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Monmouth Memorial Hospt.,
Long Branch, N.J.
May 7,1928.

Mr. H. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside:

Dr. Wood must have informed you of the action taken by the Board of Foreign Missions with regard to appointing me to the Shnatung Christian University.

I feel that while the Board of Foreign Missions does not wish to undertake any new work in China at this time,Dr. Wood has no objection to my withdrawing from the Board and going under other arrangements. I am withdrawing and writing Mrs. Avann to that effect. Is there anything else that I should do?

What seems to be the consensus of opinion with regard to the present Military conditions in China? Of course no one can have more than an opinion at this early stage of the game.

Sincerely yours,

Mollie E. Townsend

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TRANSFER

Shantung Christian University

May 8, 1928

Miss Mollie E. Townsend,
Monmouth Memorial Hospital,
Long Branch, N.J.

My dear Miss Townsend:

Thank you for your letter of yesterday. As soon as we learned from Dr.Wood that it would not be possible for the Episcopal Board to provide your support at Tsinan this year I at once wrote to Mrs.Avann and asked that she use her good offices in getting action from one of the other cooperating boards, probably the W.F.M.S., to provide your support.

I hope that it will be possible for the Women's Committee to act quite promptly for I know you are anxious to have your plans settled and I also am sure that the field is waiting anxiously for a final decision.

I am afraid there is no "consensus of opinion" in regard to the present military conditions in China! There seem to be about as many different opinions as there are individuals. My own hope is that the situation in Shantung will not prove so serious as has threatened for the last few days. Certainly there is a grave possibility of serious trouble between China and Japan as a result of the Tsinan incident. It is so obvious, however, that both the Nationalists and the Japanese earnestly desire to avoid trouble that there is good hope for an amicable adjustment. The greatest problem is that popular feeling has been so stirred up by propaganda the last few years that no one is longer able to control it.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B.A. Garside

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TRANSFER

Shantung Christian University

July 11, 1928.

Miss Mollie Townsend,
Monmouth Memorial Hospital,
Long Branch, N. J.

My dear Miss Townsend:

I have just received Dr. Shields' reply to the inquiry I sent him on July 22nd reporting your plan to remain in America until after the W.F.M.S. meeting in October, returning to China shortly thereafter.

Dr. Shields seems to think that this delay will not seriously interfere with the work at the University, and adds a further comment that Miss Cora Hoffman, who is also being appointed to the nursing staff at Shantung Christian University, is remaining in America for this same W.F.M.S. meeting. I suppose the two of you will probably be going out to China at the same time.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

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See also "Staff Conference" TRANSFER

[illegible] WORK IN SHANTUNG CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY.

Name.	[illegible] Appropriation Mex.$	No. of Miss.	Annual Appropriation Mex.$	Bible.	[illegible] Work
A.P.M.E.	600,000.	13	23,160.	18	5
L.M.E.	400,000.	14 (including two Chinese)	16,986.	16	5
Can. P. M.	164,000.	4	3,400.	4	3
S.P.G.	33,000.	4.	3,400.	3 plus. (almost 4)	3?
A.P.M.S.	10,000.	1	1,000	1 ?	2 ?
A.B.C.F.M.	12,000.	1	1,000.	1 ?	2 ?
L.M.S.	12,000.	1	1,000.	1 ?	2 ?
W.M.M.S.	42,000.	1	1,500.	1	2
L.U.M.	9,000.	1	1,000.	1 ?	2 ?
M.E.M.	-	1	-	0	1 ?
W.F.M.S. (Medical.Women)	50,000.	2	4,820.	2	2
A.P.M.E. (Society.Women)	70,000.	3	3,000.	3	2
A.B.C.F.M. (Women's Army.)	-	1	-	0	1 ?
W.M.M.S. (Women's Army.)	-	1	-	0	1 ?
Ch.of Brethren	-	1	2,000.	1	2
M.P.M.	-	-	1,600.	0	1 ?

Note. The A.P.M.S., A.B.C.F.M., L.M.S. and L.U.M. are not strictly entitled to claim a [illegible] until their annual appropriation is brought up to $2,000., unless the Board of [illegible] waive that point in view of the fact that they entered the station on a larger basis of annual appropriation. In the same way, the S.P.G. at present only has about 3½ units; unless a similar concession is made for them.

Peter

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Cheeloo University

June 7, 1935

Miss Mollie E. Townsend
R.F.D. Box 81
Banner's Elk, North Carolina

My dear Miss Townsend:

Your letter of June 4th has just been received, and in the absence of Mr. Garside, I am answering same to bring you up to date on available information regarding Cheeloo.

The minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting held on April 3rd have just been received, and give us a better and clearer picture than we have had for some time. Due to decreased income from sources here in America, as well as decreased appropriations from the Boards, the University has been steadily running into debt for its general operating expenses throughout the administration and the colleges of Arts, Letters, Medicine and Hospital. Some reserve funds on hand will take care of the medical deficit, but it is a very serious situation otherwise.

The British Section has been reluctant to take any steps toward direct assistance until complete and definite information has been received from China. This has delayed any relief action from that angle, but we hope that the minutes referred to above will be of material assistance in bringing new light. The North American Section has endeavored to raise extra funds to help out in the deficit, and one of the women's boards has voted about a one-tenth additional appropriation for this current year. The other Boards have not taken definite action, but we are hoping that a considerable amount will be realized toward decreasing the overdraft.

One of the main difficulties has been that the field could not secure a Chinese president. Many things hindered this procedure, the principal one being that those at the head of the Arts College consistently refused to cooperate in any other venture excepting building up a classical arts department, whereas the emphasis which the Boards in Great Britain and America, and the Council of Higher Education in China, had been working along the line of rural education. This in effect did not mean the ousting of the Arts College, but a study of the curriculum, with the thought of registering the whole course of study to more clearly meet the needs of Shantung Province. Unfortunately the move got off to a bad start in the interpretation of the word "rural", which gave a much different impression in Chinese than was intended in the program itself. As a result, there has been definite opposition, which has so antagonized some people toward every president who agreed to serve.

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It must be admitted that the University has made the effort to secure a Chinese president from among the outstanding educators and official people in China. Recently they have changed their tactics and have elected Mr. Liu Shu Ming, who is an alumnus of Shantung, worked in the Y.M.C.A. at Tsinan, secured his B.A. from Worcester, Ohio, and M.A. from Harvard, and since his return from America has taught in the Northeastern University in Mukden and two of the government universities at Peiping. His very deep interest in the University and the knowledge of the general situation makes it fitting that he should accept this offer and become its leader. We are looking forward, therefore, to a rejuvination of the University under this new leadership.

Dr. Davies is about to be retired, but the Board of Directors did not elect anyone in his place, feeling that the new president should not be hampered in any way.

Possibly you know that Dr. Shields is on his way to America, he now being in England, and will arrive in New York on the 29th. We are anxiously awaiting his arrival, and trust that his furlough will prove of great benefit to him.

We are very glad indeed to know that you are having a delightful time in the mountains of North Carolina. I have often wanted to visit that section, but the nearest I ever got to it was the Luray Caverns in Virginia. Some day I hope to take a tour of the South if Father Time will not take his toll too soon.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

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Shantung Christian University

August 21, 1930

Dr. Emma Curtis Tucker,
Chadron, Neb.

My dear Dr.Tucker:

Some days ago we received from Shantung Christian University a cablegram as follows:

"SHANTUNG CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY STRONGLY URGES THE APPOINTMENT OF DR.EMMA TUCKER, PRESBYTERIAN QUOTA ARTS COLLEGE, HEAD DEPARTMENT ENGLISH LANGUAGE."

Dr.Lair, Dr.Smith, myself and some of the other friends of Cheeloo who know of the splendid work you did for us during the year you were on the Tsinan campus added our strongest endorsement to this request, and I believe the Presbyterian Board is very favorably inclined toward the suggestion. At the present time there is a vacancy on the Presbyterian quota at the University for which the University is receiving nothing whatever either in cash or services. We would be anxious under any circumstances to have this inactive vacancy filled; but we are particularly anxious to secure you for this place if it is at all possible for you to go.

There is the most urgent need for a thoroughly qualified head for the Department of English. As you know, this position has been occupied by a number of different individuals since you left the Cheeloo campus, and while each one has no doubt done very good work, the frequent change in personnel has not been conducive to the development of a strong department. Since our China colleges are more and more judged by the strength of their Department of English we must, by all means, find ways to build up and maintain much more satisfactory work in English at Cheeloo.

As soon as the cablegram arrived from Tsinan we sent off a letter to Dr.Lair to ascertain your address and to find out what information he could give us as to your plans for the coming year. Dr.Lair has written us something of the work you are doing now in the Nebraska State Normal School and has expressed the fear that it may not be possible for you to give up this position for return to China before the end of the academic year just beginning. I earnestly hope that you may find it possible to so re-arrange your plans and commitments as to permit you to accept this urgent plea to return to Cheeloo during the coming autumn. Should this prove quite impossible, would there be any chance for you to go out after Christmas, or in the autumn of 1931?

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As soon as we learn more of your plans and your reaction toward this request from the field I will take up the matter further with the Presbyterian Board and with the field.

With warmest personal good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B.A Garside

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CC: Dr.Scott's office

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P. O. BOX 824,
Chadron, Nebraska,
September 8, 1930

TRANSFER

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of August 21 must have arrived soon after I left Chadron for a two week's vacation. Very stupidly the post office failed to forward it, and I am therefore very late in answering, for which I apologize.

I am very sensible of the great honor done me by Shantung Christian University, Dr. Lair and the other friends who have asked for my appointment as head of the English department at Cheeloo. I am also profoundly aware of the scope of the work and the far-reaching influences which may flow from it. In many ways it appeals to me as something I would greatly like to do.

When Dr. Lair first breached the subject to me last spring, I wrote him a full account of my situation, which I will now repear to you. There are two main reasons why I cannot leave America at once. The first is that I cannot look forward to an unlimited number of years of active service, and I must provide against old age. If my present plans carry out successfully I shall have sufficient provision certainly by the summer of 1932, possible by the summer of 1931. I know of course, that missionary salaries do not make allowance for savings!

The second reason why I cannot leave America at once is that I am deeply committed to the project for a Girl's School in Baghdad, of which I think you have heard me speak. I enclose a folder. I will admit that up to the present time I have had no great success in raising the money, and if I do not succeed during the next year or two, I shall cease to make further efforts, and shall consider myself free to accept any position in the foreign fields which may be open to me.

I hope I have made my situation clear, but I shall be glad to discuss the matter further, if you wish. Naturally, I cannot expect the Board to wait indefinitely for the solution of two such personal problems as the above. And there, I am afraid, the matter stands.

I hope your family are all well and happy. I had a pleasant visit with the Lairs as they passed through Nebraska on their way to the coast.

Thanking you again for the honor yourhave done me, I am

Most sincerely yours,

/s/ Emma Curtiss Tucker.

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Shantung Christian University

September 12, 1930

Dr. Emma Curtiss Tucker,
P.O.Box 824,
Chadron, Neb.

My dear Dr.Tucker:

I am very glad indeed to have your good letter of September 8. I was sure that my letter of August 21 had found you absent from Chadron seeking a little rest before you began the autumn grind.

What you write as to your commitments for the next year is rather closely in line with the information we had already received from various quarters. So, while we greatly regret that it is impossible for you to consider going to Cheeloo during the academic year 1930-31, this decision does not greatly surprise us. I am, however, hoping that you may still find the way open for return to Cheeloo a year or so hence. I am sending the University a copy of your letter of September 8, and am asking them for instructions as to the next steps we should take. I am quite sure, however, that the field would be happy to have you with them next year if it is impossible for them to secure you this year. I hope that you will give serious consideration to this possibility of service at Cheeloo later on, during these coming weeks while we are awaiting more formal word from the field.

The folder descriptive of the work at the School for Girls in Baghdad is a most attractive one. I am sorry that you have not found it possible to make more rapid progress in securing funds for this institution; but as you know, the securing of funds for all our educational work abroad has been extremely difficult during the last two or three years, due to ~~the~~ influences of financial conditions here in the United States as well as ~~distributions~~ disturbances abroad.

Margaret joins me in sending the warmest good wishes for your work during the coming year. We both hope that we may have the privilege of seeing you here in the East sometime soon.

Very cordially yours

B A Garside

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CC: L.J.Davies

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