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These prepossessions I am persuaded are at fault. Hankow is not "The Windy City " -- it is The Dead-air City. Physically this is symptomatic. There is not the life and vitality of Chicago here and in my judgment the situation does not invite it. This will be a large commercial centre but it will be colonial for a long period. The foreign element here come in to make money and then go away to live on it, as is true of so many colonial cities. This transitoriness contributes to change, to secular change, and gives force to the future element in cooperation. There are signs of inactivity as one focuses his eye to see them. I have two or three haberdasher purchases that I would like to make. I have tried twice in broad daylight but the blinds were up, put up about 4 o'clock apparently. If one draws money or buys a ticket he gets some hint of the business spirit of the place. The notion that Hankow is going to be the Chicago of China needs to be taken with considerable salt.

By these and other considerations I am persuaded that Hankow for the present and immediate future should take a minor place, and my judgment is satisfied with this. I have tried to let it oscillate as freely as it would, tried indeed to make it oscillate so as to find a point of stability, and it shifts all the time to the left, where left is not quite sinister, but down-hill. I think we can let the water flow in that direction of itself and the less concern we give it beyond flowing as complacently as a may with the drift of the tide, the better.

With this preface permit me to turn to your telegraphic question. The less the Hankow element plays in our larger dreams the more the other element rises in importance and the freer our hands for pressing them. The new situation makes a larger place for Nanking. Perhaps Shanghai ought to be reconsidered with a view to larger development there. Certainly so,I think, if Nanking is not available on

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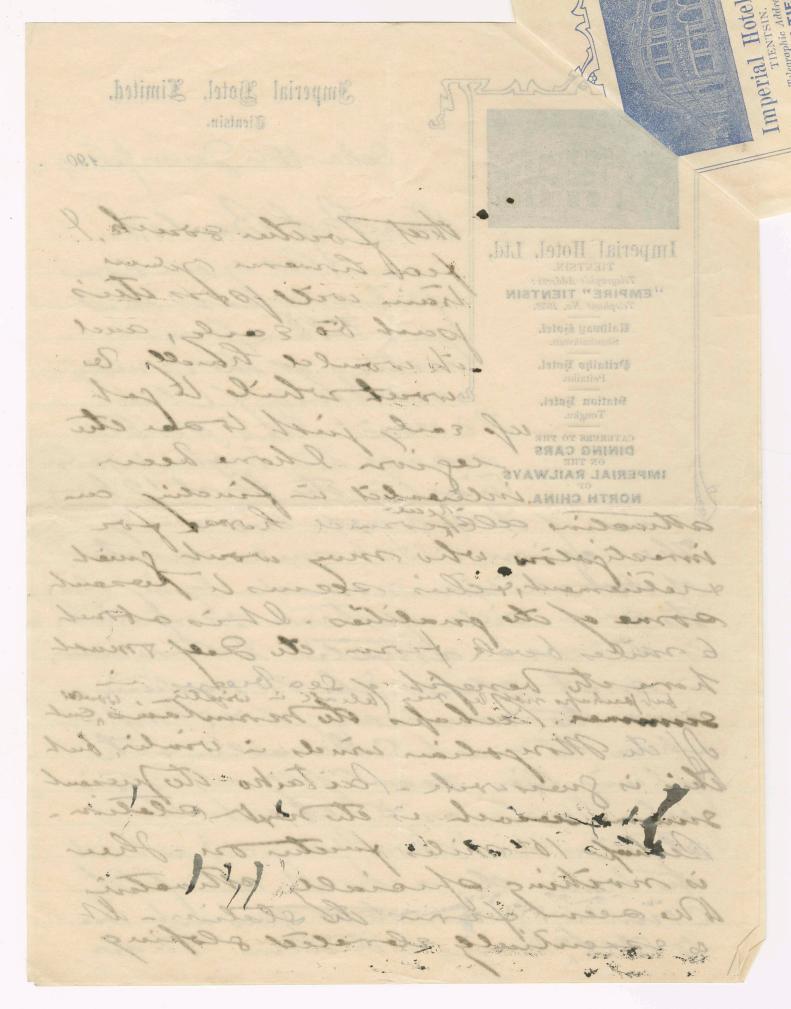
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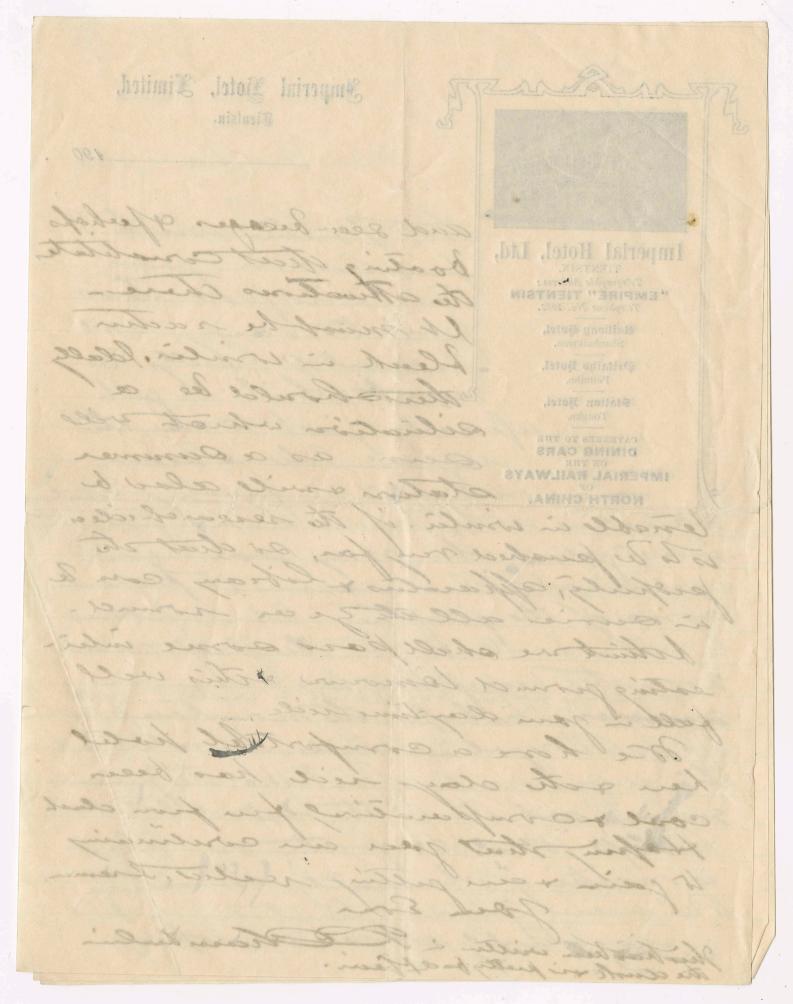
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My dear Mr. Judson;

In previous letters I have reported having made arrangements with His Excellency Chang Chih Tung and with the Educational Commissioner in Chentu in accordance with which the University is to render these officials assistance in the matter of obtaining teachers. In yours of April 26th you mention that you are having a letter written to His Excellency Chang Chih Tung in accordance with my suggestion. May I now report that I have made similar arrangements with His Excellency Tuan Fang, the Viceroy at Nanking and with His Excellency Yen Hsu, Vice President of the Imperial Board of Education in Peking. I beg to request, therefore, that letters similar to the one already sent to Chang Chih Tung be sent to these latter gentlemen. In the case of Yen Hsu he indicated that he might cable, and this was agreed to. I requested him however, in cabling, to state definitely for what subjects and for what grade of students the teacher was needed and to mail at once a letter containing still more definite information and enclosing blank contract to be signed. These precautions are necessary inasmuch as there have been many cases of misunderstanding between the government and teachers

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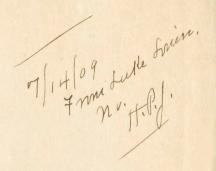
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New York, N.Y., April 13, 1909.

Prof. Ernest De Witt Burton,

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We know of your interest in the extraordinary intellectual movement that is taking place in China, and that you appreciate with us the opportunity and duty which it affords. We are following your tour with keenest interest and we shall eagerly await the abundant store of information which you will doubtless make public in due time. You will be interested in knowing that a Committee of eminent men has been appointed in Great Britain including such men as Sir Hart, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, and the Lord Mayor of London and others. The Committee on Reference and Counsel, representing the Boards and Societies of Foreign Missions of all the Protestant communions of the United States and Canada, has been authorized to appoint a similar Committee for America. I enclose a copy of our report, entitled "Educational Opportunity in China," which will give detailed information as to our plans.

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While the work of the Committee will be exceedingly important, it is not expected to require much time of its individual members, as detailed work will of course have to be done by a secretary to be appointed. It will be a great pleasure to be assured that you can cooperate with us in this great movement.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur J. Brown

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY IN CHINA

From Report of Committee on Reference and Counsel to Conference of Foreign Missions Boards, of United States and Canada, January 13, 1909

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Prominent among the matters that have been referred to the Committee was a communication from the Rev. J. B. Paton, D.D., of England, as the representative of a movement in Great Britain entitled "China Emergency Appeal Fund Committee." The President of this Committee is Sir Robert Hart, the Vice-Presidents include the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London, the Treasurer is the Lord-Mayor of London, and there is an Advisory Committee of seven gentlemen representing several of the missionary Societies of Great Britain. This Committee has issued a pamphlet entitled "An Appeal to the Nation on Behalf of Medical Training and Other Educational Work in China.". It sets forth the remarkable changes that are taking place in the Chinese Empire and the urgent need of educational assistance on a large scale. The most pressing needs, in the judgment of the British Committee, are Medical Colleges, Normal and Divinity Colleges, and Literature. A fund of \$500,000 is sought for these objects, to be distributed approximately as follows:

"\$200,000 might be devoted in aid of Union Medical Training Colleges in connection with existing Hospitals for Chinese Students (Christian and non-Christian).

\$200,000 in aid of-

(a) Union Normal Colleges for the training of Chinese Teachers;(b) Union Divinity or Theological Colleges for the training of

Chinese Pastors and Evangelists;

(c) Hostels in connection with these inter-denominational Colleges; \$100,000 to assist in the unifying of the Literature and Tract Societies already at work in China, and to further the translating and distribution of the best Western literature amongst the Mandarin and Literary classes in China, as well as aiding in the translation of approved medical books."

The Appeal continues: "It is proposed that this national fund should be administered and allocated to the various Missionary Societies concerned by the Committee and a group of Trustees chosen from the representatives of the said Missionary Societies, together with two or three eminent men." This Committee, through Dr. Paton, has requested your Committee on Reference and Counsel to inaugurate a similar movement in the United States and Canada.

The Conference will recall the careful consideration which was given to the whole question of education at the China Centenary Conference of 1907, and the account of it as given in the printed records of that Conference, pp. 478-521 and 757-759. The following action was taken:

- "I. Resolved, That a General Education Committee of at least forty be appointed, which shall have the following duties: (see Abstract of Minutes, May 7).
 - (a) To study the whole field of education in China;
- (b) To make representations regarding these matters to the Christian public in the home lands, especially in regard to the pressing need of strengthening and extending the work of our secondary schools and colleges.
- "2. Resolved, That this Committee elect from their own number an Executive Committee of eleven."

This Executive Committee has since agreed upon the following four principles:

- "I. It is better to expand and to combine existing institutions than to begin new ones; a. Economy of force; b. Economy of money; c. Avoidance of seeming or real competition.
- "2. Some forms of work should be at least partially endowed, and not as at present be left to be supported by annual grants. a. All forms of educational work, from the kindergarten to the university; b. All medical work, dispensaries and hospitals; c. Literary work, publication societies, authorship of books, periodicals, etc.
- "3. Any institution before being aided should be rigidly and impartially examined: a. As to its force and equipment; b. Its history and output; c. Its opportunity and prospects.
- "4. Under existing conditions it is better *not* to place funds contributed by foreigners, under general joint Chinese and foreign control, but in special cases where suitable Chinese are recommended by those in charge of the funds, their cooperation would be a distinct advantage."

We are in strong sympathy with the objects of this Movement. It would be impossible to exaggerate the magnitude of the transformation that is taking place in China and the pressing importance of providing the right kind of leadership for it. The lines along which special assistance is most needed are educational. The Boards of Foreign Missions have urgent need of a large increase in their resources if they, together with

the growing Chinese Churches, are properly to care for the evangelistic work and for the primary schools which must be multiplied. But if they are given this increase, they can measurably provide for these phases of the work. But the Boards and the Chinese Churches, without special emergency assistance, cannot adequately finance the institutions of higher learning that are required to supply the Christian physicians and surgeons, Christian teachers and preachers, and the Christian books and papers that are imperatively needed, and a statesmanlike policy suggests that every possible aid should be given in producing these men. The Chinese can never be permanently led from the outside. They must be led by their own men. Our province is to see that they are actuated by the motives of Jesus Christ.

We are in strong sympathy also with the thought of the British Committee that the chief colleges should, as far as practicable, be union institutions.

We believe that the colleges that will be most influential should give thorough instruction in the Chinese language, with courses in modern languages, particularly English; that the foreign professors should represent the highest type of Western ability, culture and Christian character; that as a rule they should learn the Chinese language; and that they should tactfully adapt themselves to the Chinese mind and character.

That the institutions should be vitally Christian is evident. China needs financial help in the direction of a purely secular education less than any other nation in the world. The Chinese have exalted scholarship for more than 2,000 years. They are ready to make any sacrifices for the sake of learning. Indeed Imperial decrees have already ordered the establishment of colleges at the Provincial capitals and auxiliary schools of lower grade in smaller towns, and the new educational movement is assuming large proportions. It is true that the supply of suitable teachers is inadequate and that other facilities are yet few. Well equipped institutions of learning cannot be developed in a decade. But Dr. Timothy Richard of Shanghai, says that "the various Viceroys and the Peking Board of Education are, amid many difficulties and in spite of many obstructionists, making fair progress with the work of introducing the New Learning. Some of the old Examination Halls, covering acres in extent, have been pulled down to give place to large Normal Schools, and the rest are now disused and will follow in due time. . . . The stream of Chinese students towards Japan is slackening, but will likely continue for

some years to come. Those who return furnish the chief source of supply for teachers. Besides these, the Government is sending selected students to Europe and America, with assurance that these on their return will be asked to undertake important posts." Dr. Richard adds that "lack of trained men, proper text-books and adequate funds are three of the chief obstacles." But for her purely secular institutions, China will get these for herself in due time; nor is that time likely to be as long as Europe and America took in developing their educational systems.

Now for Great Britain and the United States to send over money to aid in equipping these colleges, which are as a rule anti-Christian or at best non-Christian, or for them to found other colleges whose professors are indifferent or silent on moral issues, would not be helping China where she most needs help. What China needs is a Christian education, and any assistance from Europe and America should only be given with the distinct understanding that the institutions are to be openly and strongly religious. In the words of Washington: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principles." We take no narrow view of human progress, but believe that all truth is God's and that all spread of truth of whatever kind ministers to the growth of His kingdom. We are convinced, nevertheless, that the education which China most needs, and the education which is to accomplish the largest and most enduring results, must rest upon Christian principle and issue in Christian conviction and character. This position undoubtedly represents the opinion of the 4,000 Protestant missionaries in China. They are anxious that China should make the truest national progress, and believe that the springs of such progress can only be found in the Christian religion and an education which is pervaded by it.

We believe that the desired ends can best be secured by doing the work, for the present at least, through the Boards and Universities' Missions of Europe and America and the missionaries whom they are sending. These agencies have been constituted expressly for the administration of funds and the supervision of work on the foreign field. They have special facilities for this task in their organization, their experience, and their expert knowledge of the situation. Their

missionaries and teachers are in the present conditions the main dependence for carrying out any educational plan in China, since they are, with few exceptions, practically the only body of foreigners in the Empire who possess the requisite training and knowledge of Chinese language and customs. Union enterprises can be and are being conducted through the Boards of the Christian Churches. The Boards and their missionaries have taken more advanced ground and have done more to show the practicability of real unity and cooperation than any other agencies. They have shown an eager desire to cooperate with one another and to promote union effort wherever practicable. Union institutions are actually in operation today in China, founded and maintained by Mission Boards and conducted by their missionaries.

From the viewpoint of this discussion, we consider such institutions as the Canton Christian College and the educational missions of the several Universities as being in accord with the objects of the Boards. They are conducted by Christian men who are actuated by Christian motives. They are necessarily undenominational, because they appeal to a distinct constituency which includes members of various churches. We are in cordial sympathy with this extension of university work in China and we hail it as powerful reinforcement.

There are now in China a considerable number of institutions of higher education, including colleges, normal, medical and theological. Dr. James S. Dennis, in his Centennial Survev of Foreign Missions, published in 1900, listed 13 universities and colleges, 32 medical schools and schools for nurses, and 68 theological and training schools. Some of these are classes rather than institutions; but the number that may reasonably be classed as institutions is not small. They are located at strategic points and are under the guidance of able and experienced men who understand China and her language and people. The equipment is far from satisfactory. Some of them have a fair plant and staff, as compared with the average missionary college; but as compared with institutions at home, the best endowed colleges in China are extremely modest, while the majority of them are poorly equipped. We agree with the Executive Committee of the General Education Committee of China that a wise policy would give these institutions a more adequate equipment and teaching staff. While it will undoubtedly be necessary in the future to establish some new institutions, we believe that, for the present at least, the wisest

course would be to cooperate with the institutions which are now at work.

On this basis, we recommend that a Committee be appointed to assist the Boards and other Christian agencies, and to cooperate with the General Education Committee appointed by the Shanghai Conference and with the China Educational Association, in bringing the educational needs of China before the people of the United States and Canada, and to aid in securing such sums as may be found practicable for this purpose; and that the Conference consider through its Business Committee any other points which it may deem it expedient to guard.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE APPOINTING A CHINA EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The Conference, after careful consideration of this section of the Report, took the following action:

"Resolved, That the proposal for the appointment of a Committee on the present educational needs and opportunities in China be approved, and that this Committee consist of the Committee on Reference and Counsel with the addition of twelve laymen, not more than half of whom shall be members of mission boards, these laymen to be chosen by the Committee on Reference and Counsel, and this new Committee to appoint its own officers.

"Resolved, That the function of this Committee shall be to promote a larger interest in Christian education in China, but it shall not itself receive or administer funds therefor without further action of this Conference."

CHINA'S NEED-AMERICA'S OPPORTUNITY

"China's need is America's opportunity."—Chas. K. Edmunds, Ph.D., President Canton Christian College.

"The opportunity for Christian education in China demands broad, far-seeing plans generously executed." Canton, January 6, 1909.—Prof. Ernest DeWitt Burton, Chicago University Commission.

"The times call for a forward movement. Through united endeavor we must make Christian Education a greater force in the land."—Rev. F. L. Hawks Pott, D.D., President, St. John's College, Shanghai.

"Hitherto the ruling classes have been suspicious of Christianity—having been schooled in the belief that the aim of missions is to steal away the hearts of the people, and prepare the way for foreign conquest. But these absurd prejudices are now dying out; and the truths of the Gospel meet with willing hearers if judiciously brought to their attention."—W. A. P. Martin, LL.D., Former President Imperial University

"No man can study the movement of modern civilization from an impartial standpoint and not realize that Christianity—the spirit of Christianity—is the only basis for the hope of modern civilization, and the growth of popular self-government."—President-Elect William Taft.

"Largely upon the Chinese ministry must rest the burden of evangelizing China. The responsibilities of the first generation of Christian ministers are not the responsibilities which rest upon the ministry of today. China will demand a ministry thoroughly trained in mind as well as in heart."—Rev. H. F. Rowe, D.D., Nanking University, China, Dec. 8, 1908.

"Without doubt educational missions have opened a larger number of doors for the preaching of the Gospel than any other agency. They have furnished the most distinguished and influential converts. They have done more than all else combined to undermine heathen superstition and false systems of belief. They are today the chief, if not the only force to counteract the influence of the secular character and tendency of the government institutions of learning. In the interest of the ultimate success of the missionary enterprise, we believe that educational missions would be abundantly justified if they were doing nothing but teaching science, history, philosophy, ethics and political economy, in their right relation to Christ."—John R. Mott.

"To enlarge and strengthen our existing schools should be the first object of the friends of missions. The demand for teachers and the thirst for knowledge have a tendency to remove obstacles and to open to us an effectual way for moulding the destinies of this empire."—Unanimously adopted by the members of the Presbyterian Mission in Peking, November 25, 1908.

"The college is full, and we expect an opening class of about eighty next term, so that we shall be overflowing; this is surely a work for God and humanity, and we must not grow weary in it. It is a splendid cause for which to devote one's life."—
Rev. Paul D. Bergen, D.D., President Shantung Union College, Shantung, China.

"Now is the strategic time for the Church. The government normal school in Nanking with its four hundred students, has thousands and thousands of dollars worth of apparatus—not less than one hundred high grade microscopes are in one department. Most of this elaborate equipment is still in the original boxes unpacked. The Chinese will spend millions for education. They are now groping in the dark and unable to use what they have. The Christian schools now lead; will they keep up that leadership? If so, you must send men and give money. A million dollars spent in Christian education now will do infinitely more than fifty millions twenty-five years hence."

—A. G Bowen, President Nanking University, Dec. 8, 1908.

"It is encouraging to the workers on the field to know that the friends in the 'home land' are making an effort to meet the great opportunities now open in China. Even the seemingly most extravagant language cannot adequately represent the importance of the present conditions in this vast empire. No single agency can compare with the superior advantages offered by Christian education to mould the new civilization of China's millions. Education has been the basis of their civilization of the past; education will be at the foundation of the new. It is for the Church to determine whether this education shall be merely secular or Christian, with all that that means for the peace and progress of mankind."

"I believe there is no work that the Church could do that would hasten the coming of the Kingdom so much as the immediate endowment of the Christian Schools of China."—Rev. H. H. Lowry, D.D., President Peking University.

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Nijajima, Japan, June 22, 1909.

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I hope to send you within twenty-four hours the report on China with the exception of the section on Manchuria, and the Supplementary Recommendations. The latter will be quite extensive. As fast as you can return the material to me I am intending to give it to the typewriter for the preparation of the final copy for the President and the New York men. A large portion of the remainder of the Report is nearly ready, and if it be at all possible I wish to have the whole matter complete by the 3rd or 4th of October.

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I have retained none.

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Of the honorarium received for these articles you are entitled to a share in consideration of your production of the photographs aside from the expense of printing them. Will you please suggest how we should adjust the whole matter that I may send you a check for what I owe you.

I am just closing up the Fund accounts. Aside from the expense for clerical work in preparing the report since our return, there is a total overdraft of about \$300. To offset this there is a little over \$300 worth of material of various kinds including that which members of the party buy. Instead of selling all this off, Mr. Judson suggests that certain things that might be of use hereafter if the work goes forward be reported as on on hand, and it be left to New York to say whether they shall be sold or retained. This applies to books, typewriter, etc., but not to the material

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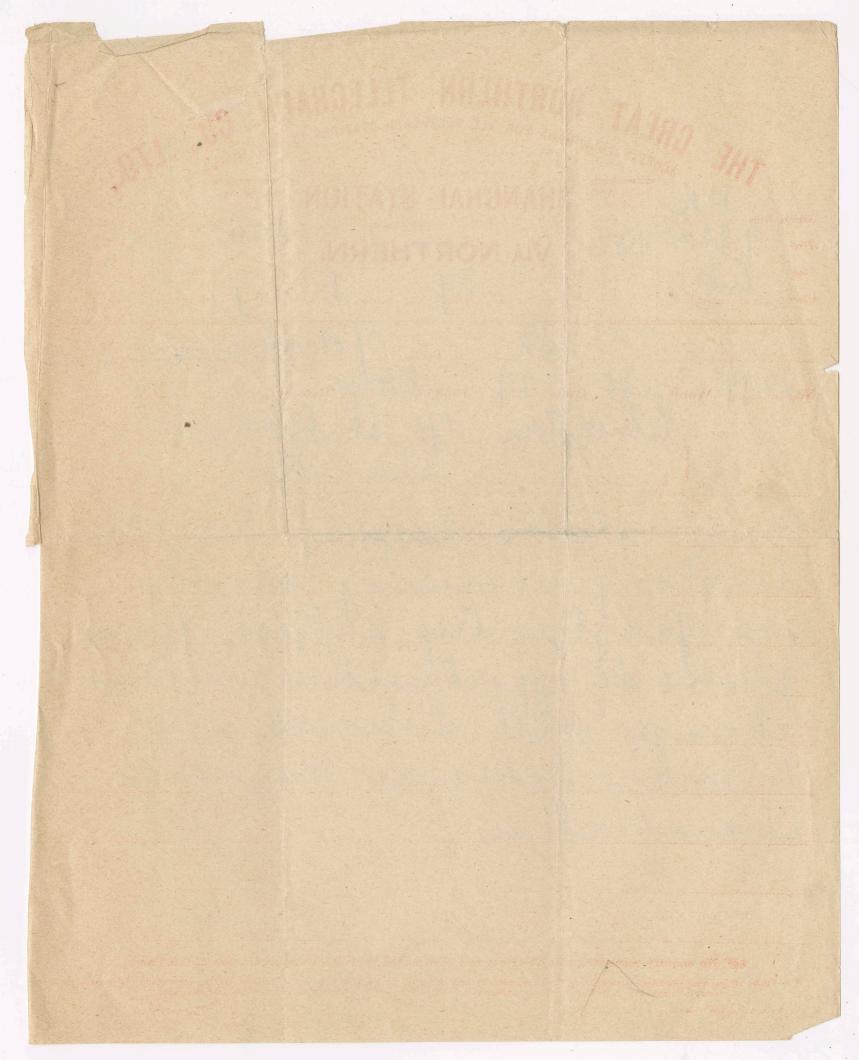
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