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DR. FRANK MASON NORTH

140 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK NY

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AND BYLAWS PEKIN UNIVERSITY FEDERATED AS PRESENTED BY YOU AND  
APPROVED EDWARD C MOORE ARTHUR T PERRY MRS GEORGE M CLARK JAMES L.  
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TRUSTEES OF PEKING UNIVERSITY

Minutes of the Meeting, May 26, 1915.

The Trustees of Peking University met at the Board Rooms of the Board of Foreign Missions, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, May 26, 1915.

There were present at the beginning of the meeting Wm. V. Kelley, President, C. H. Taft, <sup>H. A. Ingraham</sup> ~~G. B. Hodgman~~, F. M. North. Bishop J. W. Bashford was also present.

The minutes of the meeting of July 14, 1914, with appended note were read and approved.

It was voted that the action of that meeting by which J. E. Leaycraft was elected a member of the Board be approved, and the election confirmed.

The Secretary presented a letter from G. P. Eckman who with report presented his resignation because of removal from the city. On motion it was voted that the resignation of G. P. Eckman be accepted.

Inasmuch as the Constitution provides that the annual meeting shall be held in May it was agreed that the present meeting be considered the annual meeting.

The Treasurer, C. H. Taft presented his annual report which on motion was received and placed on file. See report.

The report was referred to the committee on audit who reported through H. A. Ingraham that the statement of account was satisfactory. The Secretary stated that the three whose term of office expires with this meeting are J. F. Goucher, L. B. Wilson and F. M. North.

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On motion it was voted that the treasurer cast the ballot for J. F. Goucher, L. B. Wilson and F. M. North as trustees for the ensuing three years to succeed themselves. The ballot was cast and they were declared by the chairman elected.

On motion it was voted that the Secretary cast the ballot for J. R. Joy to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of G. P. Eckman. This was done and James R. Joy was declared elected.

On motion it was voted that H. A. Ingraham cast the ballot for the same officers for the ensuing year. This was done and the following were elected: Wm. V. Kelley, President, J. F. Goucher Vice President, C.H. Taft, Treasurer, F. M. North, Secretary.

On motion it was voted that the following committees be appointed for the ensuing year,

Finance: H. A. Ingraham, C. H. Taft, F. M. North.

Audit: J. E. Leaycraft, H. A. Ingraham.

At this point J. E. Leaycraft and James R. Joy entered and took their places as members of the Board.

The Secretary presented a statement of the procedure looking toward the readjustment of the basis of the University by which it should become in fact a union or federated institution. Accompanying the statement were the following papers:

- (A) Favorable action of the American Board of Commissioners through its Prudential Committee, (B) Favorable action of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, (C) Favorable action of the Board of Managers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, (D) The paper endorsed in substances by the Trustees individually in connection with the action of the trustees present at the meet-

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-ing of July 14, 1914. (E) The proposals submitted by the cooperative missions in North China, and adopted by the three Boards in America, including suggested amendments to the Charter and By Laws for the government of the Institution.

After discussion the following was adopted:

Resolved: That we appoint a committee to determine the legal steps which should be adopted by us in order to carry out our preceding action in favor of establishing a Federated or Union University in Peking, China, said committee to report at an adjourned meeting of the Trustees to be held within the next ten days.

On motion, F. M. North, J. E. Leaycraft and H. A. Ingraham were appointed as the Committee.

On motion the meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

*F. M. North*  
*Secretary*

# EXHIBIT A

## AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

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May 26, 1915.

Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. North:-

Your letter of the 21st instant reached me on the 24th, acknowledging mine of the 18th to you and containing a full Memo of Proposals for the Organization of the Peking University (Federated).

There was no time to refer the document to the Sub-Committee to which questions of this character have hitherto been referred; hence the matter was taken into the full Prudential Committee, which met yesterday, without passing through the Sub-Committee, and was there considered, with the various documents bearing upon the case, and with the members of the Sub-Committee present who have hitherto considered all questions relating to the Union Christian University at Peking.

Since there was no new issue involved, and the whole question was only a question of advancing along the same line to which the Committee has already committed itself, it was voted to accept the Memorandum as presented by you and to appoint four members to represent the American Board on the proposed Board of Trustees for the University, it being understood that the members thus appointed would be empowered to act for the American Board in all discussions of this question, pending a completion of the organization. Therefore I sent you a night letter, last night, as follows. There was no opportunity to get this letter off

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for the last night's mail.

"Prudential Committee American Board Commissioners for Foreign Missions today approved revised Constitution and By-Laws of Peking University Federated as presented by you and appointed Edward C. Moore, Arthur T. Perry, Mrs. George M. Clark, and James L. Barton its representatives upon the Trustees of the University."

Edward C. Moore is the President of the American Board, as you know; Arthur T. Perry a banker in Boston, a member of the Prudential Committee; Mrs. George M. Clark is the President of the Woman's Board of the Interior and has recently been in North China. As the Girls' College in Peking is under the support of the Woman's Board of the Interior, it seemed most fitting that they have a representative on this Board.

I hope it will appear that the members of the Board of Trustees need not have a majority resident in the State of New York. If this is necessary, we may be compelled to revise our list; but the appointments were made on the supposition that that will not be necessary.

I want to ask if the question was seriously raised, when you were at Peking, as to the name "Peking University". It has been pretty strongly opposed by some of my correspondents in North China, on the ground that that is the name of the government institution, and that there is strong feeling among some Chinese officials at least against a Christian University assuming the name which belongs to the National University. I have no doubt that matter was fully considered by you, but I would like to call attention to it and ask if you have given it full consideration. I thought in one of our first meetings we considered having a different name, as, for instance, "The Christian University of Peking", so as to represent the Christian character of the in-

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stitution in the name itself, and not to interfere with the Chinese University.

The details of your Memorandum were not gone through with in our Committee, but we assume that they will be wholly satisfactory.

Very sincerely yours,

*James L. Barton*

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Chinese University.

The details of your Memorandum were not gone through

with in our Committee, but we assume that they will be wholly

satisfactory.

Very sincerely yours,

*James G. Thompson*

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.  
156 Fifth Avenue  
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

May 22, 1915.

*(Handwritten initials "A B" inside a circle)*

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

My dear Dr. North:-

Our Board at its meeting the 17th instant  
took the following action:

"The Board approved the draft of the Constitution and By-laws of the Federated Peking University as approved by a union Committee in Peking representing our Mission and the Missions of the American Board, the London Missionary Society and the Methodist Episcopal Church and by Secretaries Frank Mason North of the Methodist Board, James L. Barton of the American Board and Arthur J. Brown of this Board. Secretary A. J. Brown, the Rev. William P. Merrill, D.D., Mr. Henry W. Hodge and Mr. John L. Severance were chosen as the four Trustees to represent this Board in the Board of Trustees in the Union University. They were given authority to take such further steps as may be necessary to complete the union in behalf of this Board. It is understood that questions of budget and property are to be worked out by the Board of Trustees and submitted to the Boards for their approval."

I shall be interested in learning the action taken by your Board. I shall defer communicating with the men nominated by our Board for Trustees until you inform me that the way is clear to proceed.

Cordially yours,

*(Handwritten signature: A. J. Brown)*

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North China.May, 1915.FOREIGN ADMINISTRATION

By its action under date of July 15, 1913 and June 16, 1914 the Board of Managers accepted in general the principle of union in educational work in connection with the Peking University and agreed to proposals presented by the Committee of conferees in Peking looking to the definite organization of the University on a federated basis. At the meeting on June 16, 1914 certain conditions for such a union were adopted and the action taken was made subject to conference with the other Boards through their representatives and it was ordered that the final action should be referred to the Board of Trustees of Peking University for such further action as might be required to carry out the plans agreed to. Pursuant to instructions, representatives of the three American Boards involved met on July 13, 1914, and reached an agreement, a copy of which is appended. The Trustees of the University met July 14, 1914. While a quorum was not present at this meeting subsequent correspondence elicited the approval of absent members to the general plan suggested, subject to further consideration and action when the exact details of the plan could be formally presented to them. The further steps in the proceedings are as follows:

First: Careful and prolonged consideration of the proposed basis of union at a meeting which took place in Peking on November 12, 1914, and at which were present representatives of the American Board, the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, the London Missionary Society, and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with Bishop Bashford and Corresponding Secretary

F. M. North. As a result of this conference certain definite principles were agreed to and it was determined that the representatives of each Mission should report back to their mission body on the field, authorizing a committee of conference which should prepare a basis of organization to be submitted to the Boards at home as representing the best judgment of the missions on the field. On November 13th a prolonged conference with the Methodist representatives of the medical union resulted in action which secured a basis of understanding and cooperation with the other missions interested in medical work and removed some of the obstacles which had been encountered in developing unity of feeling and action.

Second: There is now submitted to the Boards in this country the action of the Committee on Organization endorsed by the several Missions.

Third: The representatives of the Boards in America have carefully examined these proposals and have agreed, with minor changes, to the basis proposed. It is agreed to by the American Board and has been submitted to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions and agreed to, and is now presented for action by our own Board.

Fourth: Should this proposed basis be agreed to the further steps would involve the adoption of the plan by the Board of Trustees of Peking University and action by that Board in harmony with the proposals made; that action would involve some slight change in the Charter of Peking University, preserving it however in all essential features.

In the proposal there is no recommendation as to the



financial unit on which the representation in the Board of Trustees shall be given. The assumption is that it will be the same for all the participating Boards which now, according to the By-Laws, have representation in the Board of Trustees of four members each. Copies are submitted herewith of the amendment paragraphs of the Charter and of the revised By-Laws as they would stand should the Trustees of the University adopt them. For many reasons it is of the utmost importance that action be taken at the earliest possible date. The proposals are herewith submitted for the action of the Committee.

Your Committee recommend: (1) That the proposed basis be adopted.

(2) That the Committee on Nominations be requested to nominate four representatives of this Board for the proposed new Board of Trustees to be seated when the process of organization shall be completed.

Adopted.

## PROPOSED ACTION.

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## RESOLVED:

First. That the Trustees have received with satisfaction the communication of the Board of Managers of Peking University containing tentative propositions as a basis for a federative union of the missionary forces in North China by which a union university with federative lower schools shall be established upon the property already in part acquired for the purposes of a university and under the present charter of the Peking University.

Second: That the Trustees regard these propositions as in harmony with their own action taken July 14, 1913, as follows:

"RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of Peking University approve the policy of forming and maintaining in North China union interdenominational educational institutions, and approve further the merging of the educational plant and organization now known as Peking University into this union Christian educational system, the basis of such union to be satisfactory to the cooperating Boards."

They welcome the evidences of the near approach of the several parties in interest on the field to a practical program for a unified educational system which <sup>without will</sup> shall give Christian education an impregnable foundation at the capital of China.

Third: That the Trustees <sup>hereby</sup> give general assent to the propositions without, however, final commitment as to the details of organization which can only be passed upon when formally framed in a proposed constitution, and assure the Board of Managers of their purpose promptly to take action upon such formal statement when received.

Fourth: That the Trustees suggest as desirable the substitution of the word "interdenominational" or "unsectarian" for "undenominational" in further documents, and advise the correlation of all university departments in one single institution under one general management, the election of the managers on the field by their respective missions, subject to approval by the Trustees and the election of the

(the respective Home Boards)  
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~~Respective~~ Trustees by the cooperating ~~Boards~~ *respective*.

Fifth: That the final decision as to the form of organization to be submitted to the Boards be not made until after consultation on the field the coming autumn with the Secretary of the Board and any other members who may be upon the field.

Sixth: That the Secretary be directed to acknowledge the communications of the Methodist Board and the Board Secretaries, assuring them that the evidences of harmony of view on the part of those immediately interested confirms this Board's conviction that union in educational work in North China is not only desirable but imperative.

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EXHIBIT E

MEMO. OF PROPOSALS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE  
PEKING UNIVERSITY (FEDERATED).

Presented to the Boards by the Field Committee on  
Organization as slightly amended by the Secretaries of the  
three Boards concerned.

Certificate of Incorporation  
(Constitution)

This is to be amended as follows:

(1) Substitute for the words "College or Institution"  
wherever they occur the word "University."

(2) Substitute for the number "nine" the following:  
"The number of Trustees shall be not less than nine nor more  
than twenty-four."

(3) Substitute for the present wording, "the majority  
of whom shall be citizens of and residents in the United States  
of America."

NOTE: It is understood, however, that if this form is  
not legally allowable, the form shall be "a majority of whom  
shall be citizens of and residents in the State of New York."

In other respects the Certificate of Incorporation  
would not be changed.

BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the corporation would be as follows:

(1) The Board of Trustees shall be composed of the  
persons named in the act of incorporation, or such persons as  
may be elected to succeed them from time to time.

(2) The Trustees shall be divided into three classes,  
of an equal number of members each, the terms of service of one  
class to expire annually. Each of the following Mission Boards  
shall elect four members, viz., The American Board of Commissioners  
for Foreign Missions, the London Missionary Society, the Board of  
Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Pres-  
byterian Board of Foreign Missions of the U. S. A.

The body thus formed may elect members at large.  
When a vacancy occurs in the membership it shall be filled in the  
same manner in which the original member was elected.

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(3) The officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, who shall be elected from the members of the Board. The signatures of both President (or Vice-President) and Treasurer shall be requisite for the execution of all documents.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to open and keep such books of account as may be necessary to record the receipts and expenditures of the Board; and such accounts shall be audited at least once in each year by a committee appointed by the Trustees for that purpose. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to preserve full minutes of the proceedings of the Board; these minutes to be read and passed upon at a subsequent meeting.

(4) An annual meeting shall be held in the city of New York at such time as the Board may elect at which a report of the entire transactions of the previous year shall be presented. The approval of the officers of the Board of Trustees shall be required for the investment of the funds.

For the transaction of ordinary business, five shall constitute a quorum provided not less than three Boards are represented; but for the election of officers and the transaction of other important business, like the approval of budgets, appointment of professors, etc., a majority of the total membership and a representation of at least three Boards shall be required for a quorum.

N. B. The details of hours and place to be fixed by the Trustees.

(5) There shall be a Board of Managers in North China to consist of twenty-four members. Four members shall be elected by each of the uniting Missions, and the remaining members shall be elected in the first instance by the foregoing acting conjointly, and subsequently by the Board as a whole. The members of the Board shall be divided into three classes equal numerically, and the term of service of one class shall expire annually. When the place of any member becomes vacant the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as in the election of the original member. All elections to the Board of Managers shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. All the members of the said Board shall be Christians of evangelical faith, and at least one-half residents of Peking or vicinity.

The President of the University shall be ex-officio President of the Board of Managers, and one-half the members shall constitute a quorum for business. The rules and by-laws of the said Board shall be submitted to the Trustees for their approval.

(6) The Board of Managers shall be accountable to the Board of Trustees for the conditions, custody and uses of all funds received by them from whatever source. Donations for the University made directly to the Board of Managers may be employed by them in accordance with the wishes of the donors, provided always there be no departure from the fundamental principles of



the institution as stated in these By-Laws and the Certificate of Incorporation. All real estate or permanent investments, however, shall be held by or in trust for the Board of Trustees. Appeals for funds outside of China shall be made only through the Trustees or with their approval.

(7) An annual meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held as near the close of the University year as practicable, at which a full report of the operations and condition of the University, and a statement properly audited of all receipts and disbursements shall be presented, and the same be forwarded to the Trustees in time for their annual meeting.

(8) The Board of Managers shall have power subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, to make and enforce such laws and regulations as may be necessary for the conduct of the University; may propose nominations for President and Professorships; shall appoint and at thier discretion remove all other instructors and officers; prescribe the course of studies; assign to each department its respective duties; decide upon the conditions of admission, and, in general, be invested with authority to determine all questions of local business and management.

(9) The University Council shall consist of the President, Deans, and Professors. The Council shall be under the direction of the Board of Managers and be responsible to them for the discharge of its duties.

(10) All members of the teaching staff of the University shall be Christians of evangelical faith.

(11) The Trustees shall appoint the President and Professors and shall have the power of removal. The Trustees shall determine the salaries of officers and instructors after receiving recommendations on the subject from the Board of Managers, except when such salaries are paid by the Societies participating in the University.

(12) The Board of Trustees shall be the ultimate authority in all the affairs of the University, but their action in local matters shall be solely through the Board of Managers, and all such matters when referred to the Trustees must be through the Board of Managers and with the sanction of that Board.

(13) It shall be the duty of the Trustees to transmit to the Board of Managers at such times and in such manner as may be mutually agreed upon, the interest or any permanent endowments, and the whole or part of other funds in their hands, as donors may designate, or as may be deemed expedient by the Trustees.

The Trustees shall have power to withhold the payment of the above funds (1) when in their judgment there shall be a



departure on the part of the Board of Managers, or Council, in the control or instruction of the University from strictly Christian and evangelical principles, (2) In case of political or local changes rendering it desirable or necessary to reduce the number of instructors or students, to alter the location of the University, or to suspend operation for a period or permanently, (3) in case the University shall become self-supporting, (4) or whenever from any cause the Trustees shall come to the unanimous conclusion that the University is not answering its original design.

(14) In case of permanent suspension, all funds remaining in the hands of the Trustees, unless otherwise appropriated by the donors, shall become a permanent fund, the interest on which the Trustees shall be authorized to employ for the general purposes of evangelical Christian education among the Chinese speaking races.

(15) The Trustees shall have authority to employ such agents, and to adopt such other measures, as may be necessary for the execution of their trust.

(16) These by-laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the Trustees at an annual meeting, or at a meeting regularly called for this purpose, full notice of the proposed amendment having been given at a previous meeting, and opportunity having been given for an expression of opinion by the Board of Managers.

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May  
Twenty-ninth  
Nineteen Fifteen.

The Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,  
14 Beacon Street,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton:

Replying to your favor of the 26th let me acknowledge receipt of your night letter, which came in good season for my use at the meeting of the Trustees on Wednesday. I note the action of your Prudential Committee without the action of the Sub-Committee which deals with these matters, and am especially interested that you have named so important a group as trustees for the proposed organization.

We are not yet clear as to some of the legal points involved in the revision of the Charter of Peking University. We had a most interesting meeting of the Trustees and the general principles involved in the union are agreed to. There is some hesitancy however as to the procedure and it may be that some little time will be required to work out the plan satisfactorily. We have a committee on the legal aspects of the case and expect to reassemble within ten days to hear the report. I shall push these matters to a conclusion as rapidly as possible.

Concerning the name, PEKING UNIVERSITY. I have long been aware that this was a point of grave difference of opinion on the field and, indeed, it has been one of the occasions of disagreement in the past. The conclusion however reached by the parties considering the case in the last few months was to accept the name, though some greatly desired that another name be substituted. There are some objections to its use; on the other hand there would be, in my judgment, very grave embarrassments in opening the question now of a change of name. I think I speak well within the truth when I say that the agitation for such a change would be unfortunate and might easily menace our whole program. Personally, I am entirely willing that there should be a change of name if it could be agreed to without friction and without agitation. But it seems to me that it would be far better to proceed under the present name, in the interests of harmony of feeling, even though there be disadvantages connected with it, than to take a course that might upset the entire apple cart. When I was in Peking the matter was mooted, it was not brought up for formal discussion, since it had been virtually agreed that an item which had been one of the obsta

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to union and which was not longer to be allowed to prevent action was better left in the silence than brought into new consideration at a time when negotiations were proceeding with a fair hope of successful completion. I think I may say that my own information is that there is such an appreciation of the standing of Peking University on the part of some of the high officials, that I doubt whether the name itself would interfere with their friendly cooperation. Without raising the question formally I will take up the question with Bishop Bashford and see what his advice would be in the matter.

I will keep you posted as to the progress of events.

Yours cordially,

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TRUSTEES OF PEKING UNIVERSITY  
MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY.

I. Since the last meeting of the Trustees of the Peking University, held <sup>July 14</sup> ~~June 5~~, 1914, the following events have occurred, bearing upon the proposed re-organization of the University upon a union or federative basis:

(a) Conference in Peking of representatives of the several missions interested in the proposed Union University, at which in addition to these representatives there were present Bishop James W. Bashford and Corresponding Secretary Frank Mason North, which resulted in the removal of some of the obstacles to the union and the authorization of the representatives at the meeting in question, to proceed to secure a committee from each mission to act, jointly with similar committees from the other missions, as an organizing committee, with the agreement that this committee should at once prepare and submit to the several missions, and through them to their Boards, the new basis for the organization of the University. It being further understood that the form of organization would be expressed in amendments to the present charter of the University and the restatement of its By-laws.

(b) A receipt by the several Boards in this country of the proposals agreed to by this committee and by the missions on the field, and consideration of these proposals, first by the Secretaries representing the Boards, and reference to the Boards of the document as thus formulated.

(c) Favorable action by the three Boards in America; first, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (see Exhibit A); second, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (see Exhibit B); third, Board of Managers of the Methodist Episcopal Church (see Exhibit C).

The present status of the movement, therefore, is,

First, that there is entire agreement among the missions on the field concerning the constitutional basis for the organization of the University.

Second, there is entire agreement among the Boards in America upon the constitutional basis for the University.

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Third, there is agreement between the missions in Peking and the Boards in America as to this basis, except that some minor modifications in the paper presented from the field have been made, it is assumed by the Boards in America.

Fourth, the action of the London Missionary Society has not yet been taken, though its representatives on the field have agreed to this basis and it was assumed that favorable action will be taken by the home Board, since all difficulties previously encountered have been now removed.

The matter is, therefore, brought to the Trustees of the Peking University with the concurrence of all those interests which will be concerned in the proposed University.

II. By the action of the Board of Trustees taken July 15, 1913 and July 14, 1914, the principle of union in higher education in North China, and the general basis on which such a union might be consummated in the proposed Union University, were adopted, though it should be noted that in the case of the latter meeting while a quorum of the Trustees was not actually present, definite assurance was received of approval of the action taken at the meeting, to give that action the endorsement of a majority of the Trustees with no dissenting voice or communication. (see Exhibit D). Upon the basis of the communications presented, and the action herewith recorded, the opportunity now comes to the Trustees to take such steps as they deem wise to put into effect the conclusions thus reached.

III. Herewith are submitted the suggestions agreed to on the field and by the Boards for the organization of the Union University. These suggestions come to the Trustees of Peking University as matters of <sup>information</sup> ~~inclination~~ and as an expression of

the desire and thought of the parties in interest, with the recognition of the fact that it rests entirely with the Trustees of the Peking University to accept the power of the Trustees of the University to make the necessary provisions involved. (see Exhibit E).

IV. Those steps involve the suggestions requiring legal amendment of the Acts of Incorporation in two or three particulars, and the adoption of the revised By-laws. The entire matter is now submitted to the Trustees for their action.

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*Peking Union  
Trustees*

The Union Committee on Constitution of the  
Federated Peking University

In view of the visit to Peking of Dr. Robert E. Speer, representing the Presbyterian Board in New York, a meeting of the Union Committee was called by Dr. Fenn at the residence of Dr. H.H. Lowry, Peking, at 9:30 A.M. September 24th, 1915.

The following members were present:

Dr. C.H. Fenn and Rev. C.L. Ogilvie of the Presbyterian Mission.  
Dr. H.H. Lowry, and Dr. W.T. Hobart of the Methodist Episcopal Mission.  
Dr. J.G. Cormack and Dr. E.J. Stuckey of the London Mission.  
Dr. C.W. Young, and Rev. Howard S. Galt of the American Board Mission.  
Bishop F.L. Norris of the Church of England Mission.

The following persons were also present: Dr. Robert E. Speer, and his secretary Mr. Speers, Dr. Walter Lowrie, Bishop Lewis, Dr. Candlin, Dr. King, Mr. Krause and Mr. Gibb.

Dr. H.H. Lowry was elected Chairman and Mr. Galt Secretary.

The Chairman called for a statement of the purpose of the meeting. In reply Dr. Fenn mentioned the desire of Dr. Speer and others to meet in an informal way and discuss the proposals sent out from New York regarding the organization of the proposed University, and other questions connected with the matter.

At the Chairman's suggestion Dr. Fenn read the "Memorandum of Proposals for the Organization of the Peking University (Federated)" as sent out by Dr. North from New York.

The Chairman made some remarks regarding the legal questions involved in the proposed change of charter in New York state and read extracts from a letter from Dr. North.

Remarks on this topic were made by Dr. Speer, Bishop Lewis and others.

The Chairman brought forward the question of the financial responsibility of each Mission Board in inaugurating the Union Institution. The following resolution <sup>offered</sup> ~~made~~ by Dr. Fenn and seconded by Dr. ~~Cormack~~ Stuckey was passed: "Resolved that we recommend the sum of \$100,000. gold as the amount expected from each Mission Board joining in the University, this amount to be provided at the earliest possible date and to be used primarily for the purchase of land and secondarily for the erection of the most necessary buildings; further requirements of the University to be met by the Boards of Trustees, and Managers, in such ways as they may devise."

It was agreed that copies of the minutes of the present meeting should be sent at once to the Mission Boards and to the Missions on the field for ratification.

After remarks ~~by~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and prayer by Dr. Speer the meeting adjourned.

(Signed) Howard S. Galt, Secretary.

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The Union Committee on Administration of the

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In view of the visit to Beijing of Dr. Robert E. Spear, representing the Presbyterian Board in New York, a meeting of the Union Committee was called by Dr. Fenn at the residence of Dr. H. H. Lewis, Beijing at 6:30 A.M. on October 15, 1941.

The following members were present:  
Dr. C. H. Lewis and Rev. C. H. Lewis, the Presbyterian Mission.

Dr. J. E. Gorman and Dr. E. J. Gorman of the London Mission.  
Dr. C. W. Young, and Rev. Howard, Miss of the London Board Mission.  
Richard J. Lewis of the Church of England Mission.

The following persons were also present: Dr. Robert E. Spear, and Misses Mary H. Gorman, Dr. Walter Lewis, Richard Lewis, Dr. Gorman, Dr. King, Mr. Gorman and Mr. King.

Dr. H. H. Lewis was elected Chairman and Dr. C. H. Lewis Secretary. The Chairman called on a statement of the purpose of the meeting. Dr. Fenn mentioned the desire of Dr. Spear and others to meet in an informal way and discuss the proposed new Union Board regarding the organization of the proposed University and other matters connected with the subject.

Dr. Fenn made the "Memorandum of Proceedings for the Organization of the Union University (Provisional)" and sent out by Dr. Fenn from New York.

The Chairman made some remarks regarding the legal questions involved in the proposed University and the proposed new Union Board.

Remarks on this topic were made by Dr. Spear, Richard Lewis and others.

The Chairman brought forward the question of the financial responsibility of each Mission Board in financing the Union University. The following resolution was adopted by Dr. Fenn and seconded by Dr. Gorman:

"Resolved: That we recommend the sum of \$100,000.00 to be provided for the proposed University in the University. The purchase of land and necessary buildings for the University is to be provided for by the University. Further, the University is to be provided for by the University, and Managers, in such ways as they may see fit."

A second copy of the minutes of the meeting was given to the Union Board and to the Mission of the University.

Remarks by Mr. Fenn were made by Dr. Spear, the meeting was closed by Dr. Fenn.

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## M I N U T E S

The Board of Trustees of Peking University met at the Aldine Club, October 28th, 1915, at 1 p.m.

Every member of the Board was present, as follows:

Bishop Luther B. Wilson  
Dr. William V. Kelley  
Dr. John F. Goucher  
Dr. F. M. North  
Dr. J. R. Joy  
Mr. J. Edgar Leaycraft  
Mr. H. A. Ingraham  
Mr. G. B. Hodgman  
Mr. C. H. Taft

The Sub-Committee on Change of Charter presented a paper as the result of their study of the modifications required.

After full discussion, on motion it was voted: That the paper be adopted as presented, as expressing the unanimous agreement of the Trustees concerning the proposed changes in the charter; and, that the Committee heretofore appointed, namely, F. M. North, H. A. Ingraham and J. Edgar Leaycraft, be appointed with power to act on behalf of the Trustees, both to edit the document and to agree for the Trustees to such modification of the resolutions as may be required to bring the statement within the conditions required by the Board of Regents.

It was further voted: That action concerning the transfer of titles to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church be postponed, and that the Committee be instructed to report upon the method of such transfer.

On Motion, the meeting adjourned.

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M I N U T E S

The Trustees of Peking University met in the Board Room of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church on Monday, November 22nd, 1915, at 11 a.m.

Present: Luther B. Wilson, William V. Kelley, John F. Goucher, Frank Mason North, James R. Joy, Henry A. Ingraham, George B. Hodgman, C. H. Taft, and J. Edgar Leaycraft.

Dr. William V. Kelley in the Chair.

The Special Committee appointed to formulate the proposed changes in the Articles of Incorporation reported correspondence with Dr. Pliny T. Sexton, Chancellor of the Regents, and submitted a form of amendment modifying the form adopted at the last meeting of the Trustees.

On Motion, it was voted to adopt the modified form as follows:

"Voted, That the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York be requested to amend the certificate of incorporation of the Trustees of Peking University, China, which was executed June 25, 1889, and filed on or about June 25, 1890, in the office of the Secretary of State, of the State of New York, by changing the corporate name of the institution to that of

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and by changing the second and third of the numbered paragraphs of the said certificate of incorporation so as to read as follows:

"Second: The purpose of the corporation shall be to establish and maintain in Peking, China, a University, founded and conducted on strictly Christian and evangelical, but not sectarian, principles, and to aid the youth of the Chinese Empire, now Chinese Republic, and of other countries, in obtaining in such University

a literary, scientific or professional education.

The corporation of the University shall, generally, have the powers and privileges of corporations created under the Education Law of the State of New York, the same as if originally incorporated thereunder.

"Third: The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, shall be the constituent trustee-electing members of this corporation, and the managing boards of such Boards of Missions shall each choose, to be the respective representatives of the said bodies, four persons to be members of the board of trustees of the corporation, to so hold, in the first instance and in succession, that the term of one member of each group of such representative trustees shall expire in each year.

Such representative trustees, acting together, shall, as the terms of the present nine general trustees, and of their successors, in continuing succession, expire, choose such successors, to so hold that the terms of three of such general trustees shall expire in each year.

Other incorporated missionary organizations may at any time be affiliated with and made constituent trustee-electing members of the corporation of the University, by the favoring vote of the managing Boards of all of the then existing such constituent bodies; and each such so added constituent body shall be entitled to choose, as its representative, or representatives, an additional member, or such group of members as the vote of affiliation shall provide, of the board of trustees of the corporation, to so hold that the term of such trustee, or of one of such group of trustees, shall expire each year.

The successors, in continuing succession, of the representative trustees, shall be chosen by their respective trustee-electing bodies; and all members of the board of trustees of the University shall continue to hold, after the expiration of their ~~representative~~ specific terms of office, until their successors shall be chosen.

A majority of the trustees of the corporation shall be citizens of the United States of America."

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On Motion, a Yea and Nay vote was ordered. The roll was called and the following voted "Aye":-

Luther B. Wilson	William V. Kelley
John F. Goucher	Henry A. Ingraham
Frank Mason North	James R. Joy
George B. Hodgman	C. H. Taft
J. Edgar Leaycraft	

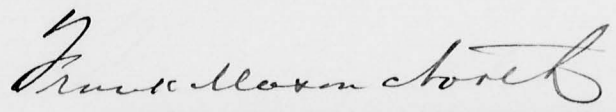
Communications from Dr. H. H. Lowry, President of the University, and Bishop Wilson S. Lewis were submitted and referred to the Committee on Property Transfer appointed at the last meeting of the Trustees.

On Motion, it was voted that a recess be taken until 1:45 p.m.

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After recess the subject was further considered without additional action.

On Motion meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.

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M I N U T E S

The Trustees of Peking University met at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, December 30th, 1915, at 4 p.m.

The Trustees present were: G. B. Hodgman, J. R. Joy, H. A. Ingraham, C. H. Taft and F. M. North. Excuses for absence were received from the others: W. V. Kelley, J. F. Goucher, Luther B. Wilson and J. Edgar Leaycraft.

Mr. Henry A. Ingraham acted as Chairman.

The Committee on the Change of Charter reported through the Secretary that the Board of Regents of the State of New York had taken action on December 2nd, 1915, approving the change of Charter as agreed upon between the Committee and the Chancellor, Dr. Pliny T. Sexton. The action of the Regents has been communicated by Dr. Sexton, and is as follows:

"At the meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York, held on December 2, 1915, upon the recommendation of the charter committee, the following vote was unanimously adopted:

"Peking University. Voted, That upon the unanimous request of the Board of trustees of the Trustees of Peking University, China, voted at their meeting of November 22, 1915, at which every trustee was present, the charter of the said University, which was incorporated by a certificate executed June 25, 1889, and filed on or about June 25, 1890, in the office of the Secretary of State, of the State of New York, be amended by changing the corporate name of the institution to that of Peking University, and by changing the second and third of the numbered paragraphs of the said certificate of incorporation so as to read as follows:

"Second. The purpose of the corporation shall be to establish and maintain in Pekin, China, a University, founded and conducted on strictly Christian and evangelical, but not sectarian principles, and to aid the youth of the Chinese Empire, now Chinese Republic, and of other countries, in obtaining in such University a literary, scientific or professional education.

The corporation of the University shall, generally, have the powers and privileges of corporations created under the Education Law of the State of New York, the same as if originally incorporated thereunder.

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"Third. The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, shall be the constituent trustee-electing members of this corporation, and the managing boards of such Boards of Missions shall each choose, to be the respective representatives of the said bodies, four persons to be members of the board of trustees of the corporation, to so hold, in the first instance and in succession, that the term of one member of each group of such representative trustees shall expire in each year.

Such representative trustees, acting together, shall, as the terms of the present nine general trustees, and of their successors, in continuing succession, expire, choose such successors, to so hold that the terms of three of such general trustees shall expire in each year.

Other incorporated missionary organizations may at any time be affiliated with and made constituent trustee-electing members of the corporation of the University, by the favoring vote of the managing boards of all of the then existing such constituent bodies; and each such so added constituent body shall be entitled to choose, as its representative, or representatives, an additional member, or such group of members as the vote of affiliation shall provide, of the board of trustees of the corporation, to so hold that the term of such trustee, or of one of such group of trustees, shall expire each year.

The successors, in continuing succession, of the representative trustees, shall be chosen by their respective trustee-electing bodies; and all members of the board of trustees of the University shall continue to hold, after the expiration of their specific terms of office, until their successors shall be chosen.

A majority of the trustees of the corporation shall be citizens of the United States of America."

On Motion, the following Resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS the charter of Peking University has been amended to permit the affiliation of



other corporations in its management and control, to-wit:- The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church;

"WHEREAS prior to such amendment it has been agreed between Peking University and such other affiliated corporations that each of such affiliated corporations should transfer or pay to Peking University certain properties or moneys and that Peking University should retain at the time of such affiliation certain properties, and might transfer to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church the balance of its properties consisting of

"NOW THEREFORE in order to effectuate such agreement

"BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the trustees of Peking University be authorized to make, execute and deliver on behalf of Peking University to such person or persons as he may select such power of attorney or other necessary paper or papers as may in conformity with the laws of China and New York permit the said attorney or attorneys for or on behalf of Peking University to transfer and convey said properties designated to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to the end that thereafter such properties shall become, be and remain the properties of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

On Motion, it was voted:

That in harmony with the above action for transfer of properties on the field, the Treasurer, Mr. Charles H. Taft, be authorized to transfer to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church any securities now held by him, same to be held for the uses of the Methodist higher educational work in Peking.

On Motion, it was voted:

That the Treasurer, Mr. Charles H. Taft, be authorized to secure the renewal of the policy

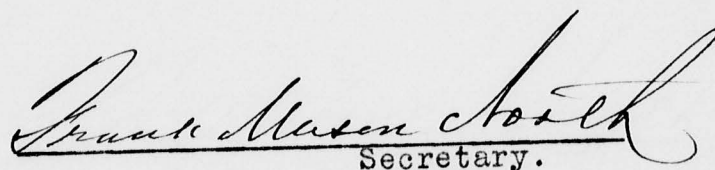


of insurance, as has been done from year to year, and that the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions be requested to advance the necessary funds, approximately \$380., and to secure the customary adjustment with the treasurer of the University on the field.

The Secretary reported a communication from the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church that, in harmony with the purpose of the Charter as now modified, the following were elected by that Board, on December 21st, 1915, as trustees of Peking University:

The Rev. William V. Kelley, D.D.  
Mr. Henry A. Ingraham  
The Rev. John F. Goucher, D.D.  
The Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D.

On Motion the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.