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Paul D. Bergen

289 Oak St Chicago

14<sup>th</sup> Jan 1902

Dear Mr. Grant:

I must thank you for the revised pamphlet of the Canton College, which I found very interesting. I met House for the first time last Fri Mon. and was very much drawn to him.

He seems a true, sensible & sympathetic man, and is about his work in a systematic manner. I only wish the Shantung College had such an advocate.

I am slowly getting under way in Chicago, but have secured no definite gifts yet. Still - nil desperandum!

Thanks also for the booklet on Philanthropy in Missions. I think the idea a most excellent one, & I find the idea well carried out. It must have cost you a lot of work, & I am sure it will do great good. I myself in looking through it, find it an inspiration.



It will find its way into many places where the full Conference Reports could never penetrate. And on how many shelves of busy men those unabridged Reports stand unused, because of their very size!

Your little book gives us the gist of the matter, in a well digested form -

With kindest regards,

Paul D. Bergen



Paul D. Bergen  
289 Oak St Chicago

My dear Mr. House:

I thank you for yours  
of the 21st inst, with its enclosures. The pamphlet  
is very neat, & much to the point, & it was certainly  
most kind of you to turn over the plates to Dr. Mater.  
I think it will do great good.

Gifts are very slow. Have received a total  
up to date of something over \$2000.00, & have had  
to do the hardest work of my life.

But while my success from a financial standpoint  
is not great, I have enjoyed numerous opportunities  
for presenting information, which we will hope, may  
bear fruit subsequently.

I have put in many a good word for the Canton  
College, as I have been asked about it by you, a  
number of times.

With best wishes for your success,

Sincerely,

Paul D. Bergen



East Orange, 19<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Dear Mr Grant:

Yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> reached me yesterday

evening, & I was delighted again to hear from you -

My condolences on your capture by the hay fever & wishes for speedy recovery.

What a luxury a year at the University would be!

But I fear that I must shut the attractive picture out of my imagination, for I must concentrate every energy on the raising of the much needed endowment for the College.

If that Endowment can be secured, & the College put upon a stable footing at Weikstein, I will feel that I have not lived altogether in vain, but if not, I will have my doubts.

We have met nothing but kindness & hospitality since landing last Tues. Dr. & Mrs. Brown have brought us out to their house & we have met many delightful people.

Your mother Mrs. Grant, is taking us out to your house in Summit for Sunday, where we are to speak, & meet some of the people. I only wish you might be there.

I took great pleasure in going thro the Mission Library, to which you have devoted so much care & thought.

It is a beautiful room. I only wish I had a couple of weeks to spare that I might sit at one of those inviting tables & study up Missions.

But as Dr. Brown says "Tempus fugit," & rarely are we allowed to do just precisely the thing we would like. No doubt this is best.

We count on your aid fully in getting our struggling College on its feet. What a grand thing it would be if we could endow that institution in perpetuum & could rest peacefully in the thought, that long after we have entered into our eternal rest, its beneficent work was going on just the same, & would continue to develop in increasing measure thro the centuries. I was greatly impressed lately at Cambridge England with the permanence of endowed institutions. May God add his blessing to our efforts.



specifically something of the claims & aims of the College.

Its record is now a part of the unalterable past, some of which it need not be ashamed.

The Board has already authorized the raising of \$250,000.00 as an endowment.

The funds necessary for erecting the plant at Weihai, are already in hand - viz. about \$35,000.00

This provides for three College buildings, three Missionary residences, dormitories for 200 men, houses for six Chinese teachers & their families, dining halls, observatory, outhouses, & wall around the Compound.

We have reason for deep gratitude that the plant has thus been provided for.

With the blessing of God we must make this institution worthy of our Church & of Him whom we serve.

But I will not write further just now, as I will hope to have the pleasure of meeting you before long.

I feel a great need of advice in this important matter, & of assistance, & I know you will be prepared to furnish both & of high grade.

My wife joins me in kindest regards,

Sincerely Yours,

Paul D. Bergen



Highland Park Ill. Paul D. Bergen.  
30th Oct. 1902

Dear Mr. Grant;

I have just finished preparing a prospectus for the Shantung College. It is now in the hands of Dr. Mateer who is looking it over, & it will subsequently be forwarded to the Board for Dr. Brown's inspection. Then I trust it will be ready for the printer's hands.

Now I do not know what arrangements the Board has for publishing anything of the sort, - but no doubt they are of the best.

However, I am extremely desirous that this prospectus be gotten up in thoroughly artistic style, & so I am unburdening my heart to you in advance,

It is quite possible that you are so busy that you can't do anything whatever with it,

But knowing your good heart, long suffering disposition, artistic temperament, & capacity for work, I am asking for your assistance. We want (that is I do) several things.

1. A photo of that big map of Shantung made for the inside page of the prospectus, with thick concentric circles marking location of college. (Weihsin)

2. Photos made of the plans of the three College buildings, & of the ground or rather site with ground plans marked to scale.

I think a copy of this is on file at the Board's rooms. The proper place for these illustrations I have indicated in the MS.

3. Dr. Mateer will send you a photo or two which could be prepared for printing & inserted almost anywhere - (P.S. He has just sent them to me. I will forward)

4. The prospectus should have an attractive cover with picture of main building on it.

5. The paper should be of good quality. The type should be pretty large so that elderly people would have no difficulty in reading it.

The lines should be well spaced, & the margins all round be of good width.

Paragraphing should be freely introduced.

This will give emphasis, make ~~perusal~~ perusal easy, & encourage the reader to keep on to the end.

Now my dear Mr. Grant if you could do this for us, you will be followed by my thanks & blessings. If you are too busy probably some one at the Board will take it in hand, I will also write Dr. Brown about it.

Will you kindly drop me a line.

I heard from Summit of your goodness in presenting the needs of the College to them there.

With kindest regards,

Paul Bergen



Paul D. Bergen.

P.S. Oct 31<sup>st</sup>.

Dear Mr Grant.

Yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> inst

just to hand. You see our thoughts were running in the same channels at the same date. Now I will send this letter right on to you so that the illustrations can be prepared at once. Perhaps you have some photos that would be of interest. Of course the more pictures we have the better, within reasonable limits.

I agree entirely with what you say re Summit church. It is certainly generous of them not only to support me, but arrange to do something for the College besides.

It is of the utmost importance that we get the prospectus out as soon as possible. I think I have made a mistake in doing so much travelling around here speaking. It has delayed the prospectus, which was, & is, a sine qua non in opening our work for seeking an endowment.

I will send the photos with this.

With many thanks & kindest regards

Yours Sincerely

Paul D. Bergen

Our kindest regards to Mrs Grant.

Paul D. Bergen  
289 Oak St. Chicago

22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 1902

Dear Mr Grant:

The map of Shantung to which I referred, I have never seen, but it was drawn by Frank Chalfaut & presented to the Board, & I heard was hung somewhere in the Board's Rooms.

The plans of the buildings are in Dr. Brown's office, & I supposed the large ground plan of the plant, forwarded by Mr. Fortson, was also with him.

I would like very much to have these plans & map for illustrations, if it would not be too much trouble & expense.

You are right in regard to the photos -

The large boned man is Dr. Mater's helper.

I am glad indeed that the circular will soon be in shape -

I have not been attempting to secure any specific gifts, as I thought it would be best to have the circular first.



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My warmest thanks to you for all the trouble  
you are taking.

We will do our very best to secure the  
endowment, by both hard work & prayer, &  
leave the results with God - author & source  
of infinite wisdom.

I think that pamphlet "The making of a  
College", very neat & exceedingly interesting.  
Lurik we had one equally good for the  
Shantung College - We are under the  
disadvantage of having to date, neither Trustees  
nor Directors. This must certainly be  
arranged soon.

I wrote Dr. Brown, that I thought there  
ought to be an endorsement on the part of the  
Board either at the beginning or close of the  
pamphlet, so that people would see at once  
that it was authorized, but Dr. Brown being  
ill, I don't know whether anything was done or  
not.

I was away today, so your letter might have  
been answered a mail earlier.

With best thanks & kindest regards to yourself &  
your mother Mrs. Grant, Sincerely Yours  
Paul D. Bergen

Indianapolis Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 1902

Paul Brown

Dear Mr. Brant:

I was entirely taken aback by the news just conveyed to me by Mr. Hand, who states that the funds which we supposed were available for the College plant, are all used up in the rebuilding of the Weikstein Station, & that therefore operations on the College buildings, must be suspended. I recollected that in the Prospectus I had stated that funds for the plant were partially in hand.

That observation was made upon the authority of Dr. Brown & Mr. Darwin James in the China Council. Subsequently I wrote Dr. Brown asking if the Board's approval of the College Plans authorized us to proceed with the buildings, He replied, that it certainly did, but advised us not to make draughts on the Board in excessively large amounts, as the money might not all be available at once.

I wrote this to the field at once, but of course Mr. Hand's cable gram "No funds," has stopped matters out there, & perplexed them, no doubt. Now would you be kind enough to change phrase, that statement about funds being partially in hand in the Prospectus, ~~with~~ That is the correction necessary, mentioned in the telegram. Of course if the Prospectus is already issued, nothing can be done.

We are having good meetings here.



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the work will greatly stimulate interest in  
the great cause we all have at heart.  
The misunderstanding about college funds  
occurred chiefly thro Mr. Hand's illness  
when we were in New York, & now Dr. Brown  
is down -

I feel very anxious about his condition.  
Typhoid is an ugly enemy, & one is never  
quite sure when he is shaken off -

With best thanks & warmest acknowledgments  
for all you have done in the interest  
of the College, I remain,

With kind regards,

Paul D. Bergen

P. S. I will be at South Bend Ind. Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, a line addressed to  
care of Rev. H. W. Johnson, would reach me there;  
Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> a line would find me at Bluffton Ind  
c/o Rev. C. G. Weller.

After this date 289 Oak St. Chicago Ill.

Paul Bergen.  
South Bend 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1902

Dear Mr Grant:

Thanks for the  
pamphlets just received.  
And repeated thanks for all  
the trouble you have taken  
in getting them up -

Dr. Mates did make my  
MS fore & aft didn't he?  
But he improved it.

There is contained now in  
that pamphlet the same wisdom  
that comes of prolonged experience,  
more sober concise statement  
or less of my verbiage.

But I felt rather mad at  
first. After 60 minutes  
thought, I perceive that I  
was wrong, & Dr. Mates right  
in most - at any rate - of the  
abridgements.

What we want above all is  
to see the College endowment



a success -

I am now in a town where there are millions of Presbyterians money. But can we interest them in the College -

I will certainly try.

Sorry that the other illustrations were not practicable, but I recognize the fact that you did all possible.

I would rather my picture had not been included, but otherwise the pamphlet looks very well indeed.

I hope the second part can appear soon.

You will excuse this hasty scrawl, but I am compelled to hurry & wished to acknowledge your kind letter at once.

With best thanks & kind

regards,

Paul D. Bergen

Rev. Paul D. Bergen  
Albino Ills 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 1903

Dear Mr. Grant:

Would you  
kindly forward to my Chicago  
address (289 Oak St) some  
more copies of the Prospectus, &  
a few copies also of my annual  
report which you had printed.  
I hope you have enjoyed a  
happy holiday season.

With kindest regards,

Paul D. Bergen

250 Shantung Bulletins

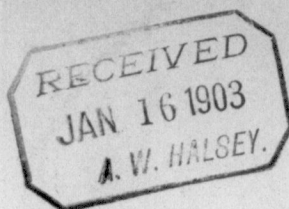
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Paul D. Bergen



289 Oak St Chicago

14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1903

Dear Dr. Halsey:

I would be very grateful

if you could assist me to the following

1. Any photographs, or reproductions of photographs concerning the Shantung College - its buildings, students, teachers etc. I think there must be a number of such pictures in the Rooms, & I would take good care of them & send them back if desired.

2. A map of Shantung. I asked Mr. Hand for one, perhaps he has been able to secure it.

3. ~~Copies~~ of the plans of the College buildings, smaller size if possible than the original, & also of the plan of ~~the~~ College site.

If copies cannot be had, then I think I ought to have the originals, as I am greatly handicapped in my work without them.

I should have brought a map & pictures with me from China, but unfortunately all

Ref to Lib

Mr Hand

Our goods had been packed up on leaving Tsingtau for Tientsin, including pictures maps etc, and when we unexpectedly were started for this country, were inaccessible.

Some of these details might make all the difference I find, between a gift + no gift. I spent an hour with Mrs. Nettie McCormick today, having the warmest sort of a letter of introduction from Dr. Herrick Johnson. I was received very kindly. Whether the interview will result in a gift is yet uncertain.

But Mrs. McCormick spoke of the pleasure she would have had in seeing anything of the sort, maps etc.

Any expense connected with the pictures or copies can be charged to my account,

~~to~~ The plans were in Dr. Brown's office when we left N.Y.

With kindest regards

Paul D. Bergen



Dear Mr Grant:

Just a hasty line to say that we are now ensconced in our old quarters again. It seemed best however for my wife to remain temporarily in Chefoo, until our little boy had gotten acquainted at the school. She will probably remain there at least two months. College opens on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. There will not be so many students as last year. Those who live in the neighborhood of Weichsin, preferred some of them to stay at home a year & teach, entering College next year when we will have gotten moved. Mission is just over, you will perhaps already have heard that the Basis of Union as revised, to secure educational cooperation with the English Baptists, was passed with practical unanimity. We hope therefore, that the beginning of our work at Weichsin will mark not only an epoch from an educational standpoint, but will prove another step towards Protestant Reunion, what I am sure most of us are laboring & praying for.

Our visit home was a delightful interlude, & particularly the part of it passed under your hospitable roof. I shall not soon forget all the kindness shown me by the many friends in Summit.

I will not write at length just now, as I am trying to get settled, before the opening of the term.

My kindest greetings to the ladies -

Yours

Paul D. Bergen

Weihsien 17th Oct. 1904

My Dear Mr. Grant;-

I am no doubt, indebted to you for the neat Directory of the Church which lately reached me.

I perused it with interest finding therein many names which had become familiar to me during my visit withx you a year or two ago.

Others I did not recognize, but regarded with sincere interest nevertheless, for there exists a reality in this world which we call the "Communion of Saints", and this spiritual bond unites us whether we are personally acquainted or not.

The war is still dragging on in Manchuria, and our sympathies remain with the Japanese. The interest in the struggle on the part of the Chinese has died away. Our province is calm and contented, being

well fortified against the winter by a generous harvest now gathered in. The prospect for the College work this Autumn is good. We shall

have no lack of students, as the desire for western education is the steadily growing. We open the Autumn term on Oct. 24th. It is a month late, but the delay was unavoidable owing to the amount of building

to be done, and the preparation of needed furniture. As you know, the

College is now a union institution, being affiliated with the Eng.

Baptist Mission to the west. We unite with them also at Chingchow in

Theological work. Some at home may doubt the expediency of this, but

I am sure every skeptic would have been converted had he been able to

to attend the many conferences of the last three years which have

finally resulted in this union, and seen the harmony and brotherly

love, the unselfish spirit, and the earnest desire to glorify God,

which characterized our meetings. Surely the Spirit of God directed

us in this movement toward cooperation. I enclose a copy of the

"Basis", which will give you the details of our agreement, which has now been ratified by our Board and by the Eng. Bapt. Soc. in London.

I enclose also, a print of the College building, which I hope you will show the friends in Summit as far as practicable.

With warmest greetings to you and yours, to the Pastors of the church and to the members of the church and congregation, Sincerely,

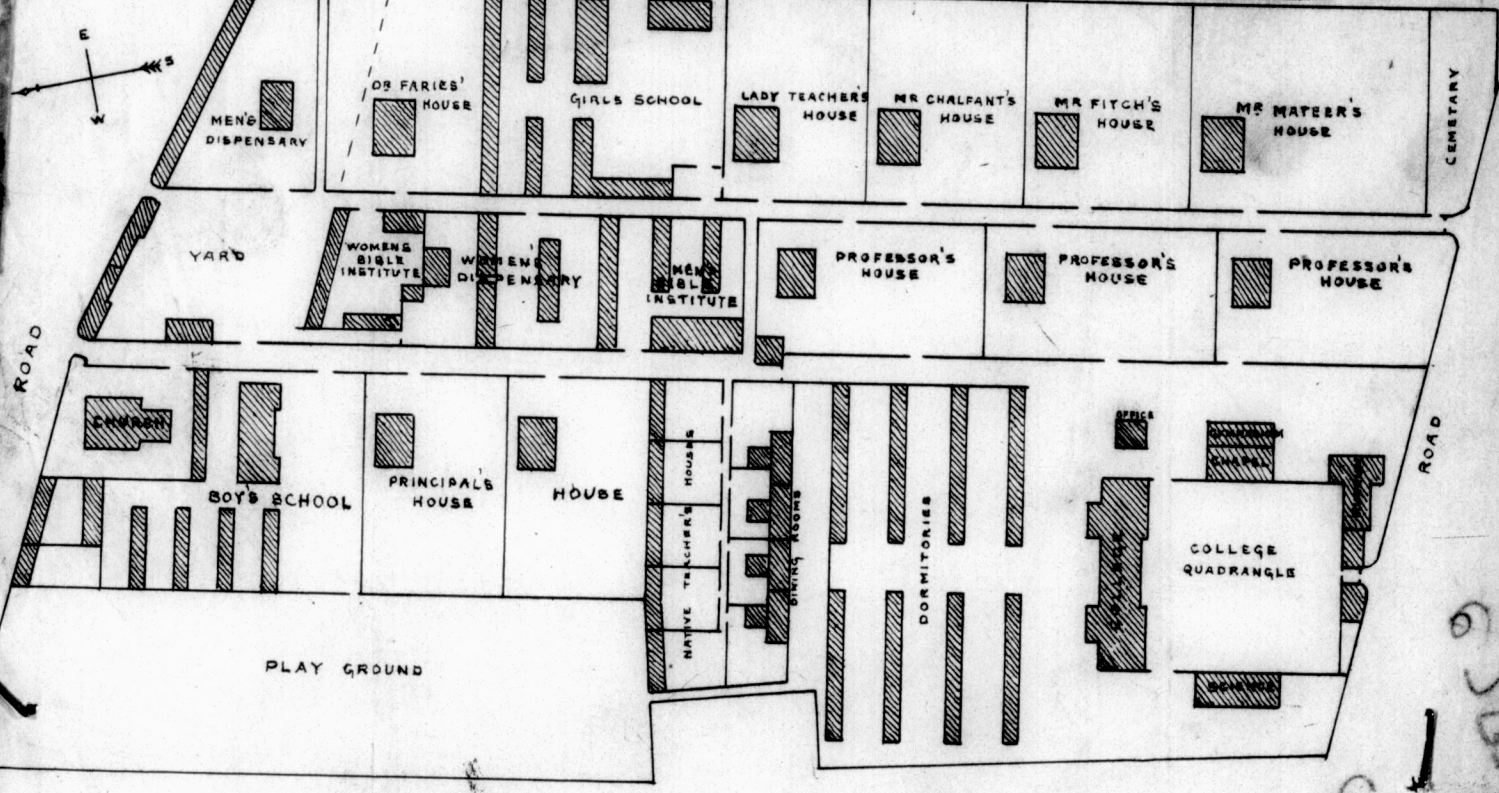
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# Basis of Union in Educational Work.

With grateful acknowledgment of God's goodness and mercy extended to us in the past, and with prayer for His continued blessing upon our work, we the members of the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSION and of the ENGLISH BAPTIST MISSION in Shantung agree to unite in organising three Colleges, namely, an Arts College at Weihsien, a Theological College at Chingchoufu, and a Medical College,—the location and conduct of which shall be determined hereafter, — with the following provisions:—

## ARTICLE I.—AIM AND POLICY.

Section 1.—The aim of the United Colleges shall be first and foremost the furtherance of the cause of Christ in China.

Sec. 2.—The purpose of the Arts College shall be to give a liberal education of a distinctively Christian character to young men chiefly from Christian families, and the work of the College shall be in the Chinese language

Sec. 3.—The purpose of the Theological College shall be to provide Theological training for Pastors and Evangelists; the instruction given therein shall be in accordance with evangelical truth as commonly believed and taught in the Presbyterian Church of America and the Baptist Churches of Great Britain.

Sec. 4.—In connection with the Theological College there shall be a preparatory course of study for those who need it.

Sec. 5.—Each Mission reserves to itself the right to carry on, at its own institutions, courses for lay preachers and village school-masters.

Sec. 6.—Denominational instruction on the subjects of church government and baptism shall be separately provided for by the respective Missions.

## ARTICLE II.—MANAGEMENT.

The Colleges shall be under the management of one Board of Directors, who shall be elected by the two Missions, and responsible to them, and who shall be under the ultimate control of the two Missionary Societies.

## ARTICLE III.—CONSTITUTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Section 1.—The Board shall consist of six Directors, of whom three shall be appointed by each Mission to serve for three years, one from each Mission to retire annually and his place to be refilled. In the first election of Directors, one shall be chosen for one year, one for two years, and one three years, by each Mission.

Sec. 2.—The foreign members of the Teaching Staff shall have the privilege of attending the meetings of the Board for purposes of consultation, but without voting power, except that the President of each College shall have a vote in all matters relating to that institution.

Sec. 3.—Whenever a Director is absent on furlough, he shall be considered to have resigned, and his Mission shall at once elect a successor to complete his unexpired term.

## ARTICLE IV.—MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Section 1.—The Board shall meet for general business at least once a year at one of the Colleges.

Sec. 2.—Special meetings of the Board shall be called by the Chairman upon the written request of three members. A month's notice shall be given specifying in writing the business to be considered, and no other business shall be transacted.

Sec. 3.—Four Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and no motion shall be declared carried unless four affirmative votes are cast.

Sec. 4.—Full minutes of all meetings of the Board, and all reports of work shall be presented without delay to the Societies in London and New York, and to the Secretaries of the Missions in Shantung.

Sec. 5.—The Board of Directors shall elect all permanent members of the Teaching Staff, but the election of Presidents shall be endorsed by the Societies in London and New York. The President of each College shall make appointments to the Chinese Teaching Staff of his institution, after collective consultation with his colleagues, subject to the endorsement of the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

Sec. 6.—The Board shall consider and decide upon the curriculum of each College, which shall be submitted by its President on behalf of the Foreign Teaching Staff.

Sec. 7.—The Board shall consider and pass upon the estimates of College expenditure which shall be prepared and presented by the Foreign Teaching Staff of each College, shall determine the share to be borne by each Society, and shall forward the estimates to the Missionary Societies in New York and London.

Sec. 8.—All the acts of the Board of Directors shall be subject to the review and control of the Baptist Missionary Society in London and of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

## ARTICLE V.—TEACHING STAFF.

Section 1.—The two Missions shall be, as far as possible, equally represented on the Teaching Staff of each College.

Sec. 2.—The Foreign Teaching Staff of the Arts College shall consist of at least four men.

Sec. 3.—The Foreign Teaching Staff of the Theological College shall consist of at least two men.



#### ARTICLE VI.—OWNERSHIP OF COLLEGE PROPERTY.

Section I.—The College plant at Weihsien shall remain the property of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Sec. 2.—The College plant at Chingchoufu shall remain the property of the Baptist Missionary Society in London.

Sec. 3.—Any endowment shall be vested in the Board of Foreign Missions raising it, and the income thereof shall be applied to the expenses or equipment for which that Board is responsible.

#### ARTICLE VII.—FINANCE.

Section I.—The Presbyterian Mission shall provide residences for the Teaching Staff at the Arts College.

Sec. 2.—The Baptist Mission shall provide residences for the Teaching Staff at the Theological College.

Sec. 3.—If either Mission shall occupy more houses for its teaching staff than it provides, it shall pay rent for that excess.

Sec. 4.—All cost of repairs and upkeep of property shall be borne by the owners.

Sec. 5.—The salaries of the Foreign Teachers shall be paid by their respective Missions.

Sec. 6.—The current expenses of each College shall be shared equally by the two Missions. Current expenses shall be defined to include travelling expenses of Directors and members of Teaching Staff in attendance on Board meetings, repairs and upkeep of apparatus, salaries of Chinese teachers, heat, light, attendance, and such other items as the Board of Directors may determine.

Sec. 7.—The distribution of items of expense other than those already mentioned in this article shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 8.—The two Missions heartily approving the principle of self-support urge the Board of Directors to extend its application so far as practicable.

#### ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

Section I.—Amendments to this agreement may be made on the initiative of either Mission, or of the Board of Directors, after six month's notice in writing, and shall require for ratification the approval of the two Missions in Shantung, of the Baptist Missionary Society in London, and of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Sec. 2.—In the event of either Mission desiring to withdraw from the union, notice of not less than two years shall be given to the other Mission.

Whenever this agreement shall have been ratified by the two Missions in Shantung, and approved by the Missionary Societies in London and New York, the Missions shall forthwith elect the members of the Board of Directors, whose duty it shall be to put into operation as soon as possible the provisions of this agreement.



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H.M.

720 E. Grove  
North Sacramento.  
Calif.  
Feb. 1. 1939

Dear Mr Garside

Feb 2 1939

It is many years since we saw or heard of you and your family. I hope Mrs Garside is much stronger than she used to be.

We were living in Minst when Dorghild & Chester visited your home. We came to Sacramento in 1931 because of the depression & 2 years later Louis passed on, since which time I have been working in an office.

I am having to make a change in my work by the middle of this month & hope I may be

fortunate in securing something. In any event, however, I am planning on visiting my folks



in England. now that this  
break has come it would  
seem a wise plan to do it  
this year, & of course whilst  
my mother is yet alive.

I would be taking my furey bag  
with me, which would probably  
mean £4 round trip fares  
across the Ocean. I do not

imagine there is any way of  
getting a rebate is there?

Someone suggested that the <sup>Shipping</sup> ~~books~~  
from Canada grant rebates.

Could I possibly get any  
such rebate?

Seeing you are in New  
York I thought perhaps you  
might have more information

along this line, or some suggestion to make. If it were possible to get any reduction in fare it would certainly be appreciated.

I would hope to leave at the end of May just before the Summer Season begins and so am considering the possibility of passages now.

Hoping I am not bothering you too much.

What news do you have of the work in Taman? It is so long since I heard - on account of their having to leave the city <sup>early</sup> last year.



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Warmest greetings to you and  
Mrs. Garside.

Yours sincerely  
J. Hope Bradford

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Warmest greetings to you and  
Mrs Garside.

Yours sincerely  
D. Hope Bradford





February 10, 1939

Dear Mrs. Braafladt:

We were glad to receive your letter, and to learn that you may be coming through New York soon. Mrs. Garside and Jean join me in expressing the hope that we may have the privilege of a good visit with you while you are here.

I have been investigating the possibility of securing some kind of rebate on your steamer tickets, but have not been able to discover any way of doing this. Our Associated Boards office has agencies for all of the steamship companies operating in the Pacific, and always gives the present and former members of our China Colleges staffs the benefit of the small commission which the companies allow their agents. But we do not have enough business on the Atlantic to justify our asking for agencies from any of those lines. In any event, it would be very difficult to secure such agencies on the Atlantic, where competition is much more keen. I will continue to make inquiries, and if I can learn of any possible way of securing a rebate for you I will let you know - but I am not very optimistic so would not want you to rely on us at that point.

Is there any likelihood of your coming east when you make a change in your position? It would be very pleasant to have you as a nearer neighbor. My wife and I often speak of you and have been wondering what you have been doing. We can hardly realize that Chester and Borghild have become quite grown up since we had the pleasure of seeing them some years ago.

We have only infrequent letters from Tsinan. We enclose herewith the most recent general letter from Dr. Ran Shields, which we have been sending along to some of his friends here in America. Most of the teaching work of Cheeloo University is, as you know, being conducted in Chengtu for the present, and the campus itself is very quiet. The Hospital is carrying on an active program, classes in the School of Theology are being conducted, and the rest of the campus is being used for a variety of supplementary courses and other special activities.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours.

Mrs. Louis H. Braafladt  
720 East Grove Street  
North Sacramento, Calif.

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720 East Grove  
North Sacramento  
California

April 16, 1939

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Mr. B.A. Garside  
150 5th Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of April 7 reached me on the 11th inst. and its contents, though coming as a surprise, filled me with great interest.

There is no work I would rather be doing than that of serving the Kingdom of Christ, and particularly in extending it in China. When Louis died I wrote to our several Church Colleges to see if there were a vacancy I could fill there, as I would much prefer to be doing that type of work. With regard to the foreign field, I do not know whether you know that before going to China I was private secretary to Dr. R. Fletcher Moorshead of the English Baptist Medical Mission Auxiliary, who became the first secretary of the British Joint Board. Thus I was associated with Cheeloo from the very beginning (7 years in London, England). I left Dr. Moorshead to act as secretary to Dr. Balme, hoping that by so doing I might free him for some of his surgical teaching work which he hoped he might ~~have~~ not have to give up entirely. If the way were to open for me to serve the same cause from the American base, there would be nothing that I would like to do better.

You state that my abilities and experience would fit me for either executive or secretarial work. What is implied by the former? It seems to me my work has lain in the latter direction. As you probably know I am a hard worker, but not much good in the talking!

Of course I have only been working again since Louis died; first in charge of the North California District office of the N.R.A. Grocery Code, so long as that continued to last, until June 1936. When that ceased I got a job as clerk and stenographer with an insurance company, and from that secured the position as secretary to Dr. Pulford, for whom I acted as receptionist, nurse, secretary and book-keeper, even giving certain laboratory tests. So my tasks have been quite varied. I seem to have won the distinction of being quick, though I did not realise it before. I suppose much of that has been forced upon me by having so much to do at home! (1938)

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Now to turn to the other side of the picture. As you yourself say in the second paragraph of your letter, having established my own home here, it would obviously be unwise to make a change right across the country, unless it seemed reasonably sure that the change would be definitely advantageous. And it is concerning this I would like enlightenment. You have also asked me to write fully and frankly with regard to financial requirements.

Of course, owning my own home I have had no rent to pay, only the taxes, which has eliminated a certain amount of expense. For  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years, however, I have had a housekeeper with a little girl, one who was wanting a home, and who was content to receive just a very small wage \$17.50 a month. Since living with us and becoming one of the family, so to speak, she has also joined our Church. My salary has been \$125.00 per month, and I have also had \$6.00 from the Church each month, since I am also the organist. With this amount I have just made ends meet, but no more.

Upon the death of her father my housekeeper left me just before Christmas, and I hoped that I would be better off financially. But this has not been so, for although I have had a woman in once a week to clean house, and have sent out most of the laundry, I have spent about just the same, and have had to do more at home as well!

If I were to come to New York to live there would be the added expense of rent, for naturally one would not buy another home immediately; and of course the homes in the east cost more than they do here. There would also be another expense, viz that of commuting from the suburbs to the city each day. You would know better than I what these additional expenses would be.

There would also be the additional cost of transportation of home and family. Even if one were to sell most of one's things one would still be faced with getting another home together. Having served as missionaries in the past, we have not accumulated any wealth. The only reason that I am able to go to England this summer is due to the fact that I have some insurance maturing shortly, which I have always planned to use for this purpose.

After having read this letter you may feel that the possibility of my coming to New York is quite out of the question, and of course I shall quite understand. However, if it is not as hopeless as all that, and it would help any, I could possibly include New York in my journey across the country en route to Montreal, so long as I knew well in advance. We sail from that port on the 28th or 29th May, on the "Alaunia".

Your letter, telling of your need in New York, was deeply interesting to me for another reason. It was a shock to me when I found it necessary to leave the doctor's office but in a very decided way I was assured of God's presence with me, and it being part of his plan for me. When your letter came I could not help wondering whether this was yet another indication of that same plan.

I regret in many ways that the financial question has to be very definitely considered in this matter, but just as a missionary needs children's allowances, so does that factor have to be considered in my case. As you know, I have four boys, Halvor is a little younger than your daughter, and Paul, my baby, will be 9 this summer. They are fine husky boys.

I am enclosing a few recommendations which you may care to have on hand in the event there is a possibility of considering this matter.

With warmest greetings to Mrs. Garside and yourself,  
Yours sincerely,

D. Howe Braafendt.



over

720 East Grove,

North Sacramento, Calif.

Feb. 19, 1939

Dear Mr. Garfield.

Feb 4/9/39

Very many thanks for your interesting letter & its enclosure, and for the trouble you have taken on my behalf with regard to sailings for Europe.

I find that the most economical way for me will be to travel from Montreal on one of the smaller Cunard boats on which the tourist has been changed to 3rd class. My reservations are actually better than those we had as tourist class in 1927!

Am just wondering whether the MacRaes or any other Chelso people are living in Montreal.

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If so we might possibly see<sup>r</sup>.  
We are planning to sail May 19.  
thus getting in on the winter  
rates for at least one way.

It would have been most  
interesting to have travelled via  
New York & seen you folks again,  
but even with reduction in railway  
fares at the Fair, the Canadian  
Route was cheaper. You don't  
happen to have a job for me in  
New York do you? then I might  
manage to see something of you  
and other Cheelo friends again.  
I have lost the position, <sup>(though no fault of mine)</sup> I held as  
secretary to a doctor here, but am  
working with an insurance  
company until the end of April  
and am looking around for something



for the Fall. Of course I have  
bought our home here, and will  
look around here, but of course  
would have to go where the work  
may lie.

With warmest greetings to you  
and yours,

Sincerely,

D. Hope Braablad

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California State Life Building

Sacramento, California

February  
1939

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am glad to write this letter of recommendation and statement of qualifications for Mrs. Hope Braafladt.

Mrs. Braafladt acted as my secretary, receptionist and book-keeper from September 1, 1936 to February 15, 1939. She also acted as nurse during examinations of women patients and learned to do satisfactory urine analyses and Basal Metabolism tests.

In all the above tasks Mrs. Braafladt proved to be very rapid and efficient, doing a larger volume of work in a shorter period of time than any person I yet have seen in such positions. She proved herself industrious, honest and careful in all her work. She meets people well, and is intelligent and refined.

Mrs. Braafladt leaves my office in order to visit her elderly mother who is not well.

I have no hesitancy in recommending Mrs. Braafladt for a position involving any of the above described work.

(signed) D. SCHUYLER PULFORD, M.D.

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The Crossways  
Dormansland  
Lingfield, Surrey  
England.

1st February 1934

It is with very great pleasure and confidence that I write this testimonial to my former secretary, Mrs. Hope Braafladt.

Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Braafladt was for many years private secretary to my friend Dr. Fletcher Moorshead of the English Baptist Missionary Society, and upon my appointment as President of the Shantung Christian University, North China, Dr. Moorshead with great generosity and at considerable personal sacrifice, consented to her leaving London for China to become my secretary. She remained with me until her marriage to Dr. Louis Braafladt, and during the whole of that time she gave me unqualified satisfaction, and assistance of the highest order. I found her exceptionally quick and accurate as a stenographer and typist, conscientious and hard-working in her duties, alert and full of initiative in organising and developing a secretarial office, cheerful and pleasant to all whom she met, and a most valuable and delightful colleague. I was extremely sorry when the time came for her to leave, and can honestly say that I have never known so efficient and helpful a secretary.

The loss of her gifted husband is compelling Mrs. Braafladt once again to seek secretarial employment and I can only add that anyone who is fortunate enough to secure her services will have every cause to be congratulated.

(signed) HAROLD BALME, M.D., D.P.H., FR.C.S.

former President of Shantung Christian  
University, N. China.

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LOCAL FOOD AND GROCERY DISTRIBUTORS

CODE AUTHORITY, DISTRICT No.11

and

DISTRICT AUTHORITY No.6

Sacramento  
California

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This will introduce Mrs. F. Hope Braafladt, widow.

Mrs. Braafladt has filled the position of secretary for both the Local Food & Grocery Code Authority, No.11, and District Code Authority, No.6

She had complete charge of this office, and was also responsible for most of its activities.

The office, with all its various duties - minutes, correspondence, and other detailed work - was conducted in a very efficient manner. Her stenographic work and accounting was also excellent.

We earnestly recommend her to anyone in need of any office service.

DISTRICT FOOD & GROCERY DISTRIBUTORS'  
CODE AUTHORITY, No.6.

(signed) E.W. BERGQUEST

President

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Baptist Missionary Society,  
19, Furnival Street,  
Holborn,  
LONDON, E.C.4., ENGLAND

May 2, 1934

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

I have much pleasure in saying that Mrs. F. Heye Braafladt acted as my confidential secretary for about 5 years, from 1917-1922. She discharged all her duties in the most admirable and efficient manner and I could wish no better assistant. A number of very important matters were left in her hands, and her willingness to assume extra tasks at periods of special pressure was most sincerely appreciated.

She left me to become secretary to the President of the Cheelee University in China, where later she met her husband, now so sadly taken from her.

I commend Mrs. Braafladt as one upon whom complete reliance can be placed in any service she undertakes.

(signed) R. FLETCHER MOORSHEAD, M.B., F.R.C.S

Medical Officer

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720 East Grove  
North Sacramento  
California

April 2, 1939

Mr. B.A. Garside,  
Associated Boards for  
Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Could you tell me if the Macraes  
are living in Montreal, or whether there are  
any other members of the Cheeloo family there?

We are hoping to get a boat sailing  
from that city, and if the opportunity afforded,  
would like to have the opportunity of saying  
"Hello" to old friends. If they are living  
there, would you kindly send me their address?

I had an interesting letter from  
Miss Morton Smith recently. She is taking her  
furlough this spring, and I am hoping it may be  
possible to see her whilst in England. I do  
hope that nothing will prevent our making this  
trip.

With kind regards,  
Yours cordially,

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420 East Grove  
North Sacramento  
California

April 8, 1939



Mr. W.A. Gerstle,  
Associated Boards for  
Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City,  
N.Y.

Dear Mr. Gerstle:

Could you tell me if the Ladies  
are living in Montreal, or whether there are  
any other members of the Chinese family there?

We are hoping to get a boat sailing  
from that city, and if the opportunity afforded,  
would like to have the opportunity of saying  
"Hello" to old friends. If they are living  
there, would you kindly contact them?

I had an interesting letter from  
Miss Morton Smith recently. She is taking her  
family this spring, and I am hoping it may be  
possible to see her whilst in England. I do  
hope that nothing will prevent our making this  
trip.

With kind regards,  
Yours cordially,

*E. Hope Brewster*

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April 7, 1939

Dear Mrs. Braafladt:

Your last letter has been lying on my desk far too long. The main reason I have not answered it before is that it raises some questions to which I do not yet know the answer.

Your inquiry as to whether we might have some position for you here in New York I would at once answer with an emphatic "Yes". But I am far from sure that we could find anything here which would justify your making the varied financial sacrifices involved in a move east from California. Since you have your home, and have established your family, there, it would obviously be unwise for you to make any move this far away unless it seemed reasonably sure that the change would be definitely advantageous.

Since I came to New York over twelve years ago our major problem has always been that of securing and keeping an adequate staff of men and women able and willing to serve the China Colleges in the same spirit of devotion which is characteristic of our colleagues on the Cheeloo staff in "the good old days". People with the China background and with the experience which would make them successful in the work here naturally prefer to be in China - and that is where we want them to be whenever that is possible. Those who are kept here in America by health considerations can't usually stand the strenuous pace which must be maintained in the office here. Those with heavy family responsibilities usually find places where they can care for their families more adequately and under better surroundings than are attainable here in the city.

The problem is one that applies both to our executive staff and to our secretarial staff. This year, for the first time, we have built up an executive staff composed entirely of men and women who have had missionary experience in the Far East. During the next eight weeks the Associated Boards will be going through the annual process of laying out its plans and formulating its budget for next year. We don't yet know how many of our present executive staff will be with us next year, or whether there will be any vacancies to fill.

In the various ranks of our Secretarial staff, we will

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probably be making at least a few new appointments in the autumn. We always have a rather high "mortality list" among the young ladies who compose our secretarial staff. Dan Cupid is responsible for a majority of our losses, though occasionally other interests lead one of our staff into other pursuits. And since we must of necessity maintain a high standard of qualifications and performance among our staff, occasionally we have to inform some young lady regretfully that her work isn't quite up to the mark.

New York is filled with young women seeking secretarial positions, but it is amazingly hard to find anyone who will undertake a job and do it efficiently. There are plenty who are willing to sit at a desk from nine to five, go through the mechanics of stenography and typing, and draw a salary at the end of the week. But I sometimes lose all hope of finding anyone who will really settle down to a position, give it skill, intelligence, and loyalty, and make it their career.

My own secretarial work this year is being handled under temporary arrangements which will have to be changed by next fall. I am looking about to find someone I can depend on to handle not only the routine office work but also to take over an increasing amount of the work which I am doing at the present time. In my own position I find that the more important things I would like to do - and which would be of the greatest ultimate value to the Colleges - never get done because my days are spent on details which a good secretary could do much better than I.

That is our general situation here. As it applies to yourself, your own abilities and experience equip you both for executive work and for secretarial work. But I'm afraid I don't have a very clear idea as to the types of work you have been doing since those years when we all had such a high admiration for the fine service you rendered in the President's office at Cheeloo. Along what lines would you be most interested in working. And, as a very important practical point, what would be a reasonably adequate salary to cover the requirements of your family?

It is quite possible that before this reaches you, you will have made arrangements for some other position there in California. But if you are still seriously considering a move to some other part of the country, please write me fully and frankly as to the type of work you would like to undertake and as to your budgetary requirements. By the time I hear from you, some of the personnel questions now before us may become somewhat more clarified, so that I can write more definitely.

I am sorry to say that I have just about lost trace of all the old Cheeloo friends who lived in Canada. I do not know where Mrs. MacRae has gone since Dr. MacRae died. The best way to get in touch with her and with the other Canadian friends of Cheeloo days would be to address an inquiry to the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Church of Canada.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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May 9th, 1939

Dear Mrs. Braafladt:

Your latest letter has been constantly on my mind during recent days, and has been the subject of more than one conference with my colleagues. This long delay in my reply has been due to the fact that I have been hoping against hope I could find some way in which we might be able to bring you into our staff here in New York.

I am afraid, however, that we cannot offer anything here in our New York office which would justify your incurring the risk and expense involved in giving up your home in California and trying to establish yourself again here in the East. The problem quickly reduces itself to one of finance. New York City is a particularly expensive place to live, especially if one must maintain a home and hold a business position at the same time. Where you have been able to get along on about \$130 per month there in North Sacramento where you have your own home and are well established, it would require about twice that much to make ends meet here in New York City where rents are high and a housekeeper would be very expensive. Then in addition there would be the heavy expense of moving and getting re-established, and all the uncertainties involved in a major shift of scene and activity.

Put over against this the fact that the salaries of the young women on our secretarial staff range from \$75 to \$175 per month, our junior executives range from \$175 to \$250 per month, and the senior executives from \$250 to \$400 - and you see the problem we would face. The work we had in mind for you would allow us to bring you in at the top of the secretarial list or the beginning of the junior executive group - but both of these would be quite inadequate to provide even the bare minimum ~~you~~ would require to live comfortably here in the city. Even if we could be sure that within a few years you could move up into the senior executive group, it would still be a bit precarious - and certainly not worth all the risks and deprivations which you would have encountered on the way.

Having found no way to escape from that disappointing conclusion, I won't take up in detail the possible types of service you might be able to render here in the office. But I will say that I do sincerely wish that it were possible for you to be with us.

I hope that this reaches you before you leave California. I'll drop a note to you in care of your steamer, just in case this letter is delayed so long it misses you. All good wishes for a pleasant trip across the continent.

Sincerely,

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