

326 4987

UBCHEA ARCHIVES  
COLLEGE FILES  
RG 11

Yenching  
Corres.  
Foster, Frank A 1920  
Frackleton, Mr + Mrs R.W.  
1920-1923

3  
2  
6  
4  
9  
8  
7

0745

Foster, Frank a  
1920

3

2

6

4

9

8

7

0746

OAKLAND, CAL., May 31, 1920.

Dr. Eric M. North, Secretary,  
Board of Trustees of Peking University,  
New York City.

Dear Doctor North:-

These have been extremely busy days for me and I have been unable to get the time for considering some of the matters mentioned in your letter of May 5th. until now.

As a delegate to the convention of the National Foreign Council I found many opportunities to present to various men the plans of Peking University for establishing industrial education. On all sides I have met with encouragement and high commendation from men of influence and experience with Chinese affairs. In this way I have been able to start some work which, I hope, will bring good results for the University if I receive any encouragement from the Board to continue my efforts.

As to sending an estimate of the cost of establishing a Department of Mechanical Engineering, it is rather difficult to give any very exact statement until I have canvassed general machinery situation. Machinery and small tool equipment will be the greater part of the expense of such a department. There have been many changes in prices and sources of supply during and since the war making it a matter of considerable time to arrive at any satisfactory statement.

There are several factors which enter into the situation. The most important, perhaps, is that there is a fairly good prospect of getting a good part of the machine equipment donated. I have been in close touch with the National Machine Tool Builders' Association for the past six years. This is an association of some two hundred of the leading machine tool builders of the country. Thru my correspondence with them and contributions to mechanical publications a great deal of interest has been aroused and the Association has, for the past two years, had a special committee to consider the various questions bearing on the introduction of American machinery into Chinese schools.

Last year they placed some twenty machine tools in my hands to be placed in various Chinese schools as I saw fit. About half of these were intended for a gift to Pei Yang University, Tientsin, on the condition that that university establish a Department of Mechanical Engineering at once. Several of the other machines were also gifts and the balance were machines offered and accepted at half price. This shows the generous attitude of the manufacturers in this matter.

Unfortunately, Peiyang University became disrupted soon after they had accepted the terms of the gift and the prospect of establishing a Mechanical Engineering Department is very uncertain. As the machinery had not actually been forwarded, I recommended that they be diverted to the use of Peking University. This matter is still under consideration awaiting my arrival in Cincinnati for conference and

0747

E.M.N.--2.

advice on other similar matters pertaining to the attitude of the Association toward Chinese industrial work.

The Association feels a little disconcerted at the outcome of the affair at Pei Yang and naturally does not want to venture into another such uncertain project. If they could be assured that the schools in which they place their machines are live and well managed ones, out of the influence of politics and government meddling, they would have a far more liberal feeling in the matter. I would like to be able to give them assurance from the Board of Trustees of Peking University that a department of Mechanical Engineering will be established in some definite way and at some definite time. The decision of the Board on the matter will mean a great deal to the Association as well as to the Board, and to myself.

I had planned to go east from here about June 1st. but this last week my daughter and son-in-law, with whom Mrs. Foster and I are staying, have made arrangements to return to China on June 22nd. and we would like to remain with them until their departure if possible. If, however, it should seem urgent that we start earlier, we would do so.

In the May number of "Mechanical Engineering", the monthly publication of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, is a letter which I wrote to the Secretary of the Society, last winter, about industrial education in China. In the letter I put a suggestion as to how the Society could help Peking University. I have just received a letter from Mr. Erik Oberg, of New York, editor of "Machinery", in which he expresses much interest in the letter and its bearing on machinery and asking for an interview when I arrive in New York.

Since arriving in San Francisco I have made the acquaintance of Mr. A. J. Dickie, editor of "The Pacific Marine Review". He takes a great interest in the industrial education work contemplated by Peking University. He informs me that there is a vast amount of machine shop equipment purchased for the government during the war which has never been used and is being stored or held back so as not to flood the market at a critical time. Some of these tools, he thought, would be kept an indefinite time unless some suitable outlet could be found for them that would not upset home conditions. I think this state of affairs should receive the attention of my friends in the National Machine Tool Builders' Association. They may be able to find some way of untying or cutting the military red tape which will release some of these machines and shop equipment for use in Chinese schools. I have some letters of introduction to high officials at Washington who may be able to help in this matter also.

Shortly after arriving in America a reception was given to the delegates to the Foreign Trade Council. The very first man to speak to me on that occasion was Mr. Fred Colvin, of New York, editor of "The American Machinist", who is greatly interested in this industrial development of China. Altho I have had much correspondence with him and contributed several articles to his paper about Chinese industrial conditions etc., I had never met him. He had heard that I was to be a delegate to the convention and took especial pains to hunt me up in order to get further details.

I also met at the convention a former Chinese colleague of

0748

E.M.N.--3.

Tangshan Engineering College, Dr. Hsieh, at present connected with the Chinese Consulate General, New York, who gave me much encouragement that some of his wealthy Chinese friends would give financial help to the University. When I come east I shall follow this up if the Board sees fit to engage my services.

I mention these matters because they show a widespread interest in the work and possible sources of help of a very desirable kind if they can be followed up properly, covering a field somewhat outside the Board's usual activities. Some decision should be reached and communicated to me, if possible, before I go to Cincinnati where I plan to stop on my way east. While there I could put in a strong ~~and~~ plea for the Association to make a generous contribution to the desired equipment of the University. If no assurance can be given, it will be of little use to take the matter up with them, and I would be compelled to look elsewhere for engagement. While in America, I must avail myself of the opportunity to select equipment either for the University or for some other engineering work to be established in China. In other words, I must have some definite engagement in the interests of which I can work and give my time and attention while over here. I shall be very glad to undertake the work Dr. Stuart asked me to do if the Board engages me, as I believe it is of immense value to the uplift of the Chinese people, a cause in which I am intensely interested.

The establishment of a modern, American Mechanical Engineering course in China lies at the foundation of all economic development and growth. Everything that is made is dependent on machinery in one way or another. In order to have machinery in China there must be well trained men to handle such business and the skilled workmen to operate the machines intelligently. Now is the all important time for getting this work started. The men must be ready to meet the new conditions dawning in China. It will not do to delay. There are others already trying to dominate the field. There is already a thoroly organized society in France that is making a strong bid for the Chinese engineering students to go to France for their education. Low steamer fares and high wages are offered as inducements with the result that many have already gone there. Some six thousand are expected to go there in the immediate future. From one school in Pao-tungfu thirty students have gone and are receiving 15 francs a day for their work. There is a waiting list of about sixty now waiting for a chance to get to France ~~or~~ to come to America. They would prefer America if conditions could be made favorable for them. It would be even better if they could have the advantage of a good American training in China, with especial stress put on the practical side of the work.

*from the same school*

I sincerely believe that before any special industries are undertaken in such a school as contemplated, the fundamental studies and practice of machinery design, construction and use should be thoroly established. On these things practically all the others depend in one way or another.

A few days ago I received a letter from Mr. H. S. Vincent in connection with the tanning industry to be started in connection with the University work. I will do what I can to get him in touch with people interested in such work out here and elsewhere, and will communicate with him.

0749

E. M. N.-4.

As to the plan for getting support from the Alumni Association of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, it looks pretty dubious at present owing to the reported curtailment of quite a large amount of the Institute's income and calling for a campaign for money to replace this loss. I will try them out on this matter when I get to Worcester.

I fully realize that the statements of cost of establishing such a school are very unsatisfactory, but I trust you can see the difficulty under which I am placed. If I can go before the manufacturers and give them a definite statement of what the University will do, I stand a fair show of getting a large part of the equipment donated or at greatly reduced prices. Possibly the government would come across with a good offer if the conditions of the Board were satisfactory. Running expenses would depend on how large a plant can be secured. For such an equipment as I would like to get I should say that \$12,000 to \$15,000 would cover salaries of teachers, employees, fuel, materials used etc. for a year.

My recommendation for the working plan of such a school would be that special stress be laid on the practical side of the work as much as possible. Some such plan, for example, as has been followed so successfully by the Worcester Polytechnic Institute for some fifty years. I enclose a little pamphlet which sets forth the "Worcester Idea" very concisely. Such a school should bring in some financial returns to offset, to some extent, the expenses of running.

I am sending along the blank form you asked me to fill out, trusting that it will give a fair amount of information desired.

Hoping that I may get some definite statement as to the Board's attitude in the matter of this valuable department before I start for Cincinnati, so that I may lay the matter before the committee of the National Machine Tool Builders' Association, and assuring you of hearty cooperation as far as lies in my power, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Frank A. Foster.*

Address until about June 22nd.

672 Alcatraz Av.,  
Oakland,  
Cal.

Address while in Cincinnati,

C/o Mr. O. H. Broxterman,  
John Stepboe Co.,  
2962 Colerain Av.,  
Cincinnati,  
O.

0750

**FRANK A. FOSTER**  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT  
PEKING UNIVERSITY, PEKING, CHINA

MEMBER  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS  
AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF CHINA

AUBURN, R. I., July 21, 1920.

W. Reginald Wheeler, Secretary,  
Peking University,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:-

An apology is certainly due you for my failure to appear at the meeting of the Trustees, last Friday. I do not know how it happened but I must have made some mistake as to the place of meeting as there was nobody at the office where I met you the other day. I feel very sorry that I should have failed you or disappointed you in any way.

My investigations in New York have not given me much more definite information as to where further support can be found for the University's plans. I have put the matter of starting technical education in China up to Mr. Calvin Rice, Secretary of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Mr. Fred Colvin, Editor of "American Machinist", Mr. L. P. Alford, Editor of Industrial Management, Mr. Erik Oberg, Editor of "Machinery", and Mr. C. R. Dooley, Manager of the Educational Dept., Standard Oil Co. All of these men are intensely interested in the matter and the seeds planted may develop some interesting fruit later. I certainly hope so, for I have the consumption of such work very much at heart and, while I have not much money to spend in such work, I shall try all I can to further plans which will aid such work.

My visit to New York resulted in an engagement to do some investigation work for Mr. C. C. Nieh, the Shanghai millowner, during the summer, pending a decision on my proposition to the Robert Dollar people. I expect to be in New York again about the first of October. Most of my work this summer will take me around New England.

A letter received from Mr. Bocker, dated June 15, would indicate that he had not, at that time, received any intimation of the present situation as to funds, or, at any rate, he was planning on going on with the Industrial Bureau. That, I consider a most important feature and one that ought to appeal to business men very strongly.

I made some investigation with respect to the Dr. Hsieh who gave such glowing assurance of support from Chinese in America, and I find out that he is not at all reliable, in fact, the Chinese Government representatives ~~here~~ in New York gave him a very black name.

Herewith I am returning the letters you loaned me. I have made a note of the people involved.

0751

With regrets that I should have failed you last Friday,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

*Frank Q. Foster.*

20 Branch Ave.,

Auburn,

R. I.

3  
2  
6  
4  
9  
8  
7

0752



Mr and Mrs Frackleton  
1920 - 1923

3

2

6

4

9

8

7

0753

OFFICERS OF THE TRUSTEES

LUTHER B. WILSON  
PRESIDENT  
ARTHUR PERRY  
VICE-PRESIDENT  
EDWARD LINCOLN SMITH  
CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE  
E. M. MCBRIER  
TREASURER  
ERIC M. NORTH  
SECRETARY

PEKING UNIVERSITY

INCORPORATED

PEKING, CHINA

NEW YORK OFFICE  
156 FIFTH AVENUE

OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

J. LEIGHTON STUART  
PRESIDENT  
HENRY W. LUCE  
VICE-PRESIDENT  
W. REGINALD WHEELER  
SECRETARY

June 11, 1920.

*R. Wheeler*

Dear Eric:

*Yes  
Send to  
Mr. Morrison  
Accounting Dept  
B 7M  
150 5th*

I am enclosing a bill from the New Era Magazine for \$13, which I have O.K.'d. In the "new era" which we are trying to introduce in the administration of this University, would it not be better for us to be able to O.K. these bills and send them directly to the Treasurer, or his assistant? This is one of the jobs that it seems to me ought not to take up your time.

I received your note about the cable address, and think it is a good idea. I shall go ahead and see the cable office about this if you wish me to do so.

*yes*

I have just received a note from Mr. Luce saying that a Mrs. Frackelton of Cleveland had given him a check for \$1,000; and a letter has just come from an aunt of mine with the statement that she will pledge \$300. These are small beams of light breaking through the present Stygian darkness.

As ever yours,

WRW:W

*Rex Wheeler*

Dr. Eric M. North,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

*Good!*

3  
2  
6  
4  
9  
8  
7

0754

August 11, 1921

Mr. & Mrs. R.J. Frackelton,  
Passengers, S. S. "Golden State,"  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Frackelton:-

Your going to the Far East will reveal to you how utterly we missionaries have failed to give you an adequate conception of the largeness of the simply unparalleled opportunity and how inadequately we are meeting this opportunity in comparison to its greatness. You will be surprised, I think, at the large and solid basis already laid; you will be more than surprised, you will be both saddened and inspired by the work still to be done, with a special emphasis to be laid on the emergency in China.

In a recent letter you referred to Tusculum College and their raising over \$500,000 since last October. It started some reflections in my mind and raised a problem which I want to share with you in the hope that from the experience and observation you have while in China you may have brought to you a clearer view of the larger elements in the situation. You referred to the Tusculum success as a matter of encouragement to us; but it raised again in my mind the question: "Why is it that with a gilt-edged proposition, such as Peking University, having and destined to have even a greater influence on the advance of civilization and of the Christian Movement (the Kingdom of God) in the world, than any half dozen colleges and universities in the U. S., we were able to secure not much more than a tenth of what came to Tusculum? This is due, in part, to the fact that those of us working on the financial end do not know the technique of the work so well, but much of it is due to what I may express in an exclamation that came suddenly to my lips recently "The tragedy of distance". To about 99 out of 100 Christians the thing nearer home appeal. It may seem strange to you who so often bear these things on your heart that only two, at most four or five out of a hundred Christian ever think very seriously on these distant fields and even when they do think their giving is out of all proportion for the home affairs. We have never really reached a balanced conception, such as Jesus had, that "the field is the world."

0755

Mr. and Mrs. Frackelton

If I mistake not, although the facts that come before you and the scenes you see of the Christian work will be wonderfully inspiring, you will see everywhere so many places, unlimited in number, where a few hundreds or a few thousands of dollars could strengthen the work, that you will again and again eagerly wish that you had millions upon millions at your disposal for this work, just as each one of us who work there wish we could give the strength of a million lives to the work, knowing that even then it would not be adequate to the task.

But your second reaction will be, just as it is with us in the case of our lives, that you can only do your individual part.

"That man is blest  
Who does his best,  
And - leaves the rest.  
So do not worry."

I had to decide two years ago whether I would spread my work over the educational work in China generally or put it definitely at one spot, Peking and Peking University. I decided for the latter because of what Peking is as a strategic centre for all China and because of the exceptional and vital relation of the University to the Christian movement in China. I hope while you are in Peking you may investigate the University and talk the whole matter over with Dr. Stuart. It would not involve you or commit you to anything. Dr. Stuart is young, lovable and approachable and you can speak with him with complete frankness.

You will not see great buildings yet for the University is in process of uniting. Two of our Board secretaries went to Peking. Because of our not having a present concrete exhibition to show, one of them failed to see the situation, the other was overwhelmed by what he saw - the real basis and everything ready to go ahead full steam as soon as we can get properly houses. I hope the vision of the real thing will be given you and that on your return you can cooperate with us in testimony that others will regard as less biased than ours, and thus help us overcome this tragedy of distance.

Your friend,

HML VJ  
Signed in Dr. Luce's  
Absence.

0756



HOTEL RADISSON  
MINNEAPOLIS

Return to Mrs L  
7/11

Dear Mr Luce:

many letters which should have been written and mailed before we left home are yet to be written, and here we are really on our way to China. It does not seem possible, and I am half expecting a telegram at every stopping place telling us that the "Golden State" has again postponed her sailing. It has happened twice already and I'm beginning to think she is afraid of the water!

0757

But perhaps I misjudge her and  
will find her babbling up <sup>2</sup>  
serenely after each typhoon.  
By the way, if it takes more  
than one swallow to make  
a summer, how many typhoons  
does it take to make a trip to  
China at this time of year?  
But I know you would not tell  
me if you knew.

I cannot set sail for your  
beloved China without sending  
you my thanks for all your  
kindness asward in the  
letters and the information  
you have given us.

We greatly appreciate the  
thoughtfulness and friend-  
ship shown us, and we know  
it took time and thought  
and lots of "bather" and we  
thank you very much indeed!  
It will be strange to be in  
Pekin and visit the

University and not find you there! We shall think of you and wish for you.

I hope you are having a delightful summer and all things are working together for good to you and yours.

I was so glad to hear of the honor which came to Emma Vail. I am sure she deserves it.

Mary Louise is enthusiastic about it and I hope she will be on her best behavior all year. Her best behavior is really very good.

I am so glad that our girl and your girls are friends.

We expect to be home before Christmas and "Mary Lou" tells me that I must come to Wellesley as soon as possible after the holidays, about February I suppose as a sort of comic valentine so if we do not see you in December or January

perhaps we may in New York  
enroute to or from Wellesley.  
and then I can thank you  
better than I can in a letter  
for all your kindness and  
helpfulness to us.

With kindest regards to Mrs  
Luce and Elizabeth,

Sincerely,

Constance C. Frackelton

August twentieth.



September 15, 1921

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Frackelton,  
Pres. J. Leighton Stuart,  
Peking University,  
Peking, China.

Dear Friends:-

I am wondering whether this will reach you before you leave Peking. I am so deeply interested in all your journey and often think of you as you pass from Country to country and city to city. I know how many things we will have to talk over on your return and how eager I shall be to get your impressions of the wonderful trip you are having.

Thank you very much for the letter Mr. Frackelton sent me from the office in the midst of the last busy moments and for the letter from the good lady sent just before sailing from San Francisco. I hope you will let me know when you arrive for I shall want to see you just as soon as our schedules will permit.

Emmavail returned last week from a very wonderful trip through England and Scotland and a short one to Paris and some of the battlefields. She just has a week home before she has to return to Wellesley where her duties on the Student Government compel her to be present a full week earlier than would otherwise have been necessary. We have had a pleasant time in a little cottage by the shores of Lake George. I spent nearly all my spare moments in making a summary of my Survey which I took of the Christian middle or high schools in China. It has been a very heavy bit of work but I was able to get it off to reach Mr. Stauffer at 5 Quinsen Gardens on the date he set, namely, September 30th. I remember how humorously Mrs. Frackelton once wrote in regard to her idea of what Quinsen Gardens might be like. I am quite sure that there are few things she will find in China that will be more different from what she imagined than Quinsen Gardens, especially the garden part immediately in front of No. 5.

You can think of me as still following you as you go

0761

Mr. and Mrs. Frackelton

-2-

from place to place since I have your schedule here and there will  
be few to give you a warmer or greater welcome than I when you return.

With affectionate regards, believe me

Ever sincerely yours,

HML VH

3

2

6

4

9

8

7

0762

October  
Fifth  
1921

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Frackelton,  
Astor House,  
Shanghai, China.

Dear Friends:-

I suppose that I am thinking of China to-day in a special way, partly because Professor Gibb of Peking University, who came home last July to confer with us and with the architects about the new University Buildings at Peking, has just started on his way back to China with the plans of four buildings under his arm, so to speak.

I am also thinking of China in a special way because I know that to-day you are probably entering China by way of Mukden and Manchuria and will soon be in Peking.

I fear that you will find the country politically in a serious condition, but it has been that way more than once during our period in China and we always lived to see things go forward. If the Washington Conference in November can compel the Japanese to keep hands off I think we will find things brightening up a good deal. It is an interesting fact, as we learned from the papers yesterday morning, that she has chosen four exceptionally fine men to represent her at the Conference. All of them have come into very friendly touch with Christianity and C.T. Wang is one of the most outstanding Christians that I ever knew in any land. If I am not mistaken all four were educated in Christian colleges.

Every time I think of you in China a warm feeling comes about my heart because of my very real delight that you are having this journey to China, so that as we talk it over, both as to its problems and successes, I shall know that it all has a very real meaning to you. How happy I shall be to greet you on your return!

Most sincerely yours,

HWL  
CML

0763

3  
2  
6  
4  
9  
8  
7

D. W. Frackelton, Vice Pres. & Treas.  
J. E. Wilkison, Secretary

R. J. Frackelton, President & Gen. Mgr.

*Frackelton*  
J. W. Kirkpatrick, Manager of Sales  
R. S. Tyler, Works Manager

# The Chandler & Price Company

Manufacturers of

## Printing Presses and Printing Machinery

Cable Address: "Chanprice-Cleveland" A.B.C. Code

Cleveland, Ohio

February 27, 1932.

Office and Works: 6000 Carnegie Avenue

Rev. Henry W. Luce,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Luce:-

We have been back in Cleveland a little more than a month but have not yet fully cleaned up the details of business that accumulated in a five months absence-hence our failure to report to you at an earlier date.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I wrote to Dr. Schell on my return. I will be glad to discuss it with you when you come to see us.

I did not get to meet Dr. Stuart. I think he was in Shanghai while I was there and I sent word by someone that I would like to meet him, but either he did not get the word or was too busy with the work of the educational committee.

We did not get to meet many of your friends which was a disappointment.

We were in Chefoo, Tientsin, Peking, Nanking, Shanghai, Hangchow and Canton. We saw none of the missions in Canton; we were only in touch with the "Y" work in Hongkong and while we met a great many missionaries in Shanghai we saw only the work at Southgate and the Baptist College.

We have learned to respect greatly the Chinese people. In industry, thrift, brain power and the possibilities of character development, I believe the Chinese are the equal of the white race. The Chinese are peculiarly adaptable to the methods of modern manufacturing production and, I believe, make as good workmen as the American. Not more than 25% of the inhabitants of this globe produce more than their own wants in food and limited clothing. Another 25% lies within the boundaries of the so-called Republic of China. If that 25% can be taught modern production and furnished with the necessary equipment, the business of the world can be doubled and the comforts and luxuries of life doubled for those who are now producing, provided the Chinese producer is paid in proportion to his productivity, which means

All Agreements are Contingent Upon Strikes, Accidents and Other Delays Beyond Our Control

0764

that the leaders of the new commercial China must be Christian men, or men influenced by Christian ideals.

I will leave the accounts of our personal contacts and the happy pictures that hang in our memories until we can have a personal chat.

Mr. Frank Bible was here last Friday and we had the pleasure of living it over with him and he said he was delighted to find that we were almost more pro-Chinese than he was.

I hope everything is going well with you. If Mrs. Frackelton knew I was writing she would join with me in greetings and words of appreciation for the help you gave us in making the journey in comfort.

Yours truly,

*R. J. Frackelton*

RJF:S

3  
2  
6  
4  
9  
8  
7

0765

All Agreements are Contingent Upon Strikes, Accidents and Other Delays Beyond Our Control

# The Chandler & Price Company

Manufacturers of

Printing Presses and Printing  
Machinery

Cable Address: "Chasprice-Cleveland" A.B.C. Code

Cleveland, Ohio

Office and Works: Carnegie Avenue and C.&P.R.R. Crossing

Office of  
R. J. FRACKELTON,  
President

March 28, 1923.

Dr. H. W. Luce,  
c/o Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Luce:

Enclosed find check for fifteen hundred dollars  
(\$1500.00), being Mrs. Frackelton's and my joint contribu-  
tion to the \$15,000 fund that the Presbyterians of Cleve-  
land are raising for the two residences they have pledged  
for Peking University. Please have this contribution cred-  
ited as from Calvary Church.

Yours truly,

*R. J. Frackelton*

RJF-S

*Calvary Church Collection 367.  
Mr + Mrs R. J. Frackelton 1500  
Mr D. W. Frackelton*

*- individual cards*

0766

3  
2  
6  
4  
9  
8  
7