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MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CHINA COUNCIL

for the consideration of Dr. Speer

October, 1915.

- x 1. What is the Board's attitude towards the opening of new Stations in the China field at present? *This question has also been referred to Policy Committee*
2. Does the Board distribute to Missions in China increase in appropriation for current work in proportion to mission estimates in Col.D.? In general, what is the Board's interpretation of the significance of Col.D.?
3. The relation of the new China Medical Board to the Missions.
4. In connection with the opening or enlarging of costly institutions, is there any way of providing for the necessary and sudden increase in cost of operating them without curtailing the appropriations to existing work?
5. What is the Board's attitude towards the City Evangelization project in Shantung?
- x 6. Also towards the proposition to erect a Union Mission Building in Shanghai?
7. What is the present status of the proposed Union between the two Mission presses in Shanghai?

Men who met Dr. Speer at luncheon in the Shanghai Y.M.C.A.
October 11th, 1915.

- Dr. Fong F. Sec, (Columbia) Head of the English Editorial Department,
Commercial Press.
- Mr. K. S. Wong, Manager Hanyehping Iron and Coal Co.
- Charles H. Yann, Director of Education, World's Chinese Student Federation.
- Y. S. Chuck, Secretary Shanghai Young Men's Christian Association.
- Y. C. Bao, Manager, Commercial Press
- S. C. Chu (Yale) General Secretary to Managing Director of the
Shanghai Nanking Railway.
- K. S. Zee (Oberlin) Secretary, Shanghai Young Men's Christian Assn.
- F. H. Lee (Yale) President of Futan College
- S. Tang (Mich) Returned student from University of Michigan.
- Dr. E. S. Tyau (Penn) St. Luke's Hospital
- David Z. T. Yui (Harvard) Head of Lecture Department,
National Committee Y.M.C.A.
- W. W. Lockwood, General Secretary, Shanghai Y.M.C.A.
- L. T. Yuan, Voelkel & Schroeder (Druggists)
- P. B. Anderson, National Committee Y.M.C.A.
- D. W. Lyon, do.
- N. L. Han, Manager, China Express Co.
- S. K. Tsao, Secretary, Shanghai Y.M.C.A.
- Dr. H. C. Mei (Columbia) Member New York Bar.
- E. H. Lockwood, Secretary Canton Y.M.C.A.
- E. C. Lobenstine, China Continuation Committee.
- K. S. Lee (Cornell) Instructor St. John's University.
- Rev. Cheng Ching Yi, Secretary China Continuation Committee.
- Dr. J. W. Lowrie, Chairman China Council.
- Egbert M. Hayes, Secretary Shanghai Y.M.C.A.

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The Rev. Courtenay H. Penn D. D.
American Presbyterian Mission.
Peking, China

My dear Courtenay:-

Your faithful letter of Sept. 28th was received in Shanghai on our return from the short but happy visit to Ningpo. It was like a little touch of home to see Miss Dickie again and Mrs. Wright with whom I grew up as a child.

I need not tell you that your letter has been again and again in my mind and I have framed a score of answers to it but I have not written any of them and shall not do so now.

"Let the thick curtain fall,
I better know than all
How little I have gained."

Least of all have I any heart to enter into any argument with you. Neither in this nor in anything else have I ever had any doubt or shall I ever have, of your absolute sincerity of purpose and conscientiousness of judgement and in what I said at Peking my own judgement and conscience were perfectly clear at the time and are as clear still. I can only say that what your letter reported was absolutely amazing to me at the time and is scarcely less amazing now. I am truly sorry for it but can honestly say that I am not troubled by it, having long ago been delivered from any fear of the consequences of speaking what one believes to be the truth provided it be spoken with a spirit that is right. If what I said sounded censorious I am truly grieved for nothing was further from my mind than to speak anything of others that I was not saying of myself. I know that if I loved more and worked harder far more would be done and that, measured against the ideals which a Christian should hold over his life, I ought both to work harder and to love more. I have no business to judge others but is it judging others for a man to generalize Christian obligation from his own sense of personal duty?

As regards racial prejudice I feel more deeply than ever the truth of the principle of which I spoke in Peking. There is mixed good and evil in every race and any indiscriminate judgement is sure to be wrong in itself and to act injuriously upon us who cherish it.

We had many interesting conferences in the Yangtze valley with thoughtful Chinese and I am glad to say, came away from these with a much more hopeful feeling with regard to China. It is true that many of these men were bitterly pessimistic but the larger number of them were seeing things wisely and realizing what a great work was yet to be done below the surface in spreading through Chinese life the forces of social and educational regeneration. If only the integrity of the nation can be preserved and the patient processes of Life and Truth be allowed time to work surely the ends that we long and pray for can be achieved.

We are at an end of our trip now and expect to sail on Thursday from Yokohama for Seattle. We have come up here to this beautiful place for the

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last day or two, partly because Dr. Sailer, who had been here, said I would be wrong to go home without seeing it, and partly to be able to catch up with the correspondence which should be attended to before we leave. We have had a very profitable trip although the pace has been a little high at times and I had a sharp touch of malaria in consequence coming across from Shanghai to Japan. It has been very encouraging to meet with the men and women of the Church of Christ in Japan. They are certainly an unusual body of Christian people and it has been interesting to see the crowded audiences both in the churches and in public halls, and especially in the churches to note the great growth of reverence and ardiliness of worship and cleanliness in the building itself as compared with eighteen years ago. And in a land where everything is as tight, as mechanical, as Germanically precise as it is here, it is good to mingle with these fair-minded and free-spoken Christian people who don't hesitate to analyze conditions and to disapprove where they think they ought.

We had some good days with the China Council in Shanghai but were grieved while there to get the news of Miss Newton's death. It will be a great loss to the Mission and what a sorrow it is to all who had known and esteemed and loved her through these many years.

I shall be anxious to hear from Dr. Sailer of his visit to Peking and his study of the educational conditions there. There is much to give one solicitude regarding our mission schools in what is said by the strongest Christian Chinese men. Where so much conscientious and devoted strength is being spent upon the problem I hope and pray that wisdom may be given, that our opportunity may not slip by.

As ever against all this perplexity of educational problems, a Bible school like yours seems a simple proposition and yet I know is full of its own perplexities also and I know how prayerfully you work among these in the effort to make the school as nearly as possible what our Lord made the training school of His disciples and you know that you have in our work my love and prayer.

With warm regard to Mrs. Penn and Mrs. Matear,
Ever affectionately yours