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Shantung Christian University,
Tsinanfu, North China.
November 11th 1928.

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The Rev. C. E. Wilson, B.A.,
19, Furnival Street, London.

Dear Mr Wilson,

I have been back in Tsinan but a week, and already I have very many things I wish to write to you about. But for the moment I must confine myself to one, because it is urgent and important. It is the question of registration - a subject in which I have taken a very deep interest from the beginning.

Last Tuesday night the Senate met and passed a resolution agreeing to registration. I am not on the Senate, and consequently was not present. Nor have I seen the terms of the resolution. Later in the week the Field Board met, and yesterday it discussed the question for three hours. Owing to Mr Castleton's illness, Mr Bart was here as our representative, and I understand that he and two representatives of the A.P.M. adopted a cautious and critical attitude to the proposals until Dr Li T'ien Lu went out of the room and came back with two telegrams from the two sections of the Board of Governors authorising registration. This cut the ground from under their feet, and the resolution was passed.

As soon as I heard of this, I went to see Mr Bart and asked him the date of those telegrams. He assumed that they had just arrived, and were sent in view of this meeting, and he was very surprised when I informed him that they were more than eighteen months old, and that I could give him something of their history. He has since seen Dr Li, who has confirmed my statement as to their date.

You will remember that in July 1927 the B.M.S. China Committee discussed registration, and I asked Dr Bruce, who was in the chair, whether it was not a fact that the British Joint Board had given the University authority to register. He replied in the negative, and you confirmed it. I stated that we had been told in China that it had, and the contradiction was explicitly renewed. In September of the same year I was present at the meeting of the British Joint Board when the question came up, and reference was made to a telegram which had been sent out in February or early March authorising registration. I at once asked Dr Bruce, who was again in the chair, how it was that he had categorically stated in the B.M.S. China Committee that no authority had been sent, and he replied that honestly he did not know it had. You further protested that the telegram did not adequately represent what had been agreed.

I then learned that before Dr Balme had left China he had telegraphically asked for authority to register in view of the critical situation, and the Board had been forced to discuss the question without information as to what the crisis was. In these circumstances, acting, as it were, under duress, it had given emergency discretionary powers, and you argued that as the emergency had not materialised and six months had already elapsed, the Board was fully entitled to rediscuss the position in the light of subsequent events. Dr Weir urged that the action of the A.P.M. and of the B.M.S. Committee in July

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rejecting registration could not be ignored, and magnanimously reminded the section that ~~as~~ the B.M.S. had never asked for representation on the Section in proportion to its contribution to the University, it would be ungenerous to override its view merely by a majority vote.

Dr Balme protested that the power which had been cabled to the Field, though it had been obtained in the absence of information, and to act on it would clearly lead to a serious situation, should not be formally withdrawn, lest such action should wound the susceptibilities of the Chinese. I remember quite clearly that a resolution was prepared which was intended to secure that no further action should be taken without further reference home, while not yet formally rescinding the cable. The resolution therefore stated that due weight must be given to the views of the B.M.S. and the A.P.M.; and pointedly drew attention to the fact that there was still a serious division of opinion amongst the supporters of the University.

I have this afternoon seen Bishop Scott, and asked from him a promise that no action shall be taken on the basis of yesterday's Minute until the Home Boards have been heard from, and I have communicated to him the information I have set out here. I may add that he too was under the impression that the telegrams were recent ones. He says that normally no action is taken on Minutes of the Field Board until they have been sanctioned from home, unless, as appeared the case here, advance sanction had been obtained. I therefore challenge the relevancy of these telegrams to the present situation. They were obtained in the absence of information, in view of an ancient emergency which never materialised, while the British telegram was sent without the knowledge of the very Chairman of the ~~Raxx~~ Section, and was modified in substance though not in form by the resolution of September 1927, and, more important still, at best they were only authority to register under the terms then before us. The terms under which we propose now to register had not even been issued when the telegrams were sent out, and they were therefore clearly not contemplated in these cables.

Dr Li has stated to Mr Burt that nothing has been received from the Home Boards modifying the telegrams. The resolution of that meeting of September 1927 is not thought worthy of mention, since, in deference to Dr Balme, it endeavoured to do its work without formally and unequivocally cancelling the cabled authority. I insist that a wholly unjustified use was made of those cables yesterday, in producing them to influence the present discussion without reference to the time or circumstances under which they were obtained.

I do not need to remind you that only two days before I sailed for China this autumn, the B.M.S. Committee reaffirmed its position on registration, this time with the Banking regulations before it. Personally I share the feeling then so strongly manifest that registration under these terms is inconsistent with the principles for which we stand, and in loyalty to the decision of the B.M.S. Committee and to my own convictions, I wish to state quite clearly that I cannot remain in the University if it registers. That is of small moment. But it is of more importance that the B.M.S. cannot cooperate in a registered University, unless it abandons the principles it so emphatically

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I am sending a copy of this letter to the Secretaries of the North American and British sections, to the Acting President of the University and to the Chairman of the Field Board.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

H. N. Rowley



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Shantung Christian University,
Tsinanfu, North China.
November 12th 1928.

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The Revd Dr G. T. Scott,
156, Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr Scott,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have written to the Rev. C. E. Wilson, B.A., the Foreign Secretary of my Mission. The contents will, I think, sufficiently explain themselves and the unhappy duty which devolved upon me, as being apparently the only person here who knew anything of the date and origin of the telegrams, of asking for some delay before acting on the Field Board resolution of ~~xxxx~~ Saturday.

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

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Shantung Christian University,
Tsinanfu, North China.
November 18th 1928.

The Rev. Dr. G. T. Scott,
155 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Scott,

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Shantung Christian University,
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November 14th 1928

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Ans'd The Rev. C. E. Wilson, B.A.,
19, Farnival Street, London.

Dear Mr Wilson,

At Dr Li's suggestion I am writing you a further letter, in view of statements he has made to me since I despatched my letter to you. He complains that the statements in my letter are wholly inaccurate, and in fairness to him I am fully willing to record his complaint.

He says that it is not true that he left the room and returned with the telegrams, but that he had them with him already in his file. This is not material to the essential point that in the course of the discussion two telegrams were read which were understood by at least two members of the Board, including the Chairman, to have recently arrived, and by at least one to have been despatched in view of this meeting. However, I much regret it if I have done Dr Li the slightest injustice.

Of more importance is his claim that he definitely stated the date of the telegrams, and that he read the explaining letters that were sent after the American telegram, stating clearly the date and the fact that they were explanatory of this particular telegram, and that he also reported subsequent action of the Sections urging delay. I record this statement, adding only that I am completely at a loss to understand how the Chairman and Mr Burt could have been so completely unaware of these facts. They both professed complete ignorance of the Minute of the British Section of September 1927, and on Sunday Mr Burt told me that he had that day learned from Dr Li that the date of the telegrams was as I had said, and had further asked him if there had been any subsequent action of the Boards in any way modifying them, and had received a negative answer.

Dr Li also denies that the reading of the telegrams in any way influenced the issue - a somewhat lefthanded tribute to their importance. I should not wish, of course, to be understood for a moment to have suggested that the only factor in deciding the issue was the reading of the telegrams. A three hours' discussion would not be likely to be so simply summed up, and I naturally did not digress to what was not pertinent to the subject of my letter. The expression "cut the ground from under (his) feet" was one which Mr Burt himself used on Saturday night, and again on Sunday he said "There is no doubt the telegrams influenced the decision".

I was most careful in my letter to refrain from any discussion of motives - a point on which Dr Li is naturally most sensitive. He assures me that he did not attempt to hoodwink the Board, and I should be sorry to have said that he did. I stated that two members of the Board were misled, not that they were of set purpose misled, for that would have been wholly immaterial to my purpose. I was dealing with effects, not motives.

The real purpose of my letter was to apply the brakes, and I preferred to take no chances, but to employ four-wheel brakes - as all wise folk do in these days! It was being taken for granted that immediate action, without waiting for further sanction from Home, was perfectly in order, because of these old telegrams, and only drastic action had any chance of preventing the Home Boards from being presented with a fait accompli. No man hates so thankless a task more than I, but I cannot shrink from a duty because it is unpleasant.

With kindest regards and all good wishes,

Yours ever sincerely,

H. H. Rowley

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

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Rev. Harold E. Rowley,
Shantung Christian University,
Tsinan, Shantung,
China

Dear Mr. Rowley:

Your registered letter of November 12 enclosing a copy of your letter to the Rev. C. E. Wilson of London of November 11 has just been received and read with interest.

Inasmuch as at the close of your letter to Mr. Wilson you state that you are sending a copy of it to the Secretaries of the North American and British sections I take it that this copy which I have received is intended for the Secretary of the North American section who, at present, is Mr. B. A. Garside at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

It is manifestly advisable, if not essential, for the Board of Managers on the field to maintain the good will and support of the two chief Mission Boards interested in the institution. I do not know enough of the present situation to judge whether or not that good will and support is now being jeopardized or impaired. Without doubt the whole question will be reviewed in the light of the new regulations of the National Government and a common agreement of the entire group in interest in Great Britain, America and China will be reached.

Trusting that everything eventuates satisfactorily and for the highest success of the University, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(George T. Scott)

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Very sincerely yours,

(Signature)

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Shantung Christian University
December 24, 1928.

Rev. Harold H. Rowley,
Shantung Christian University,
Tsinan, Shantung, China.

My dear Mr. Rowley,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the following correspondence from yourself, forwarded to me by Dr. George T. Scott:-
Your letter of Nov. 11 to Mr. C. E. Wilson; your letter of November 12th to Dr. Scott; your letter of November 14th to Mr. Wilson.

I note that the above correspondence discusses certain actions of the Field Board of Managers and of the Acting President of the University. You state that you are sending copies of this correspondence to the North American Section and the British Section of the Board of Governors. I understand, however, from your procedure in forwarding this correspondence that you desire us to consider it as informal and merely an expression of a personal opinion. As the By-Laws of the University provide that any correspondence addressed to the Board of Governors and coming from the staff or the Field Board shall be transmitted by the President of the University, and as this material did not follow in that official channel, I could not present it formally to the North American Section unless some suspension of the rules were obtained.

I feel that any comment would be inappropriate until the minutes of the Field Board have been studied and acted upon by the two sections.

With all good wishes for Mrs. Rowley, yourself, and the children, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. Laiside

Secretary, North American Section

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Shantung Christian University,
Tsinanfu, North China.
January 23rd 1929

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Mr B. A. Garside,
Secretary, North American Section, S.C.U. Board,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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Dear Mr Garside,

Thank you for your letter of December 24th. I am very sorry if I have violated one of the Bye-laws in sending you a copy of a letter other than through the President. On this I have only two things to say. The first is that I was entirely ignorant of the Bye-law, and I find that several members of Staff to whom I have spoken were equally ignorant of its existence. I received a copy of the suggested Bye-laws, in which this provision does not figure. I would suggest that a University which has always liberal funds to squander might have presented to the members of Staff a copy of the adopted Bye-laws, or at any rate of those sections which were specifically intended to govern their actions. My second observation is that I am more than satisfied to find that though I have violated the letter of the Unknown Bye-law, I have observed its spirit. My letter was not sent through Dr Li, but a copy of it - save for the brief and unessential covering letter - was sent to Dr Li, with full information as to the officers of the University to whom copies were being sent, and he had as full an opportunity of commenting on it, therefore, as if it had passed through his hands.

May I add that my violation of the Bye-laws was as nothing compared with the contemplated violation which called forth my letter. It was claimed here that the University had authority to register without waiting for further sanction from the Board of Governors, since telegraphic authority had been sent in the spring of 1927 and had not been withdrawn. This claim was afterwards repeated in a letter to Dr Meershead, over the signatures of Drs Li, Shields and Scott. Registration was to be effected on the basis of a statement of purpose totally different from that embodied in the Bye-laws, despite the fact that the Bye-laws lay down a procedure for amendment which had not been followed, either before the sections of the Board of Governors sent their telegrams, or afterwards. By the constitution of the University - at least according to the copy of suggested Bye-laws in my possession - the telegrams were not valid authority for such a change until the cooperating Missions had expressed their mind on it. Can it be that even the President and the Chairman of the Field Board have not been supplied with a copy of the Bye-laws? Or were the provisions for amendment of the Bye-laws radically altered in the final draft?

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Harold H. Rowley

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Shantung Christian University,
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January 23rd 1929

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With all good wishes,

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Handwritten signature: Harold A. Rowley

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Cheeloo University
Tsinan, Shantung
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Rural Institute
November 15, 1938

Dr. A. L. Carson
Kennedy House
7 Gramercy Park
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Carson:

Your letter of October seventh, in which you told of the use you had made of one of my letters, hurt my conscience, for I have not written you since that letter of which you spoke. I shall try to do better in the future- my resolve when you left was that you should have a letter reporting on our activities each month. When I missed September I excused myself on the ground that Mr. Yang had written very adequately, but that doesn't extend to October!

November 18, 1938.

But we have just had good news from the American Consulate, Mr. Hawthorne, whom you will remember from Tsingtao (the red-haired man) has been appointed in Tsinan, and is already on the job. Yesterday and today a very nice letter has been going the rounds of the Americans, in which he announces his arrival and offers his services.

The Lungshan church has bought the Service Center property, for seven hundred sixty dollars, all of which has been raised. I turned the receipts for the money you left in the loan fund for that purpose over to Mr. Yen, in the name of the two of you (I emphasized that it was from Dr. and Mrs. Carson, but I will not guarantee how it will be on the subscription list. I recall vividly when my mother gave a considerable gift to the institution in which I was working in the South, for a special purpose, and the school paper announced that it was from Mr. Russell!) Mr. Yen said that the second Mr. Liu, of Niu Wang Chuang, had given three hundred fifty dollars, practically all of it his personal gift. He had been saving for years for this purpose. Other members have given about two hundred dollars. All the money is in hand, and is to be paid over by the second month of the new year. Mr. Wang was just in, and said the church people were all very happy about it. They have subscribed more than eighty dollars among themselves in the last few days. The church is to reserve one room for the living quarters of the pastor, and the church meeting house is to be used jointly by church and Service Center. The Service Center is to pay eighty dollars a year - as against one hundred paid formerly.

Have you been told of the pastor at Lung Shan? He began work about the first of September. He is Liu Chin Ch'en, an early graduate of the School of Theology. (Mr. Yang thinks it may have been in the Tsingchow days.) I have been interested in watching the change in Mr. Yen's estimate of the man. You know he doesn't often offer adverse criticism of folk, and he didn't in this case, but when I asked his opinion of the man, after the first time he had seen him, Mr. Yen wasn't very enthusiastic. I think he felt there was a pastor on the charge, but that was about all that could be said. But Mr. Yen has steadily grown more and more pleased with the work that the man is doing. He says Mr. Liu is almost never at home at the Center, but is constantly out among the Christians in the villages.

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(Frankly, that makes the biggest sort of appeal to me. I feared we might get someone who would sit in Lungshan.) When Pastor Liu came his salary for the remaining four months of this year was assured, in a large part from sources outside the local congregation, but everyone was worried about what would happen after the New Year. Now it is felt that there is no question about his salary for all of next year, it is almost all raised already. (I think it is eighteen dollars a month.) Of course, we aren't looking for just a money raiser, but I think the fact that he has roused the people enough to make these two things possible - the purchase of the property and his own support, even with the outside help that has been given - speaks well for him. The Rural Institute gave no additional help on the purchase of the property - only paid a year's rent early. This noon, I met the older Mr. Liu, of Niu Wang Chuang, on the campus. I asked him if he had just come from home, and he replied that he was only returning there, from a rather lengthy circuit on his job as colporteur. Then, looking very pleased, he said, "But have you heard that the Lung Shan church has bought a property?" and I could tell how happy he was at the news he had just heard.

Mr. Shen, of the Christian Education Association, was here this week. Mr. Yang said he went to see Mr. Torrance, but did no actual work here. He took his belongings that were here back with him. He reported that he was very busy in Peiping. When I was there recently I heard much of what a Christian Council was doing in relation to the middle schools - petitioning through the embassies and the educational board or ministry for two things - freedom from necessity of participating in political affairs (that means from compulsion of marching in parades, attending rallies, etc.) and freedom of religious teaching in the schools. I did not then realize that it was Mr. Shen's organization that was taking the lead, but it seems to be it is.

The School of Theology, with the Training Class a special course in it, opened the first of October. Here is the enrollment: Yü K'o (their first, or preparatory year) 3 women, four men; Cheng k'O (the last three years of the theological course), 1st year - 4 women; 2nd year - 1 woman; 3rd year - 1 woman; one man; training class - 14 men, 3 women. So you see we have thirty-one students wei-tze wai. It is good for the morale of us all to have them here. The first morning we had chapel, when the big bell rang, I could have leaped and shouted for joy. I knew we were having chapel, and was going, but I hadn't expected the bell, and it certainly did sound grand. Until ~~at~~ that time it had only rung for Sunday morning services. The men students are living in the south section of the men's dormitory - (That is another good bit of psychology, though I think unintentional. It is the only place they could have lived in that yard which would have allowed their lights to add to the cheer of the campus.) They eat in the little dining room where the faculty men formerly had their mess - it has its own kitchen adjoining - in the northeast corner of the Men's yard. The ten girls live in the north wing of Miner Hall, that is they use just that one wing and the dining room (which is also their living room) in the center, and the south wing is closed. The girls are all quartered on second floor, and Jo Fuller has the first floor of that wing as a suite. As you may know, the faculty suite in that dorm was only two rooms, but this has worked out very well, giving her the whole section, and she has opportunity for a real home there. Her kitchen is still across the yard in Leonard, but that is not so far away as the one at the back of Miner that Dr. Linn used to use. The other two girls live on campus - one is Mr. Peter P'eng's daughter, who is in Yü k'o, and the other Mrs. Yang Mao-Ch'un (a younger sister, who is in the training class and lives with the Yang's. The others in the training class, besides Mrs. Yang's sister, Miss Wang, are as follows: one woman (a Tsinan girl) and nine men from the English Baptist Mission. I think the only one whom you might know is Mr. Wei, of Niu Wang Chuang, who formerly attended the Bible School in Tsingchow. Two men from the American Lutheran Mission. Two men from the United Church of Canada mission in Honan (Did Mr. Yang write you how they

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arrived unannounced the first of September, after we had postponed the opening for a month? They lived here quite happily for that month, taking their meals at the farm. The Rosses looked after them rather specially, and they and Mr. Yang outlined reading for them, and I think the men felt they had quite a profitable time. Mr. Yang just told me that they are still continuing the study of English which they began in September, he said with Dr. Ross, but I rather think it is with Mrs. Ross) One man from P'ing Yuan, from the Hung Li Hui. Miss Ch'en, Miss Boehne's co-worker from East Suburb. We had sent the announcements for the East Suburb folk to Dr. Scott. Sometime after classes started I was in East Suburb and mentioned the class, and found that the folk there knew nothing about it. They said immediately that it was just the place Miss Ch'en ought to be, for she cannot be in the country this year. So I made a special plea that she be allowed to enroll late, and she is here. The retreat of which I wrote you, at which Dr. Scott had asked Mr. Yang to speak, did not develop, as it seemed unwise to hold it at that time, if the fold in that mission might have learned earlier of the class.

The training class students are having the following work this semester: Old Testament, Dr. Ross; Teachings of Jesus, Mr. P'eng; Methods of Evangelism, Dr. Stanley; Problems of the Rural Church, Mr. Lo; Agriculture, Mr. Yen; Religious Education, Mr. Yang; Recreational Leadership, Miss Fuller and Mr. Yen; Congregational Singing, Dr. Stanley. (The last they have with the whole school.) Miss Fuller has warmest praise for the work Mr. Yen is doing with the recreation class. She is distressed because he must do so much of the outside of the class work, but it is preparing materials in Chinese, and he must be the one to do it. After the games have been played in class, the students are given them in mimeographed form. Jo said they would soon have about a hundred games. Last week I went over and tried to get some pictures for you. That day Mr. Yen was leading a group of children from Ch'ung Teh School, while the training class students looked on. Later on, the latter are to do the leading. They have already had some work in leading their own group.

Besides the above, Mr. Yang is teaching sociology to the students in the Yü k'o, plus the two Tsingtao men. And I am teaching all the girls in Yü k'o and cheng k'o, two hours a week, in home economics. The three training class girls have been coming when they could, but they have a conflict one-half hour each week, and they need a different approach. So we are anticipating starting another class for them, along with some other older girls there are around the campus.

I think I wrote you of the Chinese services on Sunday morning, of which Mr. Yang and Mr. Hu were the instigators, held in Ch'ung Teh School. They continued until after the first of October, when that room proved quite inadequate, and since then they have moved to the big chapel. I think they still carry an impetus, though, from that less formal time, when they were born of the group, and not imposed by the institution. On the first of November the English services on Sunday afternoon were moved to the Anglican chapel, where there is a possibility of heat - where there was heat last Sunday, in fact. With coal at thirty dollars a ton, and of a rather inferior grade, the matter of heat is not only to be taken lightly. They started fires in the School of Theology a couple of days ago. There are still none in the dormitories, or in our Administration Building. I think the Rural Institute offices are the very choicest spot in the building in that regard, and my office the very best of those, with my four sunny windows. We are really quite comfortable until quite late in the afternoon. (Even now, at quarter before six, I am comfortable thanks to an extra sweater over my shoulders, over the one I am regularly wearing today, with another layer of wool underneath! Our offices get so well warmed with the sun that they hold it quite well.)

We have had a number of very welcome arrivals in the community during the

fall. You know of Dr. Lair's coming - I don't know whether he is acting or associage president, but whatever it is, everyone seems quite happy about it. Jerry came down to spy out the land, and then went back and got Louise and the children. The Scotts (Jim and Carrie and children) are back from Tsingtao (Jim is teaching geology in Yü k'Ö) Mrs. Green and the children, who were in Peiping all last year, are here now. (Which reminds me that Phoebe told me she wanted to hear whenever I had news from the Carson family. I'm going there to lunch tomorrow, and I'll take some letters along.) Mr. Phillips is here, but the family is in England. That mission has refused to send any women and children back to China - but Dr. Williamson hoped to change their minds on that when he got back to London. Mr. Phillips is now acting as registrar. Mr. and Mrs. Newton, a young E.B.M. couple, are here for the present, living in Miss Hickson's house - using the Shields gate! I think he is to work in the Institute. The P'eng and Lo families, of the School of Theology, are here - that is, in each family only the two youngest children were brought the others being in Peiping and Tientsin in school, except the oldest P'eng girl, of whom I have told you. Mr. Lo came alone at first, but she and the children have recently arrived. Four of our men have recently gone to join S.T.L. You will be interested to know that the Wu family have moved in from wherever the sanitary experiment was (I never can remember) and are now in the T'ien Chia quarters. Mr. Wang of Lung Shan, was here today, enroute to see his family, he hopes. He also hopes to bring them back with him, as he has reason to be worried about them. Your children will be interested in the foreign school - it carries on in the regular school building, with a grand total of four students in four grades! There are three mothers teaching, and they say it goes much better having it there than it would in a home. The four regular students are Mary Mosse, Joan and Ralph Greene, and David Scott. In addition Sheena and Margaret Winfield go to prayers each morning, and those two and Grace Torrance and Ti Ti Torrey (I must learn that lad's name) help to make a grand total of eight for dancing class once a week, which Mrs. Ingle teaches. The Torrey's, Mary Donaldson, the Scotts, Miss Boehne, Mrs. Hamilton, and the Torrances are in East Suburb. Helma is supposed to be on the way, but there are no recent reports. Yesterday a play group for the little children started, to be held two mornings a week at the Winfields. I haven't seen Louise since the gathering which planned it (to which I was invited, but to which I couldn't go because of a class and another meeting), but I met the East Village children going home yesterday, and I judge they had quite a crowd.

I have asked my own Board's representatives on the Board (hope that is clear, for I'll not elucidate) to send you a copy of a letter they wrote, for a recent meeting, for I think it expresses far better than anything else I have seen the attitude of most folk around here.

Have you been told of the tea at my house? I think it must have been about the middle of September, and all the staff of Arts and Science and the wives were invited, plus Mr. and Mrs. Yü (the hospital laboratory man, who is the only wei-tze li person in the East Village). I had tried to think what I might do to contribute to the esprit de corps, and this was the result. My two colleagues helped a great deal in the planning. Mr. Yang would say, "Now I'll tell you, we Chinese don't like (or do like as the case might be) this particular thing in most foreign tea parties." And altogether, it seemed quite a successful affair. There were thirty-five present. We had it in the garden, which is really a lovely place for that sort of a party. As per the wishes of my colleagues the invitations gave only one hour, and everyone came at that time and stayed through, rather than coming and going through the period. All had places to sit down (we had some tables, and for the others the chairs with arms borrowed from a class building.) The only planned entertainment was the saxophone solos (what is the plural of solo? (which Jo gave us. Folk ate a great deal, stayed a long time, and otherwise looked as though they were enjoying themselves, and I enjoyed them, I know. One foreign

man said, "Many of those Chinese wives I had never before seen", and others echoed him, and a foreign woman said the same thing, regarding the Chinese men. Next week the two Yangs and Mr. Ma are inviting us all - the whole bloomin' institution of staff rank - to a tea. The man you left in your shoes is certainly a fine person. He led chapel last week, and surely did put frankly what our religious faith should do for us in these times. One day both Dr. and Mrs. Ross commented to me about how fine he had been. Then Sunday he led the morning services, and that evening I was ~~in~~ at a dinner with a group in which Dr. Gault was the only other person who had been in the morning service, She spoke very highly of it, then proceeded to outline it for the others present.

Perhaps you have heard the list of folk going to the Madras meeting. I don't know the whole list from China, but know of three in whom we are interested- Mr. Anspach, Dr. T. C. Chao, of Yenching, and our own Djang.

I have been appointed a member of the public health committee of North China Conference of W.F.M.S., and I went to Tientsin for a meeting of that committee at the end of October. That was the first I had been out of town since april except for two days in Lungshan. I was surprised and pleased with the set-up for public health. The executive is a nurse with a public health degree from T. C. and we have just welcomed a physician for full time public health work (Dr. Clara Nutting, a friend with whom I lived ~~at~~ Yenching.) Those two work over the whole conference. In addition there is a supervising public health nurse in each of the six districts of the conference. There is already a flourishing program in each of two city centers, using a hospital as a base, and this meeting voted to place a public health nurse in the third center, where there is also a hospital. It seems very fine. Spurred by what Dr. Witham had said just as I was starting out for the train to Tientsin - that she thought I ought to go on to Yenching to interview some girls there- I made a flying trip up there, and had the greater part of two days on the campus. It was good to see Dr. Kramer - a faculty member (in nutrition) from my own college who came out a year ago to spend her sabbatical at Yenching, and has stayed on for another year, in charge of the home economics department - the others formerly in the department having left. I think she has taken hold in a remarkably fine way, and she was eager to help me in my hunt for a girl. She had one in mind whom she strongly recommended. I talked with the girl herself, and with other folk about her, and later talked with the folk in the middle school from which she came. I wanted the girl herself to make the next move, so I left ~~that~~ she was to write me a letter. I haven't received it yet, but she was going to talk with her father before writing it, which may explain the delay. I intended to have some other strings to my fiddle, but at the last the girl who might have been second choice fizzled out as a hope - that is, I had reliable information that we didn't want her, ~~an~~ and in the end I had only the one girl. She will graduate in the spring. She is young and inexperienced, but it doesn't seem possible to find an experienced person, and this girl seems desirable in every other way. If it comes to the point of engaging her, I intend that it be done so that she will have staff rank within the Arts College.

Gorden Mabry (of Wei hsien) and I had a very satisfactory exchange of communication s regarding the respective schools. I think the final distinction was that their school was for folk, who, if promising, might later go on to T'eng hsien, or some similar school - that is, for inexperienced folk, while ours was essentially a refresher course for folk who had already had work, but needed further training. Gorden wrote after they started that he had looked their crowd over, and that at that time he thought only one of their students would have qualified for our class on that basis. At the time I received that I felt that only one of ours would have belonged in their school, though now I might say we had two that could have fitted in there, but are all right here. We have heard that they have something over a hundred. Li Ch'un-Sang, our carpenter's daughter, is there,

she had completed the course in the Chowts'un Bible School, you know. Margaret has a dream of sending her on to Peiping to the Union School. I asked Gordon to bear that in mind during the year, and tell me whether or not he judged it wise.

Right now it seems to me that I am rather swamped with possible projects. I'll tell you later about those that develop. One which promises to be rather interesting is a demonstration house down in the medical school yard. I don't know whether you will remember it or not. It is a residence building behind the old O.P.D. and directly east of the Medical School class building, tucked in there with the others. The hospital superintendent has lived there - Dr. Wheeler, I think, and later Dr. McClure lived there. Recently it has been occupied by an army of cooks. They have been cleared out, and the step under way now is the clearing out of the insect inhabitants they left! Dr. Witham is to be in charge of this house, and it is to be a place where a great many folk can try out a great many ideas. One room will be a rat room, and the little rat colony which is just being started will be housed there. I'm expecting to get training from Dr. Witham in animal work. Another room will be the kitchen. I'll have a good bit to say about what is done in arranging that; for one thing, I am going on with an investigation of kitchen stoves, which I started some time ago. The other two rooms, it is hoped, can be arranged to be thrown into one, so that movies can be shown there. There will also be reception room, exhibit room, etc. Jerry plans an exhibit of proper toilets; they've already suggested I have something on children's clothes. They will not be permanent exhibits, but will be changed as occasion demands. Dr. Scott, who first pushed for the whole thing, I think, wants to be able to say to a mother to whom she is recommending a certain diet for her child, "Go over there and someone will show you how to prepare it." There are few details worked out - planning will be done as we go along. In that connection, and others I have been seeing the possibility that some day in the not too far distant future I shall have to decide whether I am first of all a home economist or a rural worker. However, because I am so deeply interested in both, I hope that, with proper staff, the demands of both can be met. More and More, however, am I coming to believe that we should go straight ahead with the development of home economics on the campus, without any apologies to the correlated program or anyone else. And this year, with one's movements limited, there is no necessity of choosing between two fields of service.

I had a most interesting letter from my home economics friend whose philosophy husband you know. They are both working in a National Northwestern University up in Shensi. She writes of a five year course in home economics, the first full home economics department in a government school, and wants to know about the latest books and equipment.

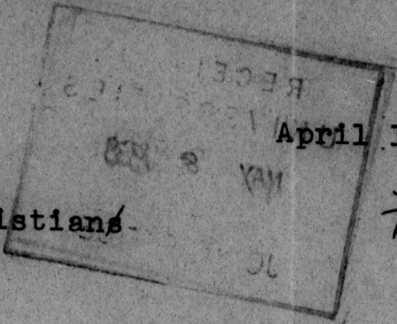
I am trying to get together some pictures for you. I'm having some developed now, and will see that I get. I'll keep on working at it. In the meantime, if you want the films of those I took during my first term, you can get them from my mother, Mrs. Joel W. Russell, 1030 Edwardsburg Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana. I made a similar suggestion to Mrs. Hughson, but she would have to ask for the books in which I had the pictures labeled, and then hunt out the films. You would find it much easier, for you could tell from the negative what you wanted. If there are specific things you want - in letter or pictures - please let me know. This letter has the important and the unimportant all mixed together, not entirely unintentionally, but I hope you will find some in it that you can use.

Yours,

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