, assidious and clever cultivation. He has been bringing Mrs. Jenkins along steadily

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and I believe will win out with something worth while here. The Buffalo Hall matter he has stimulated several times, with an increase of interest and result each time, and is making far more headway with the Knox family than any other representative of the University has ever succeeded in doing. In fact, I believe he has really broken the ice there. Apart from three or four such leads of this kind, the campaign which he inherited did not leave him any large apples ripe for picking such as you seem to think should have dropped from the boughs by this time. If you will look at the list of large gifts received so far you will realize that not one of them has been the result of a whirlwind cultivation, of a quick, snap-it-up type, and little cultivation of any kind was promising until after the election. Really, the period before election was most depressing.

Confidentially, I believe that we may expect 50,000 to $75,000 ultimately from Mr. McBrier. Just how soon this will come he has not intimated, but his interest is exceedingly active and he does not fail to show a genuine determination to make this gift and to make it in a way that will really serve the University. The funds from which he plans to make this gift are not yet liquid and will be liquid in limited amounts from time to time, but so far as his determination is concerned I am sure we may regard this as definite, BUT this matter must be treated as absolutely confidential. He has permitted it to be a matter of discussion only with Lewis and myself.

Furthermore, Mr. Warner has been working energetically with the Hall estate and he has verbal assurance from them that although they have not put in the $50,000 yet that you had expected they will put in not $50,000 but $100,000 by the first of July, and that if they do not furnish the capital they will guarantee the income from that amount.

We have hopes of much more interest on the part of Mr. Barber than seemed likely when you saw him. He has really developed a genuine interest which Lewis has been skillfully cultivating, and I am sure that as we go on his interest will bring fruit. The Campaign and Finance Committee are genuinely alert to the whole matter and we beg you to believe that every effort possible is being put forth to accomplish the things we so much desire. Please, I beg, do not make us any more tense than we now are by expressions that seem to betray a lack of confidence in the work that is being done here. The University has made more rapid financial progress than any other school I know anything about, all things being considered, and I have seen Providence come to the help of Peking University so many times that I do not fear for the outcome either day after day or in the distant future.

DR. J. Leighton Stuart February 11, 1925

I am sorry to say that Dr. Lull is now in the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago. The Weyerhaeusers whom he saw in Portland urged him to go to the Mayos in Battle Creek, and Mrs. Blaine in Chicago insisted that he go to the Presbyterian Hospital. He will be there for examination and then perhaps for three weeks of treatment. We do not yet know whether an operation will be necessary, but it seemed to us imperative that he should take every measure to recover now rather than run the risk of something serious happening as a consequence of his unsparing campaign work. The doctors in Chicago told him that it would be unwise for him to let the matter go for as long as three or four months, as he had hoped to do.

As ever, faithfully yours,

Secretary.

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Peking University

5. Industrial Development and Mr. Shaw

February 11, 1925

The Rev. J. Leighton Stuart, D.D.
President - Peking University
Peking, China

My dear President Stuart:

I enclose herewith a letter from Mr. Robert S. Shaw to Mr. Lewis, together with a copy of my reply. I do not know what the previous correspondence of Mr. Shaw with Mr. Chamberlain has been but I am quite clear that a proposition of this kind coming from a man who is looking for a chance to be of service does not carry with it anything like the weight that would come if there were a program developed by our own Department of Sociology in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture.

I believe thoroughly that the University has an opportunity to make a real contribution to the industrial phase of Chinese life and yet I think that the next two or three years are probably not the time for us to set about doing this. In the first place, the whole process of getting ourselves in highly efficient running order on the new site in a fashion to commend ourselves even to the critics of missionary colleges, both Chinese and foreign, will be thoroughly pre-occupying. In the second place, if such a study is to be made, it seems to me there are two processes:-

a) Such an investigation might be attached to the University. If this were done, it would be desirable to secure the services of some very highly skilled sociologist and economist such as E. A. Ross, or someone of his caliber. Certainly such a survey could hardly be made effectiveness by a recent graduate of an American business college on the basis of the point of view and theories of American business administration which he has freshly acquired in school.

b) Another, and it seems to me a better, process would be, as I have indicated above, the application of the genius and experience already in the University's Departments, both of Economics and Agriculture. I know that the genius

already there is excessively busy, but in time, with the strengthening of the Departments, some study of this should be possible, and would, I believe, be far more closely indegrated with Chinese practical life, through the Departments' well accumulated body of knowledge and experience.

Faithfully yours

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3. Budget.

Peking University

February 11, 1925

The Rev. J. Leighton Stuart, D.D.
President - Peking University
Peking, China.

My dear Dr. Stuart:

I am hereby acknowledging your letter of December 9th with the Budget. I want to make these comments on it so that they may be in your hands even before we have succeeded in getting the full study of the Budget completed.

1. Concerning the University of Southern California, we are doing our best to iron out this matter and hope to secure the funds for this year. We shall assuredly not let it go by without a struggle.

2. I had a conversation with Kenneth Maclennan, the newly appointed Trustee of Peking University in place of Dr. Thos. Cochrane, concerning Mr. R. K. Evans and the L.M.S. vacancy. Mr. Maclennan, as you probably know, is the Secretary of the Conference of British Missionary Societies and Secretary of the China Committee of the L.M.S. I did the best I could to get him to see the validity of the points you make in your letter of December 9th, concerning the L.M.S. and the Budget. I am also writing Mr. Hawkins as energetically as I can on this matter.

In regard to the new budget, I shall refer only to those points upon which at the present moment I have something to say.

1. There is no increase in the budget due to the salary of the Vice-President. This has always been paid by the Presbyterian Board and has been so stated on both sides of the preceding budget, unless I am greatly mistaken. The supplemental allowances paid him during the campaign are not a part of the Peking budget so there is no addition here.

2. With reference to the possibility of appointing Anderson to the sixth place on the Presbyterian budget, I do not

believe that the Andersons are prepared to accept as it is a long-term appointment that the Presbyterian Board will be likely to ask for and the whole negotiation with Anderson has proceeded on the basis of a contract arrangement by which, if they found it necessary to return before the end of the five years, equitable adjustment could be made.

3. You refer on Page 4 to an increase in the Chinese items covered by special gift from the C.M.B. I do not find this special gift listed on the income side unless my guess is correct that it is the amount for Mr. Ma Kaim indicated on sheet No. 10. If it is not, it seems to me you have an addition to make to the income side of your budget.

4. We are trying to secure funds to cover fully the School of Theology. It is apparent, however, that the fifty thousand dollars from the Hall Estate will probably not come in before the close of the present fiscal year. When it does, however, we have reason to believe that it will be one hundred thousand dollars, instead of fifty thousand.

5. It would be a very great help in connection with the budget if the budget that is actually in operation for the year were put in parallel columns with the new budget. You send us a budget in the spring such as the one I have before me; the Trustees then indicate how much they are able to provide, and you presumably revise your budget on the basis of that action, disbursing on the basis of the revised budget, but no copy of this final budget ever seems to get to us. If you have one handy, I wish you would send it now, and in the future, when new budgets are submitted, it would be a great help if the practice indicated in Arnett's book on pages 80-81 were followed.

6. Your estimation of the surplus of the Bashford Fund is decidedly high for Mr. Gibb indicates that the building will cost $210,000 Mex. At 1.70 (the safest rate of exchange to go on) the building will cost about $125,000. To this must be added, apparently, such expensive items of equipment as the piano Mr. Wiant wrote about. This will probably leave less than $30,000 available as endowment and I must confess, considering the manner in which it was raised and the way in which this surplus amount is related to

the present extremely disturbing state of the finances of the Methodist Board, and in view of what they have already generously done, I do not feel any particular zest in collecting for this fund.

Cordially yours

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Secretary

February 15, 1928

Concerning Pensions

Dr J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching Ta Hsueh
Peking, China

My dear Leighton:

I urge that in this matter of pensions you get into touch with Dr Bowen and with the other college presidents, as there will be some advantage if the whole question is worked out in co-operation. I heartily agree with your feeling that the policy concerning pensions should apply to Chinese and to foreigners. This point, however, you should keep in mind, that we can probably arrange for annuities for American members of the staff in connection with the Teachers Annuity Insurance Association of America, but I do not believe we can do that with the Chinese members of the staff. I do not know that this question has definitely been considered by the Foundation, and I would not want to approach it until we were clear as to what we wish to do ourselves.

My impression is that at Canton they furnish a fixed annual amount to the members of the faculty in lieu of any pension arrangements, with the understanding that the furnishing of this amount relieves the University of any call for annuities or pensions, it being expected that the amount will be used by the members of the faculty to purchase annuity insurance.

I note your intention, indicated in postscript of January 2nd, to take up this matter when Harris arrives. I have been greatly disturbed by a telegram from him saying that he is forced to send in his resignation. The telegram does not indicate the grounds and I am waiting a letter from him. I have urged him by wire not to make this final until we are fully informed.

Faithfully yours,

February 13, 1925

Concerning Trip of Mr Murphy to Peking

Dr J. Leighton Stuart
Lenching Ta Hsueh
Peking, China

My dear Leighton:

All the points which you and Mr Gibb have made concerning the lack of need for a trip by Mr Murphy to Peking and concerning the undesirability of such a trip have been presented to the Committee on Finance, but without modifying particularly their views.

It is their feeling as I have already indicated to you that with the proposals to establish a new type of dormitory on the north shore of the lake, to relocate the Chapel, and to change the location of the gymnasium somewhat, it is imperative that the restudy of the architectural structure should be made by the architect who designed the present layout. You will recollect that when you were here you stood for having the general features of the layout designed by Mr Murphy, even though the interior and the detail of some buildings might be designed by others, and it was in accordance with this policy, you will recall, that the plans for the Woman's College dormitories were submitted to Mr Marlin.

As I have indicated in another letter, it seems to the Finance Committee quite unwise to pick up a dormitory type that was designed for a collection of dormitories such as those of the Woman's College, without reference and without consideration of the modifications, and to set it down in some other part of the grounds adjacent to buildings of a distinctly different type. It was the clear conviction of the Committee that as soon as practicable Mr Murphy should go to Peking. In presenting the matter to the Committee I have emphasized the urgency of the completion of the plans for the Woman's College gymnasium, for which I know the whole group in Peking and the Woman's College Committee here are very anxious. I also pointed out that the consideration of the proposed readjustments of the layout was not an urgent one in view of the questions raised by the Trustees and by the Finance Committee as to the wisdom, quite apart from

architectural considerations, of erecting additional dormitory accomodations at the present time, and that therefore an immediate trip by Mr Murphy to Peking would not seem to be necessary. I had hoped that this would serve to delay his going to the field, which I myself feel is justified as soon as the development of these changed plans seems wise, in order that the Woman's College gymnasium plans might be pushed further along. There arose, however, an indication that Mr Murphy might find it more practicable to complete these plans in Peking with the advantage of direct consultation with those most concerned with the use of the buildings, instead of completing them here. This would, of course, avoid the delay to the plans that would come if they were to wait until Mr Murphy came back from Peking.

The understanding is that Mr Murphy will find out from the owners of the buildings in the United States upon which he is at present working, whether he can be released for the trip to Peking. I have also to sound out the Woman's College Committee upon this item, and we shall get more definitely the possibilities of the completion of the Woman's College plans without delay, whether he goes to Peking or does not.

At this point I ought to correct the statement made in one of your letters that the trip to Peking by Mr Murphy would cost $15,000 or $16,000. I do not know whether you were figuring in Mex. or Gold, but if Mr Murphy were to go to Peking and stay in Peking for, say, one month, including the time of travel from Shanghai to Peking, it would cost at the present rate of exchange about $2800 Gold, plus living and traveling expenses for a period, or say approximately $3,000 Gold altogether. I will of course inform you of developments, and as soon as the matter is clinched will send you immediate word.

Faithfully yours,

PEKING UNIVERSITY.

February 13. 1925.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, President,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

My dear Dr. Stuart: RE: THE ERECTION OF A SIMPLEST TYPE OF MEN'S COLLEGE DORMITORY ON THE NORTH SHORE OF THE LAKE EAST OF THE DORMITORIES NOW BEING ERECTED.

I presume that you are disturbed that word has not yet come to you concerning the proposal from the field for the erection of a modified type of dormitory along the north shore of the lake. Let me state the situation as I understand it.

First, the Finance Committee here is not prejudiced against the erection of such dormitories, and is fully ready to consider their advisability.

Secondly, we do not, however, have in hand adequate data as to just what the proposal involves. In the first place, we have never seen a definite drawing of the location of the proposed dormitories in their exact position. It does seem a pity that on a proposal as important as this, we should have no drawings except the outlines that appeared upon the sketch for the heating mains installations, which we secured only by borrowing the blue prints from the Crane Export Corporation. Furthermore, the figures of cost are still obscure. As I have indicated in earlier correspondence, this may be partly due to our not knowing what is meant by a "unit" in connection with these Woman's College dormitories. As a matter of fact, the Woman's College Committee here does not know the cost of a "unit" in figures that it is certain of.

If the information has not already been sent to us by mail as a specific answer to an inquiry from us, will you please cable the estimated cost in Mexican currency of a Woman's College dormitory unit consisting of one "U"-shaped court, flanked one the north and south by dormitory accommodations, and on the west or east by a dining hall?

Thirdly, it does not seem to us that the procedure of taking a building of such a distinctive type as this, designed for a particular place on the campus, and picking it up and planting it down on a convenient vacant place, is, without full architectural consideration of the total effect, wise, and we do not see that any such architectural judgment has been secured, or is likely to be. Mr. Thunder's opinion, in view of your reference to his lack of imagination, would not seem to us to be of any weight, if he should express a judgment.

Consideration might be well given as to whether the size and arrangement of these dormitories ought not to be in some degree modified, if we are making further consideration of their location upon the north shore of the lake.

Fourthly, you will recognize that without some of the needed information referred to in the paragraphs above, specific action is impracticable, although we have leads and adjustments of funds in mind, as soon as the matter becomes more definite.

Fifthly, the Trustees at a previous meeting ventured to express the need of a very serious consideration of the enlargement of the student body by providing additional dormitory facilities, until it was clear that the current income would be sufficient to meet the additional costs required for housing and teaching these additional students. They felt that our 450 students was by no means a small number, and that our growth should be slow and should represent a very careful picking over of highly qualified students. The consideration of the budget, however, was the larger factor in their minds with reference to any immediate extension. This, I know, will be a disappointment to you. The point of view of the Trustees, however, is subject to modification, though it is impossible now for us to determine on the basis of the figures in the budget for next year or from the figures in the action of the Board of Managers on December 6th with reference to the scale of fees, just how increased accommodations for students would affect the budget, but it is our judgment that it can hardly affect it otherwise than adversely. Upon this whole phase of the matter, the Trustees would welcome a clear statement.

The proposals for accommodations south of the water tower are, of course, also affected in the thought of the Finance Committee, by the considerations of the preceding paragraph. In addition, the wisdom of such structures with proportionately high costs for repair, with the difficulty of administration and control from such a distance from the center of the University and other college buildings, and chiefly, the facts that we have not had from you clear and definite specifications as to the cost, and a satisfactory clearness of the exact location with relation to the other parts of the University's plant, have made the Finance Committee feel that the matter is not in shape for any definite conclusions upon their part. Of course, an additional factor of fundamental importance is that undesignated funds are not, at the present time, in site for this purpose, or, for that matter, for any purpose.

Again, therefore, let me urge that upon this proposal also, we have more full and complete information as to costs, locations, relations to administration center, the desirability of such a unit as a permanent part of the University's plant, and such information on the whole subject. One of your letters indicated that such data would be sent to us, especially upon the matter of exact cost, but we have not received it.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary, Peking University.

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February 13, 1925.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, President,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

My dear Leighton: RE: SURVEY OF SITE.

The Finance Committee on Wednesday took up the matter of the new survey of the site as discussed in your letter of January 2nd. It seemed to them that either because you were not fully informed of the action here, or for other reasons, the matter was being sent back to us, when we felt that it was one upon which decision should be made upon the field.

When Mr. Lund was here in July, both Mr. Murphy and Mr. Lund indicated the need of completing a correct survey of the site, in view of the conspicuous inaccuracies of the original survey. At that time it was voted that the Grounds & Buildings Committee be authorized to arrange for this re-survey and to have at least two copies of it sent to us here. In August, Mr. Lund wrote from Denmark stating what the cost of the re-survey was and requested word by cable whether the re-survey was to be made or not, in order that he might take it upon his arrival in Peking. We notified Mr. Lund that we had done all that was necessary to authorize such a survey, and that the matter of its being carried out was a matter for decision upon the field.

The Finance Committee felt that the matter was basically a technical one as to whether the completion of the survey (which we understand from Mr. Gibb has been carried on to an extent sufficient to locate the buildings and the trench lines) was necessary from an engineering point of view, and from the point of view of the exact study of the landscaping of the grounds and the introduction of such new features as are proposed for the new type of dormitory along the north shore of the lake and the proposed re-location of the chapel and similar items. If it is necessary, it should be done. It is impossible for us to determine on the basis of limited knowledge of the exact requirements, the necessity for the survey. The matter, however, is not one for Mr. Gibb and Mr. Lund to decide, but one for the Grounds and Buildings Committee. Perhaps some counsel from Mr. Sumner might be a help.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary, Peking University.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

February 13, 1925.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, President,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

My dear Leighton: RE: THE POLICY CONCERNING THE RESIDENCES AND THE POLICY CONCERNING THE TITLE TO THE RESIDENCES.

The Finance Committee on Wednesday gave attention to the section of your letter of January 2nd with reference to the policy concerning the residences. For some reason or other, which I was unable to fathom, I could not get a technical reversal of their preceding action with reference to not assigning residences before June 30th, though there was common consent to your proceeding along the lines of policy as stated in your letter.

Upon two or three points, they wanted you to be quite clear. The first was that in their action there was no intention at any time, on the part of the Finance Committee, to develop any plan that looked for discrimination between the Chinese and foreign members of the staff. We are proud of the efforts being made in Peking to remove such causes of friction and to demonstrate the Christian ideals in the very working of the University.

The second item upon which they were clear, was that they are most anxious that the semi-proprietary interest which is acquired by those members of the faculty who are permitted to make minor modifications in the structure of their houses should not have the effect of preventing the University from dealing effectually with the necessary arrangements for the effective housing of its staff. You will recollect that you yourself made the point when you were here that a large house might be occupied by a family with no children, and only a small house left for a family with a number of children. This condition you have no doubt taken into consideration in the policy which you have drafted.

The Committee thus let the matter stand until you should send forward the suggested regulations for operation and the procedure of assignment. The Committee did not appear to be greatly concerned over the matter of adjustment of the rental charges and I think that in this respect, you may regard the policy which is suggested in your letter of January 2nd as at least approved until the regulations are sent forward. These should be preceded by a systematic statement of the policy indicated in your letter of January 2nd.

The third matter affecting residences was brought up by the inquiry of the Treasurer of Princeton University as to the title to the residence which they are erecting for Mr. Burgess on the Peking University site.

The problem is somewhat complicated because the development of the idea of the relationship of Princeton University to Peking University is still in its initial stages, owing to the adolescent stage in which Peking University is at the present time. They therefore seem to feel that there is a possibility that at some time, as the money which they have received for this residence is a trust fund for a residence for a member of the Princeton University staff, they might in some case of eventuality, be called upon to liquidate this investment, if the Princeton-in-Peking representatives should some time in the future come to be withdrawn. After careful discussion of this, it was agreed that Mr. Merle-Smith should draft a suggested procedure by which the funds would be loaned to the University under a type of trust agreement which would, on the one hand, protect Princeton-in-Peking, and on the other hand, protect us from being called upon to furnish the funds at too short a time, and at the same time, keep pending the development of more extensive cooperation in plant items from Princeton-in-Peking. It was felt by Mr. Merle-Smith that it would be unwise at this time to take any action that would be regarded as a precedent affecting the future policy of holding larger capital investments which might be made by Princeton University, or other cooperating universities. When this statement is worked out, we will see that you are informed. Meanwhile, any suggestion that you and the Princeton-in-Peking people in Peking may work out, we should be glad to have. Mr. Wanamaker has written to Professor Burgess upon this item, and Professor Burgess will, no doubt, be in conference with you, as a result.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary, Peking University.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

February 13, 1925.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, President,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

My dear Leighton: RE: ASSIGNMENT OF GIFT OF MRS. WILLARD STRAIGHT.

Referring to your letter of January 2nd concerning the assignment of Mrs. Straight's gift of Gold $30,000. and its possible future relation to the School of Journalism, the situation in the thought of the Finance Committee is this:

We cannot wisely put this into any specific item so long as there is a possibility of its being later called for and assigned to something else, for if we put it into something now, we have got to dig up the funds for re-assignment, and probably this could only be done by campaigning for something which is already done, which is not an effective procedure.

The Finance Committee therefore considered that the best thing to do was to keep the amount where it is now, in the Current Special Account, but not to charge anything against it, while we are now using it to float at the bank our campaign deficits, and so far as we become able to wipe these out, the cash will become again available. This has been our procedure up to date. Of course, this is just about the same thing as doing what I said above we could not do, but it is a little different from spending it to wipe out the campaign deficits or to construct a dormitory, and then later, be called upon for it with the necessity of wiping out the campaign deficits again, or raising the funds for another building.

In your letter, you say that if Mrs. Straight comes into the Journalism project you can easily make the necessary adjustments. If you can indicate some ways in which this can be done easily, we should be glad to find them out.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary, Peking University.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 14, 1925.

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

My dear Eric:

I got back from my trip to Hangchow about a week ago having had to spend three weeks on this special errand. It illustrates how disturbed the communications of the country are. The past week has been a very engrossing one, trying to catch up with all sorts of matters that needed immediate attention. This letter will only deal with a few details that will let you know that we are still on the job over here. Your last letter regarding the agreement of the Methodist Board to the loan on the property here brings that matter finally to the point when we can act upon it. Please convey to that Board our great appreciation of their generous action at a time when they are in such difficulties of their own. Mr. Krause will doubtless take the necessary steps for putting the arrangement into effect.

Since dictating this a letter has come from Mr. Krause giving his ideas as to the next steps necessary. You will doubtless see the letter.

to Gammell

Mr. Lund has just informed me that there seems no possibility of having the mechancial installations in working order until about this time next year. We have hoped steadily that this would not be the case, but serious delays and other factors force us now to accept this as a fact. Whether we shall attempt to move after the summer anyhow and have temporary expedients for heat, light and water is a question that will be taken up soon from the administrative standpoint and referred to the Trustees

for decision in view of the financial implications of one course or the other. These two aspects seem to me more important than that of construction.

A letter to Dr. Vincent from Dr. J.A. MacCallum of The Walnut Street Presbyterian Church, 3925 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, makes the comment that most of the money promised by them for the Vincent residence was in hand but had not been called for by our New York Office. You had better take this up and try to secure the entire amount of their pledge, which as I remember was $3500.

Speaking of residences, we are counting on authorization for at least six more to be begun next month. This number has been mentioned in two or three letters from New York as that for which funds seem to be in sight during the period from now until September. With these and those already under construction and a limited expenditure in purchasing and refitting Chinese houses, we can handle the faculty part of the problem of moving next autumn.

Owing to some oversight, neither the Presbyterian nor American Board Missions have confirmed in writing the approval of those missions for the change of the English name of the University. In each case there was never any question, and I have had informal word that the proper action had been taken. I am forwarding herewith the original letters from the Methodist Mission and the L.M.S. and shall do the same with the other two in a few days. These originals are sent as documentary evidence. I assume that a copy of the letter from the Acting Chancellor of the National University of Peking would be satisfactory evidence to Dr. Augustus Downing of Albany as to the attitude of the Chinese Government. I can, of course, send the original and could secure plenty of similar evidence if he wishes it. While there is no occasion for hurrying the legal change of name for use in America, yet it might very much simplify things out here to be able to make official the name that has become so current and is so much preferred.

I cabled a few days ago permission to Y.M. Hsieh to stay in America for the coming session, provided that we are assured of having Paul Anderson to carry the Physics work beginning next autumn. You will long since have had our recommendation regarding him. Corbett is feeling very much better now and is somewhat ashamed of the letter he wrote when he was in a bad nervous condition. He is quite convinced that Anderson is the best person

we can secure. I do hope we will soon have definite assurance. If you have not written or cabled before please cable on this matter. If Anderson is not available you will, of course, have been pressing for some man for this position.

The cable also recommended definitely the appointment of Dr. B.L. Livingstone Learmouth. A recent letter from him indicates that he is quite ready to come to us on a five year rather than a three year basis, or to pay his return travel if he does not stay the full five year period. The risk in moving next autumn without a competent medical officer is very serious, and I hope the Trustees will definitely appoint Dr. Learmouth to come out next autumn, even though ~~even thouch~~ reductions in the budget elsewhere have to be made sufficiently to cover this item. I still have hopes that he and his wife may make a generous offer that will ease this item quite a bit. An intimate friend of theirs has written describing our present financial plight. However, my suggestion is that the Trustees go ahead without waiting for that. I am writing to him encouraging the hope that this will be done.

There are several features in which we can reduce the budget that was sent you. I shall try to write more particularly about these before long. In general, however, apart from the Physics man (Anderson) and the medical officer, I doubt if we shall have occasion to ask for any additional teachers from abroad.

Arthur Coole has just been in to see me again. He is showing a very plucky spirit over the action taken in his case, and I am advising him to apply to Fukien Christian University to teach Biology and do Athletic work as a voluntary contribution. I very much hope that this transfer can be made. There is no reason why Coole would not make a good teacher, and as a helper in athletics without the formal position before the student body he could be quite valuable. I have been much pleased with the spirit he has shown since the action we took and although it hit him pretty hard at first, he has been rallying in a way that shown good stuff in him. None the less I am convinced that even apart from the individual case it would not be wise for us tocontinue with a foreign physical director in view of the present nationalistic sentiments among Chinese students.

Very sincerely yours,

J.L. Stuart

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Drawer

February 18, 1925.

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

My dear Eric:

This morning your good letters of January 21 came to hand just as I was planning to write you following up the letter of a few days ago.

Write Ho

Mr. C. J. Hao

I note what you say regarding Mr. C.J. Hao. In view of the plans which will be referred to later in this letter and the possibility of securing other men in China, do not make any arrangements with Mr. Hao unless you have a request in the near future to this effect. To make this more definite it might perhaps be well to assume that if in my next letter to you there is no such request, it means that we will not need Mr. Hao's services.

Mr. Paul A. Anderson

It is a great satisfaction to know that Mr. Anderson seems to be definitely secured. We shall assume that he is coming and you can assure him that we are eagerly looking forward to having both him and his wife back with us.

Minutes of the Board of Managers

I note that you would like to have ten copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Managers last June. These will be promptly sent to you. Perhaps we had better send ten copies of the minutes of December 9 also. Miss Hague and I are a little perplexed as to just why a copy was not included in my covering letter on the subject which you must have received.

Not included?

Secretary

Do not feel concerned about a secretary. Miss Hague is writing to the daughter of Dr. Irving Wood of Smith College, and as Dr. Wood is in the city and thinks it quite probable that she will accept this ought to be the solution. Miss Hague recommends her very highly and as she would only be here one or two years perhaps it would cover the period necessary. She will send you a copy of her letter to Miss Wood so that you ~~and~~ will be able to take further steps. Incidentally, little Betty Roberts, 17 West 43rd Street, New York City, who used to be in our office at 156, is very eager to come to China. If other chances fail she might be sent out instead of Miss Wood. What quite possibly will be the procedure is that Miss Cookingham, who was with the Construction Bureau and is now supplying Mrs. Frame, will come to me until Miss Wood can arrive. The Yenching College Committee is trying to send someone to Mrs. Frame. The Construction Bureau now has a Russian girl who ought perhaps to be able to do the limited amount of work necessary there. In view of the departure of Miss Hague and Miss Plumb, we could keep both Miss Wood and Miss Cookingham busy and really need the time of two secretaries apart from the Construction Bureau and the Women's College.

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Medical Allowances

I am glad to have the actions which clear up this matter which will be a basis for us for the present. The other items in your letters will be taken up as occasion arises.

Pensions and so forth

As I wrote you before, this subject will be gone into more throoughly after Mr. Harris arrives. Meanwhile, I should like to ask that if it is brought before the Trustees at the approaching meeting it be made clear that all such protection ought to apply indiscriminately to Chinese and foreign teachers in the direct employ of the University. It is one of the most important considerations in holding and freeing from financial anxiety our best Chinese teachers.

write Sewell

Famine Funds

Mr. Reisner has sent me copies of much of the correspondence which has been going on because of the agitation started by Mr. Bovyer of Chinkiang. We naturally share Mr. Reisner's point of view, and I feel sure that you and others at home

will safeguard our interests. In this connection those concerned at home may be interested to know that we are starting a cooperative arrangement with Major Morgan Palmer (U.S. Army) for colonizing several hundred families of famine sufferers in a tract of 15,000 acres in the rich delta formed by the junction of the Sungari and Amur rivers in the Northern border of Manchuria. The detail of this will doubtless come to your attention in other ways, but it illustrates what the possibilities of our work are and despite long delay in getting going we can from now on begin to make good not only along the indirect lines which we are developing, but in the direct assistance to sufferers from floods, droughts, etc. in this area.

Miss Hogue seems to have dropped an introductory sentence or two to the effect that since broke the news a few days ago that the power plant could not be ready until after Nov. or February 1926, more probably in February

Date of Removal

A few days ago I brought the matter before our Deans Committee (General Faculty Executive) and had a spirited discussion. They felt the same dismay that I had been through earlier. One thing, however, seemed quite clear, and that was that we do not attempt to move into the new plant until the mechanical installations are in working order. Two or three other possibilities are under consideration and there will be a meeting of the faculty in a few days to get their consensus of opinion from the administrative standpoint as to the best way to conduct our work and make the move during next session. I think it almost certain, however, that this will not be next autumn, and that it will be during our mid-winter vacation next year, unless it again seems impossible as the time draws near, and we must postpone it to the following summer. Mr. Lund is quite confident that the Power Plant ought to be in shape by that date, and the additional buildings necessary for our first unit of construction ought certainly to be secured in time to have them ready for occupancy. I do not see that there is any reason for altering any of our construction plans in view of this change. As many residences as possible, and at least one central dining-hall ought to be started in the spring and put under roof before the summer rains. Otherwise, it would be difficult to make much headway with them until the autumn, in which case they would not be ready for use when we move out. In fact, all such work proves slower than is expected and there will be many details of interior finishing and furnishing for which ample time ought to be allowed. There should not, therefore, be any less urgency in the efforts to secure money in America.

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Central Hall

Some months ago the Administrative Committee of the Women's College recommended to the Yenching College Committee that they vote to advance the sum necessary for a Central Hall ($35000) to the Trustees, in order that one such building could be started this Spring. The thought was, of course, that from one or another source this could soon be repaid. The Trustees of the Finley Estate, for instance, seem quite ready to carry through their intention of giving a complete quadrangle, but the payments will necessarily be somewhat slow. The secretary of the Yenching College Committee wrote Mrs. Frame recently that you had apparently not understood what was intended by this proposal. If no other funds are available I wonder if it would not be proper to accept this sisterly offer in order that construction can start this Spring, and be sufficiently advanced to stand through the summer rains. Unless this is done, even though the building was started next Spring, it would scarcely be ready for occupancy by this time next year.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 19, 1925.

Mr. James H. Lewis,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U.S.A.

My dear Jim:

I am inclosing herewith a letter which I have ventured to write to Mr. McBrier and which I should like you to pass on to him if you think wise. Otherwise, throw it into the waste paper basket and deal with him as you think best. I feel keenly the fact that our Trustees are not themselves doing more for the University than they are, and feel sure that this must embarass and dishearten you. Could not some special effort be made at the approaching meeting to bring before them this aspect of our problem. Mr. Warner is doing all he can both in the giving of time and of money. I have an intimate letter from him just received explaining in detail why he cannot go forward faster on the Gymnasium and indicating how he is striving to put this project into effect. But he is the only one among them who seems to be so concerned about a personal share in meeting our problems. Luce called my attention before he left to the enormous share of the Union Seminary Drive that was contributed by the Trustees at the outset, something over $2,000,000 as I remember it of a total of $4,000,000. Could you not induce Mrs. Jenkins to present this matter in a spicey way at the approaching annual meeting, and give a challenge by indicating what she herself intends to do. Another suggestion which has occurred to me is that you propose that to cover the shortage on our current expense budget for 1925-26 each of the twenty-five Trustees underwrite $1,000. At the present rate of exchange that would about cover the total amount asked for although a number of circumstances will probably enable us to reduce this excess quite considerably. However, we still have an old deficit of $8,000 silver for the Business Training Department which could be worked out by this process and any

surplus at the close of our next fiscal year would be a balance with which to start the succeeding year. As I understand, I am now one of the Trustees and shall start off by pledging to secure my share of this amount. It could be pointed out that they will have from the time of this annual meeting to the one following in which to subscribe or secure from others this amount. It does seem that individuals who have neither the interest, the resourcefulness nor the financial capacity to do this much are scarcely qualified for serving as Trustees of as serious and costly an undertaking as this one is. If you think favorably of this suggestion either present it as from yourself or as my proposal made through you. As I have just written Eric North it now seems impossible to move until about this time next year which means that the cost of operating our new Power Plant would be quite considerably reduced. There are also a number of changes in personnel on the staff which will ease up the budget. It would, however, take an immense burden off me and enable us to go ahead next year on a much more efficient basis to say nothing of the moral value of such an action by our own Trustees, if they unanimously agreed to do this for the first time since they have taken office. It might be proposed that they underwrite whatever is necessary to carry the budget through by an apportionment of this amount not to exceed $1,000 apiece. If from the Hall Estate or elsewhere a further endowment can be secured this special effort would not have to be renewed. I am not sure, however, but that a certain personal responsibility expressed annually in some such form would not be a desirable test of the vital interest which each Trustee has in our work. If any individuals were unwilling to do this comparatively small thing for the institution, they might be encouraged to give way in favor of others who would accept such personal responsibility.

In this connection it will be of interest to you to know, and you may care to make some reference to this with the Trustees, that in an informal faculty gathering a few days ago at which nearly all the English speaking members were present one of the most prominent members of the staff who joined us at the time of union from one of the constituent colleges seriously and with great feeling advocated that instead of trying to undergo all sorts of hardships and inconveniences in adjusting ourselves to the further delay in getting into our new plant, we simply close down the institution until the Trustees put forth sufficient effort to enable us to function. There is no danger of his proposal being acted upon

but the outburst indicated his feelings of despair and disgust at having a group of Trustees who have allowed us to suffer and be handicapped without apparently in any way sharing in the cost of creating the University that we out here are striving so hard to achieve. It indicates a feeling that may spread among the faculty that we are in a tremendously serious effort and are in dead earnest about it, but that those who ought to be doing more for the material aspects of this effort give no evidence of being very much concerned. You must use your judgment and had perhaps best consult with cooler heads than either yours or mine, like Eric North, before making things worse by any fiery statements. For my own part I do not hesitate to say that among all the discouragements in this task from the beginning the hardest has been the apparent apathy of what I believe to be a decreasing number of our Board of Trustees. Or, to put it positively, this is now a splendid opportunity for all of them to indicate that they too care and that at a time when all of us are in a mood of disappointment and harassing anxiety as to how we can get through the next year or two, the moral effect of their doing what I have suggested would be enormous. Contrarywise, their refusal to do so would be correspondingly distressing. I would be careful not to encourage Luce to present this matter to any of them individually or collectively. If done at all, it had better be through you using my name as much as you wish.

We had better plan very carefully and well in advance for a formal opening, September '26. If for no other reason I would urge that we move out next winter rather than the following summer since we can have the whole spring and summer on the grounds and thus put them in order and in general get things ready as would not be possible if we had only finished moving before that occasion. The China Medical Missionary Association has been invited by Dr. Houghton to meet in Peking the first week of September, and he quite thoughtfully planned this so as to connect up with the event we are planning, as he rightly thought it would be quite to our advantage to have that body of people in attendance. I shall before long be making a detailed suggestion of dates, but in general have in mind the second week of September. Luce ought to be a help in working up the best sort of delegation from America.

Do not be discouraged over the possibility of Yale's relationship with us. That is not at all an abandoned project, but is now quite actively in the mind of Ed. Hume who is coming up here in a few weeks for further consultation. We must be extremely careful of their

relationships, and certain other phases of this problem must be cleared off before this can be tackled. I have more hope now, however, than when I wrote you before that it will in time come about, though perhaps the commitments in the old place will not make the direct financial value of this unit very considerable. From recent news it looks as though the Princeton relationship may become rather more important for us, both in prestige and in funds than I had dared to hope. This, of course, will be largely affected by Wannamaker's visit here and his report on his return. A good connection with Harvard is also looming up.

Speaking of Yale, Professor Frank C. Porter and his wife spent last semester with us and will be back home after a few months more. They seem to be enthusiastic over our whole program, and are eager to help in any way possible. If they did nothing more, you would get a tonic and would feel the contagion by visiting them, and letting Mrs. Porter especially talk to you about us.

The delay in moving gives a little longer time for trying to secure the additional residences and other features for our first unit of construction. You will be pleased to know that our students have quite actively taken up my suggestion that they give our main gate and make it a really ornamental feature. This had better not be given any publicity until their plans take more formal shape and begin to produce. I am also making a start in some efforts for Chinese money, though present political conditions and currents of thought combine to make it rather an inauspicious time. As the problems thicken and we feel the stress of what our task involves, it tightens the bonds of fellowship in which I am

Heartily yours,

J.L.S.

P.S. I am inclosing a copy of a letter of sympathy written me immediately after the death of my mother. Its interest lies in the fact that the Christian sentiments expressed are from the man who was writing officially for the whole student body of the Men's College.

February 26, 1925

President J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching Ta Hsueh
Peking, China

Dear Leighton:

I have just written you a note by hand this morning. Of course your mother had reached the age in life when, as Bishop Bashford used to say, she was "drawing on her days in heaven", but that simply made her life with us here richer and, I am sure, made the loss to you no less poignant.

I do not know just where to begin this letter but probably the best thing to do is to simply jump into it.

As we have the record here, the things which we simply **must** come across with are as follows: two refectories, one infirmary, as many more residences as possible, the balance of the cost of the heating plant, and the $25,000 gold additional for next year's budget. I think I can assure you now of at least one refectory, the balance on the heating plant and the $25,000 gold on the budget, together with a few more houses. This is without any help whatever from Luce.

If Luce will play the game here, we will get the other refectory, the dormitory and the infirmary. I am not sure that he will but I think so.

We are assured that the Hall Estate will give us $100,000 toward our increased endowment this year. This will net us a minimum of $5,000. I have asked Mr. Harkness for $100,000 additional for the Theological School. I think we will get either this or its income which is another $5,000. I have asked Mrs. Jenkins for $10,000 on a current budget account for this next year and I think we will get it. This will make $20,000 and I am rather hopeful of getting two or three thousand of the remaining five from our trustees.

I have just returned from ten days with Mrs. Jenkins in Georgia. There is more than a fifty-fifty chance that she will make the trip to China with me this summer, leaving the latter part of July and returning to America the latter part of October. The trip would be simply to visit Peking. I will not go into great detail about it but I assure you that the trip down there was very profitable, not only from the standpoint of immediate returns but also from contacts made, and, I may add in passing, in giving me a chance to sleep and rest for a brief space.

I think we are going to have a little difficulty in keeping Luce on to the one thing of getting money from the few people who are now lined up to give. He is too anxious to go to every city in America, spending a day in each place and calling on everybody in sight. That is general cultivation and I would have no worry over his doing that next summer, but right now we have got to get deliveries. If he will stick to the delivery end, this will be a great blessing because we will get the things we seek.

I have read the letter he wrote you on February 18. The reason the Finance Committee took action in calling Dr. Luce to New York was to prevent his rushing down the Pacific Coast and burning over the ground. There are a few people out there from whom we might get some money between now and next winter, but you and I both know that we will not get it from any of those persons by seeing all of the persons.

I am hoping that, both for his own sake and the sake of the University, Luce will spend the next three weeks in the hospital getting his health and nerves restored. He really seriously needs the treatment.

I notice the "mere result", which Dr. Luce speaks of our conference before I went south, namely his touching a couple of high points in a small number of cities - the point being that at those high points are the persons who are ready to give money for the particular things which we have got to have, and what I'm concerned about is the getting of that money into the treasury here so you can put up buildings with it and begin within the next thirty days.

Luce saw Coffin and Fosdick, but Mrs. Straight was in California. I am afraid the only course will be for the Finance Committee and Luce and myself to have a very straight talk.

I hope that you will destroy his letter of February 18. There are two things in it which under no consideration should be put on paper. The one is the sentence about Cyrus McCormick and the other one about the Knoxes. We might talk about those things face to face but we certainly don't put them on the printed page.

I am trying to get in touch with Jean Dickinson. There are some places where I think I can turn her loose.

Mrs. Straight has pledged only a thousand dollars for this next year for Britton. I am trying to get another appointment with Miss Bogue to get her to increase that to three.

Dr. Bronson is at the Mayo Brothers at Rochester. I think we might be able to use him. ~~I will~~

I will get in touch with Miss Haines. That looks rather interesting. If she is an attractive person, she might help us rather materially in the Oklahoma country. There are several very wealthy men there in Oklahoma City.

I know you have worried about the situation here. I have not written you every week as I should have done but I have been trying to accomplish our objectives. and I think by the first of June you will have the buildings which we have been informed our indispensable. You will have your heating and power plant and you will have your next year's budget assured. Those are the immediate results. The other thing is that in certain quarters the basis is laid for some real money for endowment and future buildings, and I anticipate that these will all gradually be secured.

If I am alive, I will be in China some time this summer, if only for two weeks with you [illegible] at Peking. If Mrs. Jenkins will go with me, we will travel slightly more leisurely and, of course, with something of a party. If I go alone, I will make the trip as cheaply as possible and as fast, as I will probably have to pay the expenses of myself. I wish you would write Mrs. Jenkins and urge her coming. It would help materially.- particularly on the basis of sight and counsel on the ground. She is developing a cataract in her one good eye, which will not be fully formed for perhaps a year or more. It would take several months after that

before an operation could be performed. If she can have the memories of Peking fresh in her mind, I think it will cheer her during the period of darkness. More than that I am absolutely sure that it will be enormously to the advantage of the University, and I am sure you will share this judgment.

I must rush now to keep an engagement with Mr. Warner. I will write you next week.

Ever yours

FROM- Journalism Department
Yen Ching University

Dear Mr. Lewis, - A friend of mine in New York is passing on copies of this to newspapers in Mrs. Stuart's native city, and other points where copies may be desired - Use this copy, please, as you think wise - R.S.B.

By R.S.B.

PEKING, January 16. ---- Mrs. J. L. Stuart, formerly of Hangchow and Nanking, who for long has been known to her very many friends as Mother Stuart, died at ten o'clock on Friday morning, January 16th, at the age of eighty-three years. During the few days of her illness, following a sudden attack of heart trouble, she suffered little pain. It was on January 8, which was her eighty-third birthday, that she was taken to the Sleeper Davis Memorial Hospital. Until that time, her characteristic energy of body and alertness of mind had continued unabated.

Last Christmas Day was the fiftieth anniversary of her first landing in China. She observed the occasion in a manner typical of her thoughtfulness and warm-hearted disposition. One thing she did was to send a gift to each newly-arrived member of the community in which she lived here. In reply to the expressions of thanks and surprise, she merely mentioned that she had hoped that a first Christmastide in a foreign land would not cause homesickness.

To newcomers in Peking during the five years she has been living here, she was indeed Mother Stuart. And that is equally true of many a new arrival in Hangchow and Nanking during the forty-five years she lived in Central China. When thanks were heaped upon her, she would laugh happily, and call it nothing --- sometimes adding that the pioneer missionaries who had come to China before her welcomed her and helped her to get settled, and that she was only glad to take their places in greeting those who came later. She seemed always to regard herself as one of the younger group among the missionaries, not thinking of herself as a pioneer.

Mrs. Stuart's helpfulness was never officious. It was her way to help where help was needed and desired. She proffered no gratuitous advice, and evinced not the slightest displeasure when younger persons preferred to manage according to their own ideas rather than to follow established China precedents. She never intruded or dictated. But always she was ready to respond to the need of the moment, to find and help to correct whatever was wrong when trouble arose. When she was asked for it, she would modestly suggest her idea of the right way to deal with any specific problem. And

she was equally careful in making her suggestion, whether it concerned a question of mission policy or a mere detail of household management.

But it would be misleading to intimate that Mrs. Stuart was less kindly and helpful to others than to newcomers. She truly endeared herself to newcomers, and she also truly endeared herself to all the many people, both Chinese and non-Chinese, who came within the large circle of her acquaintance.

To many tourists visiting Peking, Mrs. Stuart was the finest of sight-seeing companions. She had made herself thoroughly familiar with the historical and architectural marvels of Peking, and was always enthusiastic about them, and was tireless in assisting sojourners of a few days to make the most of their time here and to acquire a befitting impression of the cultural wealth of this capital. Her physical endurance was always a cause of astonishment. Frequently she could outdo sightseers of half or even a third of her own years of age.

Her keenness of mind was fully equal to her physical energy. She was conversant with new developments in China just as she was conversant with Chinese history. She was constantly acquiring information. At eight-three years' age, her mind was open and eager to learn new things.

As recently as this last December, Mrs. Stuart was still called upon to accompany visitors to see the historic monuments of Peking, and to call on Chinese ladies. For she had, to an extraordinary degree, the friendship and the confidence of Chinese families, both of Young China and of the old aristocracy. Alike to both groups, she was a friend trusted completely, and loved in a measure to which it is given few foreigners to attain.

To the members of the Peking (Yen Ching) University staff, both the Chinese and the non-Chinese, the older members as well as the new, and in the same way to all the students, Mrs. Stuart was a Mother. It is exaggerating nothing to say that she was the soul of the University. She held strongly to the ideal of commingling the best of both the East and the West into practical education. She had long foreseen a distraught transition time in China, and her mind was ready for it when it came. She early saw that China would tolerate, accept, and use from foreign missions only the best that foreign nations could offer.

Her delight in the progress of the University, and in the building of its new plant, was truly glorious. Although she was never technically a

member of the staff, she in fact contributed greatly to the University's life and growth. Her tact has helped through many crucial moments, and her practical advice has had effect in many specific improvements.

Among the older residents in China, Mrs. Stuart was held typical of the splendid early missionaries. There are many older friends of hers, better acquainted with her years of service, who can better and more fittingly write of her and of her work. They will know from memory how, when she first went to Hangchow, she took an equally active part in the work with her husband, starting in a strange place indeed, and confronted with hostility and superstitious fears. They will recall how she had difficulty in finding Chinese servants who would dare to work in a foreign missionary's house. They will know how Mrs. Stuart readily gained the confidence of the timorous servants, and then through them the friendship of their families, and still later, patiently working as the Christ Himself worked, with the poor and the needy, how she spread the tidings of Christian love and brighter life. For she was through all her years a true bearer and an example of the Christ-like love.

Mrs. J. L. Stuart's maiden name was Mary L. Horton. She was born at Mobile, Alabama, on January 8, 1842. She first landed in China, at Shanghai, on Christmas Day in 1874. For forty-one years she worked in the Presbyterian Mission at Hangchow. In 1915 she moved to Nanking, and four years later to Peking to live with her son, J. Leighton Stuart.

She was married in 1874 to J.L.Stuart, of Shelbyville, Kentucky, who had come to China six years earlier. He died in 1913, after forty-five years of service, and is buried in the Mission cemetery at Hangchow.

Mrs. Stuart is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law: J. Leighton Stuart and wife, of Peking, and Warren H. Stuart, of the Nanking Theological Seminary, and wife; and one grandson, John L. Stuart, who visited in Peking last Summer, and is now a student at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia.

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