

The purchase of Property questions
General building of the school
opening stations —

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My Dear Dr Ellinwood

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This afternoon just
before Thanksgiving day gave me a chance
to sit down for a short communication to
you concerning several things concerning which
I wish it were possible that I might talk
with you.

First — concerning a request for an appro-
priation which goes to you from our Novem-
ber meeting. I greatly hope that you will
see your way clear to allowing us the small
sum asked for in order that next Spring
we may have the funds with which to
open up a joint Chapel & Dispensary in
another section of the city. You cannot
realize how much we are hampered by having
all our force and work in this foreign set-
tlement. But I want to urge the necessity
of our being given opportunity to develop
work in several sections of the city.
Next Spring as soon as the Annual Meeting
decides upon our location & our individual
work we shall find ourselves ready for
beginning just such a work as this
Appropriation will provide for. We are not

Quite ready for street preaching in Seoul
 and if we are not provided with a
 house for work it seems to me we will
 lose time in getting a hold up section
 of the city far from us and which cannot
 well be worked from here without a house.
 It is extremely difficult to buy a satisfactory
 place if we have to wait 3 or 4 months
 after deciding upon it until we get the
 appropriation from the Board. By the time
 we get the money the house may be sold
 or the price asked be increased because they
 know a foreigner wants it. Give us the
 \$300 and I am sure we can get a
 house well located for beginning just such
 a work as the Methodists there started in
 3 or 4 sections.

There are some very serious problems coming
 before us at our Annual meeting and we
 shall need special guidance that we may
 plan wisely & well. For myself I shall
 advocate a policy which will tend to take
 our work very largely away from this
 Foreign Settlement where Koreans are loth to
 come & where what work we have is directly
 in contact with the M.E. work as they are

just across the street from us.
 I should be more than glad to see the
 Girls school removed to another section
 of the city - a lady physician sent to them
 and a Minister & his wife located in the
 same place - they to ~~then~~ develop the
 Girls school & the work amongst the women
 and to establish a Church under the
 direction of the Minister who should be
 with them. I could give many reasons
 for urging this but will await the action
 of the Annual meeting at which time full
 reasons will be sent. Should such action
 be proposed.

The question of bringing our Medical work
 to bear more directly upon Evangelistic work
 is one which will occupy our attention.
 I think the Board has been apt to forget
 that for over two years we have had but
 one physician and that he knew nothing
 of the language. He had nevertheless to take
 hold of the Govt Hospital and if in his
 management of it is not yet in a satisfac-
 tory condition and bears no direct relation
 to our Evangelistic work - it must be borne in
 mind that his task was an unusually difficult
 one and that he had to deal with Richard

Korean officials who care nothing for the Hospital except as it gives them an opportunity to "squeeze" a living out of it.

I sincerely hope that we may retain the Hospital and get what good we can out of it - but it will require a great deal of tact to keep things running smoothly there. I have never ceased to regret that our Physician was not located in the Koppo Tong (Loma School) Property where we might have had Dispensary & Hospital work going on all the time and in connection with the Gospel work. Unless we see our way

clear to placing a Physician there soon - I hope the Annual Meeting will put a minister there permanently and let him go ahead to develop work there.

I feel that now as we are locating new men & opening new stations is the time for us to plan to leave but a small force in this foreign settlement where without question the Methodists are permanently settled.

We shall also be called upon to assist our Southern Brethren in deciding upon their location. I think there is little question but that they will open a Station in the South.

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If they also have a small force in Seoul they can occupy still another section of the city to advantage or unite with us in the level part of Seoul College work. Our relations with them will be the closest and most pleasant. We have been greatly pleased with their character and brotherly spirit.

The questions as to who is to be sent to Pusan Yang - who to take the Boys School in Case I am sent - who is to be retained in Seoul & where are also beginning to press pretty closely upon us for careful consideration.

I had almost taken it for granted that I should be sent north - but several of the Mission here recently questioned the advisability of my leaving Seoul - and yet I do not well see how entirely new men without the language are to go in there - and go in there this year some way or other. I feel that we must

do much to merely give you a view of some of the things passing through our minds & claiming attention. Now a few words concerning our present work and my talk will end.

I next wish our Theological assembly and the Gifford & I are depending for it in confidence.

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Expectation of a rich blessing. We expect
a large attendance and as both of us are
better qualified to teach we expect a more
profitable time. Our Sunday morning services
have been growing in interest and attendance.
This fall I have been able to divide the
time with our Korean Evangelist each giving
a talk each morning. Last Sunday we have
reason to believe that 4 men were deeply
convinced under a sermon on Repentance as each
of them afterwards wished to inquire more thoroughly
and expressed a desire to become a Christian.

Mrs. Gifford and I have begun a regular
service for women Sunday night. Mrs. G.
has charge of the preaching being committed
to me. I feel deeply thankful that my
progress in the language has been such
as to enable me to be quite readily under-
stood and that I am now able to discourse
to them at length. The Sunday school
service Sunday afternoon has not grown in
attendance there being but few Korean
children in the foreign settlement - some
of them attending the M. E. Sunday school.
Now that I find myself equipped for preaching
I long to have more time to work up
preaching services and I hope the annual

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Meeting will either send me to a station or
relieve me of some of my work that I
can do more in the way of grappling with
Kalam as individual & in leading them to
Christ.

The work in the Boys School is progressing
and I feel sure that in it we have boys
who are being given through instruction prefer-
ence to their becoming useful men in our
work. Almost all our work in every
department has so far been preparatory
but we shall before another 5 years
step into a second stage of our
work.

A letter from Mr. Underwood tells me he
expects to reach here in March. We
shall greet him with a royal welcome
and he will soon find his hands as
full of work as ever.

Probably before I shall have occasion
or opportunity to write you again. Thanking
Christians & dear people will here be
May they have to be joyful ones to you
bringing you cheering news from all the
Mission fields & the Home Churches.

Sincerely yours
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