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The Reverend H. H. Lowry, D.D.,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

My dear Doctor Lowry:

Let me refer now to your favor of December 19,
which bears upon the course of study at Peking University.

There has clearly been some misunderstanding as to
the implications of this course. The purpose of the Trustees
was undoubtedly that we should do in the University, work
above the college preparatory work of the middle or high
school. The question of the two years between the high
schools and the University was not clearly understood and I
am not sure it is clearly understood now, though we have had
the advantage of a very clear elucidation of the matter by
Dr. Galt. We have, also, your statement in regard to the
case.

I believe it will be found that the Trustees will
abide by the original agreement to enter into federation with
Peking University, confining instruction to college and higher
grades. There is no purpose to do otherwise if we understand
just what is involved in the University course. Do not think
that there is any equivocation on the part of the Trustees.
We need, as Trustees, only to be shown what it is that really
belongs to University work. That is what we propose, as I
understand it, to do and nothing else. If the government
University has the same arrangement, it would seem to me that
that would settle the case. The matter will probably come to
the Board at its next meeting again, but I speak with defi-
niteness as to what I understand to be the attitude of the
Trustees.

In regard to the second matter, the arrangement for
the carrying forward of the work in our building, I assume
that this question will come up again if the work is to be
opened next autumn. There is a feeling that much would be
gained by beginning work and proving our fellowship by actual

practical cooperation. I, myself, share in the feeling that there is some advantage in doing this. So long as the work is continued at the two places independently, I think the divergence will be felt and the difficulty of a real sense of union will be encountered. However, I see the embarrassment of using our property and shall have it in mind when the matter comes for consideration.

Yours cordially,

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY
April
Twenty-ninth,
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The Rev. H. H. Lowry, D.D.,
Peking, China.

My dear Doctor Lowry:-

The annual meeting of the Trustees of Peking University occurred April 11th, 1918 and proved to be a meeting of large importance and much interest.

The London Missionary Society was represented for the first time, the Rev. Richard Roberts, pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims, in Brooklyn, serving for them. We greatly regretted the necessary absence of Mr. Hawkins, who was detained in London by important matters.

The most important action which we took was that of the final decision in the matter of the site for the University. The decision has already been forecast in my letters to the Board of Managers, but we all of us rejoice that this matter, which occasioned us so much uncertainty, is now finally settled. In my letter to Mr. Glaysteen, copy of which I hand you herewith, the terms of this action are fully given. All I need to say is that the decision was unanimous and completely settles all questions in the matter in the thought of the Trustees.

Next to the question of site, stands the election of an Executive Secretary for the University. It is felt by the Trustees that we are now at the point where you ought to give your time to the larger interests of the University, particularly in the matter of representing it before the general community, both in China and in America. All questions concerning the site having been settled, it is now essential that

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special attention should be given to property purchases and property interests. In this matter the Trustees feel that you, as Acting President, because of your long years of experience, your standing before the Chinese community and your identification with the University enterprise, can do us large service. At the same time it was felt that you ought to be relieved of many administrative details and pending the election of your successor in the University, it was decided that this could best be served by the appointment of an Executive Secretary. Mr. Gleysteen, because of his position as Secretary of the Board of Managers, was the logical man and we believe, the providential man for this office and his election was taken unanimously by the Trustees. The full action in the matter was as follows:-

- I. Pending the election of a president, there shall be an executive secretary who shall reside in Peking, and who shall serve as Secretary of the Board of Managers and give all his time, if possible, to the work of the University. He shall be elected by the Trustees, who shall fix his term of service and his stipend, the same to be paid by the University.
- II. He shall serve as the executive officer of the Board of Managers, and of the University Council, and shall be charged with the duty of giving effect to their actions.
- III. It shall be his duty to report regularly to the Board of Trustees all actions taken by the Administrative and Executive bodies of the University, and to forward promptly copies of the minutes of all meetings, with such statement as may be necessary to make clear their intent to the Trustees.
- IV. It shall be his duty to furnish the Trustees with copies of all reports, except those of the President and the Treasurer, which shall be forwarded by the officers concerned.

Following this, after conference with the Presbyterian Board through its secretary, Doctor Brown, the Executive Committee took action as follows:-

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VOTED:

That the Executive Committee in pursuance of the action of the Trustees in electing William H. Gleysteen as Executive Secretary of the University ask the Board of Managers in conference with Acting President Lowry and Mr. Gleysteen to arrange for the mutual adjustment of the official duties of the Executive Secretary and the Acting President and report to the Trustees; also in conference with Mr. Gleysteen to make recommendation to the Trustees in the matter of the financial compensation for the services of the Executive Secretary.

Doctor North has intimated to us that there is a possibility of your coming home on furlough this year and should you thus return to America the election of an Executive Secretary will provide for the administration of the University interests during your absence. I may add that the Trustees in this action were guided only by feelings of great cordiality toward yourself, recognizing the historic character of the service which you have rendered and the crown of honor which is so worthily yours for the long years of splendid service rendered in behalf of higher education in China. Our action in electing Mr. Gleysteen as Executive Secretary, however, is not involved in any way in the possibility of your furlough.

Both the matter of the Course of Study in the University and the Chinese name of the University were under consideration. Again I would refer you to the enclosed copy of my letter to Mr. Gleysteen for statement concerning these two matters.

There is one matter, however, of particular interest concerning which I have been instructed by the Trustees to make direct inquiry of you. We understand that the former Board of Managers on the field have, under the old Charter, exercised the power of conferring degrees, both graduate and under-graduate. The Trustees would greatly appreciate a statement from you as to the authority under which the Board of Managers have thus

acted in the past. Did the terms of the old charter permit of this, or was it through some arrangement with the former Trustees? Our attention has been called to the fact that apparently under the present law governing our incorporation, the degree conferring power is vested only in the Trustees and the University Senate of New York. We are corresponding with the educational authorities to get the exact terms of the law and will deeply appreciate an early work from you in this matter.

A matter which came up in our discussion in connection with the Chinese name of the University was that relating to the legal status of the University property. The Trustees took formal action as follows:-

"That the Executive Committee be instructed to inquire into the exact legal terms under which the property of the University is held, and to report to the Trustees."

I have already written Mr. Krause concerning this but would greatly appreciate any work that you can give the Trustees in the matter. What we desire to know, and I would say for your private information that this question has been raised and pressed by some of the legal members of the Trustees, is this,- Is the property held in the corporate name of the University and if so, we would like to have the Romanized form of that name. If separate pieces of property are held in the names of individuals, the Trustees wish to know the names of these individuals. Doubtless Mr. Krause will confer with you about this.

The carbon of my letter to Mr. Gleysteen will give you the other matters which came before us.

We shall anticipate your annual report with great interest.

With every good wish and warm personal remem-
brances,

Most sincerely yours,

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Rev. George Heber Jones, D. D.
Secretary Trustees
Peking University.

June 18, 1918.

My dear Dr. Jones:-

There is a question of interpretation of the By-Laws of the Board of Trustees on which I wish to have a ruling by the Trustees. It has reference to the election of new members on the Board of Managers, or the filling of vacancies that occur. In Art. # 4. of the By-Laws it is stated -

" When the place of any member becomes vacant the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as in the election of the original member. ALL elections to the Board of Managers shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. "

The concrete case is as follows. The Rev. R. K. Evans, professor in the College of Theology, left China to take up work in France. The London Mission elected Rev. Thomas Biggin to fill the vacancy. Mr. Biggin appeared at the meeting of the Board of Managers April 26, 1918, and a letter was received from the secretary of that Mission announcing the election. The President of the Board of Managers inquired if the approval ^{of the Trustees} had been received. The reply was that it had not. The President felt compelled by the By-Laws to rule that Mr. Biggin was not entitled to his seat until such approval had been received. This decision was appealed from, and the decision of the chair was not sustained.

Will the Trustees decide whether or not the President was correct in the attempt to enforce the By-Law, or shall the Board of Managers have the option to receive new members without waiting for their being confirmed by the Trustees - the elected member being allowed to sit with the Managers meanwhile ?

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I⁺ was claimed that a precedent had already been set by allowing new members to be received without such approval, namely in the case of Rev. George L. Davis, and others. I cannot deny that such has been the case, but if so they were allowed to slip in without my attention being called to the matter. If the law has been violated by mistake once or twice ^{that} gives no legality to continue the violation. I am convinced we will work more harmoniously together if we are guided by the plain letter of the law. I should like instruction by the Trustees.

Very sincerely,

H. H. Lowry

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June 19, 1918.

Rev. George Heber Jones, D. D.,
Secretary Board of Trustees
Peking University,
New York.

My dear Dr. Jones:-

There was another vote by the Board of Managers June 6th.
on which I desire a decision of the Trustees.

After the Managers had decided that the Yu K'e (Preparatory)
should be included as a department of the College, and should be provided
for in the arrangements for work next autumn, the officers for the com-
ing year were elected. It was announced that according to the vote
just taken there should be two Deans elected in Peking, one for the
College and one for the Preparatory. The chairman remarked "that there
was no vacancy in Peking, that Dr. King had been appointed Dean in
Peking, and Dr. Galt in Tungchou, and Dr. King's term had not expired and
would hold until his successor had been approved by the Trustees. As Dr.
Galt was absent it did not seem necessary, unless union work was to be
continued at Tungchou, to fill his place- Mr Porter having been acting
in his place."

To this it was replied, "But we now have two Departments
in Peking, The College and the Yu K'e (Preparatory), hence there must
be another Dean." Seeing discussion was useless the President of the
Board called for nominations for Dean of the College. Dr. King and Mr.
Porter were placed in nomination. The ballot resulted in ten votes for
Mr. Porter and eight for Dr. King. Thus Mr. Porter was elected. Later Dr.
King was elected Dean of the Preparatory school.

Whether so designed or not this was a definite injustice
to Dr. King who has done such faithful work during twenty five years to
make Peking University what it has become. He has had much more complete
training in Pedagogy than any man in Peking, if not in China, and has had

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a quarter century of experience in Peking, besides many years as Principal of High Schools and Superintendent of Schools in large cities in the United States.

I have no objection to Mr. Porter, but to vote out a man of Dr. King's ability and experience to put in a young ^{man} with limited experience at this important crisis in the development of a great University, seems to me most unwise and lack of appreciation of successful service of a prominent educator who enjoys the unique honor of having been asked to prepare courses of study for five Universities in the United States and several High Schools; all of which courses are still being used.

Further, when I suggested that the election could only be a nomination to the Trustees for their approval, it was replied "The time is too short to delay to secure such approval as we have to plan for the work to begin in September." Today the University Council met to arrange for the opening of the next semester. Dr. King remarked that he considered himself Dean until relieved by the Trustees, but he waived the point so as not to delay the preparation of the curriculum. Evidently a majority of the Council supported the action of the Board of Managers and Mr. Porter was not hindered in assuming himself Dean of the College.

If this action of the Managers is approved by the Trustees disregard of our By-Laws will be condoned and administration will become not only exceedingly difficult but very unpleasant. Will you kindly bring this matter before the Trustees, or, if a meeting of the Trustees cannot be secured soon, before the Executive Committee, and cable me the result.

Very sincerely yours,

H. H. Lowry.

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

Junr 22, 1918.

Rev. George Heber Jones, D. D.,
Secretary Trustees Peking University.

My dear Dr. Jones:-

In reference to the inquiry of the Trustees about the legal status of the University property I am glad of the opportunity to reply, as it is a perfectly clear case, and to which only one answer can be given.

ALL the property owned by Peking University, deeds and official documents in Chinese is held under the name CHING TU HUI WEN TA HSUEH HSIAO. This the full title under which the property has been since the English name Peking University was first given to the institution. "Ching Tu" simply means Peking, and is used interchangeably with it - Ching Tu being less common, and hence a sense of dignity to it. "HUI WEN" which is the distinctive name in Chinese means "Streams of Literature converging in one place;" Ta Hsueh Hsiao translated literally is "Great Learning School", and is used for University. Ordinarily the word Ching Tu or Peking is omitted when speaking of the University, but HUI WEN is never omitted as it separates the institution from the Government University, and any other school in the city. The name in full is Ching Tu Hui Wen Ta Hsueh Hsiao, which is the name in all the deeds held by Peking University. Any property now held or any new property that may be bought can use no other combination of Chinese characters in either buying or selling. Peking University is the legal name and Hui Wen University stands for the English name in all dealings with the Chinese. That is the universal custom in all transactions between Foreigners and Chinese. A Chinese name must be adopted to stand for the Foreign name, and I would say in passing that it avoids confusion if the name remains unchanged throughout the years of the existence of the institution.

For instance: The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is known and does all its business and has done so from its foundation "as HUI FENG ying hang" that is HUI FENG Bank. The HUI is the character for CORPORATION and is the same character as used in the name of Peking University. Jardine, Matheson & Co, one of the oldest English Firms in China is "I HO" in Chinese. The Presbyterian Mission is "CHANG LAO HUI" an Assembly or Church of Elders. The Methodist Mission is "MEI I MEI" which is simply an imitation of the sounds M. E. M. The United States in Chinese is "Mei Kuo". Names adopted to use in Chinese for the institutions.

The Trustees desire the name to express the idea of federation. That is already expressed by the use of HUI, which the great Bank uses to express the word "CORPORATION." Cooperation well expresses the idea of cooperation. The adoption of the Chinese name for Peking University at the very first meeting of the Board of Managers was approved by such sinologues as Dr. Martin, Dr. Wherry, Dr. Ament, and other distinguished scholars. Since then the name Hui Wen, has been recognized all over China as the Chinese name of Peking University.

Hui Wen as the legal name will stand any test of laws or arbitration of unprejudiced men. As a matter of interest I enclose a few samples of addresses on envelopes from officials. All property decided to Hui Wen absolutely belongs to Peking University.

Very sincerely yours, H. H. Lowry.

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The Rev. H. H. Lowry,
Peking, China.

My dear Dr. Lowry:

Though I have sent you no official word of the proposed visit of Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Peking University, because the arrangements had not been fully completed and I felt that I ought not to move in the matter officially until they were, doubtless you will have heard of the plans for his visit.

The thought and purpose of the Trustees in arranging for this visit are very fully and definitely expressed in the actions taken by them, and by the Executive Committee, at its recent meeting held July 9, 1918. I have written very fully to the Board of Managers, through its Secretary, Mr. Cleysteen, concerning this, and probably can best give you the information by inclosing copy of my letter to Mr. Cleysteen, which I do herewith.

Concerning the Minute business which was transacted I hand you herewith copy of the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting, with a minor omission of a matter which does not affect the relations of the Trustees and the Managers. Please note Item III of the Minutes. You will recall that some time ago I wrote making inquiry as to the grounds upon which the University in the past has conferred degrees. I am anticipating word from you in the matter and doubtless a letter will reach me in due time. It has been suggested that there may be a Charter, or some form of official recognition, granted the University by the Chinese Government in the past, which forms the basis of a degree-conferring power. As you will see by the record made, we feel that the practice of the past in the matter of undergraduate, and of earned graduate degrees, should prevail pending the clearing up of this matter of power and authority. I am sure that you will understand the desire of the Trustees to be consulted in the matter of honorary degrees.

I wish also to call your attention to the proposal from the London Missionary Society, noted under Item V of our Minutes, relating to the training of students for community service.

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and also the question of University extension effort. Mr. Uleysteen will officially convey our action to the Board of Managers, as requested, but doubtless there will be some word from the University Council in the matter.

Under Item VIII please note the desire of the Trustees that a Catalogue might be compiled. The printed annual report of the President, and heads of Departments, which we receive, does not meet our needs in this matter. Dr. Smith understands the purpose of the Trustees and will confer with you concerning it.

With warm personal remembrances,

Most sincerely yours,

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July 22, 1918.

Dr. H. H. Lowry,
Peking, China.

My dear Dr. Lowry:

I have your two letters of June 18th and the letter of June 19th which reached me this morning. I hasten to acknowledge them and to say that I shall be glad to bring the matters contained therein at the earliest possible moment to the attention of the Executive Committee and of the Trustees.

First of all let me thank you for favoring me with a copy of your letter to Dr. North of June 18th in regard to the matter of the Yu K'e course of study. That is covered in the minutes of the Executive Committee of its meeting held July 6, 1918, copy of which I sent you under cover of a letter dated July 11, 1918. I understand that Dr. North has also written in regard to the same matter so that before this letter reaches you, you will have both communications before you. Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith, as chairman of the Executive Committee is also thoroughly familiar with the thought of the Trustees in that matter and I am sure you will find his visit very helpful.

Turning to your second letter of June 18th, which deals with the constitutional provisions necessary to the election to the Board of Managers, I will submit the matter to our Executive Committee who will either send you an authoritative decision or will refer it to the Trustees for action at the next meeting of the entire Board. If I might venture a personal opinion based on the discussions which have occurred in the meetings of the Trustees and the Executive Committee, I would say that the by-law is understood to be definite and explicit in its terms, and should be strictly interpreted, namely, that confirmation by the Trustees is necessary to legal membership in the Board of Managers. I will, however, submit the matter for formal decision at the first opportunity to the Executive Committee, or should there be a meeting of the Trustees, to the Trustees themselves.

Turning now to your letter of June 19th which deals with the action of the Managers in transferring Dr. King from the deanship of the liberal arts college to that of the Yu K'e course, the best I can do is to submit this question also at the first possible opportunity to the Executive Committee for consideration

Dr. H. H. Lowry-----2--

and action.

We are hoping for large things from the presence of Dr. Smith in Peking during September and October. I am sure that you and the Managers will be glad to have him with you as he will bring a first-hand knowledge of the discussions which have prevailed in the Trustees' meetings over most of the questions now pending.

With warm personal remembrances,

Most sincerely yours.

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July
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The Rev. H. H. Lowry, D.D.,
Peking, China.

My dear Dr. Lowry:

I have now before me your letters of April 10th and May 2nd. I am not sure that I shall cover in this letter all the items to which I ought to refer upon the basis of our correspondence and the business that mutually concerns us, but I wish to speak particularly of some items and will follow with others later. For clearness, let me number the items:

First: The application for a fellowship for your son, Dr. George D. Lowry, has been endorsed and the action taken certified to the China Medical Board as requested. I have little doubt that it will be granted as it has the endorsement of Mr. Greene.

Second: The action in the case of Brother George L. Verity is noted. We should be very glad indeed to follow advice on this matter, provided you are sure of the continuance of the relation to it of the Rev. J. H. Blackstone and the funds under his control. Meantime, Brother Verity has accepted appointment with the Y. M. C. A. for work in connection with the Chinese on the French front. He was expecting to sail a few days ago and I assume has already started.

Third: Bishop Lewis has received yours of May 30th, which he has allowed me to see. The suggestion in it of the advantage of your return, both because of the condition of the health of Mrs. Lowry and of yourself and in view of the service you could render in connection with the Centenary, has our approval here. I have been on the point of writing you to say that while we do not venture to hope that you could enter into the strenuous public work in connection with the Centenary, your advice would be valuable to us and your dealing with certain individuals who may be within your knowledge and influence might yield important results. Members of the Board of Trustees, speaking in the kindest possible way of your service and the pleasant relation to the University, have felt that perhaps it might be very well for us at this stage to have a representative man like yourself available to bring the interests of the University to the attention of large donors, quite apart from the denominational phase involved. In any

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case, I may say that while our Executive Committee has not taken any formal action on the matter, I have very little doubt that the provision made for your furlough this year in the Redistribution might well be made available and that your coming home would be very sure of approval.

Fourth: The Trustees, through the Executive Committee, have felt that it would be very desirable to have a representative of the Trustees in a position to confer with the administration at this period when the new order is being put into practical operation. Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith, whom you know as Chairman of the Executive Committee, has already started for China and will be in Peking late in August. Dr. Smith in a very definite sense may be regarded as representing the Trustees, within the range of their action on sundry matters, and we hope may be able to interpret anything that is obscure in those actions. He will not act with authority outside of the Trustees' ~~action~~ but will have, of course, the privileges of conference with the Managers and with others, the aim being to establish sympathetic relations between the Trustees and the authorities on the field and to be of any service possible in helping forward the adjustments in connection with the new plans. We are hoping much from Dr. Smith's visit.

Fifth: The UNIVERSITY: In two matters under discussion the viewpoint of the representatives of the Methodist Mission on the Board of Trustees should be clearly stated -

1. The matter of the name: So far as can be found in the documents submitted during the last four or five years no mention has been made of the Chinese name which, it was assumed, corresponds with the Peking University. The characters so far as I can ascertain do not appear in connection with any of the discussions. After careful comparison of views with members of the Board of Trustees, it is clear to me that none of us had raised in his own mind the question of modification of the Chinese name, either not considering at all the Chinese equivalent or assuming without discussion that the one name carried the other. On the other hand, it is equally clear from discussions since recorded and even now under way, that to our Chinese students and alumni of the two Institutions, and to our missionaries of the several Boards, the Chinese name has offered a very serious problem. I shall not enter into the discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of retaining the Chinese name as held by the University throughout the years. My own judgment is that the reasons for retaining it are so definite and strong that except to meet a very definite emergency the name should be retained. This would, in my thought, be not merely or chiefly a question of sentiment but one of expediency as affecting the legal relation of the University to its properties and to its personnel and prestige. I am of the opinion, however, that in the event

of very decisive antagonisms, amounting to a break in the lines of our advance, some modification should be sought which will hold together the forces for the development of the University, for it is clearly far more important to build a great university than it is to retain certain terms of characterization, even though it may be a hardship and an injustice to remove them.

With this in view, I have expressed the hope that if the matter is still an open question the ingenuity and skill of those who know the Chinese language might be exercised to bring into connection with the present name some other term or character which, expressing some phase of the University ideals, would meet both desires; namely, the continuation of the name and the introduction of an element which would mark a new era from which all the University life of the future would date.

2. Concerning the Yu K'e: It is perfectly clear from the records that it has been the purpose of the Trustees from the beginning to abide by the agreement in Item 4 of the memorandum accepted by the Boards and the Trustees, namely:

"To authorize them (the Board of Managers) to confine instruction to college and higher grades."

No action of the Trustees has indicated a variance in this purpose. The statement made at the Annual Meeting, April 11, 1918, is clear on this point:

"Referring to former actions regarding the length of the course of study, the Board of Trustees holds that the essential point is that the University should limit itself to the work that is commonly done in a college, and the professional and graduate courses, and that the work preparatory to the first, or freshman year of the college course should be done, as heretofore, in the denominational academies, whose curricula should be unified and co-ordinated to this end."

The difficulty in the case is in the interpretation of what is included in the college and university courses, both under the educational system of the Chinese higher institutions and in the minds of our own educators. Two or three matters have seemed perfectly clear:

1st: There has not been agreement as to the position of the two years Yu K'e course. If my understanding is right, it has been connected in our own school with the preparatory work; in other schools it

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may or may not have been. We have been advised that in the Peking University (Chinese) it is now conducted under the auspices of the University, but it is not many months since I was definitely advised that it has been eliminated from the University care. Clearly, the two years are not even in the statements of the ~~university~~ advocates of the so-called six years course, an integral part of the college or university course, unless some such plan as that presented by Dr. Galt, of dividing the six years into two parts - the first three a Junior College and the second three a Senior College and university courses, - should be adopted. It would be my own opinion that the Yu K'e is not to be regarded in any constitutional way as a part of the University course. On the other hand, in order to provide this preparatory work it may be conceded that there is a possible wisdom in having the two years preparatory course carried on under the auspices of the University. This would seem to be the opinion of the Board of Managers in their action of April 26th, 1918, quoted by you, where they say

"That a university preparatory course - Yu K'e - of two years be provided for Peking University, to which students of middle school shall be eligible; and

"That the above course be followed by a four year full university course and subsequent graduate courses."

Unless I am in error, so far as the University is concerned, should it conduct such a course it would be in the nature of the pre-medical school or courses of the Peking Medical College, courses which would in no first-rate medical school be regarded as an integral part of the medical course but as a preparatory work conducted by the medical school in the interests of the preparation of students for the actual medical college.

2nd: If this statement and reasoning be correct the matter would stand thus: Unless in the original agreement it was in the minds of those entering into it definitely that the Yu K'e two years' course was to be handled by the University, either as a part of the university courses or as a preliminary to them, the position held by the minority in the Board of Managers would seem to me correct. If this two years' course was in the minds of some of the contracting parties it is most unfortunate that the definition of what was intended by "college and higher grades" was not secured at the time the agreement was adopted. It would be a satisfaction to us here to know whether the present discussion results from confusion of thought at the beginning or has come as an after consideration, forced by conditions not then under consideration.

3rd: Since clearly three of the schools are unprepared to provide Yu K'e in connection with the preparatory work, a serious embarrassment must be recognized; its solution would be reached by the elimination of the Yu K'e work from our own school and the combination of all students of the Yu K'e grade in the two years' course under the University, as suggested in the action of the Board of Managers. This course has its disadvantages, which you so strongly state and which I very keenly feel. Whatever may be the provision for the protection of the lads who have been taking this course under the auspices of the University, when plans for buildings and compound are complete it would seem to me a very serious error to transfer those students under present conditions out of the schools where they would have protection. I therefore very deeply sympathize with the action of our Mission which proposes a compromise, agreeing to a union under the University in Yu K'e but providing that the work should be carried on in some one of the preparatory school compounds. I hope that before this letter reaches you this compromise will have been accepted.

There is an added reason for the union in this form in the Yu K'e work growing out of the possible relationship between the University and the China Medical Board. In the Yu K'e courses are the beginnings of scientific studies which, in themselves, are in the nature of pre-medical work. Our expectation of cooperation in the pre-medical work by the China Medical Board will rest in the University and not in the several preparatory schools. It may be, therefore, good policy to unify at the point where such studies begin.

4th: I have suggested one alternative proposal which possibly would not be practicable but which, in the interest of securing the protection of students, as you desire, and at the same time cooperating in the common purposes of the Board of Managers, I would be willing on behalf of the administration here to agree to. It would be stated in this form:

If any one of the preparatory schools desires to continue the preparatory work through the two years of Yu K'e, with the curriculum as determined by the University, it shall have the privilege of doing so, provided however that it bear also its share of the costs of the university work, including the Yu K'e under the auspices of the University, on equal terms with the other cooperating Missions.

This will seem like doubling the cost to our Mission. I would rather do that and secure the ends named than to be a party to a break in the alignment of the forces and would favor the plan as making a financial sacrifice in the interest of the spiritual development of the boys in our own preparatory school. I would look forward however to a time when, either with buildings completed and a

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successful oversight being secured, our own Yu K'e would be merged in that under the direction of the University, or when, because of conditions now urged by the minority, it would seem to all associated in the work a better plan to have each preparatory school carry the work of preparation right up to the beginning of the four years of the college and university course.

I am not sure that my reasoning is sound and I may be in error in regard to the facts. I give you however my latest and, so far as I can tell, my best thought on these perplexing questions.

May I add that while I have tried loyally to support the decisions accepted as fundamental in the organization of the University, I am very clear that a new day is coming to the world and that emphasis might well be placed upon those constructive processes and those plans for the correlation of the spiritual forces of the world, without which no permanent institutions of morals and of religion can possibly be maintained.

My correspondence indicates that while there is in the formal action unanimity among our missionaries on some of these points of special difference, there is not on the part of all the emphasis which is placed by yourself upon them. Perhaps I should say that the forward look, the desire to enter into some realization of the plans for cooperation, seems to them more important than the effort to maintain strictly the consistency of action or to hold the representatives of the other Boards to our strict and probably just interpretation of the original agreement. There comes a time when, if we can follow the converging rather than the diverging lines without any surrender of principle, the true strategy will mean success.

I shall be glad to have definite word concerning your plans and assure you of my continued desire not only to aid in whatever may be of advantage or satisfaction to Mrs. Lowry and yourself but in the promotion of the high ideals which you have had for the Institution to which you have given so much of your life.

With best wishes,

Yours cordially,

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TRUSTEES
PEKING UNIV

August 5, 1918

The Rev. H. H. Lowry, D.D.
Acting President Peking University,
Peking, China.

My dear Dr. Lowry:-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letters of June 18, relating to the process necessary to constitute legal membership in the Board of Managers; of June 19, relating to the distinction in function and relationship between the Board of Managers and Board of Trustees in the election of deans; and your letter of June 22, concerning the title under which the property of the University is held in the deeds and official documents in Chinese. In reply I would say that I have submitted these to the members of the Executive Committee and will later be in communication with you concerning any action that may be proposed.

I wish also to acknowledge receipt of your report as Acting President for the year 1918, and to say that I am having it re-duplicated and sent to all the members of the Trustees. I am also in receipt of a protest against the change in the Chinese name of the University signed by Mr. Liu Fang, Chairman of the Students Union, and Mr. C. P. Wang and Li Kien Lu, Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Alumni Association of Peking University. This with the documents submitted by the Alumni of the North China Union University, I am also sending to the Trustees that they may have the facts and statements contained in the two documents before them for consideration.

I am also proceeding in the matter of the recommendation cabled by Mr. Gleysteen, recommending that T. E. Breece be sent to China as head of the English Department of the University. Pending formal action in these matters please understand that they are now in process.

With warm personal remembrances,

Most sincerely yours,

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Secretary

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April
Twenty-third
1919.

The Rev. H. H. Lowry, D.D.,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

My dear Dr. Lowry:

The Board of Trustees of Peking University at its Annual Meeting on April 10th gave expression to its deep sorrow and keen sense of loss suffered through the higher call which has come to your dear wife. They requested me as the Acting Secretary to send you a copy of the minute which was passed and which will be duly entered in the records of the Board and I am enclosing the same herewith.

With our continued sympathy and regards,

I remain

Yours very sincerely,

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Notwithstanding all the disappointments, delays, lack of funds and other difficulties we have had to meet I believe there is a great future before Peking University, and that it has an opportunity that no other institution in China, or in the world has, and success is assured if our faith and patience hold out until the day of adequate resources and equipment arrives. Failure is unthinkable. In the development of China, the enlightenment of these vast millions of as fine a race of people as dwell on this globe, the progress that is bound to come along all lines of civilization notwithstanding the greed and selfishness of other nations seeking in vain to check it, and this great Capital City without a great Christian University would be a disgrace to our Christianity.

EXTRACT OF LETTER FROM H.H. LOWRY DATED PEKING NOVEMBER 10, 1919 AND ADDRESSED TO REV. FRANK MASON NORTH.

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

June
Third,
1920.

Dr. H. H. Lowry,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Lowry:

A cablegram has come from Mr. Krause that the Birchel property has been offered to the University for \$28,000. Mexican. I should appreciate it greatly if you would write to us a full letter explaining the basis upon which the University has had the use of this property, whether there are any buildings upon it which are occupied by the University for classroom purposes, or whether the buildings on it are rented and we derive income from them and why it is important that the University buy the property.

In my judgment the Trustees of the University will be decidedly adverse to the purchase of any additional property, even if it is property which the University is now using, particularly because the arrangements for the new site are in prospect and we hesitate very greatly to tie up so many valuable dollars in property which we do not expect to use in the future.

How far is it important that the Methodist Missions should make the investment in the property. I should appreciate word from you at an early date.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary.

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