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The Rev. F. H. Hawkins, D.D.,
16 New Bridge Street,
London, E.C., England.

My dear Dr. Hawkins:-

I am in receipt of letters from Peking containing the Minutes of the meeting at which the Committee representing the several Missions in Peking, on the Organization of the University, took up certain matters of importance and agreed substantially to the basis accepted by the Boards here and recommended as the financial unit of participation the sum of \$100,000 Gold. A memorandum was submitted giving the action of the North China District Committee of the London Missionary Society in which the object and scope of the University are set forth for the information of your Board. In this statement a somewhat strict interpretation is given to the functions of the University, eliminating Applied Science, Engineering, and Agriculture. So far as I know there is no definite program as yet agreed to in regard to these matters and my hope would be that there would be such a union of feeling and that convictions would merge in such a way as to develop a program to which all could agree. On the other hand, if we wait to settle all preliminaries as to the limitations of the plan before the University organization is completed another ten years may have elapsed before we reach firm foundations.

The item however of greatest importance in the statement from the field refers to the position taken, as I understand it, by the representatives of the London Missionary Society that the gift of \$100,000 from that Society would be the first and final contribution of the Society to the University and that there is doubt whether the London Missionary Society would participate if expected later to contribute to buildings and general expenses of the University. It would be very important I am sure that we should know whether the Board are to enter into this cooperation upon the basis of a purpose to put up the University according to the program which Providence may indicate and the trustees and the missionary Boards develop, or whether we are to begin the arrangement

Dr. Hawkins.

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a definite limitation fixed to our financial obligations and activities.

While I do not understand that the Boards are committing themselves for the initial payment to definite sums, or even to an equalized responsibility for the promotion of the University financially, it would seem necessary to know before completion of the arrangements whether any one of the Boards has fixed a limit beyond which it will not go. It may be that it is wise to seek other forms of affiliation rather than definite incorporation in the body itself.

We are about securing the change in the Articles of Incorporation of the Peking University, which will constitute the basis for future action and which will leave the way open for the London Missionary Society to enter formally into the corporation. It is likely that the amendment to the Charter will be acted upon by the Board of Regents of the State of New York in the latter part of this month. If the Board of the London Missionary Society can reach an agreement on the basis of the By-Laws submitted and accepted by the Missions in Peking and the Boards here, and without naming conditions and without requiring conditions which have not been considered or accepted, it would be very agreeable to us to incorporate the London Missionary Society in the initial modification of the Articles of Incorporation. We shall need, however, to have advice by cable in order to do this. Should this not be effected, the way is open in the revised Articles for the entrance in the combination of any other incorporated missionary Board, so that it would be simply a question of form at the present time.

I would therefore greatly appreciate a prompt response as to the attitude of your Board, hoping that if everything is clear you might perhaps cable me to that effect.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

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London Missionary Society,

Foreign Secretaries :—

MR. F. H. HAWKINS, LL.B.
REV. F. LENWOOD, M.A.

16, NEW BRIDGE STREET,
LONDON, E.C.

Dr. Frank Mason North,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York, U.S.A. November 25th, 1915.

Dear Dr. North,

Referring to your letter of the 4th instant and my reply of the 17th, our Directors yesterday gave careful consideration to the question of this Society joining in the new proposed Christian University in Peking, and on their instructions I cabled to you as follows:—"London Missionary Society desires to come into Peking University, but owing to war conditions cannot at present indicate extent of its financial responsibility." I am sure you will appreciate the difficulties in which our Directors, in common with the Governing Bodies of other Missionary Societies in this country, are placed by the war conditions now prevailing. At the present moment it is impossible to foresee the future, and the Directors did not feel able to commit themselves as to the amount of the financial responsibility which they could undertake in connection with the University. I can assure you that they are in the

warmest sympathy with the proposals for the establishment of the University and are very sincerely desirous of taking a worthy share in its work, and they will in due course consider what responsibilities they will be able to undertake.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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November
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Mr. F. H. Hawkins, LL. B.,
16, New Bridge St.,
London, E. C., England

My dear Sir and Brother:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 17th and also your cable of November 24th as follows: "London Missionary Society desires to come into Peking University but owing to war conditions cannot at present indicate extent of its financial responsibility." I have also communications from the field in which are statements covering the general proposals for cooperation and giving the following conclusions:

First, that the cooperating Boards will begin their cooperation by the contribution of the financial unit, which by agreement there is fixed at \$100,000.

Second, that the further development of the University will require additional funds and that there must be secured income for current maintenance.

In regard to the former the suggestion is made that the cooperating Boards will need to proceed for the development of buildings and of endowment, each providing a proportionate share; with regard to the second item, that a similar division of financial responsibility or some prorated division based upon the agreement reached among the Boards would be necessary for proper support.

In regard to these two items, permit me to say that I am now in correspondence with the men on the field holding the position that after the initial investment, the further development of the property would need to list the earnest effort of all of the Boards and all of the friends of the University, but that it would be unwise to require that each Board should provide a proportionate share of the property investment, however desirable it might be for this obligation to be divided equally amongst them. It is to be hoped that there would be individuals within the several communions with resources who, irrespective of the denominational basis, would invest largely in the development of the

University. Whether this view will be accepted I cannot now say.

Concerning the second item, I would think it absolutely necessary, in order to equalize the responsibility, that the maintenance of the University, so far as its current income is concerned, should be upon the basis of a pro rata distribution of financial responsibility. This is the form in which we are able to maintain the support of the Nanking and West China Union Universities. It places no prohibitive responsibility upon any one Board and provides a steady income, without which a University of this kind cannot be maintained.

Your telegram indicates clearly that because of the war conditions, it is impossible for the London Missionary Society to pledge a definite amount in either of these particulars. It would be desirable, however, would it not, first, that there should be a consent on the part of the London Missionary Society to the plan proposed, and, second, that there should be, as soon as possible, an estimate made of the amount required for current support with agreement on the part of each of the Boards concerned to provide its share.

I feel quite sure that the Trustees of the Boards would be very prompt to make such temporary financial adjustments, in view of the extraordinary conditions under which your Board is operating, as might be required, provided the principle of cooperation is accepted.

May I add that, in order to secure immediate results in the matter of the change of charter without embarrassing the London Missionary Society and without protracting further the delay in organization, the actual changes are made upon the basis of cooperation of the three American societies with the provision for the introduction of the London Missionary Society with its financial unit and its representation as soon as your Board is ready to enter into the arrangement.

With best wishes,

Yours cordially,

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December
Seventh
Nineteen Fifteen.

Mr. F. H. Hawkins, LL.B.,
London Missionary Society,
16, New Bridge Street,
London, E.C., England.

My dear Mr. Hawkins:-

You will have had what is really a response to your letter in a note sent you after the receipt of your cable. This will serve to emphasize our sense of the difficulties in your way just at this time and our desire to do whatever we can to accommodate the London Society in connection with the participation in the Peking University plan. We have secured the change in charter of which I spoke, and I will, at an early day, send you a copy of the charter as it now stands.

We long for the time when we can enter into cooperation and into the constructive programs for our great work without having in our minds this terrible background of war.

I shall be glad to have any further word from you of suggestion or inquiry.

With best wishes.

Yours cordially,

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London Missionary Society,

FOREIGN SECRETARIES:
REV. R. WARDLAW THOMPSON, B.A., D.D.
MR. F. H. HAWKINS, LL.B.
REV. F. LENWOOD, M.A.

16, NEW BRIDGE STREET,
LONDON, E.C.

Dr. Frank Mason North,
180, Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

December 13th, 1915.

Dear Dr. North,

I thank you for your letter of the 29th November received on the 11th instant, and note what you say. Do I understand from your letter that a definite basis of contribution has been arrived at by the three American Societies? If so, I shall be glad if you will kindly let me know what it is for the guidance of our Directors. I gather that the Charter has been already drafted for submission to the Legislature. I shall be grateful if you will kindly let me have a copy of the draft.

A representative of this Society will probably be in New York in January, and it will, therefore, be a great convenience if you can let me hear from you by return of post, so that he may be in a position to confer with you and the other American Societies with regard to the situation.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

F. H. Hawkins

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TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF OF BUREAU OF PRISONS
WASHINGTON, D. C.
FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
SIR:
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the case of the United States vs. [illegible]
and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.
Very respectfully,
[illegible]
Attorney General

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Mr. F. H. Hawkins, LL.B.,
London Missionary Society,
16 New Bridge Street,
London, E.C.

My dear Mr. Hawkins:

I am in receipt of your favor of the
13th inst. and respond at once.

The three American Societies have not
by common agreement fixed upon a definite basis of contri-
bution for the Peking University. You will observe from
the copy of the By-Laws agreed to, that that item is not
included. It was understood that after agreement upon
the By-Laws in the field the question of the unit would
be taken up; this, we are advised, has been done but we
have not yet had the necessary consultation here so that
no final basis has been reached. That unit as named
was \$100,000, and it will be our hope that the judgment
of the field in this respect might be sustained.

By action of the Board of Regents,
at a very recent date, the Charter has been amended.
It has not been amended in the exact form in which amend-
ment was recommended from the field, but certain legal
difficulties were met and the form in which the Charter
is now drafted is that in which these difficulties can
be overcome. You will observe that this present form

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provides for the continuance of the present organization, with the addition of representatives from each one of the three Boards accepting the basis. To relieve your Board and to hasten action, there was no inclusion in this initial list of the London Missionary Society. Of this I think I wrote you. Of the former members of the Board who were representatives of our Methodist Board, four have been named under the proposed Charter, leaving still five as continuing members. It is understood that the resignations of these five will be available whenever required and, as the present organization stands, there would be the possible inclusion of the representatives of the London Missionary Society whenever the conditions permit. I enclose a copy of the Charter.

It will be a pleasure to meet the representative of your Society in New York whenever he may arrive.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Enclosure.
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London Missionary Society

FOREIGN SECRETARY:
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Mr. F. H. HAWKINS, LL.B.

16, NEW BRIDGE STREET,
LONDON, E.C.

Dr. Frank Mason North,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York, U.S.A.

January 10th, 1916.

Dear Dr. North,

I have already informed you that Dr. Wardlaw Thompson had been appointed to represent one of the British Societies at the first meeting in New York of the new Board of Trustees of the Union Medical College, Peking. I very much regret to say that he had an attack of illness the week before last which puts his going to America at the present time entirely out of the question. I know how much he was looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you again.

Dr. Cochrane is attending the meeting as my proxy. In the absence of my colleague, Mr. Frank Lenwood, in the South Pacific, I have charge of all the foreign work of the Society, and it is quite impossible for me to get away. It is a real disappointment not to have this opportunity of meeting you and others and of taking a share in the deliberations of what no doubt will be a very important meeting. May you all be divinely guided in the plans which you discuss!

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

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F. H. Hawkins

P.S.P.S. Referring to my letter of the 23rd ultimo, our Directors have asked Dr. Cochrane to call upon you with regard to the work in Calcutta and Mirzapur instead of Dr. Thompson, and he will no doubt make an appointment with you when he gets to New York.

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REV. F. LENWOOD, M.A.

16, NEW BRIDGE STREET,
LONDON, E.C.

Dr. Frank Mason North,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

January 18th, 1916.

My dear Dr. North,

I thank you for your letter of the 30th ultimo and its enclosure with regard to the Peking University. Dr. Cochrane, who is intimately acquainted with the Peking situation, is now on his way to New York on behalf of the Society, and will no doubt take an opportunity of going into this matter. I, therefore, refrain from writing to you further on the subject until after his return.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

F. H. Hawkins

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January
Twenty-fourth,
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Mr. F. H. Hawkins,
London Missionary Society,
16 New Bridge Street,
London, E. C., England

My dear Mr. Hawkins:

I am just in receipt of your favor of the 10th, which I hasten to answer. I express my extreme regret that Dr. Wardlaw Thompson is unable to represent the London Missionary Society in the conferences which will be held on Monday next and later. I earnestly trust that before this reaches you, Dr. Thompson will have recovered fully from his illness. Here many of us have been laid aside for a few days by reason of the prevailing influenza.

I note that Dr. Cochrane will be present. I assume that he will be furnished with information in the matter of the reorganization of the Board of Trustees of Peking University. I may say that the three Boards here have elected each its quota of trustees and that a meeting for organization will be held at a very early date.

I share heartily in your desire and in your prayer that in these grave but most significant movements we may be divinely guided.

With best wishes,

Yours cordially,

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London Missionary Society,

16, NEW BRIDGE STREET,
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Foreign Secretaries:—

MR. F. H. LAWRENCE, LL.D.
REV. F. LENWOOD, M.A.

Dr. Frank Mason North,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

February 9th, 1916.

Dear Dr. North,

Referring to my letter to you of the 13th December, I am sure you will rejoice to know that within the last few days the Society has received such a generous response to its appeal to its supporters that our Directors this week have decided to withdraw their proposals for reduction for the present, in the confident hope and expectation that they may be entirely cancelled. I have no doubt that Dr. Cochrane (who, I believe, is at present on the Atlantic) has seen you with regard to the possibility of your Society relieving us of some of our work in Calcutta and Mirzapur, and I am sorry I was not in a position to stop him by cable from doing so. I cabled to you yesterday as follows:—"All proposed reductions postponed owing to encouraging response of churches". Will you be so kind as to hold any negotiation in suspense, at any rate for the present, and

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to take no further action? It is quite possible you may be hearing from your people in Calcutta and in the Mirzapur district, who, I believe, may have been in communication with our District Committees on the spot. Please take no further steps with regard to any suggestions that may be made to you from India. I am sorry that we felt it necessary to trouble you about the matter, but you will quite understand that we were anxious to take advantage of Dr. Cochrane's visit to New York.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

F. H. Hawkins.

P.S. Many thanks for your letter of the 27th ultime which has just come to hand.

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February
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Mr. F. H. Hawkins, LL.B.,
16, New Bridge Street,
London, E.C.

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

I desire to thank you for your favors
of the 9th and 10th, which have come to hand.

You will have heard before this from
Dr. Cochrane concerning conferences in regard to Calcutta
and Peking. We received your cable in due course and
rejoice that you are in a position to suspend further
negotiations concerning the former. We trust you will
find the action taken in harmony with your Society's
interests and plans. I shall be glad to hear from you
at any time concerning these interests.

Cordially yours,

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August
Seventh,
Nineteen sixteen.

The Rev. ²B. H. Hawkins,
London, England.

My dear Mr. Hawkins:-

I think I understood that Doctor Brown, when you were in New York in May, gave you copies of some of the documents which you had not received, though I thought I had sent them to you. There is one item in the Minutes which I think you should have in mind and which may not have been reported to you because I am not sure that the Minutes of our Meetings of Trustees have been sent to you, the present organization having been that of the ~~Three~~ ^{Four} Boards in this country. The resolutions to which I refer, have been referred to the ~~Three~~ ^{Four} Boards and have received, as I understand, their approval. It is that "the unit of participation be an initial contribution of not less than \$50,000.00 gold with the goal of \$100,000.00 for each of the participating Boards; a minimum of two missionary teachers and \$1,000.00 for current expenses." This is the action of record

With best wishes,

Yours cordially,

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Called for signature

London Missionary Society,

Foreign Secretaries:
MR. F. H. HAWKINS, LL.B.
REV. F. LENWOOD, M.A.

16, NEW BRIDGE STREET,
LONDON, E.C.

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Dr. Frank Mason North,
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

December 19th, 1916.

My dear Dr. North,

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Referring to our previous correspondence I now have great pleasure in writing to inform you that the Board of Directors of the London Missionary Society have decided to participate in the Peking Christian University on the basis of the minimum contribution fixed at the meeting of the Trustees held on the 13th April last, namely, 50,000 Dollars as capital investment either in land, buildings or endowment, the provision of at least two Professors, and the provision of at least 1,000 Dollars towards current expenses. The matter has been under the consideration of our missionaries in North China and of our Eastern Committee at home which has charge of our China Mission, and came to our Directors at their meeting last week when the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

THAT the Society participate in the Peking Christian

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University on the basis of the minimum contribution required for full membership in the University, and that out of the Society's capital contribution provision be made in accordance with the recommendation of the North China District Committee for land and building for teachers' houses and a Hostel, and that a sufficient sum be set aside to raise the minimum contribution of £200 a year towards the current expenses, such sums to be provided out of the proceeds of sale of the Peking properties.

The resolution does not specifically refer to the two members of the staff, but these are included.

The question now arises as to the appointment of Trustees to represent the London Missionary Society. The matter was not dealt with at the meeting last week as it was not clear how many Trustees we should be entitled to appoint. Am I right in assuming that the number is five? Probably we should be content with a smaller representation, having regard to distance; but I shall be glad to hear from you on this point. All that is settled at present is that I shall be one of the Trustees representing the L.M.S., and I shall hope to be able to attend at least one meeting a year if a meeting can be fixed in accordance with the suggestion of Dr. A. J. Brown during the second week in April in each year when I expect to be in New York attending the

annual meeting of the Trustees of the Union Medical College, Peking.

I shall be glad to hear from you by the beginning of February with regard to the appointment of Trustees, as we have a meeting of our Eastern Committee on the 13th of that month when our representatives could be appointed.

I expect to be in New York on the 11th April, and it would be a great convenience to me personally and to my Society if a meeting of the Trustees could be fixed for some day in that week other than Wednesday, the 11th April. I may add that I am going on from New York to China to visit our Mission there, and especially ^{expect to be} in North China, next summer, when I hope to meet the Board of Managers, or at any rate to have interviews with some of them with regard to the future development of the work of the University.

I presume that by this time you have had copies of the Charter and By-laws printed. I shall be glad if you will supply me with some copies. Will you also please let me have the copies of any Minutes of the meetings of the Trustees held subsequent to the meeting on the 13th April last, and I shall be glad if you will instruct Peking to send me duplicates of the Minutes of the Board of Managers when such Minutes are forwarded to New York, so that I may be kept informed as to what is going on.

I am looking forward to the pleasure of seeing

you when I am in New York in April. It will be a great advantage to me to confer with you as to the future development of the University, especially in view of my forthcoming visit to China.

It is with great pleasure that our Directors have seen their way to participate in the University. Very sincerely do I trust that it may prove to be an instrument of great influence and value in developing higher education in China under Christian auspices, and thus helping forward the missionary enterprise in that land.

With kindest regards and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

J. H. Stanger

Foreign Secretary,

London Missionary Society.

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January 24, 1917

Mr. F. H. Hawkins, LL.B.
London Missionary Society
16, New Bridge Street,
London, E.C.
England.

My dear Mr. Hawkins:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 19th ult. and have handed copies of it to Dr. Barton and Dr. Brown.

I am glad that the Board of Directors of the London Missionary Society have found it possible to participate in the Peking Union University. That the existing status may be clearly understood, let me call your attention to the terms of the action of April 13th to which you refer.

I have written you that the original draft of the Minutes of that date was not correct at one point and that the correction was submitted to the members of the Board and made a part of the actual Minutes as officially signed. This is the basis therefore of the participation entered into by the three Boards here and would be, necessarily, the basis agreed to by your own Board or any others which sought to come into the cooperation. The action adopted as the basis was as follows:

"On motion it was voted that the unit of participation proposed at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 8th, namely:

An initial contribution of not less than \$50,000 gold with the goal of \$100,000 for each of the participating Boards; a minimum of two missionary teachers and at least \$1,000 for current expenses, be referred to the co-operating Boards for consideration and approval."

I do not gather from your statement that your Board of Trustees agreed to the basis or whether the exact terms of the participation are in your mind, but I assume that they are. You say, "Namely, \$50,000 as capital investment either in land, buildings or endowment. The provision of at least two Professors, and the provision of at least 1,000 Dollars towards current expenses."

I have read with much care the action of your Board in its exact terms and the application for admission to participate in the University will be laid before the Trustees at their coming meeting, which I hope will be on February 2nd.

I ought to point out however, that in the investment made in the property already and in the proposals of the contribution of funds by the Boards, there has been no designation such as is included in the action of your Trustees but, rather, a combination of resources to acquire the property and to lay the foundation for the University buildings and not for

these structures which have to do with the individual Mission's equipment. It is not intended, so far as I know, that any part of the capital sum provided by the Boards shall be made an endowment on the basis of which the annual contribution to the expenses of the University may be derived. I assure you of my interest in the proposals and you may depend upon the matter being fully considered.

The number of Trustees for each Board is four, upon the basis of participation as stated.

There would seem to be no difficulty in arranging a meeting of the Trustees to meet your convenience in visiting America during the second week in April, but this also I will take up with the Trustees when they meet.

I cannot, of course, pass upon the adequacy of the proposal of the London Missionary Society; under the Constitution it remains with the Board to do that. I would think it not unwise that you should appoint the Trustees, tentatively it may be, in order that if an arrangement is reached the trustees appointed, or such of them as may be available, may be in a position to qualify.

We have not yet had the Charter and By-Laws printed. This has been delayed to secure the complete organization of the Board.

We have not yet succeeded in securing a President of the Board who feels that he can accept the position.

Your request for copies of the Minutes of the meetings of the Trustees & Board of Managers will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their meeting.

Trusting that we may have a cooperation well designed and well executed, and with best wishes, I am

Yours cordially,

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Dictated by Dr. North
but not read and signed
by him because of absence
from the city.

February
~~Sixth~~
Nineteen Seventeen

Mr. F. H. Hawkins, LL.B.,
16, New Bridge Street,
London, E.C., England.

My dear Mr. Hawkins:-

Following my letter of January 24th, permit me now to say that I presented to the Trustees of Peking University at their meeting on February 2nd, your communication of December 19th, with my reply.

On motion, the Trustees voted approval of my reply, in which the basis of participation and the understanding of the Boards in the matter, were stated.

The Trustees gave earnest consideration to the whole matter of the program for the University and noted especially the necessity of large increase of resources for the purpose of the ground necessary for the University itself.

May I add my expression of regret that the delays undoubtedly necessary, of your Board and its representatives on the field, made it impossible for your Board to be associated with the three American Boards in the actual reorganization of the University. I think you will see that an entire year ~~would~~ have been lost if it had been thought wise to wait for your decision.

Another meeting of the Board is called for early in March.

For your guidance, I enclose a copy of the recommendations of the Committee on Property which were adopted at the meeting of October 13th, 1916. At the meeting on February 2nd, the Committee authorized in Item #6 of these Recommendations was appointed. It is expected that definite recommendations from this committee will be made to the Trustees at their meeting in March. As soon as the Charter and By-Laws are printed, I will send some copies to you. We have held back the printing until we should secure the complete organization of the Board. Meantime, I am sending you a copy of the amended Charter and of the By-Laws, in typewritten form.

Yours cordially,

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March
Fourth 1917

Mr. F.H.Hawkins, LL.B.,
16, New Bridge Street,
London, E. C., England

My dear Mr. Hawkins:-

We have been mindful of your statement that you expected to be in New York in the week beginning April 9th, and have therefore fixed the meeting of the Trustees of the Peking University for Tuesday April 10th, at 10:30 A.M. at the Assembly Room of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, No. 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Possibly I shall have some response from you to my recent letter defining the present status as we understand it.

at the meeting March 9th,
Briefly, the actions taken, include the following:

First:- The election of Dr. H. H. Lowry as President Emeritus and Acting President, with the appointment of a Committee to propose a nomination for the active and permanent President.

Second:- The election of Mr. O. J. Krause as Treasurer on the field.

Third:- The authorization of the Department of Liberal Arts and of Theology, with the present Liberal Arts College at Tungchou and that at Peking as comprising the Liberal Arts Department with Dr. H. S. Galt, Dean of the former and Dr. H. E. King, Dean of the latter. Dr. W. T. Hobart, Dean of the Theological Department.

Special requests were made for information concerning the property situation with a definite desire that additional purchases should be made only in the southern half of the total plot desired.

The By-Laws of the Field Board of Managers were adopted as revised by the Committee of the Trustees.

Special consideration is being given by a Committee of the Trustees to the relation of the Women's Art College and the Women's Medical College to the University.

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The desire and hope of the Trustees were expressed that the London Missionary Society would soon be included in the participation on the basis fixed in the Charter.

Assuring you of a welcome at the meeting of the Trustees and hoping also to meet you at the meeting of the Trustees of the Peking Medical College, I am

Yours cordially,

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TELEGRAMS:
"MISSIONARY," FLEET, LONDON.
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London Missionary Society,

FOREIGN SECRETARIES
MR. F. H. HAWKINS, LL.B.
REV. F. LENWOOD, M.A.

16, NEW BRIDGE STREET,
LONDON, E.C. 4.

March 17th, 1917.

Dr. F. H. North,
220, Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U.S.A.

My dear Dr. North,

I thank you for your letter of the 8th ultimo and the enclosures which did not reach me until the 27th ultimo. I have delayed replying to your letter until the meeting of our Eastern Committee which deals with China business. That Committee has now met, and I am very glad to be in a position to inform you that our Directors, after giving careful consideration to your letter and also the previous letter of the 24th January, have decided to join in the Peking Federated University on the basis of contributing the minimum contribution laid down without pressing for the application of part of the capital sum ^{to any particular purpose} according to my letter of the 19th December. We hope to be in a position to be able to provide for the special expenditure on houses and hostel apart from the capital contribution towards the University.

I am proposing to be in New York in the second week of April, when I hope I may ^{have} an opportunity of discussing with you the matters relating to the University. I shall be on my way to China, and am looking forward to the opportunity of meeting the University authorities and our own missionaries on the spot, and

conferring together as to how we can best help forward the University work.

I am glad to say that we have two men of the highest qualifications available as our contribution towards the University staff. One is the Rev. R.E. Evans, M.A., who is already in Peking doing work at the Union Theological College, and the other is Mr. J.B. Taylor, M.Sc. who has been for the last 10 years on the staff of the Anglo Chinese College ^{at Tientsin} there, and who, until Dr. Livingston Hart's return last year, was the Principal of the College. Both these men will start their work with a knowledge of Chinese, and I venture to think it will be difficult to find two men with better records, and with better qualifications for the extremely important work of University teaching.

Until the details are settled our Board have refrained from appointing a Trustee, but I may say that it is practically certain that I shall be appointed to represent the London Missionary Society, and I am assuming that the Trustees will be able to arrange one of the meetings of the Board of Trustees in New York each year close to the date of the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the Peking Union Medical College, which is fixed for the second Wednesday in April, so that I may have an opportunity of attending both meetings in one visit. I notice from your letter of the 6th ultimo that a meeting has been called early in March, and I shall no doubt be hearing from you if another meeting of the Board is called for the second week of next month, when I hope to be in New York. I presume that there would be no objection to my attending it, if such a meeting is held.

Dr. F. H. North:

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although I have not been formally appointed a Trustee.

At the time of writing it is not absolutely certain that I shall be allowed to start, as I have not yet succeeded in getting my Passport endorsed. But I fully expect to be in New York about the 8th prox. You may address any letter to me to:-
c/o The China Medical Board, 61. Broadway. I am much looking forward to meeting you.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

F. H. Hawkes

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21st April 1917

My dear Dr. North,

Referring to our conversation a week ago yesterday I now write to you on the two points we discussed.

(1) The L.M.S. will make the contribution towards the maintenance of the new University. I am under the impression I stated this in my first letter to you, but I have no copy of it with me.

(2) Although the capital contribution promised is the minimum of \$50000 gold the L.M.S. will aim at a larger contribution in years to come as further money is needed.

Kindly write to me to C/o London Mission Shanghai when the three Boards at present in the University have expressed their approval of the L.M.S. coming in & let me know as soon as the necessary steps have been carried out & I will arrange for our Board to appoint 4 Trustees. It is understood that one of the meetings of the Trustees will always be fixed near the second Wednesday in April to enable me to be present.

It was a great pleasure to me to make your
personal acquaintance & I look forward to close
associations with you in the work of the new University.
With kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,

F H Hawkins

Foreign Secretary C. M. S.

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Mr. F. H. Hawkins, LL.B.,
London Missionary Society,
Shanghai, China.

My dear Mr. Hawkins:-

I take this first opportunity to report to you the action of the Trustees of Peking University at the meeting on May 14th. A copy of the Minutes of the meeting is enclosed herewith. Quite possibly this covers all the facts which are needed for your information.

I will comment however, on two or three items.

First: Pursuant to the provisions of the Charter and By-Laws, in response to the request of the London Missionary Society that ~~it~~ be admitted as a participating organization in the University, action has been taken as follows:- The Trustees at the meeting of April 10th, having before them the revised action of the London Missionary Society as stated in your favor of March 17th, asking for participation on the same basis as that which obtains in the case of the other Boards, took the following action:

"After consideration and discussion, it was voted that the Trustees will gladly welcome and recognize the London Missionary Society as one of the cooperating boards in Peking University on the basis of Mr. Hawkins' letter of December 19th, 1916, and assume that it is their purpose to conform to the requirements of full participation to which the other boards have subscribed; that we refer to the Executive Committee with power the necessary steps to perfect the arrangement with the London Missionary Society and to refer to the participating boards for action."

Second: Your arrival on the day following the Trustees' meeting gave to the members of the Executive Committee, Secretaries Brown, Barton and North, opportunity for discussion of the details of the participation and you made it perfectly clear that the purpose of the London Missionary Society was as indicated in your letter, to take its representation on the same terms and to the same degree as the other Boards, thus confirming fully the expectation of the Trustees in the action above cited.

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Third: The request was presented formally to the proper committees of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, all of which reported affirmative action upon the request.

Fourth: At the meeting of the Trustees on May 14th, the following Minute was made:

"That the three Boards concerned, having acted favorably on the admission of the London Missionary Society to participation in the University, the Trustees do now recognize the London Missionary Society as a participating organization.

On motion it was also voted:

That in view of the action recognizing the London Missionary Society as a body in full participation in the University, R.K. Evans and J.D. Liddell, members of the London Missionary Society's Mission in North China, be elected members of the Board of Managers."

This completes happily, the process of inclusion of the London Missionary Society as a participating unit in the University.

The election of Messrs. Evans and Liddell was made upon the basis of representations from the field, though, I think there was no formal official request to this effect, at least, no formal official request to this effect has been received. The Board of Managers acting without proper authority from the Trustees have invited these representatives to act as co-opted members. The Trustees have been perfectly clear as to their purpose not to recognize co-opted members until they are properly appointed by the Trustees themselves. Therefore, any action of the Board of Managers taken under this misapprehension, would not be regarded as valid by the Trustees. The Trustees recognized the natural desire of the men on the field that the London Missionary Society should have its representatives and has taken the earliest opportunity for legal action to add to the Board of Managers on the Field, the two men apparently desired for that purpose.

If this is not in harmony with the wish of the London Missionary Society, kindly advise us promptly and secure from the London Mission in Peking, nominations for the Board of Managers which they desire to have presented to the Trustees.

You will note further in the Minutes that the propriety of some representative on the Board of Trustees here at an early date, is recognized, but such membership rests with the London Missionary Society. It was agreed therefore, that the Executive Committee be authorized to invite Dr. J. H. Jowett, who is, as we understand, a member of the London Missionary Society Board to sit with the Executive Committee that there may be some early recognition of the relationship of your Society to the Trustees.

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At your early convenience, will you have sent to us the names of those who should be recognized as Trustees representing your Society.

I think that the Minutes carry all other matters which need to be brought to your attention.

I shall be glad to have from you any further word touching work in Peking.

With best wishes,

Yours cordially,

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The Minutes are not ready for enclosure in this letter. They will follow shortly.

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150 Fifth Avenue,
July 5, 1917.

Mr. F. H. Hawkins,
c/o Mission, London Missionary Society,
Peking, China.

My dear Mr. Hawkins:

In the development of Peking University, a point has been reached in which the Board of Trustees deem it advisable to submit the question of location and site to an impartial commission, and have taken formal action to invite you to join a group of friends of the University and of higher education in China to serve in that capacity. The other members who have been invited to join the Commission are Bishop Herbert Welch of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Korea; The Hon. Paul S. Reinsch, United States Minister to China; Rev. J.C. Garritt, D.D. of Hanking, China; the Hon. C.T. Wang of Peking, China; and Mr. Roger S. Greene, resident Director of the China Medical Board. It is our thought that the members of the Commission will assemble in Peking under the Chairmanship of Bishop Welch and make such recommendations as the case may require and their judgment deem desirable.

If agreeable to yourself, may we not ask that an intimation of your acceptance be mailed not only to us but to Bishop Welch at Seoul, Korea.

For the guidance of the Commission, a letter has been prepared

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a copy of which we enclose to you, which will give the thought of the Trustees in seeking the help that you can render us. We believe the letter to cover the main points and desire that the Commission shall feel free to review all factors involved as they may bear on the selection of the most desirable location for a great Christian University in the Chinese capital.

All necessary expenses involved in the work of the Commission will be gladly met by the Trustees from their funds.

We would also mention that the Trustees have retained the firm of Shattuck and Hussey of Chicago, Illinois, as their architects and they have been instructed to render any architectural services to the Commission that may be desired, so that the Commission will be free to call on this firm for any sketches or advice. We are informed that Mr. Hussey has already left for Peking and doubtless either Dr. Lowry, the acting President of the University or the Rev. W.H. Gleysteen, Secretary of the Board of Managers, can give his address to the Commission.

We but express the earnest desire of the Board of Trustees in saying that we hope you will be able to undertake this service in behalf of higher Christian education for Chinese youth, the successful issue of which bears so intimately not only upon the establishment and building up of the church in China, but upon the achievement of that great work of social reconstruction undertaken by the leadership of New China. We shall indeed be grateful to you.

Very cordially yours,

President.

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Shanghai.

S. S. Leong-wo, Yangtze.

7th July 1917.

My dear Dr. North,

I thank you for your letter of the 18th May which reached me yesterday in Shanghai & also for the Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Peking University, held on the 10th April which reached me in Amoy last week & I note that the Minutes of the 14th May are to follow. I will forward the Minutes of the 14th May with your letter when they arrive. Meanwhile I am very grateful to you for your comments upon them.

I shall be in North China at the end of this month & during next month & will consult with our Committee there on our representation on the Board of Managers. Meanwhile I note that Mr. Brown & Mr. Riddell have been appointed.

I note as to the invitation to Dr. Jewett & I have asked Mr. Kennard, my colleague at home, to write to him on hearing from you. If you have not already done so will you kindly write to Mr. Kennard & tell him officially of the action of the Executive Committee in inviting Dr. Jewett to sit with them. The definite appointment of our 4 Trustees will probably have to await my return unless our Board thinks fit to appoint me at once without waiting for my

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return so that I may be in a position to attend
a meeting of the Trustees in the 2nd week of
April next year. I hope to be home by the end of
December.

With kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,
F H Hawkins

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150 Fifth Avenue,
July 25, 1917.

Mr. F. H. Hawkins,
c/o London Missionary Society,
Shanghai, China.

My dear Mr. Hawkins:

I received a telephone message from Dr. Arthur J. Brown this morning making inquiry as to whether any of the Boards have taken action as yet in the matter of the appropriation of \$1000 for current expenses of Peking University, or whether the Board of Managers have sent to the Trustees an itemized budget of the current expenses of the University, or whether the Trustees have as yet made formal requisition upon the participating Boards for the amount agreed to on the basis of participation. In reply I said to Dr. Brown that I did not find in the files of our correspondence any budget of expenses from the Managers as yet, and aside from our action at the last meeting of the Executive Committee no formal demand has been made upon any of the Boards for the amount called for.

This brings to our immediate attention a phase of the question involved in the appointment of Dr. Wolferz which was partly considered at the time the Executive Committee made this appointment. At that time it seemed to be the understanding of the Secretaries present at the Executive Committee that the acceptance by the Boards of the terms contained in the basis of participation constituted a commitment to the amount involved, namely, \$1000 and that this amount would be available on the call of the Trustees either in whole or in part. It was on this supposition that Dr. Wolferz was appointed and the call for \$100 from each of the cooperating Boards for current expenses issued.

May I not ask that you will give this matter consideration and I would venture to make the suggestion that pending the receipt of itemized statements from the field, concerning the current expense budget of the University, the Boards take action appropriating a sum sufficient to cover the two items approved by the Executive Committee. In the mean time as a measure of immediate expediency, I am writing to the Board of Managers, asking them to send to the Board of Trustees an itemized budget, showing the income and expenditures and the sources from which the receipts necessary to cover the working budget of the University are derived.

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I am writing not only to Dr. Brown but also to Dr. North and Dr. Barton a communication in the identical terms of this letter, and also have pleasure in enclosing copy of the letter to the Board of Managers through Mr. Cleysteen, its Secretary.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary.

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Mr. F. H. Hawkins,
% London Mission,
Shanghai, China.

My dear Mr. Hawkins:

I have before me your favor of July 7 and am noting carefully its contents.

I trust that you received in due course the minutes of the meeting on May 14. If by any chance they should not have reached you, kindly advise me and a copy will be sent to any address named.

Dr. George Hester Jones has become the Secretary of the Board of Trustees. It was my own judgment and the other Secretaries agreed that it was unwise that an executive officer, dealing with the administration of his own board affairs in the field, should be acting also as the secretary of the Trustees of a union institution. Dr. Jones was elected in my place, on my resignation. I will ask him to write Mr. Linwood, advising him of the action of the Trustees, as you suggest.

Yours cordially,

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TELEGRAMS: "MISSIONARY," SHANGHAI.

TELEPHONE: No. 645

CODES: "Via EASTERN"
C. I. M.

London Missionary Society.

CHINA TREASURER:
A. L. GREIG.

OFFICE OF CHINA TREASURER,

SHANGHAI,

9 HANKOW ROAD.

August 30 1917

G. Heber Jones, Esq.,

Secretary, Trustees Peking University,

150, Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Jones,

Your letters of the 20th and 25th July, and the enclosures, have just reached me, and I thank you very warmly for sending me the Minutes of the Executive Committee on the 18th July, and also a copy of your letter to Mr. Gleysteen.

Your letters put me to some difficulty as I am afraid my Board in London will find it difficult to make any definite appropriations to the Peking University until I return home towards the end of the year, and am able to report to them, and until they have nominated their representatives on the Board of Trustees. I feel sure, too, that before making any specific appropriations towards expenses, they will wish to see an itemized budget of the current expenditure of the University. I shall be glad, therefore, if you will allow the matter to stand over until I return to England, when it shall receive immediate attention, and in the meantime I hope the itemized budget will be prepared and a copy sent to me to London Missionary Society, 16, New Bridge Street, London, E.C. I will bring the matter before the Directors of our Society

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G. Heber Jones, Esq., New York.

August 30th 1917

as soon as possible after my return.

I thank you for the revised copy of the Bye-laws and for Dr. Lowry's report.

I may add that I am in telegraphic correspondence with Bishop Welch as to the date of the meeting of the Commission to deal with the question of the site.

With kind regards.

Yours very sincerely.

F. H. Hawkins

150 Fifth Avenue.
Sept. 24, 1917.

Mr. F. H. Hawkins,
c/o London Missionary Society,
9 Hankow Road, Shanghai, China.

My dear Mr. Hawkins:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 30th and to thank you for it. I will present it to the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees and feel very sure that the arrangements suggested of awaiting action on the part of your society in the matter of the budget until your return to England will be very satisfactory.

I mailed a few days ago copies of the missing minutes which I trust will reach you safely. The Trustees of Peking University spent all day last Friday in session, the minutes of which I hope to mail to you early next week. Much of our time was given to the consideration of a man for the Presidency. No definite decision was reached for the matter was left in the hands of the Executive Committee with power, conditional upon a unanimous agreement on their part in connection with any candidate selected.

Very cordially yours,

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150 Fifth Avenue,
October 16, 1917

The Rev. F. Lenwood,
16 Newbridge Street,
London, E.C., England.

My dear Mr. Lenwood:

The London Missionary Society having become one of the constituent bodies in Peking University is entitled to four representatives on the Board of Trustees and one representative on the Executive Committee. The Trustees of the University in making record of their recognition of our new fellowship together have ventured to make the suggestion that pending definite action on your part you might wish to invite Dr. Jowett of New York, who, we understand, was formerly a member of your Board of Management, to serve you in that capacity. We have been in correspondence with Mr. Hawkins in China concerning your representative and the suggestion of Dr. Jowett and in reply he writes us that he has written to you concerning the matter and that you would let us know your wishes on hearing from us. I have only to say that we shall be very glad to welcome any representative whom you might care to name, and of course, necessarily and gladly leave the choice with you, only renewing our suggestion that there would be an advantage in having someone who is a resident in New York, like Dr. Jowett, and someone whom you could reasonably regard as representative of the London Missionary Society to serve you on our Executive Committee. He would also be one of the four representatives, and if you could fill up the entire quota, I need not assure you that they would receive a hearty welcome.

Will you not let me know your wishes in the matter.

Very cordially yours,

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London Missionary Society,

FOREIGN SECRETARIES:
MR. F. H. HAWKINS, LL.B.
REV. F. LENWOOD, M.A.

16, NEW BRIDGE STREET,
LONDON, E.C. 4
16th November 1917

Mr. George Heber Jones,
Peking University,
150, Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY.

Dear Mr. Heber Jones,

Your letter of October 16th was received here on the 31st. Our Eastern Committee in discussing the matter were delighted to hear that Dr. Jowett had been representing us upon the Board of Trustees, and we understand also as a Member of the Executive. In view of the fact that Dr. Jowett is hoping to come to this country sometime in the spring our Board wished to ask him to continue as our main representative until the end of our Financial Year, March 31st next. From that time on they appoint Mr. F. H. Hawkins, Foreign Secretary for China, as their representative. If Dr. Jowett should by any chance remain in New York the Board will no doubt wish him to continue to act for us as a Trustee. They have requested Mr. Hawkins himself to take up with you when he shall return, the possibility of the appointment of other friends in America who will be able to represent us in between the main Meetings each Year, at which I gather Mr. Hawkins himself hopes to be present.

It is a little difficult for us in Mr. Hawkins absence to understand the workings and significance of your Board of Trustees over against the Executive Committee, but I think my letter will make the desire of our Board quite clear, and that any supplementary suggestions will be quite in order when Mr. Hawkins is once more with us.

We hear that he left China about the middle of October for Africa after a very successful Deputation visit.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

F. Lenwood

14th November 1917

Mr. George Heber Jones,
Peking University,
150, Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY.

Dear Mr. Heber Jones,
Your letter of October 14th was received here on the 31st. Our Eastern Committee in discussing the matter were delighted to hear that Dr. Lowell had been representing us upon the Board of Trustees, and we understand also as a Member of the Executive. In view of the fact that Dr. Lowell is hoping to come to this country sometime in the spring our Board wished to ask him to continue as our main representative until the end of our financial year, March 31st next. From that time on they appoint Mr. W. F. Hawkins, Foreign Secretary for China, as their representative. If Dr. Lowell should by any chance remain in New York the Board will no doubt wish him to continue to act for us as a Trustee. They have requested Mr. Hawkins himself to take up with you when he shall return, the possibility of the appointment of other friends in America who will be able to represent us in between the main meetings each year, at which I gather Mr. Hawkins himself hopes to be present.

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150 Fifth Avenue,
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The Rev. Frank Lenwood, M.A.,
16, New Bridge Street,
London, E. C., England.

My dear Mr. Lenwood:

Your letter of the 16th of November has just come to hand. We have not as yet extended the invitation to Dr. Jowett to sit on our Board of Trustees and be a member of the Executive Committee as our thought was that the matter would come as a suggestion to your Society, and that we should move in the matter after hearing from you. Then Dr. Jowett has been away over the summer so that there was no opportunity to have taken any action in the matter had we so planned. With your letter now in hand and the expression of the wishes of your Eastern Committee, we will take the matter up with Dr. Jowett immediately.

Concerning the difference between the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee it was found that the necessity for frequent meetings and the long distances that some of the members of the Board of Trustees would have to travel in order to be present, made it very desirable that a smaller and conveniently located group of men should serve the Trustees as their Executive Committee. The Committee was therefore created of seven members with the Secretary of the Trustees as an additional member ex officio and Secretary of the Executive Committee to act in behalf of the Trustees in the intervals between their meetings. The Executive Committee works subject to the review and confirmation of the Trustees except in those matters specifically delegated to the Committee with power.

We were glad to hear that you have designated Mr. Hawkins as your representative on the Board of Trustees with Mr. Jowett and we shall be glad to confer with Mr. Hawkins at the time of his visit to this country to which we look forward with pleasure.

Very cordially yours,

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