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142 Curtis Place,
Auburn, N.Y., Oct. 30, 1914.MR. DIFFENDORFER
REC'D OCT 31 1914
ANSO

Dear Mr. Diffendorfer,

Thank you for favoring me with a copy of the report by Mr. Chapman on the University of Nanking. I was much interested in his criticisms, and agree in general. If I may be permitted to reinforce one of his suggestions it would be to urge that Dr. Williams, or one of the strongest men on the faculty, be set as nearly free as possible for Christian teaching and personal contact with the students in the interest of their religious life.

I should like also to ask - (though you have most probably already done so -) that a copy of this report be sent to Rev. H. F. Rowe, 541 Lexington Ave., New York City. Mr. Rowe is one of the teachers in the School of Theology.

In this connection, will you kindly inform Mr. Rowe and me when your Board of Trustees will meet next? We should appreciate the privilege of appearing before the Board for the purpose of working out some method by which our school might also be incorporated under the same of a similar charter. Our local Board of Managers wishes to have a Board of Trustees in U.S.A., but one Mission concerned makes it conditional that the University Board and this one, if composed of the same individuals, be separately organized. Details of this nature need scarcely be discussed at this writing.

Very sincerely yours,

Rev. J. Leighton Stuart

November 7, 1914

The Rev. J. Leighton Stuart
149 Curtis Place
Auburn, New York

My dear Mr. Stuart:

This is the first opportunity I have had to reply to your letter of October 30th. My only anxiety regarding Mr. Chapman's report is that parts of it may get back to Nanking and be misunderstood by some of the men there. Chapman gave the report at our request and in a very friendly and constructive manner. As you know, he is truly missionary in spirit and we would not want to cause any embarrassment by anything that he has said. Personally, I see no reason why Mr. Rowe should not have a copy, although I will want to consult Mr. Speer about it before sending it.

Mr. Speer and I have just decided to postpone the meeting of the Board of Trustees from November 10th to December 15. We lack a copy of the budget and other necessary information from Nanking which is necessary for the annual meeting. It may arrive on Saturday in the S.S.Korea mail but we did not care to risk calling the Board together.

I understood from John Gouty that you are to be in the city most of this month. If you are I do hope you will let me know your whereabouts. I shall be glad to call on you or have you come to the office as I want to chat with you regarding some things in Nanking.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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May 25, 1915

The Rev. J. Leighton Stuart
2705 Chestnut Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

My dear Mr. Stuart:

Dr. Sailer of the teaching staff at Teachers College has written that he has received an application from Mr. Timothy Tingfang Lew, who desires a scholarship at Teachers College. They have also received an application from Mr. Irving Hu, who was strongly endorsed by President Bowen.

Dr. Sailer is not sure that they can award both scholarships and in case of a preference he would like to have some indication of our wishes in the matter. Mr. Lew says that he expects to teach in the Nanking Seminary and possibly in the University.

Will you be willing to write me at an early date, giving me your recommendations in this matter?

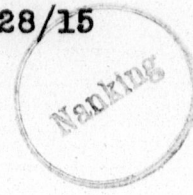
Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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New Orleans, La. May 28/15



Mr. R. E. Diffendorffer,
Secty. Board of Trustees
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

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Dear Mr. Diffendorffer:

I have your letter regarding scholarships in the Teacher's College for Timothy Tingfang Lew and Irving Hu. I know both young men quite well, and can readily endorse both names, but as Mr. Lew stated-he is definitely preparing for a theological course with a view to teaching in our Nanking Seminary. As far as I know Mr. Hu has made no definite decision as to his life work. Mr Lew is taking a long and expensive course of study, and will engage in a life work with small financial remuneration, so I believe the larger interests of the Christian cause would be served by giving him the preference in case both young men cannot be awarded the scholarships.

Sincerely yours,

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Rev. J. Leighton Stuart,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China

My dear Leighton:

Your cable came in due time, also your letter of May 2nd. I thank you very much for them. I have been unable to get in touch with Bishop Lewis, who keeps on the go constantly when here. I took up the matter with Dr. White and spoke at their commencement exercises in the hope we might at that time arrange for a Conference with Mrs. Shepherd. Unfortunately she left early. When your cable came I took it to Dr. White and he is trying to arrange for a conference. I am pressing home to him your emergency. I shall also do all I can to meet the larger need. I spoke of it at the Board of Trustees pointing out that with the acute situation of the medical department and the changed conditions in China with the entrance of the Medical Board, it would be absolutely necessary for the Missions in united effort to give a higher and more thorough training to every man who is to be a leader of the church. All seemed to agree most heartily in this. I said it would be necessary for the Board to take a larger share in the support of the Seminary. Previously I had taken the matter up with Mr. Speer and he agreed, with me, that strengthening that was the most important line for our immediate development. I do hope that Dr. White can arrange for your immediate needs and while here I may be able to do something for the larger work.

I also got into communication with the Blackstones in the hopes that they might have funds to be turned over to you to meet the emergency. I have not yet seen the elder Mr. Blackstone.

I had a delightful evening Friday with Timothy Leu, Hu Tintsing and Tao Wei-tsing. Leu is doing well and I was delighted with him in every way.

I have not yet been able to get to the problem of your stenographer. I shall try again to reach Bishop Lewis.

As ever

Affectionately yours,

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June 20, 1916

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Rev. J. ~~Leighton~~ Stewart
Nanking, China

Leighton
My dear ~~Leighton~~:

Long before you receive this I hope you will have word by cable of the renewal of the \$5,000 gift from Mrs. Shepherd. I think I wrote you that at Dr. White's invitation I spoke at their graduating exercises. When your cable came I saw him again and urged the necessity of having some relief soon. He was then able to arrange a conference with Mrs. Shepherd which resulted in her renewing her gift. I have no further assurance than that the \$5,000 is paid over into our hands and is now available for you. Whether it can be secured next year again I do not know. I shall try to arrange to meet the Shepherds now and express your appreciation for what is done and incidentally to give them further information about the development of the plans. In regard to Mr. Elam, a letter from him suggested that Mr. Hienz might be interested in sending him out. When in Pittsburg on the 14th and 15th I tried to arrange to see Mr. Heinz but was unable to make connections on the telephone. Fearing I may not be able to get out to Pittsburg again, I am sending a letter to Mr. Heinz appealing to him to take up their support of \$1100 a year and if so that the Seminary could provide travel out if he could guarantee their salary. I tried to put it on a line that I thought would appeal to him. However, you know a letter is not very effective in the line of appeal and I am not particularly sanguine that we shall have a satisfactory result from this one. I have been unable to get in touch with Bishop Lewis since seeing him in Saratoga, so I cannot appeal for his help in this line. The Bishop keeps on the road and I have never been able in America to get a reply to any letter I have written to him.

In case Mr. Heinz does nothing, I rather infer from your letter that you would want to go on with the arrangement for Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler independent of any outside help once you were assured of Mrs. Shepherd's gift.

I have had a very pleasant visit with Mr. Lew at Union Seminary. He and Hutientsing Taowentsing and Mr. C. H. Hwang and I were out to a Chinese spread one evening and spent the whole evening talking in Chinese over China, as you may imagine. Leo is a fine, earnest fellow. He has been editing a little student magazine of the Y.M.C.A. He is living at Columbia, which is hard on him in a way. The long continued time of separation from his wife given up almost entirely to academic study is not easy. I believe there is danger of our men continuing too long in that line of work so as to become too academic in their thought and sympathies. He came down one morning to the hotel and we had a long heart to heart talk. I do not know that anything I said helped him, but the opportunity of telling out all that he had on his heart and feeling the sympathy of one that was in touch with conditions in China I believe did help him. I shall try to arrange for him to see more of the people in the churches and to have more personal relations with strong Christian workers in the city. I should make clear that he is undergoing no trial that is not the lot of every earnest student, but the more I know of the life of the students at Columbia the more I am convinced of the fundamental importance of your developing at an early date the more advanced work in China and of the men keeping in touch with the conditions and problems and burdens of their own land.

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I am to see Buttrick at luncheon tomorrow and talk over the action of our Board of Trustees and to arrange for a meeting of the Committee of the Trustees, Mr. Speer, Dr. North and Mr. Banton for Thursday or Friday.

Please write me fully how things are going in China. Give macsuch data as would enable me to secure, if possible, an additional five or six thousand dollars gold a year for your advance department.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Stewart and John, as ever

Affectionately yours,

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July 3rd, 1916.

Rev. W. W. White, D.D.,
541 Lexington Avenue,
New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. White:--

You can scarcely appreciate how much the cablegram meant to us - advising of the remittance of \$5,000, though perhaps you better than most people can understand how this came in our extremity and as what we interpret as a very definite answer to equally definite prayer. I do hope that it was not necessary for you to advance this money, and that the connection with Mrs. Shepard has been re-established; though I have my suspicions! At any rate we are more grateful to you than ever; you have certainly proved in many practical ways your friendly interest in our School. Better than any expression of thanks, however, is the assurance that the School is growing and performing a service which I believe you will more and more come to regard as a wise investment.

Your goodness to us in the past makes me the less reluctant to make one other request of you; You may recall that while in America Mr. Rowe and I secured a young man, Mr. B. R. Elam, as our stenographer and business man. It was understood that he would be sent out by his own Board, - the Southern Methodist, but they wrote us last winter that, partially owing to their desire to put a full Faculty man into our School and partially because of certain financial obligations incurred by Mr. Elam in his academy days, they preferred not to send him out. We were unable to ascertain which of these motives was the controlling one, but as Bishop W. S. Lewis had already gone to America and seemed deeply interested in us, we put the whole matter into his hands, sending him quite a package of correspondence that had been sent to us by the Southern Methodist people, and giving him Elam's address.

If we could count on Mrs. Shepard's continued support we felt that we could carry Elam even without the support we had expected from his own Board. But in the meantime, the uncertainty about Mrs. Shepard made us feel that we could take no steps further without something more of a guarantee. The whole correspondence from us, both to Bishop Lewis and Mr. Elam, including the papers sent to us by the Methodist Board, all seems to have been lost in the mails. We have been waiting for a long time, in much perplexity as to our failure to receive any

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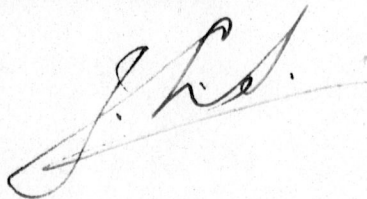
replies, but word has just come indicating that these letters never reached their destination. You can imagine the awkward situation in which this left us! Now I cannot ask any more of you than to reenforce, with Bishop Lewis, the urgency of getting into touch with Mr. Elam, and if he approves of the young man, trying to secure his support.

If, on the other hand, it has seemed to you from later developments that Mrs. Shepard could continue her support of us, we think we can carry Elam without further assistance, at least for a few years. It is possible also that Rev. J. B. Williams (Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York) might be able to help, both in straightening out the complications and in the matter of securing financial support. Just at present no service would be greater to us, apart from our current expenses, than the securing of competent office help; and the failure to do this will mean a very much increased burden on those of us who are trying to maintain the school, undermanned as it is otherwise.

I would not bother you with this if it were not for the long delay, due to this accident in the mails.

With ever-increasing gratitude and affection,

Very sincerely yours,



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July 3rd, 1916.

Mr. B. R. Elam,
810 Hawthorne Avenue,
Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A.

My dear Elam:--

Your last letter has just been forwarded to me here, and confirmed the fears which we had felt with increasing force for the last few weeks; in fact, Dr. Garritt wrote to you a few days ago giving a resume of the previous letter.

To go back, therefore, it seems that two letters, written to you and to Bishop Lewis respectively, must somehow have been lost in the mails. The Southern Methodist Board wrote to us last February or March saying that they did not care to send you out to China, for two reasons; one was the reason that was mentioned to you and to which I have referred in previous letters, i.e., that they wish to put a full Faculty man into our Institution rather than a business man.

The second was, that their Candidates Committee was dissatisfied with certain facts about your obligations to Randolph-Macon Academy and the correspondence which followed between you and the Principal. They sent us this correspondence, together with a number of other letters received by their Candidates Committee. We were unable to form an opinion as to whether the former of the two reasons was the controlling one and the other somewhat of an excuse, or vice versa. But we decided to put the whole matter into the hands of Bishop W. S. Lewis (Methodist Board of Missions, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York), asking him to interview you and to pass judgment on the whole question. If there seemed to him no sufficient reason on other grounds why you should not be appointed, we asked him to try if possible to arrange for the necessary financial support. (As we had already asked him in this connection to tie up for us the source of income which we have had hitherto and which until last winter we had thought of as rather definite.) This was really only part of the larger question.

In our letter to you we also asked you to get into touch with Bishop Lewis, who would act for us in the whole transaction. I should say here that after reading all the correspondence carefully, there seemed to us no reason at all

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why you should not come to us as originally planned; but the combination of the Southern Methodist Board's action, with the unexpected delay and possible cancellation of our ordinary source of support, made it impossible for us to do otherwise than as described above. It is extremely unfortunate that this correspondence should have been lost in the mails. We have been waiting for weeks to hear from Bishop Lewis, and could not understand why no word had come from him. I fear it is very late now to do anything, but will you not communicate with him at once, and also with the Rev. J. E. Williams (Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York). Both of these men are our good friends and will do what can be done.

Needless to say, we are eagerly hoping - despite this accident - that you can come to us next fall. I am writing hurriedly, to catch the steamer to-morrow, so shall not go into any further details, except to say that our desire to have you is only intensified by these various circumstances, and we are earnestly hoping that somehow a way may be found.

With best wishes to Mrs. Elam,

As ever, your friend,

J. H. Heart

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Nanking, July 19, 1916

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see Mrs Sheppard ~~to write~~

Rev. J. B. Williams, D. D.,

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156 Fifth Ave., New York.

My dear old Jack::

Your two good letters sound just like yourself and give abundant evidence of your activity on our behalf. This may not catch you before you leave the country and there is not much to say besides what we have already written except to thank you for all you are doing for us. I do not think you will get any raise out of Heintz though you may surprise us.

If we can be assured of the continuance of Mrs. Sheppard's gift, we can carry Elam without difficulty. It may give a further argument in dealing with her and is a point Mr. Sheppard will particularly appreciate. I feel that \$5000 for Chinese Teachers' residences is a very immediate and pressing need. We are by no means getting full work out of our teachers on this account and all are working at a disadvantage and are naturally discontented.

Another matter that might appeal so somebody is a group of simple homes for married students. If we could have a half dozen or more of such homes put up at an average cost of \$200 Gold each, we could rent them to our own advantage and make the students more comfortable and contented, and it would make it easier for the ladies to work among the women. There are other obvious advantages. I name the above figure only because of the high cost of material at present. Have you been able to get in touch with Dr. Robinson of

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So glad Timothy Liu has had the chance with you.

I know the talk was a very great help to him.

Again gratefully and hopefully yours,

Leighton

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September 12, 1916

Rev. J. Leighton Stuart
Nanking School of Theology
Nanking, China

Dear Leighton:

There is not much to write in reply to your letter of July 19, for there have been no developments during the heat of the summer. I heard from Dr. W. W. White, however, in regard to your letter to him. He feels assured that the gift of Mrs. Shepherd will be renewed year by year. However, he cannot give you definite assurance that you can bank on it. I have not yet been out to Chicago nor seen Dr. Robinson after Atlantic City. I am hoping within a few days to have some definite word on the propositions submitted to the China Medical Board and hoping some other matters may be cleared up so that I can start back to China. However, I feel at this writing very uncertain as to the time of completing things here and as to whether I shall be able to go back early to China as whether it might not be necessary for Mrs. Williams and the children to come over here.

I have seen a good deal of Gardner Tewkesbury and we have had many talks over his plans. I wanted you to know that I have urged him unqualifiedly to take a year of undergraduate work, preferably at Princeton or Harvard. I feel strongly this would be more important for his future influence and usefulness than taking his first year in post-graduate work. He very much needs the pure American life that he would find in association with the boys in college. It would also give him an opportunity for large missionary influence in touching the lives of men who might be led to offer themselves for China. He might form friendships that would be of the greatest help to the cause in later years. His studies can be so selected that they would contribute very directly to his special preparation for his teaching. If heaven ever to do that he must do it this year. It would only cost him one year and I feel certain he can never regret it, just as I feel quite certain he will be sure to regret the other course. He is now over at New Haven talking to Dr. Beach. All of the men here with whom he has conferred almost without exception have urged his taking the undergraduate work. I do not think he will need to delay his returning to China a full year. Probably with summer work he need not delay at all, but even should he be delayed a year, the advantages to the seminary and to himself will far outweigh the cost in time. In theological teaching almost more than in any other line of teaching is it important that men should have the broadest associations and sympathies. I hope I have not made a mistake in urging his consideration of this course and that you men there can agree in the plan. He has not yet fully decided but it now seems very probable that he will spend next year either at Princeton or New Haven. I hope you will soon see Mrs. Williams and the children. The long seige of illness of the children with dysentery in Kuling has added greatly to Mrs. William's burden during this time of separation. I do not seem to get used to nor to enjoy this plan of trying to live on both sides of the Pacific.

With best wishes to Mrs. Stuart and John,

As ever yours,

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Nanking

October 11, 1916.

Rev. J. L. Stewart,
Theological Seminary,
Nanking, Kiangsu, China.

My dear Leighton:

Where are we on the secretary business? I have two possibilities, fine men with splendid business experience, but both married. One is recommended by Dr. Chester, of the Southern Presbyterian Board, and is now in an office in Boston - Mr. Frank P. Taylor. The other is recommended by Egbert Hayes - Mr. Benzian of Detroit, Michigan. Both admirable.

I had a talk with Dr. W. W. White last evening. He seemed to feel more confident that Mrs. Shepherd would continue her gift next year. He is hoping that she and her husband will come out on a trip to China. I have been tied sort of hand and foot by the delay about coming into agreement with the China Medical Board. I have not yet been to Chicago for any time of conference. I will do what I can through Robinson and others there when I go there. I am still as concerned as ever to get you the additional funds if possible.

Bowen felt a little cut up over Frank Garritt's renting the house without letting him know, and felt that they were not so thoughtful for the University as they might be. I hope you will do your utmost to round in the sympathy, interest, and moral and spiritual support of the missionaries to our union enterprises. This is no time for any one who was ever enthusiastic for the University to cool off or be uncertain in their support. It is a time of crisis when we should be able to count confidently on the support of all our friends.

I had hoped that Ran would be able to see his way clear to remain with us to reorganize the Hospital, while I fully appreciate his desire to go on teaching. He has the very qualities that we most need in a union enterprise, as has Mrs. Shields. We shall seriously miss them if they leave.

Dr. Chester would like to have your Mission continue the share in the University and Hospital, with a doctor and an annual grant. I hope the men on the field will support this. We must man adequately the Union Hospital and carry forward the work in a way not to disappoint the legitimate hopes of the Chinese.

You had better cable me what you want done about the treasurer, if I am to do anything for you, upon receipt of this letter.

With love, as ever,

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S. H. Chester
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D. D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Brother,-

Referring to yours of March 15th, I would state that Dr. J. Leighton Stuart is regarded by his fellow-missionaries as a man of unusual ability, and having been born on Chinese soil he, of course, has the language as few foreigners would ever be able to acquire it. I suppose he would be very greatly missed if he should leave the School of Theology at Nanking, with which he is now connected, and it might be difficult to supply his place there. If, however, there is a still larger field of usefulness for him at Peking, I am sure our Committee would not wish to stand in the way of his getting into the largest possible sphere of usefulness there is open to him anywhere.

Prof. O. E. Brown of Vanderbilt University is a man of very unusual ability and has served a term as a missionary in China. He is especially gifted in platform work, and if there should be an occasion for the President of the Peking University to represent it before the people there are very few men who could do that more effectively than Prof. Brown. I also think Prof. Brown is a man of very lovely character and one whose

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Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D. -2.
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influence over young men would be the very finest kind.
His wife is very delicate and I have my doubts whether he would
think it expedient to take her to China.

Very cordially and fraternally yours,

M. Carter
Secretary.

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Robert E. Speer
The Board of Foreign Missions
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156 Fifth Avenue

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Dr. Brown.

re President

Dr. Arthur J. Brown,
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My dear Arthur,

As far as I am able to judge, I should think that Leighton Stuart would be one of the best men in China to consider for the Presidency of Peking University. We should be very reluctant to have him leave Nanking, where he had a great power in the School of Theology which is just developing now in our higher department to which he seems to be indispensable. But I think the situation at Peking is one that justifies us taking into consideration every available man. Mr. Stuart knows Chinese thoroughly, is one of the most influential of all the missionaries in China in his relationship to the younger and alert-minded men among the Chinese, is a man of strong intellectual ability and good scholarship and of open-minded outlook. He has the confidence alike of the missionaries and the Chinese. I can not speak of his equipment or effectiveness as an organizer of education or as an administrator. Perhaps Mr. Brockman could help you at this point, or Dr. J. T. Proctor of the Baptist Mission in Shanghai and now in America, or Bishop Bashford or the Rev. O. C. Crawford of Soochow, whose address is 1238 Fayette ST., N.S. Pittsburg, Pa.

I think Dr. Chester's suggestion of Professor C. E. Brown is also worthy of careful consideration. Professor Brown has the respect and the affection of all who know him. I had forgotten that he had been a missionary in China. It must have been some time ago that he was there and I do not

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think that it was Mandarin that he learned, if he learned the language, as the Southern Methodist Missions are not in Mandarin speaking territory. Prof. Brown has had experience in University work in America; he has just the spirit and temper that are desirable in relationship to students, ^{and} he is a man of the purest character, tasteful and efficient. I can not speak of his ability to organize an entire University. My impression would be that he would rather prefer to fill some Professorship that gave him his time and strength for personal contact with men than to undertake the administrative and executive tasks involved in the Presidency of such a University as Peking.

Very faithfully yours,

Robert E. Speer
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The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations

re President
124 East 28th Street, New York.

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Dr. Brown.

Athens, Georgia,
April 5, 1917

Dear Dr. Brown:

Your letter of March 28th has just reached me here. Rev. Dr. J. Leighton Stuart of Nanking has high qualifications for the Presidency of any missionary educational institution. His scholarship in Chinese and English is thorough and accurate. He has the great advantage over most missionaries of having been born in the country. He speaks two dialects like a native. In addition to this, he has spent much time on Chinese literature. It is difficult to overstate the importance of such an equipment in the Chinese language as he has. He is a man of rare spirit. I do not think he has an enemy in the world. I can think of no man who would be better able, ultimately, to harmonize the different elements in the University - foreign and Chinese, liberal and conservative - than he. He has had experience as a teacher and has had marked success in it. He has also had considerable experience as an administrator. He has served as active head of the Seminary during a considerable portion of his stay in Nanking. I do not recall ever having heard an unfavorable criticism of him. Of course, he has not had the experience in large administrative and business affairs such as Peking University would sooner or later require but I have every hope that he would rise to any requirements of the situation.

Most sincerely yours,

J. S. Brockman

P.S. I am very sorry that my absence from the city has delayed this getting to you.

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December 20, 1918.

Rev. J. Leighton Stuart, D. D.

Nanking, China.

My dear Leighton:

On the return of Dr. Judson ^{Smith} from China we learned that he had appealed to you to accept a call to the Presidency of Peking University. When I was talking to him I said I hoped you would not accept. His natural reply was that he hoped you would. Doubtless he has placed the call before you very strongly and the Trustees of the University here have concurred earnestly in the call. I have a great deal of sympathy with the Directors and Trustees in their desire to get the right man, and I can see very many ways in which you would be a very desirable man for the position. At the same time I am very hopeful that you will feel the call to remain with the Seminary in Nanking too urgent to allow you to leave.

Of course I do not wish to constrain you overmuch. Such a call as this one must decide individually. At the same time I wish you to know, what of course you do know without my saying it, how very deeply and strongly we wish you to remain. Jack Williams and I sent you a joint cable yesterday with the two words "Indispensable remain". I am sure that you will read into that our real meaning. Not for a moment that we would use constraint, but that we were expressing our deep conviction of the need, both of the Seminary and of Nanking as a whole, for your continuance with us. There are so many things which you have begun, or which you are foremost in helping on, which would be imperiled by your leaving us. The whole Theological Seminary promotion which your committee has in charge would, it seems to me, be imperiled by your leaving, for, as President of the University, your sphere of operations would be quite different. I am sure that our colleagues in the faculty will not misunderstand me, or think that I am depreciating others, in saying that you have special gifts and qualifications for the work in our Seminary, which we would find it impossible to replace fully if you should leave us. It seems to me it would be nearly a fatal blow to the Seminary if you left us. I hope it is not unfair to the others who are asking you to leave for me to say this, especially as they no doubt have employed every argument they could muster to lead you to see the strength of their case. I know that their case is strong but it seems to me that for you ours is stronger. Also, there is the widening responsibility which lies on you toward your own mission for the guiding of their newer plans and aims, which it seems to me would suffer irretrievably if you should leave them.

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I know that you have been giving this matter most prayerful and earnest consideration, and having said what I have just said, I leave it with you with entire confidence that you will follow the Divine lead as it is revealed to you. Whatever the outcome I shall hope and expect the fullest of blessings for you and for your family in your decision. Please remember us to them with much love.

I am glad to say that we are measurably well. I do not myself seem as strong as I should like but am able to do a fair day's work. Stanley is quite well. We have not yet made anything like permanent arrangements for him. He has been with a surveying squad for some months, but as the hard winter weather comes on and the company of surveyors is moved to a distance from us he has given that up and will take something in the way of indoor work for the winter. We are very grateful for his restored health, which so far as I am able to see bids fair to be permanent. At the same time I cannot see my way clear to leave them here until he is more permanently settled in some form of occupation which really occupies his mind and bids fair to place him in a self-supporting position where he feels sure of himself. Of course I am still hoping to return to China next summer. I do not see any hope of going sooner.

Please tell Mr. Rowe that I received his letter with the suggestion about Miss Shaw's brother and we will take up the matter shortly. Williams and I are working over the proposition of getting one or more men to come out to Nanking for a shorter or longer period of teaching. I incline to the view that we had better look for the very best men in the particular lines that we can get. That will tend to magnify the plan in the eyes of those whom we call upon to finance it, as well as to build up the prestige and the actual efficiency of our graduate department. The only one who is definite at present is Dr. Wilbert White. He told me the other day that he had succeeded in financing his trip and we are to meet in a few days to work out somewhat more in detail the plans for his going. I hope you received my letter of Nov. 29th in which I referred to his suggested program. I said in that letter that I hoped to talk with Dr. Erdman. I am sorry that I have not had any opportunity as yet. Williams has several men in mind and we hope to have something definite to write before very long.

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There was a letter came to one of the Secretaries from a pastor in California the other day, asking questions about the basis of union and organization of our Seminary in China, with a view to trying to move toward union of seminaries in several denominations of this country. I do not know the man who wrote and I cannot say whether he will be able to effect anything, but it is interesting as a sign of our widening influence that people at home are wishing to copy our methods. There is a tremendous feeling throughout the churches, and certainly outside of the churches in this country, that the Church of Christ should present a more united front to the world at large. There are movements simmering looking toward such unified effort, either cooperative, federated or organic, among the churches. Also everybody is beginning to feel the tremendous issues of this day when so much of the world is needing reconstruction and rehabilitation, and when the church is trying to arm itself for a larger campaign than it has ever realized it could enter upon before. The great national movements which have so wonderfully unified our country and intensified the ideal elements in the outlook of the people must be conserved by the church.

Williams is finding the raising of money a very difficult proposition at present, in spite of what I have just said. I think that our claims and needs will be comparatively easy to carry through. I suppose the University needs are somewhat hampered by the fact that so much of what he needs to get is in the way of deficits. Still things are going to be brighter for him before long. I think all the Boards will come across with the additional amount for current expenses, but whether they will get in line to pay on this additional amount before the coming fiscal year is a question. Some of them I believe begin their fiscal year in January, but our year as you know begins in April.

I wonder if the inventory of title, deeds, &c, has been made yet. All these items ought to be sent in to the Trustees here so that they will know what it is they are holding for us and how much in behalf of each of the churches. I rather think there should be, if not copies of all the deeds, at least a very clear and definite memorandum with regard to each one,

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including date of purchase, size, and marks of land, the cost of purchase and a definite number by which the particular deed should always be known and referred to.

Will you please send me some copies of the constitution of the Seminary? I am not sure whether the constitution was printed in the last Board Minutes or not, but there are extra copies of Minutes of a few years ago containing the constitution. Also please send me several copies of the last Bulletin, the catalogue number and the last Board of Managers Minutes. I do not think I received printed copy of the last Managers meeting. I find that every once in a while I can make good use of this printed matter. I am inclined to think that the time has come when we should put out a well got up catalogue or bulletin, on better paper, with telling illustrations, and with some specially good letter-press about the Seminary. It is not essential that we have it immediately, but the next number of the catalogue or bulletin that is issued might very well be worked up with this in view. We could use it effectively here and it would be valuable in China as well.

I saw Timothy Lew a few days ago. It seems curious that his first cable to you about his wife's coming on should have been ~~mutilated~~ so that you could not understand it. I believe that he said the word "wife" when it reached you read "wire". You no doubt understand the situation fully now, so I need not go into that. For his peace of mind I hope that you got the second cable clearly and have been able to arrange for Mrs. Lew to come. He told me in confidence who it was that gave the money for her to come. I suppose he has written the same to you. Now that Mr. Straight has died, I do not know whether her plans will change so materially that she will cease her interest in the plan or not. At all events her first payment has come in, which will cover the expense of Mrs. Lew to this country and leave something over.

I was glad also to see Mr. Rowland. He says that things are looking up with him. He was here attending a conference called by Dr. Vance, now of the Southern ~~Presbyterian~~ Church, for the purpose of considering cooperation among all the Mission Boards, in a very much larger and more extensive drive for the rousing of enthusiasm in all the churches and the more speedy establishment of the Kingdom in the world.

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How I wish that I could have a good long talk with you. There are so many things I would like to talk over. However, I hope that it will not be very many months before I can be with you. Give my affectionate regards to all our colleagues and to the students, and with special Christmas Greetings and love to you all, I am,

As ever,

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