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March 22, 1918

Dr. W. I. Chamberlain  
25 East 22nd Street  
New York City

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With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Acting Secretary

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TREASURER

Ansd. ✓

March 25, 1918

The Rev. George T. Scott  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York

My dear Mr. Scott:

I have your reminder of March 22d as well as the original letters and papers of February 5th relative to the Shantung Christian University. The former were placed before our Executive Committee at their last meeting and referred for consideration and report to our Sub-Committee on China. This report has not been made and final action has not, therefore, been taken.

The matter is a rather serious one for us, as you can readily understand, since we are far away from Shantung. My thought has been that we might <sup>at least</sup> ~~use~~ some cooperation on the basis of the Medical Department with a view to advanced Mandarin training for those who have a certain amount of definite instruction in our hospitals in Amoy. I shall, of course, write you when we have taken final action.

Yours very sincerely,

*Wm. J. Chamberlain*

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May 20, 1918.

The Rev. Wm. I. Chamberlain, Ph.D.,  
25 East 22d Street,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Chamberlain:

Replies have been received from a majority of the Boards which have recently been approached in regard to cooperation in the Shantung Christian University, Tsinan-fu, China. Inasmuch as the Committee has as yet not received any reply from your Board, we venture to inquire if your Board has taken action and to request if it has not done so that the matter be considered as early as possible for the forming of the Joint Board should not be indefinitely postponed.

Sincerely yours,

For the Committee.

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May 29, 1918

The Rev. George T. Scott  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York

My dear Mr. Scott:

I have your letter of May 20th in regard to our cooperation in the Shantung Christian University at Tsinan-Fu, China.

[This matter has been much in our minds. The former proposal which came to us with the letter of Drs. Brown and Barton of February 5, 1917, was referred by the Board to our Sub Committee on China. That Committee has not yet felt able to make a definite recommendation. As you know, we are thoroughly committed to the Union Christian University in Foochow and are taking our part in it, both for its plant and its maintenance.] Our interest in the Shantung Christian University grew out of the Medical School which is to be associated with the University and in which medical instruction is to be given in the Mandarin language. We have important medical work in Szechuan and contemplate a Medical Department for our Union University in Foochow, but we have no real expectation that we can do there the work which it is contemplated to do at Tsinan-Fu. [Our thought has been an altruistic one of cooperating in the maintenance of the University necessary for our missionary work in China although we might not ourselves be able to take much advantage of it.] The question with us is somewhat the same as that which confronts your Board in cooperating in the Union Colleges in Madras and Vellore in which your nearest Mission in Western India would not be able to take much active part, because of distance and other conditions. However, it is conceivable that we may occasionally have a man whom we should wish to send to the Medical College at Tsinan-Fu. Quite apart from this, the desirability of having a Mandarin Medical School over against the English Medical Schools at Peking and Shanghai seem to us so clear that the whole missionary body in China should support it.

[We are also entering upon advanced medical plans for men and women both in our Mission in South China. The one interfering circumstance is, of course, the financial one. The minimum financial share, as proposed in Article III on page 3 of the paper which accompanied the letter of Drs. Brown and

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Barton, is so large as to put it practically beyond our reach in view of our inability to take any advantage of the University for the present or in the immediate future. I had hoped that as a result of the conferences which we had had that some lower minimum would be fixed for cooperation upon an altruistic basis such as that which confronts us. I shall be glad to know if any Boards, situated as we are, are contemplating cooperation in the University or with its Medical Department. I remember that Dr. North stated at one of the meetings of the Committee considering cooperation that the Methodist approach would be through the Medical Department of the University, if they cooperated at all in view of their primary obligations to Peking.

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Yours sincerely,

*Geo. T. Scott*

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June 7, 1918

RE COOPERATION IN SHANTUNG CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Dr. W. I. Chamberlain  
25 East 22nd Street  
New York City

My dear Dr. Chamberlain:

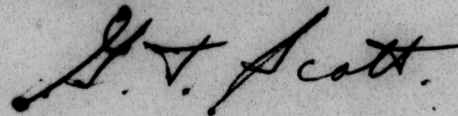
Thank you for your good letter of May 29 regarding the attitude of your Board toward accepting a share in the proposed basis of union of different American Boards in the work of Shantung Christian University. We fully appreciate the difficulty which your Board experiences in coming to a clear decision, but we know that full and careful consideration has been given to this matter.

You ask if any Boards, situated as you are, are contemplating cooperating in the University or its Medical Department. Two Boards, the Southern Presbyterian and the Norwegian Lutheran, have accepted cooperation in the Medical Department. I presume, however, that both of them have rather closer personal and student interest in the University than has your Board. I know that there will be Norwegian Lutheran students in the Medical Department and I suppose there will also be some from Southern Presbyterian Missions. The Methodist Board and the American Board have felt compelled for the present to decline cooperation in any department.

We are all deeply indebted to you for your unusually helpful and inspiring address given on the opening day of the Missionary Conference.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Associate Secretary

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*M. J. Chamberlain*

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April 6, 1919.

INVITATION TO MEETING OF SHANTUNG UNIVERSITY  
JOINT BOARD.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.,  
120 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

✓ Rev. William I. Chamberlain, Ph.D.,  
20 East 22nd Street,  
New York City.

Rev. James E. Franklin, D.D.,  
First Building,  
Boston, Mass.

Rev. Joseph F. Hill,  
14 Beacon Street,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Friends:

Although some of the Boards which you gentlemen represent is associated in the work of Shantung Christian University, we hope that you will not thereby feel disinclined to accept the cordial invitation which the North American Joint Board for the Shantung Christian University hereby extends to you (as to some other representative of your respective Boards) to attend the meeting of 20 A.M. Friday April 11, 1919 in the Foreign Board room of 120 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Some members of the British Joint Board for Shantung University are planning to be present at this meeting, as well as members from the associated boards in Toronto and Montreal.

The meeting will be held in the morning only and we trust that you can be present for at least part of the session.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*G. T. Scott*

Secretary of the North American Joint Board.

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April 23, 1919.

RE INVITATION TO COOPERATION IN SHANTUNG CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Rev. William I. Chamberlain, Ph.D.,  
Reformed Board of Foreign Missions,  
25 East 22nd Street,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Chamberlain:

As Secretary of the North American Joint Board of The Shantung Christian University it is my privilege to report to you the action taken by that Board at its Annual Meeting on April 11, 1919, in New York City. The question was discussed of possible cooperation by Mission Boards in America not at present associated in Shantung University. Special mention was made of the sincere desire that the Reformed Board might see its way clear to join in this union effort, particularly in the work of giving a Christian medical education in the mandarin language. A cordial invitation for your Board to cooperate in the University was again extended and as Secretary I now pass it on to you with the hope that in the not distant future your Board may feel free to cooperate.

You will be pleased to know that five new medical men are under appointment by British and American Societies to join the staff of Shantung University this year and that Mr. Roger Greene, the Director in China of the China Medical Board, has recently reported very favorably on the progress of Medical education at Tsinan-fu.

Prof. Paul Monroe, Director of the School of Education, Teachers College, has accepted the Chairmanship of the Shantung Joint Board. I am enclosing a copy of the Constitution of the Joint Board as adopted at the recent Annual Meeting.

With kind regard I beg leave to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

*J. T. Scott*

Secretary North American Joint Board.

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**RECD. SCOTT**

MAY 3-1919 ✓

May 1, 1919

Ans.

The Rev. George D. Scott  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Scott:

I am writing to acknowledge your letter of April 23rd renewing the invitation of the North American Joint Board, Shantung Christian University to cooperate in the University.

We are certainly genuinely interested in the development of this University and especially in its medical department since instruction is intended to be given in Mandarin. I think that the probability of the withdrawal of Japanese control and influence from Shantung Peninsula, as seems just now probable, as one of the outcomes of the Peace Conference, will increase our interest in this University as it will have a perfectly free hand, at any rate so far as other than Chinese influence is concerned.

I will take pleasure in bringing the matter before our Board again, though I fear that the answer will be like that previously given on account of limitations of funds.

Yours very sincerely,

*W. J. Chamberlain*

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Ans'd. ✓

May 17, 1919

The Rev. George T. Scott  
Secretary, North American Joint Board  
Shantung Christian University  
New York City

My dear Mr. Scott:

- In continuance of my letter of  
May 1st acknowledging yours of April 23rd, I am  
writing to say that your letter was placed before  
our Executive Committee at its Meeting this week.

While our Board appreciates this  
renewal of the invitation of the Joint Board of  
Shantung Christian University to cooperate in its  
maintenance and privileges, it sincerely regrets  
that under present circumstances it does not  
appear possible to take advantage even of the  
minimum basis of cooperation. We shall keep  
the matter before us and hope for a better day.

Yours very sincerely,

*Wm. J. Chamberlain*

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