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**The Union Committee on Constitution
of the
Federated Peking University.**

A Meeting of the above Committee was held at the Union Medical College, Peking on Dec 11th, 1914 commencing at 9. 0 a. m.

The following persons were present:

Rev. C. H. Fenn,	of the American Presbyterian Mission
Rev. C. L. Ogilvie,	„ „ „ „
Dr. F. E. Dilley,	„ „ „ „
Rev. H. H. Lowry,	„ „ Methodist Episcopal Mission
Rev. W. T. Hobart,	„ „ „ „
Dr. N. S. Hopkins,	„ „ „ „
Rev. H. S. Galt,	„ „ American Board Mission
Dr. C. W. Young,	„ „ „ „
Rev. M. S. Frame,	„ „ „ „
Dr. J. G. Cormack,	„ „ London Missionary Society
Dr. E. J. Stuckey,	„ „ „ „
Rev. T. Biggin,	„ „ „ „

At the afternoon session there was also present

Bishop F. L. Norris of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

Dr. Fenn, the Convener, called upon Dr. N. S. Hopkins to open the Meeting with prayer. After this Dr. C. H. Fenn was elected Chairman and Rev. T. Biggin, Secretary.

The Chairman introduced the business before the Committee by reading minutes of a Meeting held a month previously, to consider the formation of a Federated University.

Resolved that this Committee expresses to the Anglican Mission its desire that that Mission not only continue such participation in union educational work as they have had in the past, but join in all departments of the proposed Federated

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University with an equitable share in its management, and that in any case the Anglican Mission be invited to send a representative to our meetings in order that it may be kept informed of developments.

In answer to a question, it was stated that it is hoped the proposed University will acquire about 100 acres of land apart from the Medical Department. Of this about 30 acres is already in the hands of the Peking University. This land has been bought with Methodist funds and would be made over to the Methodist Mission to become their contribution to the Federated University. The American Board Mission and the Presbyterian Mission would endeavour to make an equivalent contribution towards the ground of the University; and the Medical College and Hospital etc. would be the contribution of the London Mission.

With regard to the place of Colleges for Women in the University an action of the Methodist Board was reported approving the affiliation of such Colleges as soon after the organisation of the Federated University as possible. No further action was taken at this meeting.

The Chairman stated that in considering the Constitution of the Federated University the general principle adopted was to change as little as possible that of the Peking University.

It was decided to consider first the

Certificate of Incorporation, which, as slightly amended, would read:

We the undersigned Edward G. Andrews, James M. Buckley, James H. Taft, Merceim Thomas, Louis S. Pilcher, John M. Reid, Henry C. M. Ingraham, Charles H. Taft, and Stephen L. Baldwin, all being of full age and citizens of the United States of America, and all but James M. Buckley being citizens of the State of New York, and the said James M. Buckley being a citizen of the State of New Jersey, and we being desirous of associating ourselves for benevolent, charitable, literary and scientific purposes, in order to become a body politic and corporate in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of the

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Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An Act for the Incorporation of benevolent, charitable, scientific and missionary societies" passed April 12th, 1848, and the note amendatory thereof, do hereby certify as follows:

(1) That the name or title by which the said society, heroby intended to be incorporated, shall be known in law, shall be the Trustees of the Peking University, China.

(The above agrees with the present certificate without change)

(2) The particular business of the said society shall be to raise a fund for the purposes hereinafter mentioned; to make, from time to time, such investments and reinvestments thereof as may seem to be most judicious; to collect and receive the income thereof and to apply the same and such portions of the principal fund, from time to time, as may be deemed necessary or expedient, in establishing and maintaining, or assisting to establish and maintain, in Peking, its immediate vicinity, or in other adjacent countries, a University which shall be founded and conducted upon strictly Christian and evangelical but not sectarian principles, and also to act in the appointment of the officers and faculty of the University, and as a Board of control and appeal in its management.

The object of the said society shall be to aid the youth of the Chinese Republic and of other countries in obtaining in such University, a literary, scientific, or professional education.

(The above agrees with the present certificate except that the word University is substituted here and elsewhere for the words College or Institution whenever these have not a sectional meaning.)

Resolved that with regard to the first part of Article 3 of the Certificate of Incorporation this Committee would suggest that the number of Trustees should be increased to a number not exceeding 24. We feel that a smaller number might be more efficient, but wish that the number should be large enough to secure effective representation of the bodies at present uniting in the University, provide for members at large, and also to allow in the future for the representation of other bodies who

may hereafter join in the work of the University.

Resolved, that the second part of this Article read as follows:-
all of whom shall be of full age, and the majority of whom shall be citizens of and residents within the State of New York.

(4) The names of the Trustees of the said society for the first year of its existence shall be the said incorporators. (Then follow the same names as in the first paragraph)

(5) The business of the said society shall be conducted in the city and county of New York.

In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at the city of New York, the 25th day of June in the year of our Lord 1889. (Same names follow as above.)

The Meeting adjourned at 12.30 and met again at 2.0 of the same day.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by the Chairman. After some discussion of, and changes in, the decisions of the morning, the Committee proceeded with the consideration of the

By-Laws of the Peking University.

Suggesting 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. American Board Mission, London Mission, Methodist Episcopal Mission, and Presbyterian Mission.

The body thus formed shall elect eight 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.

An alternative recommendation preferred by 4 members (Messrs Young, Dilley, Hopkins and Lowry) was approved by 9 of the 12 members as a second choice. (The dissentients were Messrs Stuckey, Cormack and Biggin.)

This alternative reading is:—The Trustees shall be divided

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into 3 equal classes, the terms of service of one class to expire annually; and their successors to be elected at its Annual meeting by the Board of Trustees from nominations exceeding the number of vacancies of the several Missions which they shall represent. The members at large to be elected by the Board of Trustees. The Board shall have power to fill its own vacancies for the interim between Annual Meetings. Retiring members to be eligible for reelection.

In answer to a question it was agreed that in this alternative form the Board must elect from the nominees submitted a sufficient number to fill the vacancies.

(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 accounts 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 (from the Trustees appointed 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 at New York (in the latter part of September) at which a report of the entire transactions of the previous year shall be presented. The hour, place and attendance requisite for a quorum to be fixed by the Board of Trustees. The approval of the Officers of the Board of Trustees shall be required for the investment of funds.

(5) The Board of Managers in North China shall 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

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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 bylaws 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 safe keeping and disposition 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 Bylaws and the Certificate of incorporation. All real estate or permanent investments however shall be held by or in trust for the Board of Trustees. (Unchanged.)

(7) An annual meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held at or near the close of the University year if possible, 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 in September.

(Changes unimportant)

(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; shall propose nominations for President and Professorships; appoint and at their 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.

(Practically unchanged)

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(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.

(The Council is a new body, not contemplated in the bylaws now in force, in which the following article was part of Art. 9 in a modified form.)

(10) All members of the teaching staff of the University shall satisfy the Trustees and the Board of Managers that they loyally accept the Christian faith (as set forth in the Apostles' Creed).

An alternative recommendation preferred by four members was approved by six of the nine members present as a second choice; to the effect that this article be omitted, since the Christian character of the University is amply safeguarded in other ways.

(11) or (10) The Trustees shall confirm nominations for Presidency and professorships if they approve of the same. They shall hold the right to remove such officers, and in case of a vacancy, if nominations approved by the Trustees are not made within a year of the time such vacancy occurs the Trustees may appoint such officers. 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) or (11) 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. (Unchanged)

(13) or (12) 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 on 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

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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 operations 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) or (13) 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 authorised to employ for the general purposes of evangelical Christian education among the Chinese speaking races.

(15) or (14) 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) or (15) These bylaws 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.

The consideration of the Bylaws having been completed it was

Resolved that the Chairman appoint a Committee of Finance.

The Chairman appointed Messrs, Hopkins Stuckey, Young, and Norris, and by the Meeting his own name was added.

Resolved that the Chairman appoint a Committee of Progress.

The Chairman appointed Messrs Lowry, Cormack, Galt, and by the Meeting his own name was added as Convener.

It was decided that copies of the minutes after revision by the Chairman and secretary should be supplied to each member

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of the Committee, sent to the various Mission Secretaries concerned and to the Mission Boards.

Bishop Norris kindly undertook the necessary multiplication of copies.

The Chairman was made responsible for the calling of the next Meeting of this Committee on Constitution.

The Meeting then adjourned at 5. 30.

C. H. Fenn, Chairman.

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 of copies.
 The Chairman was made responsible for the calling of the
 next Meeting of this Committee of Cooperation.
 The Meeting was adjourned at 5.30
 C. W. Hunt, Chairman.

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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 question 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, made by Dr. Fenn and seconded by Dr. 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 Mission on the field for ratification.

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

(Signed) HOWARD S. GALT, Secretary.

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The first of the three reports of the Commission on the University of Peking, which was established in 1949, was published in 1950. It was a report on the work of the Commission during the first year of its existence. The report was published in the form of a book, and it was the first of a series of reports which were published in the form of books. The report was published in the form of a book, and it was the first of a series of reports which were published in the form of books. The report was published in the form of a book, and it was the first of a series of reports which were published in the form of books.

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