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- I. APPROPRIATIONS FOR MEDICAL AND ARTS COLLEGES.
II. CANDIDACY OF (REV.) DONALD A. IRWIN.

Rev. J. Percy Bruce, President,
Shantung University.

Mr. Paul C. Cassat,
Treasurer and Registrar,
Shantung University.

Dear Friends:

I. The Board at its latest meeting on December 16th 1918, took the following action in making what I am sure will be fully appreciated appropriations to the Medical and Arts Colleges of Shantung Christian University.

"Appropriations were made for the Shantung Christian University as follows: \$5,000 gold for the Union Medical College, this sum being a payment by the China Medical Board on its pledge toward maintenance expenses; \$6,000 gold for the Arts College property, this sum being the third payment by Mr. J. G. Finley of Pittsburgh on his pledge of \$6,000 a year for five years for this purpose; \$250 gold for the Arts College property from Mrs. C. H. Bigelow of St. Paul, Minnesota; \$200 gold for the Arts College property from Mr. C. H. Bigelow, Jr. of St. Paul; \$40 gold for the Arts College property from Mrs. C. H. Bigelow, Jr. of St. Paul; and \$125 gold for the Arts College property from Mr. Henry M. Hurd, of Baltimore, Maryland."

II. (Rev.) Donald A. Irwin, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Irwin of the Shantung Mission, has applied to the Board for appointment, preferably for educational work, in Shantung or North China. He has in mind the possibility of filling the need for a teacher of pedagogy in Shantung University. You probably know Mr. Irwin who was born in Shantung. He was graduated at Washington and Jefferson College in 1916, is planning to be graduated in 1919 at Western Theological Seminary, and to be ordained. He is engaged to a Miss Totten of Pittsburgh. Both Mr. Irwin and Miss Totten are very well spoken of by their referees. Mr. Irwin plans to take one year of post-graduate study to fit him definitely for his special work of teaching. He asks advice from the Board as to what branch of study to pursue. We believe that our Presbyterian Board's quota on the Arts College staff is full but it is possible that the college may wish to seek to make other provision for the support of Mr. Irwin if it should be decided that the college wishes him to undertake any particular task.

Letters like this have I believe customarily been sent to the University Council. However, as a letter to the University Council necessitates the mimeographing and mailing of sixty copies, I venture to write this letter merely to the two officers of the University as I do in the case of other similar institutions. If this should not prove satisfactory to you on the field, please let me know and we will endeavor to comply with your wishes.

With kind regard I am,

Sincerely yours,

Associate Secretary for Higher Education.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

The Rev. A. J. Brown, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

December 23rd, 1918.

My dear Dr. Brown:

It was with great thankfulness that we learned from your letter No. 73 to the University Council that the question of the formation of a Joint Board in North America had been revived, and that there is every prospect that by this time the Board is actually formed.

This is a great relief to our minds the more especially because fresh problems are emerging which will require careful consideration not only on the Field but by the Boards at home in consultation with each other.

There is one matter which appears to us to be very urgent in view of the cessation of hostilities. We are face to face with a very big task. We have to secure the necessary funds to provide the further necessary buildings and also to increase our annual income. We need a considerable increase of teaching force to fill the vacancies due to the War and other causes. There are also very important questions of procedure, financial and otherwise, which will need to be considered by the three newly organized Boards. As it appears to us, any adequate consideration of these questions calls for a visit of some influential men, preferably the Secretaries or other members of the Joint Boards, from North America and Great Britain, to see for themselves our opportunities and needs, and to study the whole situation in relation to the field in general and the home base. It hardly needs to be said that with the war at an end and possible recruits now set free this would seem to be the very time when we ought to be launching our appeals both for offers of service and for gifts of money, and that for various reasons which will be apparent to you there is no time to be lost.

We therefore feel that it is extremely desirable that deputations should come from both the Joint Boards as soon as possible - by which we mean in the coming Spring. It seems to us important also that, if possible the deputations from both countries should come together so that representatives of the three Boards may, on the ground, with the situation before them, talk out together all the problems confronting us.

I trust that it will be possible to arrange for such a deputation and to so time its visit that it may be at the same time as a that of a similar deputation from Great Britain. I am writing a similar letter to Dr. Moershead the Secretary of the British Joint Board.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. Percy Bruce

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February 3^d 1919.

Rev. J. Percy Bruce, M.A.,
The Shantung Christian University,
Tsinan-fu, Shantung, China.

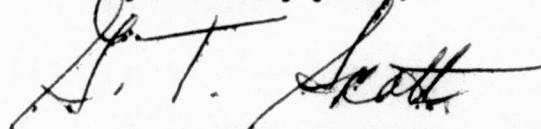
My dear Dr. Bruce:

Dr. Brown hands me your good letter to him of December 23rd. You will be receiving, presumably through Mr. Cassat, copies of the two letters and Minutes which are just now being sent from these offices to the field telling of the organization of the North American Joint Board of The Shantung Christian University. We trust that this new Board will be able to register a real advance for the University. I imagine, however, that those who serve in these union Boards at home are not as sanguine as to their possibilities as are their respective Institutions on the field. There is such a multiplicity of union Boards, with their number constantly increasing, that there does not seem to be enough of interested and competent persons to constitute the memberships in such a way that the members of any one Board have sufficient time properly to promote the affairs of any one Institution. Perhaps a combination of some of the union Boards would command the cooperation of certain prominent individuals and interests that are unwilling to share in a separate enterprise which apparently competes with a score of its kind.

We are looking forward with pleasure to the visit of the British representatives in New York in April. It is possible that their visit may influence the North American Joint Board to send a representative out to the field.

With kind regard, I am

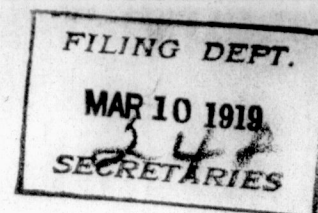
Very sincerely yours,



Secretary of the North American
Joint Board.

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No. J-79

March 5, 1919.

To the University Council of the Shantung University.

✓ Dr. Percy Bruce, Pres.,
Shantung Christian University.

Mr. Paul Cassat, Sec. & Treas.,
Shantung Christian University.

Dear Friends:

1. Dr. Atwater. Yesterday afternoon we received from you cablegram reading "Atwater's support assured. Neal". Our Candidate Department at once passed this good word on to Dr. Atwater whose Candidate papers are being collected. His fiancée's papers will be collected by the Women's Board. We trust that nothing will prevent Dr. Atwater's going to Tainan-fu for the special service in view. Some time must elapse before the papers of Dr. Atwater and Miss Penfield are all collected and acted upon and therefore notice of his definite assignment will probably not go to you for some weeks. The Board had received Dr. Balm's letter of January 11th to Dr. Brown with Dr. Neal's postscript but was unable to take favorable action. Your cablegram therefore clears the matter up.

2. Aid for Theological Students. An appropriation of \$250 gold was made by the Board at its meeting on March 3, 1919, to assist with the cost of board for students in the Theological Department of Shantung Christian University, this \$250 being a special gift for this purpose from Madam Cyrus H. McCormick of Chicago.

3. Financial Adjustment with Hwai Yuen. The question has been raised in New York City as to whether the Shantung University should make any financial adjustment with Hwai Yuen Station in the matter of the exchange of the service of Dr. Cochran and Dr. Stearns in the year of 1917-18. The thought expressed is that the Hwai Yuen Station exclusive of any charge for rent made an outlay of Dr. Cochran and his family for the year 1917-1918 of more than \$2600 gold and that if the University was receiving for Dr. Stearns' support funds in excess of what his support actually cost the University that then the University might wish to assist Hwai Yuen Station with its heavy expenditure for Dr. Cochran. I know that the University will gladly make on the field any adjustment that may be right in the premises. Will you kindly inform me of the circumstances and of any action that may be taken.

4. Mr. Ruland. Mr. Ruland seems to be drawn to the suggestion which you made of his directing religious work among the students at the University, which work, however, we believe should be of a very personal nature and largely I take it along lines proposed by himself as he does not wish to be tied up to teaching classes and doing various odd bits of work that might be assigned to him. I told him frankly that he ought to be ready to follow the direction of the faculty and the University Council and that I thought that a Religious Work Director should certainly teach some classes in Bible, Ethics, Social Service, and so forth. We do not find that the University has listed a Religious Work Director among its preferred requisitions for reinforcements. You may wish to take this matter up with the Executive Committee of the Mission and with the China Council, from which two bodies the Board will expect favorable action before it could proceed. If the way should not open for Mr. Ruland to go to the University, we hope that he may return for evangelistic work in some center where for Mrs. Ruland's sake there is good medical and hospital service.

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March 5, 1919.

5. British Deputation. We are looking forward with pleasure to the visit in New York during the early part of April of Mr. Hawkins, Dr. Cochrane and Dr. Meershead of London. The Annual Meeting of the North American Joint Board is called for Friday morning April 11th. The British Joint Board has appointed Dr. Meershead to represent it at Shantung University next September and hopes that the North American Joint Board may add a member to the Deputation. Decision on this point will probably be made at the April meeting.

I regret to report that the present financial condition of the Presbyterian Board seems to point toward an enormous deficit at the end of the fiscal year of March 31, 1919. Please put China exchange back at the old rate!

With kind regard, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Geo. T. Scott.

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May 14, 1919.

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Pres. J. Percy Bruce,
Shantung Christian University,
Tsinan-fu, Shantung, China.

Mr. Paul C. Cassat, Treas.,
Shantung Christian University,
Tsinan-fu, Shantung, China.

My dear Pres. Bruce and Mr. Cassat:

The Presbyterian Board at its meeting Monday May 12th took the following action affecting Shantung Christian University:

"An appropriation of \$2354.59 gold was made to cover the loss in exchange for the George Yardley Taylor Hospital at Peking-fu, North China Mission, and an appropriation of \$7,000 gold to cover the loss in exchange for the Union Medical College at the Tsinan-fu Station, Shantung Mission, these sums being gifts for this purpose from the China Medical Board of Rockefeller Foundation."

The Treasurer's office informs me that this appropriation of \$7,000 gold is to cover loss in exchange on maintenance account in the Shantung Medical College during some period previous to the beginning of the present fiscal year - exactly what period I have not been informed.

I have had some correspondence with Dr. Moorhead regarding the time of our visit in Shantung University and it seems probable that we will be there for a week during the latter half of September.

You will regret to learn of the death this week of the Rev. Dr. George Heber Jones, Staff Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions, who was Secretary of the Board of Trustees for Peking University and had special charge of the higher educational interests of the Methodist Foreign Board.

With kindest regards and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you in the fall and again I hope in the winter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Geo. T. Scott

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June 7, 1919.

✓ Rev. J. Percy Bruce,
President, Shantung Christian University
and
Mr. Paul Casset, Treasurer
Shantung Christian University,
Shantung, China.

My dear Mr. Bruce and Mr. Casset:-

The Presbyterian Board at its latest meeting, June 2nd, 1919, took the following self-explanatory action:-

" A special appropriation of \$4,000 Gold was made for the current expenses of the Medical College of the Shantung Christian University of Tsinan-fu, Shantung Mission, this sum having been received from the China Medical Board of the Rockefeller Foundation as a payment on account of its pledge for this purpose."

You will be interested in knowing that Dr. John H. Finley has felt compelled to decline his election to membership on the Joint Board because of the relation which the University of the State of New York bears to certain missionary causes in China. Mr. Arthur Curtis James has also declined to accept membership. The Board has elected Dr. Jeremiah W. Jenks. We trust that both he and Dr. John Finney will see their way clear to accept membership.

Very sincerely yours,

Geo. T. Scott

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June 19, 1919.

✓ President J. Percy Bruce,
Shantung Christian University,
Tainan-fu, Shantung, China.

Mr. Paul C. Cassat, Treasurer,
Shantung Christian University,
Tainan-fu, Shantung, China.

Dear Dr. Bruce and Mr. Cassat:-

A few days ago we received by registered mail the financial statement of Shantung University for the year ending March 31, 1919. Allow me to express my personal appreciation of the clear way in which the accounts are presented and to congratulate you upon the working balance which you have on hand. The financial papers were all placed in the hands of Mr. Hogel, of our Treasurer's department, he being the adjuster of the accounts of the Shantung Mission.

Your cablegram inquiring about the date of my sailing for the Far East and the length of my stay in China reached me a few days ago. By this time you have doubtless received a copy of the Itinerary which I sent out about a month ago. Mr. and Mrs. Schell and I are planning to sail on the "Shinyo Maru" from San Francisco June 30th. We will visit Japan and Korea and reach Tainan-fu about the middle of September. I plan to spend a week at Tainanfu with Dr. Moershead--perhaps the third week in September, the time being largely dependent upon the date of his arrival in China. I cabled you yesterday regarding this.

I am enclosing a copy of a brief note which I wrote to Dr. Reginald Atwater, who at present does not see his way clear to accept the appointment to the Shantung Medical Staff.

Looking forward to seeing you in the near future, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Geo. T. Scott

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