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Boston, Mass., May 16, 1919.

Dear Doctor Reed:-

I have a letter on my desk this morning concerning which I want to ask a question. It is herewith enclosed to you.

Tewksbury is the son of our former missionary in Constantinople, and would rank, I suppose, as a Congregationalist. He says, "I have connected up with the Presbyterian Board." This looks like past tense. His reason is a very clear one, because he wants to go back to Nanking, and we have no work there. But I want to ask a question which relates itself to the intangible principles of comity under which we work, as Boards.

Would it be your usual practice, in beginning correspondence with a son of a former American Board missionary, and a Congregationalist, if he stated that he desired work in the Presbyterian field, to write us, or would the case seem so clear, on the other hand, if he wanted a field like Nanking that you would not think a note to us was called for? There is this strong reason on your side; namely, that Tewksbury has never been a definite "applicant" to the Board; that is, his papers have never been filled out.

I myself have been an offender in times passed, because we have never definitely stated the principles which govern in this correspondence. Do you think anything could be done between the six or eight largest Boards to draw up a statement of the principles of comity which we are all supposed to observe?

A letter from Doctor Brown, of your Board, brings up another illustration. We had a young man named Gary Burke, who ought to have gone to the Baptist Board and was interviewed by Huntington and was written to several times. He finally turned down their call and asked the American Board definitely and as an applicant, for our needs and openings on the field. After corresponding with him a year or more favorably and successfully from both sides, he asked us for permission to accept a one year's internship in your hospital in Puerto Rico. We thought he was our man finally, but had never made out papers or had him approved. Doctor Brown now writes that since he is a Presbyterian and has been appointed by your Board, that we will doubtless be glad to have our Board put other openings before him after he has turned down two offers. In the best of friendship and good will, I questioned the right of Doctor Brown or the Presbyterian Board to appoint him, when he had been loaned from our Board to your hospital. He never should have received an offer from your Board under these laws of comity, and if he did apply to you I suppose you would agree with me that you ought to have found out the fact that he had been in successful and favorable

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correspondence with us for two years and that the Presbyterian Board had no claim on him whatsoever until he joined your Presbyterian Church in Puerto Rico. My own view is that he should have been reminded of his correspondence with the American Board and should have been turned back to us without encouragement from your Board, so far as I can see the facts from his letters since January, 1917.

I have fully expressed my approval of his going with the Presbyterian Board now, if he prefers that, and have no feelings whatsoever against his joining you, knowing he will do splendid service for the Kingdom under either Board, but I think you have dropped a stitch in this correspondence, and am awaiting word from Doctor Brown to that effect, or else to have revealed to me a new interpretation of the apparent facts that I do not now see.

Needless to say, I am writing you in the usual spirit of perfect fellowship and good will, and affection, for these things are but fly specks on a plate glass front. Doubtless you will wish to call my attention to similar breaches, or claimed breaches of comity.

Most heartily yours,

Brewer Eddy

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To Doctor Orville Reed,
156 Fifth Ave., New York City

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May 12th, 1919.

My dear Mr. Eddy,

Your letter to me has been among my unanswered mail for over a month now, so on this the last day of my work this term at Union I hasten to reply.

My plans briefly are two years in New York, then a speedy return to China. Since coming to America three years ago this July, I have connected up with the Presbyterian Board, simply because my destination is now and always has been Nanking, where my good old American Board has as yet no work. I was sorry of course that this change in place necessitated a change in denominational connections, but we're all working toward the same end, and it doesn't make any difference in the Field what one is, so long as he is a Christian.

I should love to have a long talk with you whenever you are down this way. Will you be in Northfield this June? I am playing the "box of whistles" again this year!

Very cordially yours,

M. Gardner Tewksbury

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Brewer Eddy

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June 26th, 1919.

Rev. D. Brewer Eddy,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Eddy:

Dr. Orville Reed has called to my attention the legitimate question you raise as to the procedure of the Presbyterian Board in beginning correspondence with Mr. Gardner Tewksbury, a candidate for appointment under the Board, without first taking up the matter with the Board under which his father was at one time a missionary.

I am writing to state that Dr. Reed began the correspondence at my request and naturally assumed that if there was any question at that point it would have been met by us in the University of Nanking.

Mr. Tewksbury's own letter will indicate why it did not occur to us to raise any question at that point. There was no intention of not observing most scrupulously the rules and spirit of comity.

Gardner spent five years in Nanking, completed his preparation for college and graduated with a B.A. from the University. His purpose was early determined, - to teach in the Theological Seminary at Nanking, in which purpose his parents were in the fullest accord and all his friends.

Now that the question of comity is raised, would you regard the above considerations as adequate in face of any or all claims of comity.

The whole responsibility for the correspondence rests with the authorities of the Seminary and University at Nanking and not with Dr. Reed who was asked to lend the service of the Candidate Department in securing the usual data, medical and otherwise, required before final appointment can be made.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Brewer Eddy

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JUN 28 1919
J. E. Williams
University of Nanking
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Williams:-

Let me correct your letter in one particular. Gardner was never a "candidate." He was merely in a general way in our community. So in your using that word, you gave me a semblance of a claim upon him and again you grant me too much in your generosity. In addition, I had forgotten that he was going back to the same institution that graduated him. Of course, you have a prior claim therein and your right to him is complete and unquestioned.

I have had several talks with Shaowu Chuan about him and half hoped he might be with us in North China but never had any real encouragement from Tewksbury that we might call him a candidate. Thank you for the generous spirit of your letter. Please let Dr. Reed see this. My apologies are due for raising the question.

Heartily yours,

Brewer Eddy

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November 12, 1930

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield,
American Board of Commissioners for
Foreign Missions,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Fairfield:

I believe I have not formally communicated to you the action taken by the Board of Founders at its recent meeting inviting the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to become one of the missionary organizations participating in the University of Nanking. This action reads as follows:-

"VOTED that the Board of Founders express to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions its warm hope that this organization may find it possible to become one of the Mission Boards participating in the University of Nanking; this participation to consist, in its initial stage, of the appointment and support of a staff member in the College of Agriculture and Forestry."

We sincerely hope that the American Board will find it possible in the near future to accept this invitation. Mr. Reisner has kept the Board of Founders informed of the conversations he has had with you relative to the possibility of the appointment of Mr. Riggs; and the Board has been hearty in its approval of this proposal.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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CC: Mr. Reisner

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Mr. B. A. Garside
University of Nanking
150 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. C.

My dear Mr. Garside:

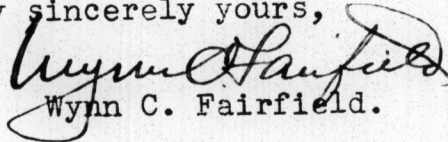
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I find here your letter of November 12th communicating to the Board the warm hope of the Board of Founders of Nanking University that the American Board may find it possible to become one of the Mission Boards participating in the University of Nanking. This letter will be brought to the attention of the Prudential Committee in connection with the further study of the question of Mr. Riggs' appointment.

From such indications as there are, I am inclined to believe that the American Board will be inclined simply to assign Mr. Riggs to the work at Nanking for a period of years without thereby asking for recognition on the governing boards or regarding it-self as committed to definite participation in the University. I gathered from the conversation with Mr. Reisner that such an arrangement would be satisfactory to the University. One of the greatest difficulties in the appointment of Mr. Riggs is the beginning of relationships with a new union institution, a relationship whose future outgrowth is quite impossible to determine. I hope to get this matter cleared up before starting for Japan.

Very sincerely yours,


Wynn C. Fairfield.

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December 31, 1930

Dr. J. H. Reisner
150 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Reisner:

I am very happy to tell you that the American Board has at length taken action in regard to the question of Mr. Charles H. Riggs joining the staff of the Agricultural Department of Nanking University on his return to China. The vote taken by the Prudential Committee yesterday was as follows:

"That Rev. Charles H. Riggs of the Shaowu Mission be authorized to accept the invitation of Nanking University to join the staff of the Agricultural Department of that institution on the understanding with the University that the American Board will be committed to no further cooperation in the support of the University than the support of Mr. Riggs and his family, and that Mr. Riggs shall prolong his furlough for a year if necessary for the completion of needed study."

This vote was taken on the clear understanding that the American Board would be committed to no share in the current expenses of the University, and on the further understanding that if any money designated for Mr. Riggs's work but not for his personal support should come into our hands and should be applied toward the general budget of the university, the University would in turn provide a corresponding amount toward Mr. Riggs's support. It did not seem worth while to try to embody this understanding in the vote of the Prudential Committee, but we would be glad to have assurance from you that the University agrees to this arrangement.

The latter part of the vote relates to an extension of Mr. Riggs's furlough. Our present understanding is that he very much desires to complete a year's work in Union Seminary and that he will, after the seminary work is finished, wish a period of study in Agricultural lines at Cornell or elsewhere. The question of whether or not he should have a full year in Cornell is one that can be decided in the light of your best judgment and his own, and the needs of the work of the University. As Mr. Riggs is in New York, I trust you can confer with him as may be needed.

You will understand I am sure that the American Board has taken this action assigning Mr. Riggs to Nanking University, thus assuming commit-

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ment to new work, only because of our conviction that Mr. Riggs can make his greatest contribution to the Christian Movement in China through serving in the University.

Please accept my best wishes for 1931.

Sincerely yours,

Eula B. Lee

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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University of Nanking

April 24, 1931

Mrs. Lucius O. Lee,
American Board of Commissioners for
Foreign Missions,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Lee:

I have just received from Dean John H. Reisner a letter in which he comments on the letter you wrote him December 31, 1930, with regard to Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Riggs. Mr. Reisner writes as follows:

"Will you kindly write to Mrs. Lee stating that after consideration here at Nanking, the Deans of the College of Agriculture and Forestry have expressed their desire that Mr. Riggs carry out the suggestion that has been made of his taking an extra year of work at Cornell".

We hope, therefore, that it will be possible for the American Board to effect whatever arrangements may be necessary to permit the extension of Mr. Riggs' furlough so as to allow him to spend this additional year of study at Cornell.

Very sincerely yours,

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CC: Mr. Reisner

B A GARSIDE

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American Board

COMMITTEE OF YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN



April 28, 1931

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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of April 27 is here this morning. I have, as you infer, written to Mrs. Frame a letter covering briefly the various actions taken at the April 14 meeting of the Yenching College Committee. I wrote somewhat fully of the matters covered by votes Y-477 to Y-479, but did not go into any detail in regard to votes Y-467 to Y-473. I think it would probably be very helpful to Mrs. Frame and others who have to do with the Women's College financial matters if you would also write in regard to these votes.

I have not acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 24 in which you presented the request of the College of Agriculture and Forestry of Nanking University that Mr. Charles H. Riggs have a second year in America for further study. As this request is in accord with the understanding we had with Mr. Reisner, I think there is no doubt that the American Board will be willing to extend the furlough of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs for one year that he may continue his studies. The next meeting of the Prudential Committee at which this matter can be brought up comes on May 12. As soon as action has been taken I will write you again.

Cordially yours,

/s/ Eula B. Lee

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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May 14, 1931

Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Garside:

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I am glad to tell you that at the meeting of the Prudential Committee on Tuesday afternoon it was voted to extend the furlough of Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Riggs for one year from August 5, 1931, that Mr. Riggs may pursue further studies in preparation for his new work in the College of Agriculture and Forestry of Nanking University.

I am reporting this action to Mr. Riggs, and I know that he will be glad to have any advice you may wish to give him in regard to plans for next year.

Sincerely yours,

Lucia B. Lee

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Garside:

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I should have written before to put in writing the bad news which I reported to you verbally more than a week ago, that under the pressure of the present financial circumstances the American Board has felt itself unable to carry out its purpose to send Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Riggs to Nanking University for work in its Department of Agriculture and Forestry. I had already reported this matter to Mr. Reisner with whom I had had all my correspondence about it, but he reminds me that I should write officially to the University.

The decision was reached with very great reluctance and solely upon the ground that such an assignment of Mr. Riggs would be an essentially new responsibility for the Board which it did not seem fair to undertake in view of the many old responsibilities which we are unable to meet under present circumstances. We understand that while Mr. Riggs would be of considerable value in strengthening the Department of Agriculture, nevertheless it would be largely additional offerings in the program, in addition to making better provision for the supervision of the experimental work of the students. Our greatest regret comes, of course, in the decision involved to place Mr. and Mrs. Riggs on the "reserve list" of the Board and to ask them in these difficult times to find a place where they can be of service in America. We can only hope that out of this terrible situation with regard to the personnel of our Board there may come a fresh realization among the churches that their gifts cannot be reduced with impunity.

Very sincerely yours,

Wynn C. Fairfield
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Mr. J. H. Reisner
Agricultural Missions Foundation
419 Fourth Avenue, New York City

Dear Mr. Reisner:

Thank you for your letter received yesterday. I was wondering whether there had not been some misunderstanding with regard to the possible source of help in getting Mr. Riggs back to China. Just before your reply came I received a letter from Mr. Riggs himself in which he told me about the whole situation and raised the question whether the American Board would be ready to spread over a period of five or six years the approximately \$3000 which we have indicated our willingness to spend next year in helping him to find his way into American life. While no vote has been taken on the subject, I have talked the matter over with the officers most directly concerned and also with the chairman of our Sub-Committee on China and they are all heartily in favor of doing what Mr. Riggs suggests. Since it will enable his return to China without any greater expense to the Board than has been estimated in the budget for the next five years, I believe there is no question about ultimate approval.

From the point of view of Mr. Riggs' security, possibly the most important consideration is his statement that you have recommended to the University that they take some action guaranteeing his support even if some of the personal gifts should fall through. If that can be done, I shall feel much safer about it than if they should venture out on the rather uncertain basis of promises from a rather unorganized group of people beyond the amount in sight from the Cornell-in-China Club, the income on the endowment and the American Board. I am very glad that you discouraged him from the idea of going out and risking a lower basis of support than the standard University scale, as in a community like that, there are inevitable requirements in the common life which cannot well be avoided. I hope very much that Nanking University may fall in with your suggestions and that it may be possible for them to go out.

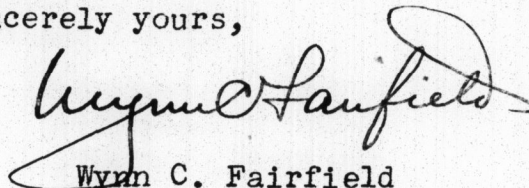
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Since the University would be in a situation of guaranteeing the remainder of the salary, it might be wise for them to be counted primarily as missionaries of Nanking University and certainly they would work under the direction of the authorities in Nanking University. At the same time, Mr. Riggs is loath to sever his connection with the American Board as are we, and it would seem desirable to keep his name on our list of missionaries if a portion of his support is to come from our churches. We have a number of missionaries who are entirely supported by institutions, but who still desire to have their connection with the American Board maintained and we hope that after this period of years it may be possible for the American Board to resume their responsibility, although it must be clearly understood that the Board is prepared to commit itself only to the extent of a total equivalent of one year's maintenance for the family in this country.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wynn C. Fairfield". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Wynn C. Fairfield

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COPY for Garside

Mr. John H. Reisner
Agricultural Missions Foundation
419 Fourth Avenue, N. Y. C.

Dear Mr. Reisner:

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We do not want to get into the Gaston and Alphonse attitude on this business of voting on the support of the Riggses, but I am quite sure that the formal vote here will be taken only when the project is set up and we cannot get action now before June 28. I think it would be proper for you or Mr. Garside to inform Nanking University that the American Board is favorably considering spreading its appropriation over the period of years or that it is practically certain to do so if the University can cover the necessary guarantees including travel. I am sending a copy of this letter to Garside, as I understand he has my last letter.

Very sincerely yours,

Wynn C. Fairfield

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University of Nanking

June 20, 1932

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield
American Board of Foreign Missions
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Fairfield:

Mr. Reischer has handed me the letter you wrote him on June 18th in regard to the plans for Mr. Charles H. Riggs.

The University of Nanking is so anxious to secure Mr. and Mrs. Riggs that we are making every effort to find some way in which we can provide for the balance required for his support, after applying designated funds available. If we can count on the American Board's willingness to expend during the next five or six years the \$3,000. approximately which you have contemplated spending next year in helping him get settled here in America, that will be a great help and stimulus.

We will be having a meeting of our Nanking Executive Committee within a few weeks, and I will try at that time to lay before the committee full information in regard to Mr. Riggs and his plans, and as to available sources of support. It would be immensely helpful to us if we could at that time be able to report a definite decision by the American Board in regard to this \$3,000. Would it be possible for you to secure some definite word for us within the next fortnight or so?

As to the status of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs, if we should be able to send them back to Nanking, there seem to be two possibilities. The first would be to have them go out as missionaries of the American Board, but with the understanding that the University of Nanking would reimburse your Board for all expenditures you make on their behalf, after you have utilized this \$3,000. fund which may now be available, together with designated income you receive from the endowment being held for Mr. Riggs's benefit, and other special sources of a like nature. If we could keep Mr. Riggs under your Board under such a special arrangement, it would simplify his relationships both to the University and to the

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American Board, and would solve a great many difficulties. The second alternative would be to have him go out under appointment by, and under support of, the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking. That would mean that we would take direct responsibility for all payments made to him, and would make collections from the American Board, and from the other specialized sources of support.

While we all recognize that the American Board at this time wishes to avoid any commitment, or even implication, that it will resume the support of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs as regular missionaries by your Board at any time in the future, nevertheless, we all earnestly hope this will eventuate as soon as the present economic crisis has been safely passed. We believe that the work which Mr. and Mrs. Riggs would do at Nanking would be of such direct interest and value to the American Board as to justify their carrying on this work under your support. However, this question must remain unanswered for the present and the thing we are directly interested in now is that the arrangements we are now making shall be such as to leave the way open to such a renewal of relationships at any time in the future that this may be feasible.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

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Mr. B. A. Garside
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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Dear Garside:

I just sent off the letter with the vote concerning the minutes of the last meeting of the Fukien Board of Trustees. I have also checked through the correspondence with your office in May and find that apparently the action of the Prudential Committee with regard to the appropriation to Fukien Christian University for the year, July 1, 1932 to June 30, 1933 was not reported to you. I was absent several days after the meeting of the Prudential Committee in question and did not catch the omission.

You have already been informed in conversation of the fact that appropriations for Union Universities in China have come from two sources, the current undesignated income of the Board and the income of the Higher Education Endowment Fund. In connection with the retrenchment program which was adopted on March 29 and April 12, it was voted to place the entire responsibility for these appropriations on the income of the Higher Education Endowment Fund. This placed an added responsibility of about \$6800 on that income. When the responsible committee met to consider the situation and make appropriations for the coming year, it was proposed to take account of the fact of the unprecedentedly high rate of exchange which has continued in China and therefore the gold appropriations toward university budgets were reduced by 20%, in the belief that the remaining 80% at 4:1 would produce at least the amount of Mexican that the full amount at 3:1 has been producing.

As a result, the total appropriations from the American Board for the institutions in which you are interested for the year July 1, 1932 to June 30, 1933 are as follows:

Fukien Christian University	\$4,000
Yenching - general budget	2,800
Yenching College for Women	500
Yenching University - in lieu of salary of Dr. L ew	1,800

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It is possible that Mrs. Lee has reported to you on Yenching University in another file. The appropriation for the College for Women was reduced beyond this 20% to the figure which we understand the other Boards interested are carrying on its budget. The figure for Dr. Lew's salary was kept the same on the basis that it was regarded as the equivalent of a foreign salary. We share your perplexity over the problem of financing the Universities under these circumstances, yet in the face of the problems which we face in common with the other Boards, are having to make all possible economies.

We hope to reach a decision with regard to Mr. Riggs at the meeting of the Prudential Committee on June 28th, provided that there is substantial assurance from the Nanking University group in China that they are prepared to assume the guaranteed responsibilities suggested in Mr. Riggs' letter. You will, of course, report to us the cabled reply from the field as soon as it comes with any other information which we ought to have. It will probably be difficult to get a definite vote from the American Board until there is some assurance that the whole matter may go through. Even now, there is question on the part of some members of the staff whether we ought to make a commitment even of \$500 or \$600 a year that will bind the Board for five or six years. On the other hand, many of us hope that this arrangement will make it possible for the Board to resume full support of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs upon the completion of this period.

Cordially yours,

/S/ Wynn C. Fairfield

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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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Dear Mr. Garside:

I should report to you at once that at its meeting yesterday afternoon the Cabinet of the American Board acting for the Prudential Committee voted:

"That if the University of Nanking will assume responsibility for the provision of the travel, salary and maintenance of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Riggs as members of its faculty, the American Board is prepared to approve of their return to China and to pay toward their salary each year of their term a sum not to exceed \$600 per year and in total not to exceed the \$3,000 which the Board would pay if necessary during the fiscal year 1932-1933 if Mr. Riggs were held in America and were seeking employment in this country."

This action is an interim action and must be approved by two members of the Prudential Committee before becoming effective, but we have no doubt that they will approve and unless you hear from us to the contrary, it may be taken as settled. When the Trustees of Nanking University have formally voted to accept this responsibility a corresponding formal vote here will be taken. There has been a little discussion between Mr. Riggs and myself as to the amount which the Board was prepared to pay. There would have been a certain amount of uncertainty as to whether the Board would have to meet all of this amount, so that it seemed wiser to make the sum a round sum of either \$500 for six years which Mr. Riggs has been figuring on or \$600 for five years. Neither of these will quite meet the usual American Board term of seven years, but in order to secure approval for

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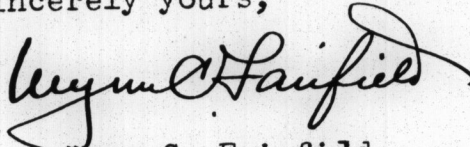
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this proposal at all it was necessary to show that it did not exceed our alternative probable expenditures. I hope that this will be satisfactory and will enable you to go ahead from the University side of things.

Mr. and Mrs. Riggs will retain their rights and privileges as missionaries of the American Board in the Shaowu Mission, but it is understood that the direction of their work will rest with the responsible authorities of Nanking University in consideration of the very much larger responsibilities which the University is assuming.

Very sincerely yours,


Wynn C. Fairfield

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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

A letter received this morning from Mr. C. H. Riggs in regard to their plans for going to Nanking has raised certain questions in our minds and I write to be sure that the University and the American Board understand each other fully. Our understanding is that according to the plan made and now accepted by the University and the American Board the only obligation of the Board toward the support of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs is to pay \$600 a year for a period of five years or \$500 a year for a period of six years. This amount is to be sent by us each year to your office. Aside from this grant, the University is assuming full obligation for their support. Mr. Riggs writes that they have decided to take their oldest child, Frederick, who reached the age of 15 on July 3, 1932 back with them in the expectation that he will study either in Nanking or Kuling. I do not know whether he has consulted you in this matter, but it is probably one of the points that should be clearly understood. The custom of the American Board is to give a grant for each child, the grant varying according to age. I assume that in deciding to take Frederick back with them Mr. and Mrs. Riggs have counted the cost of his schooling in China.

Mr. Riggs writes that they are to sail either August 10 or August 27. The American Board regularly continues furlough allowances for missionaries from the eastern part of the United States and sailing from a Pacific port up to six days before the date of sailing. In case the Riggs family sails on August 10, the allowance from the American Board would cease on August 4. If the sailing date is later the allowance will be continued for a correspondingly longer time. Is this in accord with your understanding?

We have wondered also about a refit grant. Were the Riggs family returning to China on American Board support they would receive a refit grant of \$250. Has this question

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been taken up with them? I know how anxious they are to get back and that they will economize in every way they can. No doubt the rules of Nanking University provide with sufficient liberality for the needs of any member of the faculty, and it is not necessary that we should understand all the details. I write of these points only to make sure Mr. Riggs has a clear and correct understanding of them.

Cordially yours,

Eula B. Lee

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield,
Mrs. Lucius O. Lee,
✓ American Board,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Fairfield and Mrs. Lee,

I have had recent letters from each of you in regard to the arrangements for the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs to the University of Nanking, so I am addressing this communication to you jointly.

At a meeting two days ago our Nanking Executive Committee approved the appointment of the Riggs', their support to be partly provided from the special sources with which you are familiar, and the balance to be met from Paxine Funds. I have written to Mr. Riggs, giving rather full details, and am making arrangements for his outgoing journey.

Before considering the details of questions raised by your letters, we ought to have first a clear understanding as to the exact status the Riggs' will have as regards the American Board and the University. It appears that there are two alternative courses, both of which have certain advantages and certain weaknesses.

The first is to consider Mr. and Mrs. Riggs as regular University-supported members of the Nanking staff, with no direct relationship with any mission board. In this case they would come under the University schedule of salaries and allowances, would be eligible for participation in the University pension plan, and would have furloughs on the University basis. We would pay all salary and allowances in our usual way, and would collect in due course from the American Board your \$500 or \$600 per year. I enclose a copy of our schedule of salaries and allowances, which shows what the Riggs would be entitled to on this basis.

The second alternative is to consider the Riggs as still continuing as missionaries of the American Board, assigned to the University of Nanking, and deriving the largest part of their support therefrom. In this case they would remain in their former status of American Board missionaries, would go out under your auspices, would follow your schedules as to salary, allowances, furlough, retirement, and the like. You would continue to make all disbursements in their behalf just as you do your other missionaries, but would bill the University of Nanking for all expenditures above the \$500 or \$600 per year which you are allowing on their account. The University could either repay you on the presentation of these statements, or if it was more convenient

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for your accounting department, we could advance a revolving fund which would be replenished as you reported expenditures.

Mrs. Lee's letter seems rather clearly to contemplate the first alternative. Dr. Fairfield's letter, and the action of the Prudential Committee which he quotes, would seem to leave the way open for us to pursue the second alternative, though I am not sure whether that was definitely contemplated.

From the standpoint of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs, it seems to me that the second alternative is much more preferable. They already have quite a number of years of service to their credit under your Board, and I presume that their equity in whatever retirement plan you have for your missionaries is quite a substantial item. Their relationships on the field are with your mission. Under the American Board their prospects for the future would be definitely more stable than would be the case if they go out under the special arrangements made by the University in order to secure their services. For, if at any time in future Hanking could not continue to support them, or if the work they are not undertaking should be terminated, they would have the possibility of continuing their service in some of the other fields of work your Board is carrying on in China and elsewhere throughout the Orient. How the salaries and allowances of the University compare with yours I do not know. Possibly the University scale is somewhat higher just now, for we have not cut down recently as most of the Boards have done. (Perhaps the reason we have not cut is that we have had nobody in this particular status during recent years, Mr. and Mrs. Riggs being the first married missionary couple on University support since 1927.) But of course, we may have to do some radical cutting down ourselves before very long.

From the standpoint of the University, I believe we would definitely prefer the second alternative. It is simpler from an administrative standpoint, and causes less Chinese-Western complications, to have American workers under Mission Board appointment. Quite independent of any financial assistance, the University welcomes the interest and cooperation of the Mission Boards. Of course we hope that with the return of more normal conditions the American Board may some day be able to assume the full support of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs, though we recognize clearly that any arrangement we now make will imply no commitment whatever on your part as to such a step in future. The cost to the University and to the American Board would be about the same in any event (it would be exactly the same for the American Board under either alternative). I presume that your Board would, under the second alternative, wish the University to enter into some agreement that it would be responsible to your Board for all the expenses of the Riggs' from the time of their sailing until they returned home and had their regular furlough benefits at the end of their term, less the \$5,000 your Board is providing.

I would like your judgment as to which of these alternatives the American Board would prefer. As soon as that is known, there are certain other items to clear up, but we will not know which way to proceed with them until this fundamental question is agreed upon.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Fairfield:

In the rush of other matters I have neglected to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 23rd. In this, you summarize the appropriations of the American Board for Fukien, Yenching, and Yenching Woman's College.

We quite appreciate the seriousness of the financial situation which made it necessary for the American Board, in common with many of the other Boards cooperating in our Union Universities in China, to make substantial reductions in its appropriations for the coming year. As a matter of accuracy, it might be pointed out that we cannot hope to realize as much in local currency during the current year on a gold amount reduced by 20%, as was realized on full amounts at the exchange rates prevailing during the past year, or even during the past two or three years. There has been no marked fall in the price of silver during the last eighteen months or more, and meantime costs in China have risen somewhat. Also, any talk of a large gain in exchange on gold appropriations of Mission Boards toward the support of our universities is mythical, for our universities depend on these gold appropriations for all the purchases they must make, and the salaries they must pay, in gold, and only a small fraction of these funds are ever converted into local currency. We are not arguing against the necessity of reductions at this time, but are anxious that our Mission Boards will not delude themselves into thinking that the situation is more favorable than actually exists.

Near the bottom of the first page of your letter you put the amount for the general budget of Yenching as \$2800. A letter from Mr. Beleher under date of June 16th gives this figure as \$2000. Since your appropriation for 1930-31 was \$2500, we assume that the figure of \$2000 for the coming year is the correct one.

I have dealt in separate letters with the other items touched on in your letter of June 23rd.

I hope that you will be able to get away this summer for a substantial period of rest and recreation. The task of carrying Mission Board responsibilities is particularly heavy in these days when dollars are few and demands are unceasing.

Very cordially yours,

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My dear Mr. Garside:

During the past week I have had some correspondence with Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Riggs of Scotia, New York. We are all very happy over the plan of this fine missionary family going out to Nanking University. Mrs. Lee has just shared with me your recent letter regarding their future status. She will write you more fully regarding this matter.

This letter is to deal with the question of their health. Mr. Riggs has sent me a medical report of an examination given both Mrs. Riggs and himself ten days ago. I was glad to note that the doctor rated them both in excellent condition, both physically and nervously. Mr. Riggs states that a year ago the entire family were vaccinated against smallpox and that he and Mrs. Riggs together with the older children were inoculated against typhoid fever two years ago. We make it a rule that for missionaries of the American Board both these medical matters should be done every three years and therefore the entire Riggs family comes under our rules. Mr. Riggs also reports that the family have all had their teeth gone over this last month and their eyes have been examined recently. If they are considered missionaries of the American Board I would give my final release to travel plans being made for them for their journey back to China. Mr. Riggs states that your office is attending to their sailing and asked me therefore to notify you as soon as possible of my release. It is my understanding that they are planning to drive by auto to the Pacific coast, sailing sometime in August.

The bill for eight dollars has come in from the doctor who gave them the examination. I am asking our Treasury Department to meet this bill temporarily until it is definitely decided as to how their traveling accounts are to be handled.

With appreciation for the interest that you have taken in this matter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mark H. Ward 20.6
Mark H. Ward, M.D.

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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of July 15 in regard to plans for Mr. and Mrs. Riggs comes while Dr. Fairfield is absent. I have shared your letter with Dr. Ward. We both agree with you in liking the second alternative described in your letter. Mr. Belcher is away, too, just now so I will not today touch upon the details as to accounting and handling of money but am writing to Mr. and Mrs. Riggs in order to make sure that they wish to continue missionaries of the American Board on the understandings agreed upon. //

You think that University support might mean a somewhat higher salary for them. This Board at present has no missionaries in Nanking and so we are not sure just what the basal salary for a family living there should be in comparison with the salary of a family in Peiping, for instance. Our basal salary for a missionary in Peiping is \$1800 or was before the cuts we have been obliged to make recently. Our children's allowances and also the refit allowance is considerably more than the similar allowances of Nanking University as given on the schedule you enclosed, so we think that the total support if reckoned on a basis of regular American Board appropriations will still be somewhat in excess of the total support provided by the University. Our regular refit allowance for a family is \$225. The grant for a child under seven years of age is one-tenth of the basal salary, for each child between the ages of seven and thirteen 15% of the salary and for a child fourteen or over is 20% of the salary. This means that the Riggs family would receive from the American Board \$180 for their youngest child, \$270 each for three children and \$360 for their boy, Frederick, who is just 15.

This brings me to a question which I know has caused Mr. and Mrs. Riggs considerable thought. I mean the question whether or not they should take Frederick back with them. Our understanding is that they have finally decided they would like to do so. The rules of the American Board require a special vote of the Prudential Committee for the return of a child

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fifteen years or older, at Board expense. I am not sure whether their thought is that Frederick would attend school in Nanking or whether they would send him to Shanghai. In either case his going will involve additional travel and presumably the matter will need to have official action. This question also I am raising with Mr. and Mrs. Riggs.

We will keep in touch with you in regard to any further thinking at this end and any preference the Riggses themselves may have. Dr. Ward is writing you in regard to the question of who should handle the details and arrangements in regard to their sailing.

Ever cordially yours,

Eula B. Lee

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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University of Nanking

July 20, 1932.

Mrs. Lucius O. Lee
Dr. Mark H. Ward
American Board of Commissioners,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Lee and Dr. Ward:

This will acknowledge receipt of letters from each of you, written under date of July 18th, with regard to the status of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Riggs at the University of Nanking.

I am very much pleased to learn that the American Board is favorably inclined toward the second alternative proposed in my letter of July 18th. This alternative was briefly, that the Riggs continue as regular missionaries of the American Board, but that the University of Nanking repay the American Board for all expenditures you make in their behalf upon the special appropriation of G. \$500 or G. \$600 per year which you have already voted for them. I have not yet learned from Mr. and Mrs. Riggs what their own preference may be, but no doubt we will have some word from them within the next day or two. Assuming that this arrangement is satisfactory to Mr. and Mrs. Riggs, I presume that our procedure should be somewhat as follows:-

Because of the shortness of time, I can go through with the arrangements I have already undertaken for their outgoing on the "Heiyo Maru", sailing from Los Angeles on August 17th and arriving in Shanghai September 8th. If you so desire, I can also advance funds to cover their miscellaneous expenses en route, together with their refit allowance. These advances for travel expenses and refit, should, however, be made on your American Board basis, so I would appreciate further details as to what is involved. I understand that the refit allowance is \$225, but I do not know just what your regulations are as to travel expenses and salary while traveling. As to salary, children's allowances, and other regular and special allowances, it seems to me that these should be paid on the American Board basis, and it better be handled by the American Board from the beginning. I presume that you would be willing to use the \$500 of your \$3,000 fund for the Riggs as a revolving fund from which you could make expenditures on these accounts. Upon presentation of statements as to disbursements made, we could then reimburse you so as to maintain the original sum of the revolving fund. However, if some other arrangement than this would be more satisfactory, we could undoubtedly carry it through.

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Mrs. Lucius O. Lee
Dr. Mark H. Ward

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July 20, 1932.

I have talked informally with members of our Nanking Executive Committee and find them in agreement with this method of handling the matter. Perhaps your American Board will wish some formal action by our Nanking Board of Founders set forth what we understand to be our responsibilities to the American Board and to the Riggs. This could be attended to at the next meeting of our Nanking group, which will take place early in the autumn.

Mrs. Lee's letter raises the question of whether or not the Riggs' should take their son Frederick with them. If they are returning under American Board appointment the logical course would be for you to deal with this in your regular way. I am glad to learn from Dr. Ward's letter that the question of their health has been satisfactorily cleared.

If the creation of a revolving fund as suggested above, is found practicable, the bill of \$8.00 referred to by Dr. Ward could be taken care of by this fund.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Nanking

My dear Mr. Garside:

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This is to tell you that the following votes were passed by the Cabinet of the American Board acting for the Prudential Committee at its meeting last Thursday:

VOTED that the return of Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Riggs to China with refit allowance of \$225 be approved on the following understanding: that the work of Mr. Riggs be in the Agricultural Department of the University of Nanking, that they continue to be members of the Shaowu Mission, that salary and allowances be at the Peiping rate and that their support including refit, travel and all allowances be provided by the University of Nanking with the exception of \$500 per year from the American Board for a period of six years. //

VOTED that approval be given to the return to the field with his parents of Frederick, fifteen year old son of Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Riggs of the Shaowu Mission.

We are leaving the details as to the handling of accounts between the University Trustees and the American Board to yourself and Mr. Belcher. Dr. Fairfield is back from his vacation and he or Mr. Belcher will write you within a few days. It is our understanding that you will secure a vote from the Trustees of the University at their first meeting in the fall to the effect that the University assumes full support of Mr. Riggs and his family with the exception of the \$500. per year for a term of six years from the American Board. We assuredly hope that Mr. Riggs may do a fine piece of work in Nanking.

Cordially yours,

Lucia B. Lee

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(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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Mr. B. A. Garside
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

I find in my mail on return from vacation your letter of July 6th giving word of the budget for the China Union Universities' Office for 1932-1933. Needless to say we appreciate very much the action of the Supervisory Committee in working out a reduction in the budget which will help us out in our budget planning for next fall.

I am enclosing herewith a check to your order for One hundred dollars (\$100.00) covering the gift from the Park Congregational Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, specifically designated for Yenching. We have had correspondence concerning this in the past, and this time you can give us credit for sending it along without having to be reminded.

I have just been catching up some of the correspondence during my vacation time and find among other things a letter from Charles H. Riggs who is going to Nanking University. Most of the matters in Mr. Riggs' letter has been taken care of as they refer to travel arrangements, but there is a question concerning insurance and the pension fund, which questions I will have to take up with you.

Mr. Riggs wants us to continue to hold an insurance policy which we have here of his, make the premium payments and collect from you. The premium is about \$176 and is payable annually in October. When we make the payment word will be sent to you so that you can refund us and make the necessary deduction from the Nanking accounts. Will that be satisfactory?

Mr. Riggs has sent to me a copy of the retirement plan and annuity fund for the University of Nanking staff. I have not read it through in detail, but I see in general it corresponds quite a bit to the Annuity Fund plan which we have. According to your plan I judge that the individual pays 5% (which Mr. Riggs has indicated as being \$90) and the University pays a similar amount.

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Mr. Riggs stated that he thought if he continued his membership in the Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers the University would contribute toward his membership in that fund the \$90 which they would contribute if he was a member of their own plan. At the present time his annual dues in the Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers are \$117, of which he personally pays \$25, \$90 is paid by the income of a fund raised for the purpose of aiding on these annuity payments, and \$2 is paid by the Board. There would be an advantage in his continuing in this plan since he would be able to receive the \$90 income from the Pilgrim Memorial Fund. If the University would contribute \$90 this would make a total of \$180 that would be set aside each year, the same as the your University plan. With this \$90 contributed by the University and \$90 contributed by the income of the Pilgrim Memorial Fund the only difference would be that Mr. Riggs personally would not be making any contribution only the \$90 contributed on his behalf by the Pilgrim Memorial Fund on account of his standing as a Congregational Minister. If there is any other information in connection with this that you would want to have, please let me know. I will appreciate hearing from you whether or not the University would contribute toward his membership in our Congregational Fund.

As I understand the arrangement for Mr. Riggs, the American Board is responsible for \$500 a year to be paid over to the Trustees of the University on account of certain church gifts which we receive for Mr. Riggs' support. Presumably we would make this contribution in January or February when our churches close their fiscal years. If there are any points in connection with the understanding of Mr. Riggs' support that we should clear further, please let me know.

Personally I am mighty glad that the University is taking Mr. Riggs. I was associated with him a few years in China, and, of course, have continued the personal contacts. We were sorry to come to the decision of not keeping him on in American Board work, but we simply could not carry on and develop for financial reasons the type of work that Mr. Riggs can do. In an established institution like Nanking he can bring out the best of his abilities and be in a work that will be a satisfaction both to himself and his wife.

Yours cordially,

Harold B. Belcher

Treasurer

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University of Nanking

August 10, 1932

Mr. Harold B. Belcher
American Board of Commissioners
For Foreign Missions
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Belcher:

In the absence of Mr. Garside who is on his vacation, I am acknowledging your letter of August 6th.

First of all let me acknowledge receipt of the check for \$100.00 covering the gift from Mrs. Frederick W. Stevens through the Ladies Park Missionary Society of the Park Congregational Church at Grand Rapids. We are sending the usual acknowledgement directly to Mrs. Stevens. We recognize that this has been taken care of without undue pressure on our part which may be taken as a change of sentiment and psychology now that the stock market has taken on a little bulge. Thanks for the favor involved.

You are raising a question which Mr. Garside spoke to me about before he left the office. We are in agreement that it would be preferable for Mr. Riggs to hold his insurance with his Board and in that case, the arrangements regarding payment to you at intervals as notification is received, will be entirely satisfactory.

The pension plan used at Nanking calls for a 5% contribution on the part of the annuitant and the University. We can see no just reason, with Mr. Riggs being a minister and having a membership in the annuity fund of the Congregational Ministers, ^{that} secure \$90. toward the annuity, why he cannot take advantage of that opportunity. As a matter of fact, we can pay the University's contribution directly to you and we will have performed our part of the task; the source of Mr. Riggs'

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payments are of no particular interest to us.

It would appear on the face that with these combined contributions that a larger annuity would be purchased for Mr. Riggs than he would enjoy under the plan used by your Board; but neither is that of any great concern to us. The date of payment for the \$500.00 will ~~equitably~~ agreeable.

We too are very glad that the Riggs family are going to Nanking. From every side we hear complimentary remarks regarding the work of Mr. Riggs and we feel confident he will render an exceptional contribution to the Nanking work.

Very cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

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Aug. 11, 1932

Nanking

Mr. C. A. Evans, Associate Treasurer
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

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I thank you very much for your letter of August 10 answering mine of August 6 to Mr. Garside concerning the arrangement for Mr. Charles H. Riggs. I am glad that the arrangement which I suggested both for Mr. Riggs insurance and also for the Annuity plan is satisfactory to the University and we will work on this basis.

Ordinarily the payments on our Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers are due in February or March of each year and I will make note at that time to remind your office of the payment on behalf of the University.

Yours very cordially,

Harold B. Belcher

Treasurer

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Trustees Nanking University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:-

I do not know whether Nanking University routine covers the defraying of the cost of inoculation for appointees or not. I find that our medical department has made a payment for Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Riggs of \$8. on account of these typhoid and smallpox inoculations. I hope that it will be possible, therefore, to make refund of this amount so that we can clear this off our books before the close of our fiscal year Aug. 31st.

Yours very cordially,

Harold B. Belcher

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November 2, 1932

Nanking

Mr. B. A. Garside, Treas.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

We have just paid to the New England Mutual
Life Insurance Company a premium of \$176. on policy
#513496 on the life of Rev. Charles H. Riggs. Mr.
Riggs requested us to make these payments as they come
due and to collect from your office and have you deduct
the amount from his salary. We will, therefore, appreciate
a remittance from you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Earle E. Smith
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University of Nanking

November 16, 1932

Mrs. Lucius O. Lee
Mr. Harold B. Belcher
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Lee and Mr. Belcher:

I have recently received two letters from ^{Miss} E. M. Priest, the Field Treasurer of the University of Nanking, which led me to fear that there may have been some misunderstanding between our two offices as to the procedure to be followed in handling the payment of salary and allowances for Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Riggs.

Writing on October 5th, Miss Priest says:

"Mr. and Mrs. Riggs have been here for nearly a month and are very anxious to have their status cleared and to know how much money they can count upon for allowances, salary, etc. They have not turned in their travel account as yet inasmuch as there has been nothing definite as to whether they are responsible to the University or to the Treasurer of their mission. Just a few days before sailing they received a letter from one of their secretaries in which it was stated that the American Board had decided to consider them members of the Fukien mission, but that all financial arrangements would be handled from the North China treasurer. Since that letter nothing has come either from their own board or from you."

further:

In another letter dated October 20th, she comments on the matter

"The main purpose of this letter is to write further about the matter of the support for the Riggs' family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Riggs feel they have not been fairly treated by either the University or the Mission and we are trying to smooth the ruffled feathers a bit. In the course of our conversation I discovered they were holding a letter which is more or less definite as far as their Board is concerned and on the basis of this letter, Mr. McClure and I have agreed to take immediate action."

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Mrs. Lucius O. Lee
Mr. Harold B. Belcher

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Miss Priest then quotes from a letter written by Mrs. Lee to Mr. Riggs under date of August 2, 1932, quoting the actions relative to Mr. and Mrs. Riggs taken by the July 28th meeting of the Cabinet acting for the Prudential Committee. These actions approve the return of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs as regular missionaries of the American Board on the understanding that "the work of Mr. Riggs be in the Agricultural Department of the University of Nanking, that they continue to be members of the Shaoan Mission, that salary and allowances be at the Peiping rate, and that their support, including refit, travel and all allowances, be provided by the University of Nanking with the exception of \$500. per year from the American Board for a period of six years."

My understanding of our arrangements with the Riggs has been that the American Board will handle all matters of salary, allowances, and other personal relationships and obligations, in exactly the same way as you do all your other missionaries. Then, from time to time, you will send our Nanking office statements covering expenditures you have made, or are in process of making, and we will reimburse you for the total thus expended, less the contribution of \$500. per year which you are making over a period of six years.

Last July a considerable amount of correspondence was carried on between our New York office and your American Board offices in regard to these arrangements, and I thought that they were clearly understood by all of us. I am wondering, therefore, whether there has been some lack of understanding between our two offices, or whether there has merely been some delay by your North China Treasurer in taking up the Riggs' account. You will remember that our New York office had already made arrangements for the Riggs' outgoing travel before their relationship to the American Board was settled; so it was agreed that we would have them use the reservations already made rather than have the American Board handle their travel as would normally have been done. However, it has been my understanding that from the moment the Riggs arrived on the University of Nanking campus, the American Board would take care of financial arrangements for them in just the same way as you do with your other missionaries.

Will you please let me know what your understandings are, and what actions, if any, should be taken in order to clarify these matters? Miss Priest has already been in consultation with Mr. R. W. McClure, the Treasurer of the Fukien Mission, and I understand that he has been giving his assistance. Perhaps you have already received some communication from him on the subject.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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EARLE E. SMITH

DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT

Mr. B. A. Garside, Treas.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, New York.

Nanking

Dear Mr. Garside:-

I have a carbon of your letter of November 16th to Mrs. Lee regarding the salary of Charles Riggs at Nanking. I have had a letter from our Foochow Mission Treasurer to the effect that Mr. Riggs seemed uncertain about the salary arrangement. In the rush of the work this fall, I did not follow this matter through because my impression was clear that our correspondence last summer had settled this matter.

I have now gone over the correspondence, and find that there is room for some misunderstanding. You will notice in my letter of August 6th in the next to the last paragraph I state that the Board is responsible for \$500. a year to be paid over to the Trustees of the University on account of the church gift which we receive for Mr. Riggs. That carries with it in my mind the implication that you were handling all the details of the payment of salary and the financial responsibility, and that we simply contributed to you the \$500. which we receive from the church in Ithaca. I realize that my letter did not make that implication very plain, and that there was the possibility of misunderstanding.

It does seem to me that it would be much more logical to carry through the plan that was in my mind. We have no Treasurer in Nanking, while you have there your field Treasurer. You are covering the larger amount of the salary, and so it would be more logical for you to make the payment, and to collect the \$500. from us, rather than for us to make the payments, and collect the larger amount from you. I had hoped to have an opportunity to talk this over with you in New York, and I tried to locate you during one of the sessions at the Roosevelt, but failed to make the connection. I would be glad if you could let me know your idea concerning the convenience of carrying through the plan on the basis which I suggested. In the meantime I will talk with Mr. Fairfield and Mrs. Lee, both of whom are out of the office until Wednesday, and then can work out with you some definite way of trying to settle this. I am sorry for all the inconvenience that it must have caused Mr. Riggs, but I did seem to feel that the suggestion in my letter of August 6th to you had made the matter clear.

Very cordially yours,

Harold B. Belcher

Treasurer.

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University of Nanking

November 22, 1932.

Mr. Harold B. Belcher,
American Board of Commissioners,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Belcher:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letters of November 16th and November 21st dealing with the accounts of Mr. Charles H. Riggs.

Letter of November 16th. With this you enclose a check for \$24.22 received from the estate of Mr. George M. Boughton. You also list items of expenditures made on Mr. Riggs' account during the last month, amounting to \$13.50.* As requested we are sending you a check herewith to cover this amount.

Letter of November 21st. This letter is in response to my letter of November 16th addressed jointly to Mrs. Lee and yourself. This letter makes clear that, as I have begun to fear during recent weeks, there has been a serious misunderstanding between our two offices as to the procedure to be followed in handling the accounts of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs. The matter is of such importance that it is probably worth while to review the developments that have taken place before we try to determine what our next moves are to be.

In all of our universities in China during recent years, we have been struggling with some very difficult problems as to the relationships of our American members of staff. Six or eight years ago, before the reorganization which placed our institutions largely in the hands of Chinese Boards of Directors, and under the direction of Chinese Presidents and deans, we had three distinct types of staff members:- missionaries sent out by the cooperating Board, Western members appointed and supported by the universities themselves, and Chinese members appointed on the field. With the reorganization of our universities, the status of Western members supported by the universities themselves has, in every case, become a very difficult one. The problem of equitable adjustments of salaries, allowances, furloughs, and other personal matters of that kind, has proven very difficult and delicate.

There has been no lack whatever of the most cordial cooperation between Chinese Boards, administrators, and staff members on the one hand, and our Boards of Trustees and Western staff members on the other. But with the best we all could do, the status of university supported Western members of staff has continued to prove embarrassing. As a result there has been a definite trend in the direction of reducing the types of staff members to two, namely; Western members of staff appointed and

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supported by Mission Boards, and Chinese members of staff appointed and supported by the Board of Directors. Wherever Western members of staff are not appointed by any of the cooperating Mission Boards, they are considered as missionaries of the Board of Trustees of the institution itself, the college board serving in that particular instance as being in effect a kind of missionary board rather than the directing board of the institution.

This trend has been fully carried out in West China, Lingnan, Shantung, and Nanking. It has been agreed to in principle in Fukien, and will be put into effect as soon as our funds permit. Yenching is still struggling with the problem and has not really reached a permanent solution as yet. This means that in many cases Mission Boards are appointing and overseeing a larger number of staff members than they are able to support from funds of their Mission Boards. In such cases the Boards of Trustees or Governors of the institution repays to the Mission Board, in whole or in part, the expenditures the Mission Board has made toward the support of one or more of its appointees. For example, in West China Union University, Dr. Joseph Beech is a regular missionary of the Methodist Board, receiving his support from the Methodist Board, and looking to that Board in all matters of salary, allowances, furlough, and the like, just as all their other missionaries do. However, because of certain conditions, it has been agreed between the Methodist Board and our West China Governors, that the Board of Governors will support Dr. Beech. Accordingly the Treasurer of the Methodist Board sends to the Treasurer of the University regular statements showing the disbursements the Methodist Board has made on Dr. Beech's behalf, and our West China Treasurer reimburses the Methodist Board for that amount.

This is the arrangement we have had in mind for Mr. and Mrs. Riggs at the University of Nanking. Practically all of what I have said above was given in the correspondence I had with the American Board during July, when we were first discussing the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs to the University of Nanking. For example, in my letter of July 15th, addressed jointly to Dr. Fairfield and Mrs. Lee, I summarize the two possible alternatives as follows:-

"Before considering the details of questions raised by your letters, we ought to have first a clear understanding as to the exact status the Riggs' will have as regards the American Board and the University. It appears that there are two alternative courses, both of which have certain advantages and certain weaknesses.

The first is to consider Mr. and Mrs. Riggs as regular University-supported members of the Nanking staff, with no direct relationship with any mission board. In this case they would come under the University schedule of salaries and allowances, would be eligible for participation in the University pension plan, and would have furloughs on the University basis. We would pay all salary and allowances in our usual way, and would collect in due course from the American Board your \$500 or \$600 per year. I enclose a copy of our schedule of salaries and allowances, which shows what the Riggs would be entitled to on this basis.

The second alternative is to consider the Riggs as still continuing as missionaries of the American Board, assigned to the University of Nanking, and deriving the largest part of their support therefrom. In this case they would remain in their former status of American Board missionaries, would go out under your auspices, would follow your schedules as to salary, allowances, furlough, retirement, and the like. You would continue to

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make all disbursements in their behalf just as you do your other missionaries, but would bill the University of Nanking for all expenditures above the \$500 or \$600 per year which you are allowing on their account. The University could either repay you on the presentation of these statements, or if it was more convenient for your accounting department, we could advance a revolving fund which would be replenished as you reported expenditures."

In a letter from Mrs. Lee dated July 18th, we find the following statements:-

"Your letter of July 15 in regard to plans for Mr. and Mrs. Riggs comes while Dr. Fairfield is absent. I have shared your letter with Dr. Ward. We both agree with you in liking the second alternative described in your letter. Mr. Belcher is away, too, just now so I will not today touch upon the details as to accounting and handling of money but am writing to Mr. and Mrs. Riggs in order to make sure that they wish to continue as missionaries of the American Board on the understandings agreed upon."

Mrs. Lee then goes on and discusses at some length how these arrangements would work out in the case of the Riggs family.

If I have correctly understood the action adopted by the Prudential Committee on July 28th, it is in harmony with the second alternative in my letter of July 15th. That action, you will remember, reads as follows:-

"VOTED that the return of Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Riggs to China with refit allowance of \$225 be approved on the following understanding: that the work of Mr. Riggs be in the Agricultural Department of the University of Nanking, that they continue to be members of the Shaowu Mission, that salary and allowances be at the Peiping rate and that their support including refit, travel and all allowances be provided by the University of Nanking with the exception of \$500 per year from the American Board for a period of six years."

I realize, however, that you were away during July, and that you did not participate in the discussions of that month regarding the arrangements with Mr. and Mrs. Riggs. I left for my own vacation on August 5th, so your letter of August 6th was acknowledged in my absence, and did not come to my direct attention until within the last few weeks. When I returned from my vacation at the beginning of September I glanced hastily through all the important correspondence that had come and gone during my absence, and I did not notice the implication which I now see lies in the next to the last paragraph of your letter of August 8th, that you are looking to the University of Nanking to handle the payment of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs salary.

However, the only point in reviewing this history of the case is to enable us to determine more promptly and wisely as to our next moves.

So far as the University of Nanking is concerned, we still favor quite definitely the policy we have been advocating. At the present time no payments whatever are made in Nanking on the salaries and allowances of any Western members of staff. We have three or four young ladies at the University, engaged in administrative and nursing capacities, who are appointees of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking, rather than any cooperating Mission Board. But checks for salaries and allowances of these young women are mailed from our New York Office from month to month, and do not enter directly into the accounting processes of the Field Treasurer. This procedure was decided upon after we had experimented for a couple of years with the other plan of having these salaries paid by the Field

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Treasurer. Should the University undertake to pay the salary and allowances of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs, we would either have to make these disbursements from New York, or else set up an entirely new accounting process in Nanking for taking care of this single account.

Also, it would be a very difficult task for either our New York Office or the office of the Field Treasurer in Nanking, to follow out effectively the policies of the American Board as regards salaries and allowances of one of your American Board missionaries. While it would be possible for us to obtain from your office a general statement as to the amounts and currencies used in the "Peiping rate" at which your missionaries in Nanking, China, are paid, there would be many minor questions of interpretation and general policy which neither our New York Office or our Field Treasurer in Nanking could pass upon without reference to the proper financial officers of the American Board.

If the University of Nanking were to handle the support of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs, it would be far more simpler and satisfactory all around for us to adopt the first alternative suggested in my letter of July 15th, whereby the Riggs family would become the appointees of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking, with the regular salary and allowances provided by the University of Nanking, and with no direct relationship with the American Board, save possibly that of "affiliated missionaries."

Our Universities always desire that wherever possible our Western staff members shall maintain a close connection with some cooperating Mission Board, even if the University actually provides their support. This gives appointees a greater feeling of permanency, simplifies their relationships with their Western and Chinese colleagues, and helps to maintain strong Christian character of the institutions where they serve. As a general rule, we have found the cooperating Mission Boards very willing to agree to arrangements of this kind.

We appreciate the fact that for the American Board to handle the payment of accounts for Mr. and Mrs. Riggs, with reimbursements for expenditures made by our New York Office, will involve quite a bit of bookkeeping. However, this method of handling the Riggs' account would be much more than taking cash out of one pocket and putting it into another. It would make a very vital difference in the relationship of the Riggs family to the American Board, and would do much to regularize their status in Nanking.

We must reach a prompt decision one way or the other, since it is obvious that Mr. and Mrs. Riggs are left in a most unsatisfactory situation at the present time. I do not yet know just what steps Mr. McClure or other financial representatives of the American Board may have taken to provide salary and allowances for the Riggs family, while this question of their relationships is being settled. If any cablegram to your Treasurer's Office in China would help to clarify matters after a decision has been reached, our office would be glad to reimburse you for the cost involved. If it is necessary for our New York Office to get any word to our Field Treasurer in Nanking, we will send a cable as soon as decisions have been made.

I am very sorry that I missed you while you were here in New York, but I know that you were extremely busy. I attended all the meetings of the Conference of the Laymen's Foreign Mission Inquiry, but was kept busy with various matters during all the intermissions between sessions, so I had no opportunity to look you up.

Very cordially yours,

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CC: Mrs. Lucius O. Lee

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November 22, 1932.

P.S. Our Accounting Office calls attention to what may be an error in one of the items mentioned in your letter of November 16th. You list "October 28th New England Mutual Life Insurance Company premium \$1.76". However, on November 2nd, Mr. Earle E. Smith wrote us that you had "just paid to the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company a premium of \$176. on policy No. 513496 on the life of Rev. Charles H. Riggs." We sent Mr. Smith this \$176. on November 10th. It seems probable therefore, that the same premium is referred to in each case, and that the "\$1.76" in your letter of November 16th should be "176." We are therefore, enclosing a check for only \$13.50, covering the other item mentioned in your letter of November 16th. If the other \$1.76 is still due you, please let us know and we will send another remittance.

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Mr. B. A. Garside, Treas.
University of Nanking
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Nanking

Dear Mr. Garside:

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Thank you very much for your letter of November 22 giving in detail your angle on the matter of handling the accounts for Charles Riggs. We certainly did much to mess this up quite effectively. I should have checked with Dr. Fairfield and Mrs. Lee's correspondence before writing you in August, but in the vacation period so many things are rushed and one lacks too the opportunity of conferring with the other members of the staff.

I appreciate the circumstances which led you to the suggestion of our continuing to make the payments on the Riggs salary and collect from the University all except the \$500 which the Board is appropriating.

I have therefore sent a cable to Mr. McClure authorizing him to pay their salary and have written him a covering letter explaining the circumstances. Now it is up to me to apologize to Mr. Riggs for any difficulties or inconveniences which may have been caused by the misunderstanding at this end.

We receive from our Mission Treasurer semi-annual statements for payments which they make on salary accounts, these schedules being made on June 30 and December 31. I am wondering if our best plan would not be to bill the University following the receipt of these accounts and in each semi-annual account give credit for one half of the Board share of the appropriation of \$500. I will be glad to get your confirmation on this arrangement.

I have just received from Mr. Riggs a copy of his travel expense account. According to this he received from you \$375 on travel account to apply on his expenses outside of the steamship ticket. He also leaves up to us to fill the expense of crossing the country, since he went by car. Had I better turn this account over to you, since you advanced the

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Mr. B. A. Garside, Treas. #2

money on it and let you make the complete settlement of the travel items.

I caught a glimpse of you at the meetings in New York, but could not get near enough to speak. I had hoped that I could have dropped into your office on Friday, but several other errands which I had to do took all of my time.

Yours very cordially,

Harold B Belcher

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University of Nanking

December 6, 1932.

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Mr. Harold B. Belcher
American Board of Commissioners
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Belcher:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 28th.

Sorry that we got our signals mixed in handling Mr. Riggs' accounts, but I trust that the matter is clear now.

You suggest sending us semi-annual statements as to disbursements on the Riggs account, when you receive your statements from the field as of June 30th and December 31st. You suggest also giving credit for one-half of your American Board appropriation of \$500 when each semi-annual accounting is made. Both these suggestions seem to me to be entirely satisfactory. We will make plans accordingly.

As to Mr. Riggs' travel expense account, that could be handled either way. It seems to me, however, that it would be simpler if you would pass on this travel account just as you would in the case of any of your other American Board missionaries. If any balance is due him on account of the \$575 we advanced him, you can probably make the necessary adjustment with him, and can credit or charge us with the amount of this adjustment when you render your next semi-annual statement.

Sorry that I did not have a chance to see you when you were here in New York. These days are so crowded that none of us get to do all the things we would like.

Very cordially yours,

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