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25 MADISON AVE., NEW YORK,

May 3, 1915.

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Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer, Secretary,
 Trustees of the University of Nanking,
 New York City.

Dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

I have just received from the State Department at Washington a request that communications be sent to all of the Missionary Societies in the United States urging them to see that every missionary who leaves the United States for China carries with him documentary evidence of his citizenship. This means a passport, issued under the new regulations at Washington. It is important that this request be carefully complied with on the part of all Missionary Societies, since the failure to do so may cause the missionary as well as the United States representative in China much inconvenience upon the arrival of the missionary in that country. Difficulty will be avoided by following out in detail the request of the State Department.

It should be stated, however, that the same regulations prevail for India, Turkey, Africa, Burmah, and, in fact, for nearly all mission fields. Passports should be secured for all such while war conditions continue, the same as for China.

Any Missionary Society that has not already done so, can write to the Bureau of Citizenship, Department of State, Washington, D.C., for blanks with all necessary instructions for filling out of same. It takes more time to secure passports for naturalized citizens. All going out, whether missionaries under full appointment or for term service, or only for travel, should be thus provided with evidence of citizenship.

Very sincerely yours,

James L. Barton

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Minneapolis, Minnesota.
March 20, 1916.

On March 3, 1915, the President of the United States approved a law passed by the Congress to the effect that "on and after the first day of January, 1916, it shall be unlawful in the consular districts of the United States in China for any person whose permanent allegiance is due to the United States not licensed as a pharmacist within the meaning of this Act to conduct or manage any pharmacy, drug or chemical store, apothecary shop, or other place of business for the retailing, compounding, or dispensing of any drugs, chemicals, or poisons, or for the compounding of physicians' prescriptions, or to keep exposed for sale at retail, any drugs, chemicals, or poisons, except as hereinafter provided, or, except as hereinafter provided, for any person whose permanent allegiance is due to the United States not licensed as a pharmacist within the meaning of this Act to compound, dispense, or sell at retail, any drug, chemical, poison, or pharmaceutical preparation upon the prescription of a physician, or otherwise, or to compound physicians' prescriptions, except as an aid to and under the proper supervision of a pharmacist licensed under this Act."

This law has been very harmful to the missionary work of our church in China, because, with the exception of our medical missionaries we have no one in our mission who, according to this law, is entitled to compound, dispense or sell at retail any drug or medicine.

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Our missionaries have had a five months course with a doctor at home and they and all our deaconesses and nurses have all been doing a great charity work among the sick and needy Chinese, but now all our dispensaries are closed and all this charitable work is stopped.

It seems to me that this law, which is O.K. for the United States, where we have licensed doctors and pharmacists all over the country, is un-called-for in China where our missionaries and nurses are trying to make the Chinese quacks unnecessary.

What effect has this law had on your mission work in China? Have you had to close your dispensaries and put your nurses out of service? In case you are having trouble with this law, the same as our mission is having, what do you propose to do? Would you try to get the law changed as far as China is concerned? Or will you try to have your nurses trained as pharmacists?

Yours very truly,

(Signed) M. Saterlie,

Secretary.

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 —CONSTITUTION OF THE CONFERENCE.

25 MADISON AVE., NEW YORK.
 April 18, 1916.

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,
 156 Fifth Avenue,
 New York City.

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

A letter has just been received from the United Norwegian Lutheran Church of America with reference to the dispensing of drugs on the part of missionaries in China. Will you kindly let me know at your early convenience as to whether you have been notified from China or elsewhere of the existence of such a law and if so, as to what the effect of it has been and is upon your missionary work.

If this law does exist and you have experienced difficulties arising therefrom, will you also kindly let me know if you think it is possible for the Committee of Reference and Counsel to take any action to rectify the situation.

Sincerely yours,

James L. Barton
 Chairman.

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May 5, 1916.

Rev. J. L. Barton,
25 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Barton:

When I received your letter of April 18th together with the enclosure regarding the dispensing of drugs on the part of missionaries in China, I sent it to Dr. N. Worth Brown of the staff of the hospital and Medical School at the University of Nanking. Dr. Brown is now studying at John Hopkins. I enclose his letter which you may take as my reply to your communication.

If anything comes out of this investigation which should be reported to the Board of Trustees of the University, I hope you will give me the information.

Yours very sincerely,

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Bishop J.W. Bashford

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Extract from letter of Bishop Bashford of Feb. 28, 1910.

You have already been informed of the organization of the Union University at Nanking and the unanimous selection of Brother Bowen of our Church to the Presidency of the same. I felt extremely sorry to withdraw Dr. Stuart from Nanking University two years ago because I was reasonably sure that if I could leave him at Nanking, his age, experience and unquestioned ability would lead to his selection as President of the Union University. When I withdrew Dr. Stuart from that work two years ago, I gave up all hope that our Church would be honored by the first Presidency of the Union institution. Nevertheless I felt that in Brother Bowen I was putting the next strongest man in our Mission into the University. He has done so well as Dr. Stuart's successor and has developed such qualities of quiet, modest but efficient leadership that the other missionaries, with men far older than Brother Bowen and with far longer experience as teachers, have turned unanimously to him for the Presidency. "Nanking University is now fairly launched with twelve foreign professors, twenty-four Chinese professors and twelve additional Chinese tutors. You will see that such an institution would make a fair showing in America. I think with this organization we can lead the government higher institutions in Nanking for the next twenty-five or fifty years and can compel the Chinese, as they establish schools, to cast the higher education which they offer largely into western molds and possibly in some measure into a Christian mold."

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September 21st
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My dear Bishop Bashford:

I have just learned that you are to be in New York City October 5 and 6th. I am wondering whether you will have time enough on the 6th to meet the Trustees of the new University of Nanking. I have not said anything to any of them about getting together, but I could probably have a meeting called if you could spend the time with us. The chief thing which I would hope to be accomplished would be a statement from you as to the general situation on educational matters in China and a particular statement as to opportunities at Nanking and then open the meeting to the Board to ask any questions.

I think this would be very wholesome at this particular juncture. It would inspire confidence to the men as we begin our winter's work with reference to this matter. If you can do this, please let me know and indicate the hour and I will get as many men together as is possible.

Very sincerely yours,

Sunday School Secretary.

Bishop J. W. Bashford,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

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June 11, 1912.

Bishop James W. Bashford, D. D.,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Bishop Bashford:-

Some time when you are in New York I should like to have a talk with you about what can be done in the Methodist Church to help in raising the money for the University of Nanking. Most of the money thus far has come from the Presbyterian sources, and I think our Methodists should have an opportunity of helping in this great enterprise.

Are your movements for the summer well defined? If so, could you tell me when you will be in the East? We should like to have you present at one of the meetings of our Board of Trustees. Our next meeting is June 13th at 2 P. M. in the Foreign Board Room, Eighth Floor, Presbyterian Building, 156 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. C.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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April 30, 1914

Bishop J. W. Bashford
Peking, China

My dear Bishop Bashford:

Yesterday I had a call from President Bowen of the University of Nanking and during his visit to my office he wrote you a letter in which he set forth certain convictions involved in the proposed transfer of our Central Church property in Nanchang to the Young Men's Christian Association.

President Bowen was kind enough to let me read his letter to you. I found that the letter voices a growing conviction that many of us have with reference to both the future of the Church and its work, and more particularly its relations to the Young Men's Christian Association.

During the past twelve months here in the States, we have noted that there is a steadily increasing emphasis upon the Church as the ultimate Institution through which both individual and social salvation is brought to the world. No little contribution to the development of this conviction has come from the knowledge of the wide social outreach which has always characterized the foreign mission station. Both the pioneer home missionary and the pioneer foreign missionary set the stakes for the larger social work that now characterizes the Christian Church in general.

Pardon me for writing at such length on this matter. I could hardly refrain from adding my word of hearty commendation to everything that President Bowen has said and also to express the hope that you and all the other Church leaders in China would stand for the Church entering into every kind of work which would uplift the community.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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