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March 23, 1931

Dear Mr. Steele:

I am writing you in the hope that your very generous friendship for Yenching University may be the occasion of assisting us in a special financial matter. The difficulties just now in financing are so great that all help available is of the utmost importance to us. The matter I have in mind is the following.

Dr. W. J. M. Dickson, of your Mission in Kwangtung Province, was on a mission in Manchuria some time ago and was delayed in North China although unable apparently to devote himself actively to his Manchurian errand. It so happened that Doctor Learmonth of Yenching University was due to go on a short furlough beginning in March. President Leighton Stuart invited Doctor Dickson to supply Doctor Learmonth's place during that brief vacation.

We should consider it a very gracious act of Christian cooperation if your Board could consent to allocate Doctor Dickson to Yenching University for the four months March-June inclusive.

If it is desirable that I should come personally to discuss this matter with some representative of the Board, I should be glad to do so. I am addressing myself to you because I do not know what other members of the Board have had any relationship to Yenching University, and I feel that your acquaintance with the work of the institution might be the proper channel through which to make this application to the Board.

I should appreciate your friendly attention.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. Joseph Steele,  
Treas. Board of Missions  
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2410 N. Marshall Street,  
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CABLE ADDRESS "JOSTEELE, PHILADELPHIA"

March 26, 1931.

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker,  
Assistant to the President of  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23d instant, in reference to having Dr. E.J.M. Dickson, of our Mission, who is now in Manchuria, take up the work of your Dr. Learmonth while he is absent from the University on his vacation. As I am uncertain whether there is a possibility of doing this on account of prolonging Dr. Dickson's stay in Manchuria, I am forwarding your letter to Rev. F.M. Wilson, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, who will be able to give you more explicit advice as to the placing and movements of our Missionaries in the Field, and I am requesting Dr. Wilson to take this matter up with you at his earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

*J. M. Steele*  
Treasurer.

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April 4, 1931

My dear Mr. Manamaker:

Your letter of March 23rd addressed to Mr. Steele has been referred to me, with a copy of his reply to you.

I shall bring your letter to the attention of the Board at its next meeting which will be about the middle of May.

Meanwhile, my own personal opinion is that the present condition of our treasury will not warrant our allocating Dr. Dickson to the work of your university.

Dr. Dickson has also written me on the same subject. When Dr. Dickson wrote me it was uncertain whether he would be appointed to continue in our work in Manchuria. Since then our Board has taken action to that effect and that may alter Dr. Dickson's plans with reference to your institution.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Findley M. Wilson*  
Corresponding Secretary

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Mr. Olin D. Manamaker  
American Office, Yenching University  
150 - 5th Ave.  
New York City

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June 11, 1931

Dear Doctor Wilson:

I shall be much interested to learn from you the result of the inquiry you kindly consented to make of your Board at its May meeting concerning the possibility that Dr. E.J.M. Dickson might be assigned to special service at Yenching University in accordance with correspondence between this office and Mr. Steele during recent months.

With renewed thanks for your friendly interest.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Dr. Findley M. Wilson  
Corresponding Secretary  
The Board of Foreign Missions  
of the Reformed Presbyterian Church  
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Philadelphia, Pa.,  
June 12, 1931.

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker,  
Assistant to the President,  
Yenching University,  
Peking, China.

150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Wannamaker:-

Replying to yours of June 11th I may say that our Board's decision is in accordance with intimation in my letter prior to our May meeting: viz., We did not feel able to assign Dr. E. J. M. Dickson to the Yenching University while we should carry his salary. The state of our treasury would not admit of that. The Board did acquiesce, however, in the proposition made to Dr. Dickson himself to assign him to work in the University for a period of four months, March, April, May and June, on condition that the University pay his salary for that period. Our workers in Lo Ting have been strongly urging Dr. Dickson's return to the work in that field. But we have been glad to loan him to your work in the hope that Lo Ting could spare him until Autumn. We also feel that the opening of our new field in Manchuria will be greatly aided by Dr. Dickson's presence with our group during the remainder of the summer.

With all good wishes I remain,

Board of Foreign Missions  
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*Findley M. Wilson*  
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