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Oglesby, Ill., U. S. A.
Aug. 1, 1924.

President,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

Dear Sir:

Since coming to Oglesby in May, as the pastor of the Union Church, I have been acquainting myself with the local and foreign work that the church is doing. I have found that part of the missionary money is being sent to support a student at Peking University. I have a note from Howard S. Galt, Acting President, dated Feb. 22, 1924. Also an interesting letter from Wang Shou-I, the young man who has been receiving help in this way.

We are anxious to have a letter from you, and one from Wang Shou-I (if he is still receiving this aid), which will be of more recent date. If such letters can reach us by the first of November, they can be used as interesting material in our campaign for funds. I am sure you will see the value to us in having some recent letters to help in keeping our people interested in the work which they are supporting. The spirit of the church is very fine, and promises to continue so.

Cordially yours,

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September 24, 1924.

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Rev. Clyde S. Noyce,
Pastor, Oglesby Union Church,
Oglesby, Ill.
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Noyce:

I am very glad of the chance to write you a few words about Mr. Wang Chou-i, the theological student whom the Union Church of Oglesby is supporting. Mr. Wang himself is a young man of unusual ability and earnest Christian purpose, and the fact that a young man of his type has decided for the Christian ministry is helping to increase the respect of all our students for this calling. I am inclosing a letter from him which will enable your people to know him better. I am tempted, however, to occupy the rest of this letter with the general problem which is made concrete in this instance. For some years I have had the increasingly strong conviction that the solution of Christian work in China is in the securing and training of college students who enter the ministry because of deep conviction, and in the face of more alluring opportunities from the economic, social and indeed every other human standpoint. With the growing nationalistic spirit in this country it is more evident than ever that foreign missionaries cannot meet the needs of a truly Chinese church, nor can they do the work of evangelization as efficiently as those who are themselves like their hearers, Chinese. On the other hand, relatively uneducated Chinese assistants to missionaries will never

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exert much influence among the educated and substantial people of the country, and are entirely incapable of developing a truly Chinese expression of Christian life and faith. You will readily see how reasonable such a contention is, but you can scarcely realize how difficult is the problem of providing such men to the Christian church. In the first place the social community in China is the family and not the individual nor the community. Every young man who receives a college education is, according to Chinese standards, under obligation to use the increased earning capacity thus gained on behalf of his family or clan rather than for himself or any outside organization such as the State or the Church or society at large. Because of the small salaries paid to preachers in this and every other country, a Chinese student who decides for the ministry almost invariably does this in the face of the good opinion of his entire family and all his circle of friends, and is at once cut off from support from these sources, involving not only financial problems but all the goodwill and respect of those most closely related to him. To increase the difficulty the Mission Boards have not yet realized the importance of planning adequately for high grade natives and have accustomed themselves to expensive budgets for foreign missionaries poorly paid and mediocre native assistants to them. Our School of Theology exists to supply college graduates with a first class theological training as the supreme need of the Christian movement in China, and yet, we find that our greatest problem is just in this respect. Almost every student who is now with us is being privately supported in some such way as is Mr. Wang. As the Chinese Church gets stronger it will undoubtedly put the emphasis upon providing adequately for a properly qualified native ministry, and the missions should slowly come to see the importance of this, but in the transition stage it is painful to think of the supply of truly devoted and capable students in our colleges who are being lost to Christian service because of economic conditions in which they are helpless.

I have written thus frankly and fully because I want you and the thoughtful people in your congregation to understand exactly just why your assistance to Mr. Wang is proving so useful. May I also suggest that in order to sympathize your

relationship to him, the scholarship you are carrying be sent direct to our New York office to Mr. James H. Lewis, our Executive Secretary. It will thus be transferred to us without passing through any complications with Mission Boards.

We are very happy to have this association with the good people of your church and I can assure you and them that there could scarcely be a more valuable investment.

Very sincerely yours,

Old South Church (Boston)

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JOHN L. GRANDIN
45 MILK STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

January 2, 1924.

Mr. Herbert K. Caskey,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Caskey:

I am very glad to have yours of the
31st and you certainly have done wonderfully well for
Peking University.

I notice that you have severed your
connection and I am sorry for the university on this
account, but trust the change may be advantageous for
you. You have my sincere wishes for a Very Prosperous
1924.

I 'phoned Mr. Merrill and we are going
to make one more effort next Sunday in the church calendar
and on January 10th, I will send \$7500 to clean this matter
up.

Very truly yours,

JLG/W

John L. Grandin

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45 MILK STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

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January 23, 1924.

Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue, Rm. 912,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

You doubtless are aware through the Old South Church of Boston, a fund has been raised to pay for a professor's house on the new Peking University Campus. It was the understanding that \$7500 would pay for such a house complete and that it would be named for the Old South Church of Boston.

I am enclosing herewith, check of the Peking University Fund, signed by John L. Grandin, Treasurer, on the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Company, favor Peking University for \$7500, as a contribution from the Old South Church of Boston for the above purpose, which I send you with the most hearty wishes from the Old South Church for your success in the good work that you are undertaking.

I am going to ask you to please send a note of acknowledgment and appreciation to each of the following donors because I want them to know first hand that the money has been received and appreciated by Peking University, and will you please advise me that you can attend to this.

Very truly yours,

JLG/W
(Enc)

John L. Grandin

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