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Shantung Christian University

January 30, 1928

Dr. C. F. Johnson,  
Shantung Christian University  
Tsinan, China.

My dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of January 3rd with its very interesting information as to the progress of events in Tsinan. We certainly appreciate the interest and time you are giving to Cheeloo affairs this year.

We are glad to see that progress is being made on the new general bulletin. From our experience in getting out these publications we can appreciate the difficulties and delays involved. I note, however, that it will be coming along in due course. Fortunately we unearthed a few extra copies of the 1925 edition of the bulletin here in the office and so have a sufficient supply for our immediate needs.

I suppose by the time this reaches you Dr. Li will be on his way to Jerusalem. He has been working mighty hard these last few years and has had to carry some heavy responsibilities, so I am sure that his year of rest and study will be immensely valuable to him. It is too bad that Dr. MacRae's health will keep him away from China until the summer at least; and it is unfortunate that so many of the other administrators of the University staff are also to be absent during the second semester. I know, however, that Dr. Kiang will carry on the work quite well.

Dr. Shields was due to arrive on the West Coast last week. I sent a message to greet him on arrival but have not yet had time for reply. We are extremely anxious to have him helping out with the medical end of the Cheeloo promotion during the coming months. I think he can render some extremely valuable help without taking an undue proportion of his time from his medical study and visitation. The two things ought to go well together.

We were very much interested in the reprints of the article by Dr. C. P. Cheng. I may be able to use some of this material for publicity purposes. I dispatched a cablegram to Tsinan last week asking that material be sent us for the March number of the Cheeloo sketches. I hoped that the Publicity Committee had already started a supply of such material for us but thought it wise to send them a reminder. I am writing to the members of the Publicity Committee in regard to the matter in this same mail.

As I have mentioned in previous letters to Dr. Li, I am very anxious that all of you in Tsinan will put forth every effort this spring to

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getting back to the campus next fall all the Western members of staff now in America, particularly those whose return from furlough is already overdue. Some of the Western members of staff left Tsinan feeling rather uncertain whether their return would be sincerely welcomed. Others who had arrived in America before the China situation became quite so acute have been wondering whether, under somewhat changed conditions, they are still wanted. I suspect that in the case of Dr. Adolph particularly, he is seriously debating the question whether or not to return to China this fall. You could do more than Dr. Li or any of the other Chinese administrators to send Adolph convincing proof that he is wanted and needed in Tsinan as soon as he can be gotten there. What means you would employ to accomplish this end you yourself can best decide. Several other Western members of staff have frankly expressed their doubts concerning their return this fall. I believe Dr. Heath is very uncertain and even Dr. Morgan, who is one of the most valiant optimists of us all, said to me she would like to have some pretty convincing proofs that she would really be welcomed and needed in Tsinan before she definitely makes up her mind about going back. There are many others now in America with whom I have not had an opportunity to talk frankly and of course I have not been in close touch with any of our British friends. I suspect that many of them feel the same way as those with whom I have talked.

We are all very proud of the way Cheeloo has carried on this year and feel that 1928 will be a most satisfactory year. We are still working for your interests here in America even though the results have not been very apparent. I hope that during the next few months we will have more cheering news.

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. Garside

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Shantung Christian University

February 25, 1930

Dr. Charles F. Johnson,  
621 Glenn Avenue, No.  
Portland, Ore.

My dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of February 15.

I am sorry to learn that Mrs. Johnson has not been very well during recent weeks and sincerely hope that the sunshine of Southern California will do much to prepare both of you for going back to China in May or June. Certainly there was never a time when you were more needed in the councils of the Shantung Mission and of Cheeloo. I am very sorry that so many of those who have been the mainstays in past gales at the University have been absent from the field this year.

I am enclosing herewith a later letter from Dr. Shields which reached our office only yesterday. You will note that there have not been any important changes in the situation for several weeks. Shortly after he wrote this letter, however, Dr. Shields sent us a cablegram stating that the strike was settled in a satisfactory fashion so I hope the situation has materially improved.

We have all been tremendously grieved over the news of Mrs. Heimbürger's death, and have been filled with sympathy for Roy and the children.

Give my warmest regards to Mrs. Johnson. I wish that we might have an opportunity to see both of you before you return to China, but at least I hope I may have the privilege of seeing you in Tsinan in the not too distant future.

Very cordially yours,

*B. A. Harside*

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621 GLENN AVENUE, NORTH  
PORTLAND, OREGON

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Dear Mr. Garside:-

Thank you very much for your recent letter inclosing the one from Dr. Li which told so clearly the doings at the University this winter. Poor Dr. Li, he certainly had a hard time of it and how, like the Christian gentleman that he is, he went through it all. I always liked Dr. Li and my admiration and respect for him increased with all he had to endure. I am very sorry the University has had to lose him, although I hope the loss is only temporary and that he will yet be back.

The latest word we have from there is that the University is all closed up except the Medical School. I can't help feeling in some way that this is all a deep-laid plan on the part of the Shantung Educational Bureau to get possession of those buildings for their own University, the one now in Tsingato. They have no Medical Dept. in that you know so they might very well dream of keeping that on as a part of their own school, eliminating the Theological Dept. and putting their own Arts and Science School in place of ours. Of course there may be nothing at all in this but I can't help thinking about it.

What sad news the death of Mrs. Heimbürger has been to us all! As though Roy had not enough to bear in all his trouble with the Hospital, that this added burden must come. I am very glad that Mrs. Corbett was there, but what a heavy heavy sorrow it must be to her. That we fathers and mothers should go is in the order of nature and while a sorrow to our children is recognized as something that must come. But for a mother to lose an only daughter (for she was her only daughter even though the other girls are like daughters to her and love her as a mother, they were not flesh of her flesh as Louise was) in the prime of her life and with a family of little children depending on her is a sorrow that goes to the very heart.

Mrs. Johnson and I are leaving in a few days for Pasadena to spend a few weeks in the sunshine of Southern California. Mrs. Johnson has not been awfully well for the past month or so and although better now has not much pep, and we hope a few weeks of sunshine will bring that back to her. We shall return here about the first week in March, and are now planning to go back to China the latter part of May or early in June, depending on the date of the Shantung Mission meeting.

With kind regards to your family, I am, as ever,

Very Cordially Yours,

Chas. F. Johnson

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Dr. Dear Mr. Scott:-

In reply to your inquiry about the University deeds for the land I am sending one over. It says Mr. So and So "leases the land in perpetuity to the American Protestant Presbyterian Church, for public use". At least that is the way I translate it. You might let Dr. Neal or Dr. Hayes look at it to be sure.

I have all the deeds here in the station safe, as I was asked to take charge of them. I should be very glad however to turn them over to the Board of Managers or whomever they may designate.

Am sending the list made out by the Consul when they were recorded in Chefoo. Please return it and the deed that I may put them with the other deeds.

Very Cordially Yours,

Chas. F. Johnson

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