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TRANSFER

Dr. Clarence H. Hamilton,
Kennedy School of Missions,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Dr. Hamilton:

During recent months we have been receiving from the University of Nanking expressions of hope that you might be able to return to missionary service at the University next year.

As yet I have not corresponded with the United Christian Missionary Society, so I cannot say definitely whether they would be able to resume your support, but aside from this one uncertainty, I can assure you that everyone interested in the University of Nanking would be very happy indeed to see you return to the field.

I would very much appreciate any word you can send us as to the possibilities of your return to the field, and also any information you may have as to the attitude of the United Christian Missionary Society on the subject of resuming your support.

As you know, Nanking has been rather seriously handicapped ever since the disturbances of 1927 because of the shortage of Western staff members. We rejoice the more, therefore, at any hint that it might be possible for a veteran like yourself to re-enlist in the ranks once more.

I shall greatly appreciate hearing from you as to the prospects for your outgoing. We shall be happy to assist in any way that we can.

Very cordially yours,

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Mr. Speer

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
New York Office of the
University of Nanking
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

1420 John Jay Hall,
Columbia University,
October 18, 1927.

TRANSFER

Dear Dr. Speer:

I do not know whether or not word has happened to reach you that for the present session at Columbia University I am serving on the Philosophy Faculty as Visiting Lecturer On Oriental Religions. It is one way of seeking to be useful during these painful months of waiting for the Nanking situation to clear.

In Professor Reisner's Occasional Letter No. 7 which I have just received he mentions having sent out to the faculty members of the University of Nanking copies of the suggested plan of reorganization for the University which was forwarded to the American Board of Trustees for approval. This document never reached me. If there are any copies of it in your office I would greatly appreciate having one. Possibly you may have some other materials more recent. I have at times important requests to speak on China and I find it not always easy to know just what to say or where to lay the emphasis. No doubt the experience is shared by my missionary colleagues.

Cordially yours,

Clarence H. Hamilton.

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June 11, 1931.

Hartford
Connecticut

Nanking

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Secretary of the China
Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Garside:

I greatly appreciate your letter of June second in which you express the hope of the University of Nanking for my return to the service next year. Similar letters have come from President Y. G. Ch'en and Dean Lawrence Lew also. No deeper reward can come to the missionary than to know that his continued presence among those with whom he has labored is sincerely and earnestly desired.

My regret is all the greater, therefore, that I must reply negatively. My personal circumstances and responsibilities are such that there is no possibility of my return to the field in the years immediately ahead, even if one of the mission boards should undertake my support. I have already replied to Dean Lew to that effect and am writing President Ch'en again today.

Thanking you for your cordial thought and wishes for me, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Clarence H. Hamilton.

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TRANSFER

Dr. Clarence H. Hamilton,
The College of Missions,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Dr. Hamilton:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 11.

We sincerely regret that personal circumstances and responsibilities prohibit any thought of your return to the mission field during the years immediately ahead. We know, however, that you have the same warmth of interest as before in the missionary undertaking, and we sincerely hope that at some time in the future the way for your return to the field will be re-opened.

With warmest good wishes for the success of your work here in the West, I am

Very cordially yours,

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University of Hanking

October 28, 1955

Mr. Joseph H. Hayes
152 West 42nd Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Hayes:

The University of Hanking has forwarded to its New York office a copy of form H.P., indicating that Dr. J. E. Williams is a beneficiary in the estate of Selma Hammargren.

Dr. Williams was at one time vice president of the Univeristy, and we are asked to ascertain whether this is a personal matter or one which is to be followed up by the University Founders, whose offices are located at 150 Fifth Avenue.

Will you not kindly let us know definitely, and for your convenience, I am enclosing a stamped envelope herewith.

Very truly yours,

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JOSEPH H. HAYES
COUNSELOR AT LAW
152 WEST 42ND ST.
NEW YORK
TELEPHONE WISCONSIN 7-7737

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Mrs. Williams
10/30*

October 29, 1935

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Mr. C.A. Evans,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Estate of Selma Hammargren,
deceased.

Dear Sir:-

*sent Mrs. Williams
10/30*

I enclose a copy of the will in the above entitled matter.

The bequest in which you are interested is on the second page, subdivision d., paragraph Ninth. You will observe that the will was drawn in July, 1922, and I seriously doubt whether there will be any substantial sum left for legacies after paying the funeral and administration expenses and the debts of decedent.

The Teachers Retirement Fund, mentioned in clause Sixth of the will, amounts to a fairly substantial sum and had Miss Hammargren turned that into her estate instead of releasing it to the Teachers Retirement Fund, her estate would have amounted to \$15,000.00 or \$16,000.00, I believe. As it stands, outside of the Fund, it is a question whether \$3,000.00 will be realized.

Yours very truly,

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University of Hankins

October 30, 1955

Mr. Joseph H. Hayes
152 West 42nd Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Hayes:

We wish to thank you for your letter of October 29th,
enclosing copy of the Selma Hammargren will.

I am sending this to the widow of Dr. Williams, who
resides at 152 Grove Street, Auburndale, Massachusetts.

Apparently the University has no claim upon this
property, and we are therefore turning the matter over to Mrs. Williams,
and we would suggest that you communicate with her directly in the future.

I remain,

Thanking you for the courtesy involved in your reply,

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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Selma Hammargren



IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

I, Selma Hammargren, unmarried, of the County of New York being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament in manner following, that is to say:-

FIRST: I direct the payment of my just debts, if any, and funeral expenses as soon as practicable.

SECOND: I direct that the balance of the purchase price still owing for my plot at Woodlawn Cemetery, New York City, be paid.

THIRD: I give and bequeath to Woodlawn Cemetery the sum of \$900.00 for the perpetual care of my said plot.

FOURTH: I direct that the remains of my father and mother be disinterred from plot 97 J. South, New York Bay Cemetery, and ^{re-}be interred in my plot at Woodlawn Cemetery. I also direct that the monument at New York Bay Cemetery be removed and placed upon my plot at Woodlawn. I further direct that Stephen Merritt Co. of Eighth Avenue and 21st Street, New York City, take charge of the matters referred to in this clause and also the matter of my own burial.

Selma
Hammargren

FIFTH: After the removal of the remains of my father and mother, I authorize and direct my executors to sell the New York Bay Cemetery plot, and I also direct that when my father and mother and I shall have been buried in my Woodlawn Cemetery plot that no other burials shall be made in such plot.

SIXTH: I hereby relinquish all my right, title and interest in the Teachers' Retirement Fund and give and bequeath to such fund or its lawful custodians all my said interest together with my deposit in the Union Dime Savings Bank.

SEVENTH: I give and bequeath my household effects and furnishings to my aunt, Mary A. Gilmore.

EIGHTH: I direct that all the rest of my personal property be sold and turned into cash.

NINTH: If anything remain after the foregoing bequests and directions have been complied with, I then make the following bequests to be paid in the order made:-

(a) To Alice H. Roberts, my sister, \$100.00, which she shall forfeit if she contests this will.

(b) To West End Presbyterian Church, 108th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, New York City, \$1500.00, which shall be invested and the income used to pay the annual rent of the pew now occupied by me, in remembrance of my mother, Margaret Hammargren. Should this bequest be declared to be invalid or of no effect by a court of competent jurisdiction, I then give and bequeath \$1500.00 to said church absolutely.

(c) To Church of the Strangers, 309 West 57th Street, New York City, \$1,000.00, to be invested and one-half of the income to be devoted to the regular fund or purposes of the church, the other one-half of such income to be used for or paid to Mr. Allan's Bolivian Mission. Should this bequest or any part thereof be declared to be invalid or of no effect by a court of competent jurisdiction, I then give and bequeath \$1000.00 to said church absolutely.

Selma
Hammargren

(d) All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, if any, I give and bequeath in equal portions, to the Salvation Army in this state, and to Doctor John E. Williams of Hanking University, China, for use in his work there, although I impose no trust upon him so to do.

TWELFTH: I nominate and appoint Mary A. Gilmore, Anna V. Peckley and Esther S. Giesen to be the executrices hereof, without bond, and revoke all previous wills, if any, by me made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my seal and subscribed my name the 14th day of July, 1922, at the County and State of New York, in the presence of the subscribing witnesses attesting the execution hereof, to whom I declared that this was my Last Will

and Testament and asked them to sign as such witnesses.

Selma Hammargren L.S.

SUBSCRIBED by the testatrix in our presence and at the same time declared by her to us to be her last will and testament; whereupon we, at her request, in her presence and in the presence of each other, signed our names hereto as subscribing witnesses the day and year last above written.

Joseph H. Hayes

434 W. 51st Street N Y City

Robert Glassey

13 W. 103rd St

Catherine M. Glassey

13 W. 103rd St