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University of Nanking

January 9, 1928

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
816 Waterley St.,
Palo Alto, Cal.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

Thank you for your letter of December 30th with its comments on the recent minutes of the Board of Managers and the Board of Directors. I quite agree with your suggestion that we should, as soon as possible, bring to the attention of the cooperating boards and the members of the Nanking staff the action of the Directors in inviting the foreign personnel of the University staff to return to the field next summer. I find, however, that Mr. Reiser has noted on the April copy of the Board of Directors minutes which he sent to this office that these minutes have not yet been approved by the Executive Committee of the Directors or put in final form, and are therefore not to be quoted. Since we hope that the authorized copy of these minutes will be coming in the next China mail I suppose we should hold up our letter to the boards and the invited members of the staff until we can quote the action of the Directors in regard to the return of the foreign staff. This would give considerably greater emphasis to our letter than any informal reference to the action of the Directors.

Our cooperating boards are so luke-warm in their attitude just now that I like to back up my appeals with all the evidence we can muster. As you probably know the Southern Presbyterians are looking for some orderly way in which to withdraw from the University altogether. The Methodists are seriously contemplating making a thorough re-examination of their cooperation both in Nanking and the other universities in China, with the possibility that they might substantially reduce the amount of their cooperation in these institutions. We have not yet heard from the U.C. M.S. in response to various requests sent them. I am hoping to see Mr. Alexander Paul at a meeting this afternoon and will try to find how the wind is blowing out in St. Louis. The Presbyterians have been quite generous in acceding to all the requests we have made to them.

I am certainly glad to see that the staff in Nanking has called for your return in vigorous and unmistakable language. I hope it will be possible for you to arrange your plans so that you can get back to the field next summer. We can appreciate that this may mean many real sacrifices for you. If you can see your way clear to go back it will do much to hearten the Chinese staff and to restore the shaken con-

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fidences of western friends of the University.

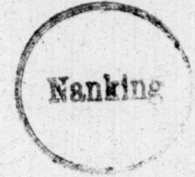
I have not yet had a chance to talk over these matters with Dr. Ganswell but hope to see him in the next few days. I will write you again as soon as the minutes have come from the field and I have had a chance to talk these items over with Dr. Ganswell and others.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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University of Nanking

February 3, 1928

Dr. Arthur J. Bowen,
816 Waverly St.,
Palo Alto, Cal.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

Your letter of January 21st came some days ago. It is certainly generous of you to return the remainder of the portion of your dental bill assumed by the University.

Nanking finances could hardly be called flourishing just now but at least they are not in nearly so serious a state as some of us feared. We have been able to get along without negotiating any loans, due largely to most rigid economy on the part of Miss Priest and Mr. Reiser. The current accounts and the Emergency account are rather badly overdrawn at the moment.

Our second emergency appeal has brought in some four or five thousand dollars which was a substantial help but not enough to entirely meet the need. There is still an emergency deficit of around \$15,000.00.

You, of course, are familiar with the efforts Dr. North has been making for some years to enlist the assistance of the Hall Estate for the University of Nanking. The prospects are now that sometime within the next few months we may have good news from this quarter. Just what it will be it is too early to predict. At least with hope that the assistance from this quarter will be sufficient to get the University out of its present financial emergency and to give it substantial assistance in the future.

Aside from the threatened withdrawal of the Southern Presbyterian friends all the mission boards cooperating in Nanking seem to be meeting the situation bravely and carrying on without any threat of reduction. In this Nanking seems to be in somewhat better position than some of the other Universities.

Mr. Severance has not made any additional contribution, nor has Dr. F. G. Hanks, whose name you also mention, sent anything.

I forwarded to Dr. Franklin the letter you enclosed. I have not had opportunity to discuss what action the Baptist Board has taken.

Unfortunately the official minutes of the Board of Directors have not yet been received. I am impatient to begin correspondence with the

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mission boards and the various individuals on the Nanking staff as soon as possible because every day's delay is going to make the problem of getting our Western staff back to Nanking this summer all the more difficult. Of course our hands are tied until the official copy of the minutes reaches us. We are very happy indeed to know that you are seriously considering the call to return to the field. All of us appreciate the many problems this will give you, but I think everyone agrees that your return to Nanking would be immensely valuable both in restoring the confidence of Western friends of and also in demonstrating to our Chinese staff the true spirit of self-forgetful Christian service which underlies the whole enterprise of Christian missions.

Our Committee for Christian Colleges in China (Permanent Committee) is showing a vigorous revival of interest just now. We all appreciate the fact that the present is by no means a psychological time to go before the American public with an appeal for China. We feel, however, that the necessary preliminaries, both in China and America, for instituting such an appeal will take so long that we should begin on them now if we are to be ready for the opportunity which must come sooner or later.

Very sincerely yours,

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816 Waverley St
Palo Alto

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My dear Mr Garrison, you will have
received the minutes of the Jan 16, 17
meeting of the Exec-Finance Com.,
giving, among other items, the list
of those recommended by President
Chen to return. Mr. E.V. Jones writes
that he can not return for at
least a year, chiefly on account of Mrs.
Jones's health. Of the Methodist group
I don't think Samuel or Allick
will go out this fall either.

As to our going out there are
two items: 1st. will the Methodist
Board take us on - you know I
am supported by the Unmovement and
not by any Board; 2nd., when shall
we sail? I feel it should be
so as to get me there a few days at

least before the Fall opening. I do
not have that date. We shall want
to sail from San Francisco.

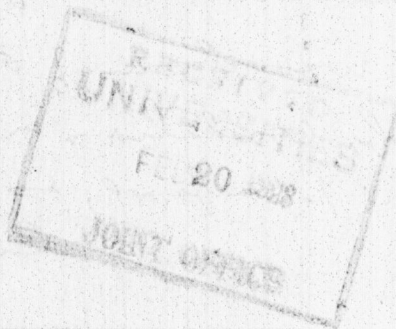
The President Wilson (a Dollar Brand - the World
boat) sails from there Aug 10 & reaches
Shanghai Sept 4; the President
Jefferson - an Admiral Boat - sails
from there Aug 17th & reaches Shanghai
Sept 7. I prefer the regular Admiral
boat to a Round-the-World one, but
it doesn't make much difference.

I wonder if it would not be well
to make a reservation on one,
then soon? an outside cabin, near
the center of the boat, dining saloon
deck. Like in Aug. there will be
considerable traffic East, hence
the wisdom of an early reservation.

I hope conditions in the Yangtze Valley
continue to improve, as I think they are doing.

Cordially,
A. J. Bowen.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in relation to the matter of the
University of California, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.
Very respectfully,
J. W. Brown



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University of Nanking

February 25, 1928

Dr. Arthur J. Bowen,
816 Waterly St.
Palo Alto, Cal.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

We have your letter of February 14th with attached copy of minutes of the Nanking Board of Directors on January 16th and 17th. Our office received a copy of these minutes on the same day that your letter arrived so I am returning the copy you sent us herewith.

I at once took up with Dr. Gamewell the question of your return under Methodist support. Dr. Gamewell promised that he would get action as promptly as possible. I have just been talking to his secretary over the telephone and find she understands that no formal action has yet been taken although the question has been discussed informally by a number of Methodist secretaries. I am positive that your return under Methodist support will be heartily approved just as quickly as the necessary wheels can be set in motion. Dr. Gamewell seems a bit uncertain, however, as to whether several of the others listed on the Methodist quota would find it possible to return to Nanking this summer. He feels that several of them have made other plans and will not be able to change them.

It would certainly be too bad if Dr. and Mrs. Jones were unable to return this summer. Our latest letters from Dr. Jones seem to indicate that Mrs. Jones' health has been much improved since her recent operation. I have been hoping that when she entirely recovers from the effects of this operation it may be found she is strong enough to return this summer. As to Mr. Hummel, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Illiek, I believe Dr. Gamewell feels that in each case return this summer is very doubtful.

We are keeping your suggestions regarding sailing dates and sailing arrangements close at hand and will communicate your wishes just as soon as the question of your return is settled.

I am at this time communicating with all the various boards, quoting action D-34 of the Board of Directors and Dr. Chen's recommendations and comments. I am afraid the question has been so long delayed that many of the staff who could have been secured a month or two ago have now completed other plans for the coming year. We will, however, do all we can to get the largest number back on the campus this summer.

In your letter of December 30th you mention the old Boston University deficit and state that probably after Bishop Birney arrives the two of you can formulate some plan regarding it. I do not know just when Bishop Birney will

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be here but I certainly hope that the two of you will be able to accomplish something in that direction before the summer.

Very little has come in on the Emergency deficit during the last month. One pledge for \$250.00 due March 1st is all we have outstanding at the present time aside from a few \$5. and \$10. pledges. We have not been pressing this emergency campaign during the last month for two reasons. In the first place, it seems that our constituent boards have done about all we can hope for them. In the second place, we have been looking quite hopefully toward the Hall Estate for some substantial assistance for Nanking. Absolutely nothing officially final has come from this Estate yet but we have received intimations that Nanking is slated for an additional half million on which income at 6% began on January 1, 1928. If this works out as we hope, it would mean that on June 30th Nanking would have \$15,000.00 income from this source. Dr. North has also suggested that there may be some hope of securing additional assistance from this Estate to meet the present emergency of Nanking. Thus far we have not pressed this latter claim because of our anxiety to see the more important question of endowment settled. I am afraid the whole question is likely to be left in abeyance for another three months now because one of the two Trustees is sailing this week-end for a trip to Europe. We will, however, do all we can in all these directions to keep Nanking finances going ahead.

We note in your letter of January 21st that you speak of one of your daughters serving her internship in the University of California Hospital and another daughter as coming into the Y.W.C.A. training school here in New York. Will you tell us which of your daughters is in San Francisco and which in New York in order that we can keep our list of "staff kin" up to date?

A few days ago Dr. Speer passed on to me the letter from Mr. Reisner to you in which Mr. Reisner made some rather strong observations on all attempts to coordinate Christian higher education in China and the promotion of support of our China colleges here in America. I am a little surprised at Mr. Reisner's attitude in the matter and feel that he is laboring under some serious misapprehensions. Mr. Reisner is rather unfair in calling the program of coordination "one of the wildest ideas that has come from the West to the East in recent years" because the whole initiative in the program of coordination has come from China rather than from the West. Ninety per cent of the activity in America during recent months has been stimulated by China faculty members and administrators who happened to be in this country, rather than by board secretaries or American educators. Mr. Reisner also is wrong in thinking that anybody contemplates a program that means any expansion of our work in China. All the discussion I have known of, both in America and in China, has indicated a most radical reduction of the scope of the work in China, rather than any expansion. The great problem has not been how to expand, but rather, how to secure approval of the reduction necessary if our Christian education in China is to be placed on any efficient basis. But perhaps Mr. Reisner's worst illusion is that of thinking that a lot of unneeded and unwelcome money is going to come pouring down on the luckless heads of our administrators in China, either now or at any time in the future. All of us who have been in America the last year know perfectly well how hard it is to get any money at all for China. The grave danger confronting all our institutions is that their income during the next few years will be so seriously curtailed that they will either have to close up entirely or else carry on on some entirely inefficient basis. As we know, Nanking is just now facing a mighty serious financial crisis for which the only hope of solution

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seems to be a substantial endowment from the Hall Estate. That will help along but will not solve all of Nanking's problems. Our mission boards are cutting down their personnel and their cash grants. Donors are giving less and less, and some of them who have contributed the most generously to Nanking in the past are now writing us, as did Captain Robert Dollar, curt notes refusing to continue giving a single cent to any work in China. We simply must get new sources of support, ~~and~~ in the future, my plea that our institutions be allowed to continue as they are for the next two or three years does not mean that we simply drift for that length of time, but rather that we pull for all we are worth against the current that is now sweeping us rapidly down stream. The "few added tens of thousands of dollars" which Mr. Reischer says is all that is needed to keep going are going to take all the united effort ~~to get~~ that we in this country can put forth. Contributors in America will certainly never give a dollar until they know perfectly well that the dollar is needed and will be carefully and efficiently used.

We enclose herewith your check for \$200.00 for your February salary.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Palo Alto, Feb. 29/28

My Dear Mr. Garside,

Thank you for your fine letter received today, and for the salary check. I did not know you needed the addresses of our children, but recall how effectively you did use them about Mch. 25th/27. They are as follows

Alice.....Wondovi, Wis.

Olive.....135 East 52nd. Street, New York, c/o National School, Y.W.C.A.

Sarah.....Gillette State Hospital, Phalen Pary, St. Paul, Minn: till Apr. 21st;
After June 1st, University of Calif. Hospital, San Francisco, Calif.

Philip M. 73 So. Professor St, Oberlin, Ohio.

Bishop and Mrs. Birney have spent several most helpful days here with us: they & Bishops Grose & Welch landed the 23rd. We are waiting for a reply to his letter written shortly before he left Shanghai to the Pres. of Boston Univ. If later I am needed, he will wire me - by then we will be in Kan. He reports many encouraging things of the Church and schools, but some time yet of turmoil and lack of law & order. Not yet possible for families in Nanking.

I am disturbed by the agitations of Stanley High, Jim Yard, Walford Luucock, and that stripe, Paul Hutchinson - about the Gun Boats and that no missionary should return to China till they are gotten rid of - no one should be allowed to go 'dependent upon them'. This is utter rubbish and hair-brained "idealism". No Chinese except a few carefully protected by these 'gun-boats' are taking this stand. They know perfectly well that we do not depend on them or want them. As for requiring missionaries to make a signed statement "repudiating their help" - as I believe the American Board has done, that is only a grand-stand gesture and doesn't mean a single thing constructive or helpful. No one can renounce his citizenship thus, and to seem to make that a test of his loyalty to China and her aspirations, is utter nonsense.

I will write Reisner re the Co-ordination efforts, and try and correct his ideas - as you have mine to a considerable extent: you are right, it is going to take every effort possible to keep as we are financially.

I just got a letter from Mr. Steward to the effect that he has taken a position at Harvard not being able to know whether the M.E. Board would send him out this fall, and

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four childrens' mouth to fill, he had to act. Dr. Jones feels that he cannot return this fall, as Mrs. Jones is not very well. Towdermilk has accepted a position with the Forestry Service, I believe it is, working along the lines he has been doing in China, and will be of great help when he can go back. I am hoping that Dr. Hamilton will go, but do not know. I fear he is the only one possible outside of ourselves, for this fall. Our Chinese and foreign men out there are going to be terribly disappointed. Of course I shall not go either if I have to sign ANYTHING dictated by young radicals as named above. Diffendorfer also is back of it in the M.E. Board, I fear, and bringing undue pressure on Drs. Gamewell and Edwards. I hope that this group of light headed meddlers do not push such a move to extremes.

Bishop Birney thinks that the Aug. 17th boat is the one we should take, as the one on the 16th is a Round-The-World one, smaller, slower and not so desirable a passenger list for us. So should it turn out we do go, make it on the President Jefferson, Aug. 17th. I shall be most interested to hear the results from the Boards and the individuals as to who will return this fall. Instead of getting 17 men as President Chen desires, we will not get 7, counting the men out there also. But there may be a Divine Providence in it all that we now cannot see.

Thanking you for all of your letters and help,

Very cordially yours,

Dr. Gamewell
sent via 21.
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University of Nanking

March 5, 1928

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
816 Waverly St.,
Palo Alto, Cal.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

I have been very much delighted to find that, as time goes on, more and more of the Nanking staff are again feeling strongly the call of the East. I enclose herewith a copy of a letter I wrote to Mr. Owen a few days ago. I believe Mr. Owen is finding that, after all, he is anxious to get back to China if the way is opened for him to do so. There has been some suggestion that there may be an opening for him in Peking. Even though this opening does not materialize there may be other places where a treasurer will be needed. What do you think are the prospects of Mr. Owen being called back to Nanking, either for the Treasurer's work or any other position? Certainly Miss Priest is carrying on the Treasurer's work in admirable manner and we would all rejoice to see her continue in this position permanently. I do not know, however, whether that is her intention. We would be glad to have your frank opinion as to whether we ought to try to keep Mr. Owen in line for a possible return to Nanking or whether we should encourage him to accept a call to some other place if such a call materializes.

Mr. S. J. Mills was in the office this morning and stated that both he and Mrs. Mills were very anxious to get back to China at the first opportunity. Naturally the question as to whether the Language School is to be reopened in the near future is one of the primary factors in his plans. I have seen nothing in any correspondence from China that would indicate any plans for reopening the Language School. It might be well for us to inform Reiser by cable that Mr. Mills is anxious to get back and ask him for some indication as to plans for the Language School and also inquire whether there might be some other place in the University for Mr. Mills if the Language School did not reopen.

We are trying to arrange for a satisfactory meeting of the Board of Trustees sometime this month. We have never yet received the approved copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors of November 29th.

We are informed, however, that these minutes were mailed from China on February 11th so they should be arriving in the next mail. I wish we might have you with us at this coming meeting of the Nanking Trustees but I suppose that is out of the question. We must, however, have a second meeting during April or May as provided in the Constitution. It

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may be we could have you with us then.

We have had no further word recently as to any action by the Methodist Board as regards your own case, but I am quite certain that everyone is heartily agreed on the question of your return and that it is merely a matter of unwinding the necessary red tape.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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University of Nanking

March 13, 1928

Dr. Arthur J. Bowen
816 Waverly Street,
Pale Alto, Cal.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

Thank you for your good letters of February 29th and March 5th. We are mighty glad to get your comments on some of these questions that are of such great importance to the University and are extremely sorry that you are not near enough to New York to be present in person when these questions are discussed.

We note the information in regard to the addresses of your son and daughters. Thank you for providing us with this.

It is certainly too bad that so many of the Nanking staff have already taken up other positions for next year or have personal problems which will prevent their going back to Nanking next summer. Yet I suppose this is one of the inevitable consequences of the disturbed conditions in China and we shall all have to carry on as best we can. I am enclosing copies of replies I have received from several of the boards in response to our letters transmitting a request of the Board of Directors and President Chen on the return of the foreign personnel. The letters are not very enthusiastic to say the least.

Your letter of March 5th gives us a very vigorous viewpoint as regards the hundred thousand dollar famine fund. Here too we have a question which is causing a wide difference of opinion. Everyone is anxious to do all that can be done to relieve suffering, and yet no one desires to fritter away money now being used to good advantage if it is not likely to accomplish anything in the attempt to make it produce a larger fund. The Peking Executive Committee met last week to discuss this same question and invited Mr. Moss to be present with us. Mr. Moss informed the Executive Committee that the Committee of Reference and Counsel has voted to petition the National Savings & Trust Company before March 31st to set aside this hundred thousand dollar fund for organizing a new famine relief drive as provided in the Trust Agreement. If the Committee of Reference and Counsel decides to take this action there is nothing further for the Peking and Nanking Trustees to say. Of course, even if this fund were set aside, this does not necessarily mean that all or any considerable portion of it will be spent. Any unexpended balance would presumably revert to Peking and Nanking as provided in the original agreement. I will write you more fully on this matter as soon as we have more adequate information.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
NANKING, CHINA

March 19, 1928.

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Dear Dr. Bowen;

The chief thing on my desk and mind these days is the budget for next year, the definite shortage we shall have in income and possible ways and means of meeting it. If the foreign staff returns to the extent of fifty percent we shall be able to make both ends meet, but otherwise, it is a very grave problem. It seems as if the boards would make some equivalent cash grant in case they cannot send the men and if they do so, we can manage. However, there is a question about it all which makes us most uneasy over the whole matter and I must say it is the most unsatisfactory budget that I have ever prepared. It is all very well to say that funds should begin to be secured in China, but you know and the rest of us know that it is almost impossible to secure funds in China at the present time, and I imagine will be for some years to come. Taxes, fines, the high cost of living together with much unemployment makes it almost impossible for the Chinese to push for anything in the shape of a drive for funds for any purpose to say nothing at all about a mission institution. The theory is excellent and approved by everyone - but in practice, it does not work.

Another thing which is taking a lot of energy just now is the re-classification of our staff into five groups;- professor, asst. professor, instructor, associate, and assistant with sliding scale of salaries for each group. It sounds easy of course, but it is another thing that does not work out well in actual practice. It is far from being finished and inasmuch as Dean Kuo and Dr. Chen are not quite agreed as to the method to use, they have decided to await for Mr. Reisner to return from Shanghai. Meanwhile JHR is ill in Shanghai and while he hopes to return tomorrow there is nothing definite about it, and Dr. Chen leaves Thursday to be away at one of Cressey's meetings until the 27th - two days before our Board meeting. I expect it will all work out - but it is most discouraging, especially as it makes us extremely rushed in preparing the budgets and various reports necessary for the meeting. It is a great life these days attempting to put things through.

However, that was not what I had in mind when I started to write to you today. Assuming that some of the foreign staff returns in the autumn, what are going to do about equipment for them? It is all very well to say we shall start over in a simple way and be "pioneers", but even in a simple pioneer style, beds, dishes, linen, bedding, furniture, etc. seem necessary and there is nothing available in Nanking with the exception of seven pianos. And everything costs about 50% more now than ever before. I had to buy the necessary bedding, etc. when I returned in February, and inasmuch as I was on furlough and therefore not entitled to the allowance for the refugees, it made quite a hole in my monthly salary. As it was, I only purchased the very necessary items, but I am mentioning it as an example because everyone will have to face the problem and if it falls to the University to make provision - why, we simply have no funds at all for anything. Mr. Gee was asking me today what he could plan on in regard to return of foreign staff; how many houses they might

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require, etc. as some of the contracts for rented houses expire soon and naturally he must know whether to renew them or not. Then some of the Chinese faculty have asked for foreign houses, and under the new salary scheme - if it goes through - they do not receive rent allowance so labeled anyway, and are expected to pay a nominal rent for the house rented from University property. We feel so uncertain about it all and there are so many problems connected with foreign staff, that it seems almost imperative that we should know just as early as possible how many are coming, who they are, what to prepare for them, etc. Nanking is not the Nanking of two years ago. but more like twenty years ago as far as supplies, equipment, etc. are concerned. Of course as more foreigners return, the shops will re-open, etc. and the city will resume a more normal atmosphere.

We feel quite encouraged today because the soldiers are out of the hospital compound near Kuleo and we expect to rent it before five today, using money from hospital funds to fix it up a bit. The Wilmot house is not so badly torn up and will only require 400. to make it livable. The Hamilton house was rented today. One of the high officials is asking for the Reisner and Sarvis house and I guess will take them. The Bates Owens, Illicks and Wixon houses are soon to be rented. Lowdermilk, Griffing & Porter and Holroyd are being repaired and rented, so it begins to look more hopeful. The Hummel house is in bad shape, but I guess we will repair two floors anyway and thus preserve what we have left. The Owen house was in good shape and required little in the way of repairs. The Wixon and Bates houses were among the worst with floors torn up, etc. both requiring 1200. each to make them even habitable again. Of course, the Daniles and Hancock houses are beyond repair, and must come down at once to save what material is left. All these things require instant decisions some days and I am often puzzled to know what to say when they come in to talk it over as far as money is concerned. If the soldiers leave, then is the time to repair and rent and thus save the house from further destruction and it takes money - it takes faith and immediate decision. There may be criticism from some people, but I am firmly convinced that Dr. Chen, Gee, Hoo and all the others have acted as wisely as they could under the existing circumstances, and I wonder if anyone else could have done differently if they had been here. It has not been easy and it has taken a lot more money than we had in sight from rents, etc. but if the directors vote to allow the Small house fund of 4400. used for this purpose and possibly part of the Speers house fund at least loaned for the purpose we can get by without increasing the deficit. Dr. Chen, Mr. Gee and I have been over the whole thing time after time, checking over house by house and find the solution is always questionable, but the best we can do with the funds we have available.

The city is much better as to conditions and atmosphere. One thing it is spring and a very early one with the peach trees nearly out while other fruit trees, magnolias, etc. are in full bloom. Everywhere you look the trees are coming out and the flowers are lovely. As I look from the window just now, the Williams garden looks very lovely with all the cherry trees in full bloom. Then another thing is the fact that many soldiers have left for the northern drive, and a third thing is the

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fact that evidently the soldiers, etc. have received instructions to "let up" on foreigners for the present, because they pay no attention and do not even call out their favorite "Down with imperialism" which we heard on every corner when I was here in February. People - mostly Ginling crowd - are beginning to go out more freely, went as far as Purple mountain Saturday without mishap of any kind, and Sunday we walked on the wall as far as Hansimen Gate from the Yellow Temple and while we met many soldiers, they paid no attention to us. There is a movement on foot to settle the Nanking affair, etc. etc. and while it all sounds very well on paper, we cannot put much value in the statements at the present time.

Meanwhile they continue to operate the hospital, but Dr. Chao came over a few days ago to see what could be done about a second or third or fourth attempt to get it back again in our control. I am not very much enthused about taking it over, because we have no doctor to run it and a hospital thrown on our hands just now would be about the last straw.

It is very doubtful if it would be advisable or wise to think of bringing small children to Nanking even by autumn. It is extremely hard on the men living as they do, and separated from their families. I question if it is worth the effort after all, but they have done a splendid bit of work in standing by all the year and carrying their share of the load. I just received a letter from the Owens in which they sound homesick for China and I wonder if they would not return if Nanking calmed down to a normal city again. If there is any possibility of having him return as treasurer, remember I am perfectly willing to resign - but I am sure it would not be wise to have two foreigners in this office in the future and I do not believe it would be necessary anyway. As far as I am concerned I would be very glad to return home if he wished to come out.

If you secure any word about anyone returning, I am sure you will advise us at once, and presume that Mr. Garside will do so. I hope something is done by the boards to meet the quota for this year - it seems to me they should pay something in lieu of representatives, but so far only the Presbyterians have paid to the end of March for Daniels and Speers.

Today the military powers are holding a meeting to welcome one of the Generals - someone from Anhwei - and of course they are meeting in the chapel. At first it irritated me to have these meetings held constantly in the chapel, but after all it does not make much difference I suppose and we may as well accept it calmly for they will use it anyway.

With best wishes, and hoping the conference proves to be satisfactory to you all,

Sincerely yours,

Elsie M. Priest

Mr. Thornton has not been able to have his books audited to June 30, 1927 and things are in a grand state of confusion. Adams Black has the books preparing an audit but has been for months!! I shall keep my hands off!

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Palo Alto, Calif., March 24, 1928.

Nanking

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
New York City,
My Dear Dr. Speer:-

TRANSFER

I should have written you long ere this, though there has not been a great deal to write about. I have written and spoken to quite a few out here about our needs, but it has been practically in vain. Whereever I have spoken, in churches or Rotary or Women's clubs, I have found very great interest in China, and considerable knowledge about the situation, and always, I think, sympathy with China. But for some reason people are not inclined to give. I fear that even our good friends like Mr. Swasey, Mr. Severance, Capt. Dollar, are waiting to see more stability and a more hopeful outlook before they invest further in China. This will come, I feel sure in due time, but just now when our splendid Chinese are taking hold of the problems of Church and school to encouragingly, and when financing in China for them is more difficult than ever, we need to stand by them and keep on our financial support as formerly.

In view of the fact that so few of our former staff can return this summer, I think there is a financial problem involved that we need to face. Withertp, when any of the supporting Boards did not have its full quota of Board-supported staff on the field (except when on regular furlough), it has been the policy to turn over to the Trustees about the equivalent of their salary. I do hope that some such policy as this can be continued for the next two or three years at least, for two problems are involved. First the Directors on the field have had to employ well trained and so expensive Chinese² to take the places of former American staff, and will have to continue this for two or three years apparently, though not according to their desires. It is gratifyingly apparent that they feel the need of and urgently want 18-20 foreigners there. It will put an intolerable burden on the Field if that/ have to finance adequate Chinese to take the places of 10 - 12 they have asked for for the fall of 1928 who cannot go. Second, there is a problem of

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cy involved also. According to present indications, this fall there will be four under Board support by the Presbyterian Board (Reisner, Thomson, Duck, Wills); one, (Pates) by the Disciples Board, and two by the Methodist Board (Nieterick, at Home in June or so, Bowen). So there will be a matter of adjustment between the Boards, and the proper solution, and in harmony with past policy, would be to have the Boards short of men provide the equivalent salaries at least up to the four of the Presbyterian Board level. Previously it has been five, not counting the medical men. I have left the hospital staff out but it may be that Dr. Daniels will go out too, and that would make five men supported by your Board. If Dr. Daniels goes - and I do hope he does - he will need to give practically all of his time to our own University staff and students, so should be counted not for the Hospital, but on the regular Board supported staff of the University. I hope that the Trustees may be able to take up this problem, with its two-fold aspect before the summer, for it is going to be particularly hard for the field to carry salaries during June, July and Aug. The matter of the unsecured emergency expenses also is still a difficult one. If the Hall Estate fund comes in soon, income from that could well be allotted to this item till it is cleared off. Bishop Birney and I are doing our best to clear off the unfortunate Boston University Nursing Association deficit.

Mrs. Bowen and I are leaving here next week for 468 Kansas City Road, Olathe, Kansas, from which place (with relatives) we shall attend the Methodist General Conference during May, and make that our headquarters till we leave for China, we trust sailing from San Francisco Aug. 17th. For some still unknown reason, I have been growing less in weight, now about 125 pounds, and also in strength. We are doing our best to locate any possible trouble, and I do not doubt that I shall be all right before Aug. Dr. Kofoid the expert on intestinal parasites has found none, and two thorough physical and blood examinations show nothing wrong except low weight and strength.

With very kindest regards,

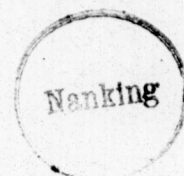
Very cordially yours,

A. J. Bowen.

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University of Nanking

March 26, 1928

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
C/o Miss Olive Jones,
468 Kansas City Road,
Olathe, Kans.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

Thanks for your good letter of March 19th and also for the check for \$20.00 from the Tamalpais School.

We are sorry you were not able to be with us at the meeting of the Board of Trustees last week. We have already mailed you copies of the minutes including the Treasurer's Report. The minutes are full enough to require very little additional comment. My feeling after the meeting was that once again the Trustees came up to the mark very well indeed. The most important questions coming before the meeting centered, of course, around the two problems of finance and reorganization. I believe the Trustees did about all that they could have done on the question of meeting the emergency deficit still outstanding. As regards reorganization, about the only definite action taken was the appointment of two sub-committees to make a thorough study of the matter and have material in shape for final action at the next semi-annual meeting of the Board. The sub-committee, which met immediately after the Trustee meeting, certainly took a most satisfying stand in recommending that the cooperating boards continue in full their quotas or cash equivalents for the same during the forthcoming fiscal year. Much has been said by different secretaries of the cooperating Boards along lines of reducing these quotas so I was very much gratified that the committee voted as it did. Of course the cooperating Boards may not back up the recommendation of this committee, but it means something that the group representing all the Boards will take such a stand.

The action on the Famine Trust Fund was, I believe, about the only one that could be taken. The Committee of Reference and Counsel has authority to go ahead anyway without the approval of any of the other parties to the original trust agreement so that any vote to back up whatever the Committee of Reference and Counsel agreed to was really no more than a polite gesture on the part of the Nanking Board. The Trustees felt that the University, having profited so largely from the famine funds, could not assume an attitude of unwillingness to cooperate in the present appeal. It seems that the Committee of Reference and Counsel is going ahead very cautiously and I suspect that the chances are fairly good that they will not use more than a small fraction at most of the hundred thousand dollar fund. In that case the remainder will finally be returned to the two institutions.

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Soon after getting your letter commenting on Owen and Mills I sent off a cable to China along the lines you suggested. Thus far I have had no reply so I presume the field is making a careful study of the suggestions. I found that the Trustees were rather concerned about our sending the field any proposal mentioning Owen's return as they feared this might imply some lack of confidence in Miss Priest. Dr. Paul, who represented the U.C.M.S. at the Trustees' meeting, seemed pretty certain that his Society would not be willing to undertake Mr. Owen's support at the present time. He stated that Mr. Owen could not well go back as Treasurer of the University of Hanking since that position is already satisfactorily filled, and the U.C.M.S. has no formal relationship with Gialing, so he could not see just what appointment could be made for Mr. Owen. Immediately after the Board meeting I sent a brief and unofficial cable to Mr. Reisner, giving him these reactions of the Board to the suggestion regarding Mr. Owen so that he would have all the facts before him.

As far as Mr. Samuel Mills is concerned the decision must rest largely with the field. Until we hear from them not much can be done at this end.

We are glad to know that you are moving somewhat nearer New York. I certainly hope that it will be possible for you to come here for the semi-annual meeting of the Board which will probably be held late in May or early in June. Your presence at such a meeting would be worth many times the expense of the trip.

We are glad to know that your health is fairly good but are a little concerned that your weight is decidedly below normal and that you feel your strength is not up to par. We certainly hope your doctors will give you a clear bill of health when it comes time to start back to the field.

I am attaching for your information copy of a letter written by Mr. Porter on March 9th and our reply thereto.

We have not heard anything further from you about the Boston University matter for some weeks. I understand you are following this up as far as may be possible and will keep us informed of developments.

Miss Lane reminds me that the period for which you requested rent allowance terminates on March 31st. Shall we continue this rent allowance next month?

We are attaching hereto a check for \$200.00, representing your salary and rent allowance for March.

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Very sincerely yours,
B A GARSIDE

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468 Kansas City Road,
Olathe, Kan., Apr. 16/28.

My Dear Mr. Funds,

Thank you for your good
letter of Mch. 26th which we found here awaiting
us on our arrival here Sat. Am. the 14th. We had
a most pleasant time across, with good visit
with old Nanking & China friends in Pasadena
and San Diego. I am extremely gratified at the action
of the Trustees about cash grants in place of missing
staff representations from Nanking. It is the
right action and will be very much appreciated by
the men on the field. Manifestly they can't get
funds in China now except as fees, and with
having to employ quite a few high salaried men
to take our place, without these cash grants
they would be swamped. Is there any develop-
ment about the Hall Estate funds? Dr.
Crowdy, with whom we had a good visit in
Pasadena, thought we were to get 1/2 a million,
I wish it were 1,000,000 or 2,000,000, but \$500,000
will be a very substantial help. Yes the action
as to fund funds was the only one possible,
even if our judgment as to such a camp-

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agree with condition as they are both in
China and in America, may question
its wisdom.

We shall be most interested to hear
the Field's reaction to Mr. Owen's & Mills'
return. I am feeling very well & am
eating enough to get ^{fat} fast, & feel sure I will
be in A.1. shape long before Aug. I am
always better, however, when I have reg-
ular work - which usually involves fair
regular exercise. A. Granwell suggests we
return 2nd class - which is all right with us
except our goods are near San Francisco & our
daughter will be interesting in San Francisco
June 1st - & is no possibly 2nd class except from
Vancouver. However, as our plans have been
made for San Francisco Aug. 17th, I will pay
the Board the difference between 1st & 2nd
class. I hope they do not delay making a
reservation on the Aug. 1st San Francisco
boat, as there is apt to be a crowd going on it.
Thank you for the salary check: we will not need
rent from now on - Mch 31st. I will be attending Gen.
Conf. June May in Kansas City. Cordially,
A. J. Bowen.

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University of Nanking

April 19, 1928

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
468 Kansas City Road,
Olathe, Kans.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

We are glad to learn from your letter of April 16th that you have finally arrived in Kansas. You are now living in the best part of the United States.

We hope that all the cooperating Boards will follow the recommendation of the special committee of the Board of Trustees as regards maintenance of the full quotas at the University and providing cash grants wherever there are vacancies on such quotas. As yet we have had formal action from only the Presbyterian Board, but I am sure that both the Methodists and the U.C.M.S. are considering the proposal favorably. The Baptists will probably await the return of Dr. Franklin before taking any formal action.

There are no new developments on the Hall Estate matter and probably will not be until the latter part of May. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Davis have both been away most of the time during recent months. Mr. Johnson does not return from a trip through the Mediterranean until sometime next month. There seems every reason to believe that Nanking is on the boards for the income from half a million dollars though this will probably come through the Harvard-Yenching Institute rather than as a straight endowment to the University.

I talked with Dr. Gamewell about the date of your sailing yesterday and found that you had written him substantially the same things as you said in your letter to me. I am sure Dr. Gamewell will be communicating with you in regard to the matter. I know he is doing everything possible to meet your wishes in regard to the date and steamer you have in mind.

I have been consulting with Dr. Gamewell on the matter of your support after April 30th as the last action of the Board of Trustees provided for the payment of salary only to that date. I am hopeful that the Methodist Board will be willing to assume your support from May 1st. If they do not I will bring the matter to the attention of our Board of Trustees.

Mr. Lowdermilk's case, as you know, is already provided for. The salary of Dr. and Mrs. E. V. Jones has been authorized only to April 30th. I suppose there is nothing for us to do except drop them at that point since there is no immediate prospect of their return to China. Do you see anything else we could do for them?

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Olathe, Kansas.
April 21, 1928.

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My dear Mr. Faride, I ~~thank~~ ^{thank} you so

much for sending me a copy of
your letter of the 17th to Mr. Reiser
- together with other enclosures. It
is a most excellent letter and
a clear and convincing state-
ment of the exact situation.

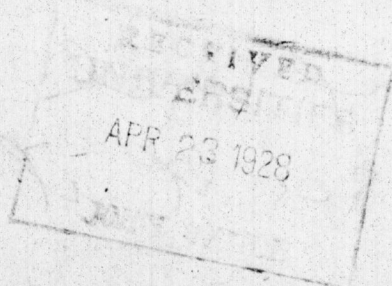
Your points are all well taken &
I am sure Mr. Reiser will
appreciate getting all that
fact and Am. background.
I myself appreciate much
more now than I did when
we returned to America the
force of your statement and
just the procedure involved.

• I am convinced that some sort
of unified appeal and program
such as the Near Eastern
Colleges here is the only
salvation for the situation -
even tho I fail to appreciate
just why it is such a sin
for China colleges and
universities to develop in-
dependent, but it is quite
all right for the multitude
of Church Colleges and
universities in America
to be independent, rivals
and crowding each
other. As I see it, it

would not do any harm
for these Educational
leaders to get some ex-
cited about co-ordination
of Christian Colleges in
America. I am sure you
have done us all a most
valuable service by your
full and convincing
statement of the situation
facing us, for our China
Colleges. With Very Best Wishes

Cordially Yrs.

A. J. Bowler.



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University of Nanking

April 24, 1928

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
468 Kansas City Road,
Olathe, Kans.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 17th with its enclosed letter from Miss Priest dated March 19th. Miss Priest's letter gives a very vivid glimpse of the numerous and complex problems under which the University is struggling this spring. She has certainly been making a valiant fight during the last few months and has carried on in a spirit which puts to shame many of the supposedly stronger sex both Chinese and Western.

As far as our records show Miss Priest did not get any ^(emergency) re-outfit allowance last year. If you think we should do so we can bring this to the attention of the Board of Trustees the next time they meet. I presume that all of the Western staff sent out to Nanking this year will receive either new or supplementary outfit allowances from their supporting boards.

The prospects for the return in large number of mission supported personnel this fall are far from bright. You are acquainted with the situation of the Methodist Board where probably you and Mrs. Bowen will be the only representatives sent to Nanking this fall. Under the Presbyterian Board it is expected that Mr. Mills will definitely be returning to China but whether for work at the University of Nanking or in some other location will depend on the desires of the University authorities. The United Christian Missionary Society has just received the resignation of Mr. Ritchie and Dr. Hamilton but Dr. Paul is now making an effort to secure the appointment of two new men who seem very desirable candidates for the University staff. One of them is Mr. Smythe, the son-in-law of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Garrett. The other is a Mr. Schaffer. Both of these two young men are now in Chicago where they expect to complete their doctorates this spring. As soon as we have their candidate papers I will bring them to the attention of the Candidate Committee and will then forward the material to Dr. Chen for final decision. I certainly should like to see some new appointees being sent out to take the place of the elder workers who will probably never return to China. Just as soon as we have any fairly definite information on the question of who will be going out to Nanking this fall I will cable the field to that effect.

We have also received your letter of April 21st commenting on my letter to Mr. Reisner dated April 17th. We are very much gratified to know that you approve in general our statement of the situation. As we get fur-

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ther into the proposition of coordinating the work of our Christian Colleges in China we become increasingly aware both of the necessity and the difficulty of this undertaking. Of course, our supporters here in America are inconsistent in expecting us in China to secure a larger degree of co-operation than our church colleges here in America have ever obtained. It is merely another illustration of the tendency of our Christian friends in America to expect their missionaries and missionary institutions to attain higher levels than they themselves ever expect to reach.

Very cordially yours,

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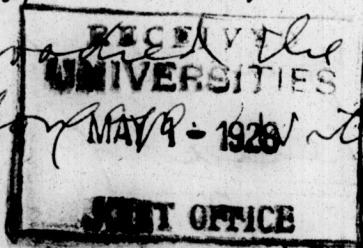
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My Dear Mr. Garrison Nanking Thank
you for the check. I would
like to see the Trustees make
an outfit allowance for Miss
Prest. Of course she had most
of her clothing in the U.S.A.,
but like her bedding, and
furniture & all left in Nanking
was lost. At present prices in
China, she no doubt has
needed some help. I regret
I never thought of it before her
letter came. I enclose another
excellent letter to Reesner
that will interest you. "He
has grown and developed

"in the right direction"
under the stress & strain
of the past year, and which
has been carrying on
most admirably. Will you
not suggest (after they
come home) to Mr. Speer
or Geo. Scott, that their
board ① make it financially
possible for him to spend
a full year in real study;
② financially possible for
them - he & family - live in
moderate comfort after the
temporarily hard year out
there - this is especially
important for Mrs. Reimer

who does not share John's
optimism & desire to return
to China; (3) an adequate
outfit allowance on return
to enable them to establish
a home again in Nanking.
I will likely write to Mr Scott
soon re this too. I will be seeing
Pres. Marsh (?) of Boston Univ.
in San. Cal. soon re the Boston
Defect - they think they have filled
every obligation re the matter. I wrote to
the field for full data re the whole
matter & hope to receive it by end of
May. The sort of slammed the door in
Bp. Burney's & my face when we app-
roached the Pres. of the U. re it not
long with But Wishes
Cordially Yours
A. Bowen



Nanking

May 3, 1928.

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
468 Kansas City Road,
Olathe, Kansas.

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My dear Dr. Bowen:

I am very sorry that when you and Mrs. Bowen were with us a few weeks ago in Pasadena, I did not take up with you the question of indemnity for destroyed Mission property, in China. It is a question upon which I feel very strongly.

It was understood in Foochow that none of the Boards involved would ask for indemnity, though I do not know that any action was taken to this end. It seems to me that we not only ought not to ask for indemnity, but should absolutely refuse to receive it if it were offered. I think it would be perfectly proper for any institution or Board which might legally have a claim to state that claim and at the same time to say that while legally they might have a right to it, they would not accept it.

I do not know how you stand on this question and I realize that with you it is an immediate and very practical question because the University of Nanking has suffered so much destruction, but it seems to me that anyone who understands the present attitude of the Chinese people would know that for a missionary organization to put in a claim for indemnity would defeat the very purpose for which we are in China. In the end, such reparation must come from the common people and it would only irritate them, almost beyond endurance, and convince them more than ever that the missionary organizations are allied with imperialism and subject to the dictates of the money interests.

It may be that our trustees in this country, who are business men, would be likely to look at it from a purely business point of view and feel that they have a right to demand full reparation. I would agree that they have a right to demand it, but I feel that an adherence to the spirit of Christ prevents us from demanding an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

During the past year I have been very greatly impressed anew in reading Paul's letters to see how deeply he suffered all sorts of agonies which he had to and was willing to accept for Christ's sake. There was never any thought of recourse to the government for reparation. It was that spirit which won the Roman Empire to Christ. I am very thoroughly convinced we shall reap a harvest of bitterness, if we do anything else.

May 3, 1922

I am told that the State Department wishes to appoint Dr. C. E. Patten of Shanghai on a Reparations Commission and that Patten is willing to serve. If the outcome of that Commission should be a demand for reparations, it would be generations before we could recover from the results of the demand, simply because a missionary was a member of the Commission and would be supposed to represent the opinion of the missionary bodies. I certainly hope his Board will not permit of his appointment.

However much our trustees may know about business, it seems to me that this is one subject on which we might claim, with perfect modesty, to know more than they - the attitude of the Chinese people toward the demands for reparations. If you can take time, during these busy days, to write me how you feel on this, I should appreciate it very much. Let me add that I know Dr. Leighton Stuart fully agrees with me on this subject and feels very intensely.

With all good wishes,

Very cordially yours,

John Gowdy.

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University of Nanking

May 3, 1928

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
488 Kansas City Road,
Olathe, Kans.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

The question of the attitude of the Nanking Trustees and the various Boards cooperating in the University as regards the Nanking settlement is just now creating a great deal of discussion here in New York. Dr. Gowdy has today written you a letter which expresses in admirable fashion his own feelings on this important topic. Dr. J. Leighton Stuart will also write you if he can possibly find time to do it. His own feeling is perhaps even stronger than that of Dr. Gowdy.

Without question this matter of indemnification of losses incurred at the University last year is an extremely important and difficult one. As I think you know, my own personal feelings have always been strongly against the acceptance of indemnity for loss of either life or property. The people who are to blame for such destruction have never been, and probably never can be, forced to share any portion of the cost of repayment, and each new demand for indemnity simply heaps an added burden on the shoulders of Chinese already staggering under far too heavy a load of oppressive taxation. Moreover, it has been the experience in the past that every bit of property restored by indemnity stands out in the eyes of many of the Chinese as a permanent memorial to "foreign aggression". So much for the practical side. From the standpoint of the principles at stake, I have never been able to harmonize in my own mind the principle of indemnity with the motive of unselfish Christian service that goes in the spirit of giving and forgetfulness of the cost of what it has to offer. And yet, we must not for a moment lose sight of what is said on the other side, particularly by many members of the Board of Trustees. As some of them have pointed out, the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking is both legally and morally responsible to those who have contributed to the erection of the physical plant at Nanking. If that plant is destroyed it is certainly one of the duties of the Trustees to make every reasonable effort to secure the restoration of losses. It has also been pointed out that our Chinese friends are prone to talk in terms of the rights of their country rather than in terms of its responsibilities. For them and us to pass lightly over ruthless destruction of property may seem to encourage a repetition of destructive manifestations. Looking toward future contributions it may be that many who otherwise would give to Nanking would change their minds if the Trustees seemed careless about restoring property losses that have been incurred.

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You, of course, have all these factors in mind already. Do you think we should try to get a meeting of the Board of Nanking Trustees to ask for some statement by the Board as to the policy we should pursue. I suppose there can be no question that this is still primarily the responsibility of the Board of Trustees rather than the Board of Directors in China. You know the personnel of our Board of Trustees and can pretty well predict what their reactions will be. If such a meeting of the Board is held we should, by all means, have you present for I am certain that the Trustees would look to you for guidance and would follow whatever course of action you strongly recommend.

Dr. Stuart saw Mr. Owen in Cleveland yesterday and got from him some intimation that the proposed Nanking settlement has caused a reawakening of the anti-foreign spirit in Nanking. Thus far our office has had no such word from the field though possibly the next few days will bring such tidings. It is very difficult to predict just what the reaction of the Chinese people will be. Certainly many of them will take any such pretext as this as an occasion for anti-foreign demonstration. If any meeting of the Board of Trustees is planned it might be well to cable either Dr. Chen or Mr. Reiser and ask them for a report as to the sentiment in Nanking on this whole question of indemnity.

We have your letter of April 28th. At the next meeting of the Board of Trustees we must take up the question of Miss Priest's outfit allowance. I am very much interested in Mr. Reiser's letter which is, as you say, a most excellent one. He has carried on during the last year in an admirable spirit and shown a marked degree of ability and tact. I will pass on to Dr. Scott the suggestions you make. It is too bad that the prospects of clearing the Boston University deficit seem so slender. I hope that something may yet come from them.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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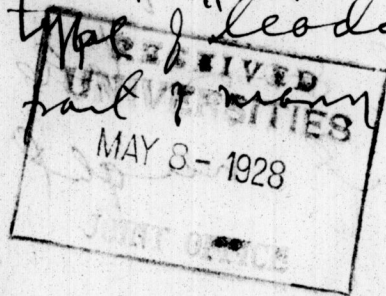
over. Olathe, Kan.,
May 6/28^{#17}

My Dear Mr. Farnside, I have
a long letter from Mr.
Gowdy and a shorter one from
Pres. Stuart endorsing
Mr. Gowdy, on the matter
of Indemnities, strongly
deprecating the attempt to
acceptance of the
same by Boards or
missions. I am not just
sure what is back
of the letter. Nor am I

clear that our Trustees
have formally acted on
the subject. I think most
of the Boards have done so,
all deciding not to ask for
or accept any. Possibly
it would be well to find
out the attitude of our Board
& transmit it to the State
Dept. and to the Consul-
General in Shanghai and
to the Am. Consul at Hankow.
I presume the fixing of
indemnities will soon take
place there, and it might

be best to disclaim any
"claims" before they are granted
& have to be turned back.

I do not know what individuals
are doing on the claims.
We haven't sent ours in yet
to the State Dept. In Shanghai
in response to Consul Davis' re-
quest, we sent to the Consulate-
General, a list of our personal
losses. I presume few Messrs.
will claim or accept
indemnities for their losses,
as there seems to be an attitude on
the part of Shanghai, Y.M.C.A. & that
type of "leader" against it, & on the
part of many Messrs.



Cordially
A. J. Bowen.

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My Dear Mr. Garside, Your letter of May 3rd has just come, and while mind this other day touched on the same matter, I want to write more explicitly, in view of your letter.

(1) Will it not be possible and more satisfactory, to secure the votes or judgment of the Trustees by letter than by a called meeting? I think practically all of the co-operating Boards have acted, deciding Not to ask for or accept any indemnity. Each trustee has his mind made up, and no argument for or against would alter his vote, I take it. It seems to me that there is only one course to follow, and that is the one taken by the Board. So I believe a correspondence vote will be less embarrassing all around. Men like Mr. Severance & Mr. Swasey will never look at

it on the Secretaries or the Miss,
do - and they will simply have
to be outvoted - & future gifts from
them likewise imperilled. They will, however
respect others voting according
to their best judgment.

③ If the vote is against accepting
indemnities (as I feel sure it will
be), it might be the best thing
to cable Pres. Chén (or Reisma).
Somewhat as follows:

"Trustees opposed to asking
for or receiving any kind of
indemnities unless Chinese
clearly think they should."

Possibly the Trustees will or should
abjure to receive any indemnity
of Chinese (Nankin) sentiment, &
if so no cable, except only announce-
ment would be needed. But
I judge that a clear and

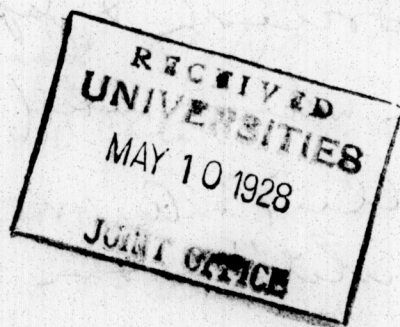
explicit work from the
Countryside to the Field &
to the Am. Authorities
is called for immediately
owing to the matter of
indemnities, apparently being
on the docket there now.

I have no work going on at
the Nanking "settlement" causing
anything but satisfaction so
far as the Chinese & America
is involved. What Mr. Owen re-
fers to might be the break-
down of the British & Japanese
negotiations - which belief would
cause ill-feeling. A word
of "No indemnities" from an

Truster, likewise would appear
to the Chinese in general, how-
ever it did to our Chinese
Administrators or the People
of Nanking. It is not unthinkable
that such an attitude and pro-
nouncement, might result in
the Govt. making an unsolic-
ited grant to the Univ. in
effect covering a good deal of its
losses. Hoping that the above
suggestion as to Truster meeting
may meet the case without a
trip to N.Y. by me at this time,

Cordially yours,

A. J. Bowen.



UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
NANKING, CHINA

Nanking

May 17, 1928.

TRANSFER

Dr. A. J. Bowen
468 Kansas City Avenue,
Olathe, Kansas, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Bowen:

The enclosures will give you most of the information this week, except in connection with the student strike of last week. After a full week the boys returned to school Monday morning and everything seems to be serene and quiet. There is, however, an intense feeling of resentment and hatred against the Japanese all over, and while a great deal of it has been created by propaganda that has very little foundation in fact, everybody can understand that Japan is now at Tsinan with a fairly large army, is holding the Tsingtao-Tsinan railway and the Tientsin-Pukow railway from about twenty li south of Tsinan to the Yellow River bridge, not allowing any military supplies to be forwarded to the south for the advancing Nationalist armies. Personally, I think they have gone too far, and while Japan undoubtedly has a pretty good case, as is already indicated by certain actions which the Chinese have taken; e. g., the dismissal of Ho Yao-tsu, the general of one of the most radical armies, who disobeyed the orders of Chiang Kai-shek by not withdrawing from Tsinan, still I think their case in China and the rest of the world would have been much stronger if they had not gone quite so far. Just now it looks very much like a complete collapse of the whole Northern political and military group. The Nationalist army is close on to Tientsin and the Fengtien forces are retiring up the Peking-Hankow line toward Paotingfu and eastwards from the North Shansi area. It is reported that some military evacuation has already been made to outside the Great Wall. I should not be surprised if we learned in a very short time that the Nationalists were in control of Peking.

I have only about four weeks more here at Nanking and have many things to do. Have been feeling punk all week and my natural inclination was to stay in bed this morning. Buck is coming up Monday, I hope, and will be able to help on one of the reports which the China Famine Fund Committee wants us to get out giving a resume of the past four years' work. Last Saturday and Sunday Mr. C. E. Patton, Secretary of the China Famine Fund Committee and Secretary of the Presbyterian China Council, came up to visit the College of Agriculture and Forestry and the Nanking Presbyterian Station. The trip was very much worth while and I know

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he was very greatly pleased with all that he saw. He expressed surprise on two points, one the quality and quantity of the work that we were doing, and the other the high quality of our Chinese staff.

Must not write any more this time. Hope Conference is going nicely. We are looking forward to seeing you the early part of August in San Francisco. Our address in Pasadena will be care of the House of Rest, Mamengo Avenue, Pasadena.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reisner.

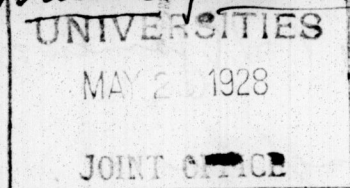
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My Dear Mr. Janssen ^{Nanking}
talked with Mr. Janswell re a new
M.E. man for the Univ. & he said
he thought a man in Religion
Education was desired. That is true
but Robson is far excellent our
man for that 1930. My inquiry
now is (& I will talk it over again
with Mr. Janswell) Can not Dr.
Smith (?) (Frank Jansett's son-in-
law) teach the Religious Education
for these 2 years - & then Sociology
And Can not 1 of the new men
to go out, eg. the M.E. one, be secured
to teach English & more special
Sub-freshmen & Freshmen Eng?
In studying the Budget, it
seems to me there is our greatest

weakness. And we must be
strong in Sub-freshman &
Freshman English, both to
sustain well built up reputation
& to enable A.I. work in subsequent
years. A specialist in teaching
English to foreigners - and
not being English - but foreigners
who have had 4-5 years of very
bad English teaching. Of course
he could teach the higher, more
literary forms of English too -
say 1 course of such, but our main
need is for expert teaching of
Sub-freshman & Freshman Eng.
I will say all the above to Mr. Jamieson
so he knows my thought of it.

Not 1 of the Chinese listed to teach
English is first rate - hardly 2nd
rate. I will attempt 1 sub. freshman
English, 1 Soph Eng & 1 curriculum
Bible if they want, or 1 sub-fresh
Eng. 1 Fresh Eng. & 1 Soph Eng.
But in addition to my 1 or 2
Eng. courses hitherto, we have had
 $3\frac{1}{2}$ A. I. Foreigners teaching English,
so there is I know a bad slump
there that by Sept. we should begin
to remedy. I have the Boston Univ.
expect "dope" from Mrs. Priest & so
am now ready to see Pres. March re it.
Can my return be capitalized in any
way to get several thousand dollars
not for repairs or defects but for gas plant,
water plant etc badly needed??



Cordially
A. J. Bowen

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Kansas City, May 26/34

TRANSFER

Nanking

My Dear Mr. Faride, I fear I shall be held up from going to China Aug. 17, as likely this is what Dr. Dixie will recommend to Dr. Vaughn. You can phone him & find out.

gastro-analyses, electrocardiogram, Basal metabolism etc showed that the gall bladder was infected & the heart in pretty good shape & B. M. +38. He said that apparently I had passed the peak of the infection as I had gained 10+ pounds & feel O.K. - have much more pep. Will be hearing from Dr. Vaughn soon. I sure will be sorry if I am held up - on account of the disappointment out there, Reimer not being on the job. But I hope it is for only a few months.

Cordially Yours

A. D. Bowen



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University of Nanking

June 7, 1928.

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
Olathe,
Kansas.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

I am extremely slow in acknowledging two of your recent letters, those sent on May 21st and May 26th.

Let me first of all express our great regret that your doctor has told you it will be necessary to spend a few months longer in America before returning to the field. We heartily agree that it is absolutely essential for you to be in the best possible condition before starting back to the strenuous times which are certain to face you as soon as you get off the boat at Shanghai, so if it will require some months longer to accomplish this building up process, we would all urge your remaining here until the doctor is quite sure it is safe for you to start back. I can easily picture, however, the disappointment and even dismay with which this word will be received on the field. I know that you, too, are keenly disappointed at this delay. We all hope that it will prove to be for a very few months.

I have talked with Dr. Gamewell to try to discover what plans are being made by the Methodist Board in the sending out of new recruits, particularly for the type of work suggested in your letter of May 21st. Dr. Gamewell seems to feel that about the most the Methodist Board will be able to do this year will be to care for your support, send out a medical man, who may or may not be assigned to the University of Nanking Hospital, and to provide the cash equivalent for two of the remaining four places on the staff. This of course would be leaving two of the places on the Methodist quota entirely unprovided for. Dr. Gamewell's comments on the subject were quite informal, and possibly to be considered confidential. I hope, however, that the Methodist Board will find it possible to go further than this, at least to the extent of sending out one younger worker in addition to caring for four places in the manner

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outlined above. Dr. Gamewell stated that we would be seeing some candidates within the next few days and that possibly something might develop then.

I quite agree with you as to the urgency of the need for Western teachers of English. We all recognize the fact that one of the strongest drawing cards in all of our Christian universities has been the excellent work they have always done in English. In at least four of the five universities in our Central Office, the absence from the field of a larger or smaller proportion of the Western staff has produced a serious shortage in English instructors. Of course Nanking has been the hardest hit of any in this particular department. The situation is made still worse by the necessity of your remaining here during the fall.

As you know, qualified teachers of English are the most difficult type of worker to secure. Mission Boards and candidates alike are almost invariably lukewarm when one begins appealing for teachers of English, because they don't recognize the importance of this work or the need for careful and specialized preparation, as do those who have been in China for a while, but if there is anything that we in New York can do to help in meeting this need, we will be mighty glad to assist. Thus far the only new man going out to the field this fall, as far as we know, is Lewis Smythe, Dr. Garrett's son-in-law. He is supposedly going out for work in Sociology. After we sent his name to the field by cable, suggesting that he was qualified for work in Sociology, and they cabled back instructing us to send him out for this work, Dr. Paul stated that he feels a second candidate under the U.C.M.S., a Mr. Schafer, whose name we have proposed to the field as a candidate available a year hence, might have better qualifications for Sociology than Mr. Smythe. If I understand Dr. Paul correctly, he would like to see Mr. Smythe go into Religious Education, and Mr. Schafer into Sociology. I think that Mr. Smythe is highly qualified for the work in Religious Education and will probably do well in that department if such an arrangement were satisfactory to him and to the field. Possibly we should communicate some of these suggestions to Dr. Chen, though I confess I am a little at a loss as to just how to proceed, for it would be easy to offend Mr. Smythe or the authorities on the field if we were not exceedingly diplomatic. Even though Mr. Smythe were put into the work of Religious Education, it would not help the situation in the English Department very much. Dr. Gamewell seems to feel very strongly that if they do send out a new recruit under the Methodist Board, he would rather see one sent out for Religious Education than for English.

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Of course having Mr. Smythe already assigned to Religious Education would help us in getting a second appointee sent out for English rather than Religious Education.

That seems to be the way the situation stands now. What would you suggest?

I trust you are having some success in your discussions with President March on the Boston University deficit.

We certainly ought to be able to capitalize in some way your approaching return to China in gaining support for some of the urgent needs at Nanking, such as Gas Plant, Water Plant, etc. I confess I do not see just now how the matter can best be handled, but it is certainly worth careful thought. As you know, very little new money has been coming in for any of our Universities this year. Dr. Beech and Dr. Gowdy have, I believe, been rather keenly disappointed at the small results they have obtained. The Yenching campaign, under Dr. Stuart's inspiration, has made fairly satisfactory progress, but almost all the money that has come in has been from those who have already been good friends of Yenching University, who needed a special appeal to crystallize half-formed intentions or to get down in black and white pledges which had already been informally hinted at. Almost no really new money has come in for any of our Universities this year. Anything you might be able to secure for Nanking would probably be gotten chiefly from the group who are already interested in the University and willing to help if proper presentation is made. You are in the best position to judge the size and spirit of such a group of Nanking friends. I will bring this question to the attention of the Board of Trustees.

Hoping you are continuing your improvement, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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University of Nanking

June 12, 1928

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
468 Kansas City Road,
Olathe, Kans.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

I have been intending for some time to write you in regard to the status of your salary account. Probably Dr. Gamewell has already written. We understand that the Methodist Board is to take up your salary from July 1st which leaves a gap of two months between the time that your salary, as authorized by the Nanking Trustees, last year, ceases and your salary under the Methodist Board begins. I know that the Nanking Trustees will expect to take care of these two months but as yet we have not gotten any formal action from them because so many of the Trustees have been away that even a meeting of the Executive Committee has been out of the question. However, we will be having some action during this month and I will thereupon be able to send you a check for both May and June. I am sorry that we have not been able to attend to this for you sooner because your May salary check should have been sent to you a couple of weeks ago. I certainly hope that this delay has not caused you any great inconvenience.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter I have sent to Miss Priest yesterday. I would be glad to get your opinion on the question of Mr. Lowdermilk's salary for the month of June which is discussed on the second and third pages. Miss Priest's letter of May 17th, from which I quote on page 2, gives the impression that the field expects to discontinue Mr. Lowdermilk's salary as soon as it appeared probable that he would not be returning to China in the near future. This was not stated and I believe it was not definitely implied in either your letter of March 6th or Mr. Reisner's cable of April 11th and letter of April 12th. Possibly both of you assumed that his salary should be discontinued at once as a matter of course if he found it impossible to accept the proposals made, but I have never been quite sure of this because there seems to have been a number of other important factors involved. I would appreciate having your opinion as to whether we ought to pay Mr. Lowdermilk's salary for the month of June or try to inform him diplomatically that, under the circumstances, we feel it should be discontinued as of May 31st.

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Very cordially yours,

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University of Nanking

June 29, 1928

Dr. Arthur J. Bowen,
468 Kansas City Road,
Olathe, Kans.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

Thank you for your good letter of June 25th with its very helpful suggestion in regard to the field's request for doctors and nurses for the University hospital. Miss Hynds wrote me on June 4th telling of her hope of getting back to China this summer, so I trust we can count on her for one of the nursing positions. I am writing Miss Van Vliet who is, I believe, over at the Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn and am asking her to telephone me as soon as she receives the letter. If I do not hear from her in a day or two I will call her up.

It seems that the main problem is going to be that of securing the three doctors. I hope that the Methodist Board will be willing to shift Dr. Trimmer back to Nanking instead of insisting that he go to his temporary position at Wukou. The Presbyterian Board is raising again with Dr. Daniels the question of his return this fall. We are very doubtful whether he can go out at this time. Dr. Peterson is, as you know, definitely tied up with West China. No mention was made in the cablegram of Dr. Slater so I am somewhat at a loss as to how we should take up his name with the U.C.M.S. Do you understand that the Nanking authorities would be willing to have Dr. Slater in place of either Dr. Daniels or Dr. Peterson? If from those whom I have just named two are secured, whom shall we seek for the third? We shall be very much interested to learn what Dr. Hatcheson's reply may be.

The Methodists are reducing their work at Nanking to yourself, probably Dr. Trimmer, and a cash payment of G\$1,500.00 each for two other places, thus making four members. They are also cutting down their cash grant still farther until now it is only G\$2,000.00 a year whereas, as you know, the basis for full cooperation is G\$4,000.00 a year. This reduction is going to produce a substantial shortage in the income estimated by the Board of Directors in their budget for the coming year. The Board of Trustees have no other source from which this reduction in Methodist support can be supplied, so it seems that about the only hope is that of the possibility of a fund from the Hall Estate. If you can do anything to bolster up the support of our Methodist brethren I know you will do so. Of course, this is not only a problem for the future but one for the immediate present because, for the fiscal year closing tomorrow, the Metho-

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dist Board has supplied only G\$2,000. as their cash appropriation to the University and nothing at all for vacancies on the staff.

The Board of Trustees, at its meeting this week, instructed me to pay your salary for the months of May and June. We are therefore enclosing herewith a check for \$350.00 covering this account. I can appreciate the fact that you will probably object to this payment, but the Trustees are unanimous in feeling that you ought, by all means, to accept it.

We are all rejoicing over the good news of your rapid improvement in health and the probability of your being able to return to China in August as you at first planned. I know there will be great rejoicing in Nanking when this news reaches them. As soon as you are sure of the date of your sailing please let me know and I will cable the field.

We note what you say in regard to Mr. Reisner's stay in America.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Olathe, Kan., June 30/28

My Dear Dr. Vaughn,

Mrs. Bowen and I saw Dr. Hoxie again yesterday when I was down to get the gall-bladder drained out - I get it done once per week. I am happy to say that it is clearing up, and he agrees with you that I can return, sailing Aug. 17th. There is, however, a question still in his mind as to Mrs. Bowen, as she has 11% eosinophilia and 100% acid. He is having stools examined today to try and see just where the trouble is. All winter she has had back trouble, and he attributes it to this acid and other conditions. But her back is very much better, so I do not anticipate any trouble as to her return Aug. 17th.

But Dr. Hoxie says that I would not, in all probability, be able to remain in China more than four years. He did not say just why; whether reinfection or the present one not entirely cleared up and gradually increasing under Chinese conditions or just what. At any rate the Board will need to consider whether or not they want to send us for a possibly shorter term than usual. Personally it seems to me that it will be justified; under the circumstances: Dean Reisner coming Home on furlough this summer; only Thomson, Bates and Buck there; not a single other one of the old staff returning this summer, and very few ever returning. The new President, Dr. Chen seems most anxious for me to be there with him, and no doubt as the "war psychology" grows less and there is a freer play of usual Chinese jealousies and knocking the man on top, his position will be harder. So I regard the next 3-4 years the most critical that the University is apt to face for a decade, and especially with the Capital at Nanking at least for the next year or two. Hence without, I trust, any exalted idea of my own importance, it seems to me that our going out even for 3-4 years might be justified.

We are planning to leave here, driving to the coast, July 17th, visiting relatives enroute etc., so we shall appreciate the final decision of the Board and yourself as soon as possible. I think that reservations were made off the Pres. Jefferson, Aug. 17. Thanking you for taking up the matter for us and for your encouragement held out in the former letter that likely has helped all around,

Very cordially yours,

X. J. Bowen.

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Olathe, Kan., June 30/28

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My Dear Mr. Garside,

Comment

I have just received Mr. Bates-Chen letter regarding new teachers. I note what they say regarding English teacher. It agrees entirely with my idea on the subject, tho in deference to another representation, I suggested a man for the more advanced English. I am confident that the real need for English is a man skilled in teaching-English-to-foreigners-type; one primarily interested in the teaching of the USE and UNDERSTANDING of English, rather than in teaching its literature. That is, a man to devote his time and thought to the sub-freshmen and freshmen. It may be necessary to turn to a good experienced and mature woman for this work. They are as a rule better teachers and more patient with young students of English. However, before deciding on such a one, it would be necessary to get the approval of the field for a woman. In the past some of our best teachers have been women, but they need to be missionary-minded.

Repts. with field pres. ok. vcm. as mt.

I hope the Boards that have not yet paid in back dues on non-present quota staff do so now, as I know from past experience that the summer is the very hardest period to negotiate, financially. A letter today from Miss Priest says that Reiser "is shakey these days and the least little thing is too much for him" - so I do hope that the Presby. Board grants him the usual full furlough, and also help him financially to spend the year in pretty solid study. I am delighted that Dr. Hoxie here thinks I can return Aug. 17, as Miss Priest's letter makes it still clearer that I am needed. I hope the Hall Estate matter is settled before I sail. I am

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wondering if it will be possible to approach them now for \$1,000,000 rather than the \$500,000 since the Capital is to be in Nanking? It will enivatically affect us, and make new requirements for us to live up to, so the million endowment will be NEERED. I wonder how Peking - Yenching will be affected by the removal of the Capital? I hope it is very tentative, however.

Trusting that you had a successful meeting the 26th, and with kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

A. J. Bowen.

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Received of the University of Chicago
the sum of \$100.00
for the purchase of the book
"The History of the United States"
by John Jay Cooke
and the sum of \$50.00
for the purchase of the book
"The History of the United States"
by John Jay Cooke
Total \$150.00

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University of Nanking

July 23, 1928

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
C/o Mr. Arthur Moorcroft,
Pinedale, Wyo.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

I played hooky from the office for a week so I have gotten rather behind in my correspondence. Let me at this time acknowledge receipt of your letters of June 30th, July 4th July 9th and July 16th.

As I have written you before, our office is very much concerned over the need for English teachers at Nanking. This is one of the matters you refer to in your letter of June 30th. We will keep in mind the suggestions you make and if we can help at any time will try to do so. Please let us know if there is ever any specific piece of work we can do in assisting with securing these teachers for you.

I believe you are already pretty familiar with what the various Boards have done in their payments for vacancies on the staff up to June 30, 1928. The Baptists state they are instructing their Field Treasurer to settle with Miss Priest their obligation for a second member of the staff, the Presbyterian Board has paid for all its vacancies after deducting disbursements they have made for the staff members still under Board support here in America, the Methodist Board has not paid anything, and the U.C.M.S. has not paid anything.

We were very hopeful that the U.C.M.S. would be able to make a payment of cash to cover the staff vacancies, and in fact, had the assurance of both Dr. Corey and Dr. Paul that this would be done, but at the last moment they discovered that their Board finances were not in as good condition as had been hoped so the payment was never made. I am taking up with Dr. Corey again the question whether the U.C.M.S. will not at least be willing to pay for the vacancy created by Mr. Sarvis' resignation as that was a budget item in a somewhat different category than the other staff vacancies. This is a very unsatisfactory report but it looks as though their Board will not be able to do much more.

Thanks for the information you give in regard to Mr. M. K. Kwong. I quite appreciate that we were sending you a rather large order in asking for information on such a meagre basis. In the 1919-20 catalogue we find "Mr. Kwaming-Kwon" listed as a Junior College medical student. Possible he is the one Miss Eggleston has in mind. Please do not go to any more trouble about the matter though unless I write you further.

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I am writing to the U.C.M.S. in regard to the possibility that Dr. Slater may be assigned to Nanking hospital this fall. About ten days ago we cabled Nanking asking whether they wished to formally request the U.C.M.S. to return Dr. Slater to this work. Thus far we have not had a reply. If the field does send such a formal request it will, of course, greatly strengthen our appeal to the Disciples.

Miss Hymis and Miss Van Vliet are sailing on the "Express of Asia" on August 16th so they will probably beat you to Nanking by several days.

I certainly hope that before you leave America you will be able to get our Methodist friends to increase somewhat their support of the Nanking work. I enclose for your information copy of Dr. Gamewell's letter of July 11th defining what the Methodist Board is planning to do for Nanking this year. We certainly appreciate the proposal you are making to Bishop Birney that you will personally provide \$500. If the Methodist Board will provide an additional like amount. The Christian constituency here at home is certainly carrying less and less of the burden of the missionary enterprise and is forcing those who have already given the most in service to make still greater sacrifices.

We will send the agricultural reports to those listed in your letter of July 16th as far as our supply will permit. We have just about used up all the material of this sort we have available here in New York. The disturbances in Nanking during the last year or two have interfered more or less with the production of pamphlets of this sort.

I am returning to you herewith the letter Mr. Reisner wrote on April 6th. I am sorry we have kept this in our files for so long a time.

You do not mention that you wish us to return to you Dr. Hutcheson's letter of July 1st so, unless you object, we will keep it in our files. It may be of value at some future time.

I am also enclosing a copy of a letter Dr. Dodd of the Presbyterian Board sent us a few days ago. Do you think that there is a sufficient likelihood that the eye specialist Dr. Dodd refers to might be needed in Nanking so that it would be worth while for us to write the field about the matter? I have passed on a copy of this letter to Dr. Shields for his advice in regard to the work at Shantung although I believe that the Chinese eye specialist on the staff there is meeting the need in his department quite satisfactorily.

Before you leave America we would be glad to have a final word from you in regard to the status of the Boston University deficits, and also any suggestions or instructions as to what our New York office may be able to do in the matter.

I just asked Dr. Gamewell over the telephone whether the Methodist Board has forwarded your steamer tickets and any other material needed in connection with your journey to China. He tells me that all this material was sent you some time ago so I presume it will have reached you before this letter.

May we again wish you a very pleasant journey to China and great joy in your further service which, though rendered under new and probably very

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difficult conditions, is, after all, the same great work that it has always
been.

Very cordially yours,

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New York

July 11, 1928

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

Dear Mr.Garside:

I understand that you wished a statement from me as to the amount the Board of Foreign Missions will give to the University of Nanking for the year 1928-29. As you know, Dr.Bowen is expecting to return to Nanking not on the University Budget but on the Budget of our Board. We are also assuming responsibility for two vacancies on the staff of the University at \$1300.Gold each. Further than hthat I cannot say as our appropriations are made up in November for the ensuing year. In addition to the above there may be a grant, probably in reduced amount, for the current expenses of the University.

I know all this is not very satisfactory but the University and the Chinese generally will have to face up to the fact that "Whatsoever a man soweth, that also shall he reap."; That if we sow the wind we shall reap the whirlwind, and that while the Chinese at Nanking are not responsible for the disaster that came to Nanking and to the missionaries, China at large is. I hope we will soon be at the dawn of a brighter day.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Frank D.Gamewell

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My dear Mr. Farside, Letters from
Nanking indicate that they think
we cannot be there for Sept.
Owing on 9/1 of my health,
so if you haven't cabled me
"are on our way", I think
it would be well to so cable.

I am in touch
with Reimer, and we are trying
to arrange a meeting somewhere.
If he wants to come east this week,
I will go to Ogden (go back to the Ry.
at Rock Springs, 100 mi. & then by Ry to Ogden

And ~~a~~ ride back with them as
far as Rock Springs (6 hrs) or even
farther if necessary. However, I am
inclined to think he would do well
to stay where they are in Pasadena,
Presby. House & rest under good med.
care for his sinus trouble is all
cleared up. He & Mrs. Reesner can
rest & recuperate easier & quicker
there than in the East. I feel more than
ever the urgency of a good & unhurried
conference with him after getting a
confidential & excellent letter today
from Mrs. Priest. The crisis is
on too & the Hospital's return & I
hope W. Trimmer & the nurses can
get started for Waukegan soon. I
enclose a private letter (copy) to
Reesner from her, that will

indicate somewhat the nature
of the Hospital problem. Of course this
letter is not for quotation. They closed the
term in good shape I guess, all exams
taken & a good spirit.

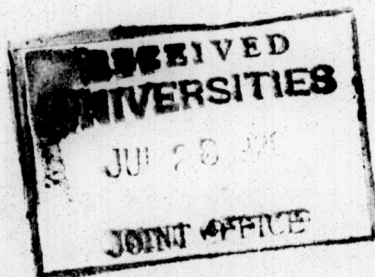
I have received our S.S. tickets,
July Salary (\$187⁵⁰ - Home rate) & \$217²⁰
on Travel, so we are all fixed
up. I repay the difference on S.S. tickets
between 1st & 2nd class, as I needed
to sail from San Francisco & I no
good 2nd class from there.

We will be in the Yellowstone Park
July 31 - Aug. 6-7 & could be reached
about Aug 4 at Mammoth Hot
Springs, Yellowstone Park, So General
Delivery, and at the San Francisco

Hospital, Paterson Ave. at 22nd St.
San Francisco, So Sarah. Tell me
Sail. We are both feeling fine &
greatly enjoying the Ranch here - 7100
ft. up; a big trout river running
thru the ranch, 100 yds. from the house,
the Wind River Mt. towering 12000-13000
ft to the west 30 miles, with snow
on the peaks - a wonderful place.
But I sure shall be glad to get to
working & help some on Pres.
Chen's problems & on the English
teaching matter.

Cordially Yours,

A. J. Bowen,



P.S.//It might be well to
try & get Miss M. D. Jeffrey
3 Dubft St., Maryfield, Dundee,
Scotland, as a nurse in add-
ition to Mrs Van Vliet & Miss
Hynds. She worked in the Univ.
Hospital & was most acceptable//
Also get by all means Miss
Florence Warner / cause Miss
Hynds can support her self - L.S.
earn back her salary by ^{nursing} ~~running~~
business & she's exceptional for
that. Miss Warner's address is:

1210 Evergreen Ave., Plainfield
N.J. Miss Ayres 5; 142 South
Grand Ave., Los Angeles Calif., Go
Mrs. C. E. Berry. I do wish Mr. Daniel
could go this fall. I hope that
Mr. Staker will be here - Christian
Mission.

Good night

A. J. S.



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University of Nanking

July 30, 1928

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
c/o General Delivery,
Mammoth Hot Springs,
Yellowstone Park, Wyo.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

We are very glad to have your letter of July 23rd and to know that you are enjoying the first stages of your journey to the West Coast.

I am very glad to learn that steps are actually being taken looking toward the return of the University Hospital. It is evident that many difficulties will be encountered, and much patience and diplomacy required before the return can be successfully completed.

On July 12th we cabled Nanking saying that you are planning to sail on August 17th. Their distress over this matter should, therefore, be happily ended.

I certainly hope that you and Mr. Reiser will be able to get together for several good conferences before you leave for China.

In accordance with the suggestions in your postscript, I am writing to both Miss Jeffrey and Miss Warner, telling them of the situation in Nanking and asking whether it will be possible for them to return to work there this autumn. I feel, however, that if either or both of them are in a position to go back this year we ought to cable Nanking for approval before we finally complete arrangements for their return. Their cable asking for hospital recruits mentioned only two nurses and these are being provided in the persons of Miss Hynds and Miss Van Vliet. I would like to have your opinion as to the advisability of cabling the field about the matter before we make any definite commitment. Certainly both Miss Warner and Miss Jeffrey would be invaluable for the work and would be enthusiastically welcomed in Nanking, but I suppose the field authorities would like to study questions of finances, even if not of need, before they make up their mind. Incidentally, we have not yet had any response from the field in reply to our cable dated July 12th, inquiring whether we are authorized to go ahead with trying to secure Dr. Slater.

This letter should find you enjoying a week in Yellowstone Park. I know you will find it a most delightful occasion.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,
B A GARSIDE

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University of Nanking

August 7, 1928

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
c/o Miss Sarah Bowen,
San Francisco Hospital
Petrero Ave. at 22nd St.
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

We acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 27th written from Pinedale, Wyoming, and that of August 7th written from Mammoth Hot Springs.

I have now heard from Dr. Corey as regards Dr. Slater and enclose a copy of his letter. As you will note, it merely confirms the information which has already come to you from Miss Priest.

I have received a letter from Miss Florence Warner in which she assures us of her continued warm interest in the work in Nanking but states that it will not be possible for her to go back to China for another year. I am enclosing a copy of her letter herewith. If the field wishes Miss Warner to return to the Hospital next year I hope you will take the matter up from that end in sufficient time so that we can bring it up again next spring. If I get a reply from Miss Jeffreys indicating that she would be able and willing to go back to Nanking this year I will communicate with the field by cable. It is good to know that the University will be able to depend on competent and devoted Chinese doctors this summer while they are awaiting the return of workers from the West.

We are happy to know that you and Mr. Reiser have been able to arrange for two days unhurried conference in Sacramento. I know that this will be worth much to both of you. We note what you say about Mr. Reiser's personal plans for this year. We will do what we can to see that the Presbyterian Board works in sympathy with them.

We very much appreciate the efforts you have made this year to keep the support of the Methodist Board up to par and also to revive the Boston University matter. I hope that more support develops from both of these sources than seems likely at the present time. I know you will keep in touch with both the Methodist Board and Boston University after you return to the field.

We are addressing this letter so it will catch you in San Francisco. I hope this will find both Mrs. Bowen and yourself in excellent health and spirits and looking happily forward to your return to Nanking.

Very cordially yours,

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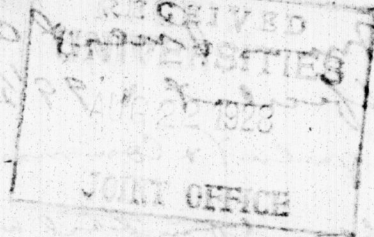
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WILLIS HERSHEY
LESSEE-MANAGER

My dear Mr. Farwell, Just a
final word of farewell and to
express my deepest satisfaction
that you are there in an office
& on the job for us. I am helped
& strengthened whenever I think
of you there - & I shall think of
you often the coming days. I
shall know that everything possible
that you can do for us is being
done & that is a great joy & satis-
faction. We are all ready to go aboard.
I had 2 + splendid days with
Reisner & you will see him say
in Sept. - a little bit more. I
shall depend on Mrs. Puert a great
deal: she is 100% efficient & 99 1/2% of
OK in excellent judgment & common sense.
No one out there now can compare with
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her. But Pres. Chen, Deans
Kuo & ~~the~~ Lin are almost
her equal & that is saying
a lot. I have out 2 regrets: ①
that Mrs. Bowen doesn't full share
my joy & hopefulness in thinking
of Nankang; & ② so few of our old
men are returning this year. I shall
"work on" H. Jones, H. Ellick, Mrs.
Steward & Robinson from now on - in
fact have been. I rather think the 1st 2
may go next yr. & the others the following
year. We have \$1000 of the "short" M.S.
2000 promised for Jul 1928-29.
I do hope the rest comes. With
Very Best Wishes and Highest
Appreciation, Cordially,
A. J. Bowen.



Nanking, Sept. 15/28.

My Dear Mr. Garside,

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Letter of 17 is attached
our 14/3

I enclose a copy of a brief and hurriedly typed letter to Mr Reisner, that will have to serve for the time being, I fear. It is keeping me a bit busy to get my classes going, as all of my notes for each have to be worked out afresh, and there are many interruptions from old friends who wish to be polite and call. It will be coming easier now in a few days, tho with no Secy. about to whom one can dictate letters, they will have to be short and I fear not very frequent.

What I want to write specially now about is your letter to Dr. Chen. He hasn't showed it to me but did to Miss Priest - or you sent her a copy. The point that disturbs me is the criticism of Pres. Chen by you for his having no prayer or religious element in the Commencement.. Miss Priest tells me she was wholly responsible for the programme, & Pres. Chen, being away while it was in preparation, hardly saw it till printed; and she fixed it up about as usual & it didn't occur to her that we were leaving out the prayer (which is what we usually had only). Three of the main addresses were strongly Christian, and she and Mr. Thomson were much impressed with the high tone and spirit of the service - as fine a Christian spirit and atmosphere as we ever have had, they say. But my "point" that I want to make as clear and strong as possible is that YOU JUST MUST NOT WRITE CRITICISMS OF PRESIDENT CHEN DIRECTLY TO HIM. If you have them of him or Dean Kuo or other responsible Chinese WRITE THEM ONLY TO MISS PRIEST OR TO ME, and we will get them across to them in our own way - or entirely forget and suppress them at our discretion !! These men, and especially Pres. Chen have a terrifically hard job, and they get terribly discouraged. They are doing the VERY BEST POSSIBLE under the circumstances, and I am told and my own observation and talks with Pres. Chen confirms it entirely, that he is MOST concerned about the Christian work and spirit of the school: he is as anxious to keep that up and improve it as we were or are, and never has it out of mind. I am told that he has refused to consider

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consider several excellently prepared teachers that were urgently needed and that Thomson and Pates wanted him to hire: SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT CHRISTIANS. So I am sure we are not wrong in believing his primary concern is for the Christian character of the school. At times somethings will no doubt look otherwise to you folks over there, but be assured that he and the other men are doing the VERY BEST THEY CAN in that situation to maintain Christian ideals & standards. You will simply HAVE to trust them and give them credit for the best of intentions. It is this or loosing them, and I can assure you that we have no better men or any that will compare with them, especially Pres. Chen, in all of China. And frankly, criticism of a man like Pres. Chen, carrying on as he is and has been doing, by anyone 8,000 miles away, in safe and comfortable USA, and entirely unable to know and sense the delicacy of the difficult situations that have to be met here, just simply cant get by with me. Now I do not mean to say that you and the others should not send us frank criticisms, or that there is nothing to criticise: there is plenty that I can see, BUT it wont do any good to hand it out to these men just now in that form, for they are about at the breaking point, with other and much bigger problems they have to struggle with. So let Miss Priest and me have the kicks and give Pres. Chen the boogers from now on & he needs them, and likely we need the other. This is not a very nice first letter to you, and violates not only friendship but what I am trying to preach, viz to refrain from making criticisms, for I am criticizing you: hsia hwei puh tsai tso - I wont do it again. We have had a most cordial welcome, a restful trip clear here and we both are feeling very well: I can go up to the Univ. at 8 A.M. and leave at 5-6 P.M. and feel O.K.A.I.

With very highest regards and best wishes,

Cordially yours,

A. J. Bowen.

P.S. Within 4 days after we got control of the Hosp. and 2 weeks before they opened it, Mr Chang (suft.) started the daily staff prayer meeting - & they have had it every day since. A.I.B.

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University of Nanking

September 20, 1928

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

I trust that by this time you will have arrived in Nanking and will once more have settled down happily on the campus. We are hoping each day to receive some cable report of the opening of the University for its autumn work.

I find I have not formally acknowledged your letters of July 27th and August 17th. While Bishop Birney was here in the city I had two opportunities to talk with him about the problems of the Methodist shortage and Boston University deficit which you discuss in your letter of July 27th. Bishop Birney has assured us he will do everything possible to find a solution to both of these problems, but he pointed out quite frankly the difficulties involved in each one. I am sure that if any of the friends of Nanking can help Bishop Birney is the one.

We very much appreciate the cordial things you say in your letter of August 17th. I sometimes feel that the job here in New York is one of the most difficult and one of the most thankless tasks in the missionary enterprise where difficulty and scarcity of thanks are all too common. It is therefore a genuine stimulus to receive such a letter as yours of August 17th.

We all recognize that in returning to Nanking at this time you and Mrs. Bowen are adding to your long record of splendid Christian service one of the most difficult tasks you have ever attempted. The problems of organization and administration in China and of securing from Western and Chinese sources the funds necessary for the support of the work are just now so overwhelming that many of our Christian educators, whom we have always thought of as strong pillars of faith, are frankly confessing that they have not the courage to carry on. We are profoundly anxious to do our bit through work for continued financial support and provision of workers from the West, and are often distressed that so little can be accomplished.

It has been most delightful to have Mr. Reiser here in New York. His presence has already succeeded in stirring up renewed interest and promises of more adequate support. I hope that during the coming year he will be able to accomplish a number of things that our New York office has been hammering at unsuccessfully during the last year.

I am enclosing copy of a letter just received from Miss Jeffrey,

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together with copy of our reply thereto. Miss Jeffrey's letter was, in some way, delayed for ten days or more.

Thus far our New York office has no instructions regarding Miss Jeffrey except a suggestion in one of the letters you sent us in July that we should try to secure her return to Nanking. I would appreciate it if you would write, or if it seems feasible, wire to Miss Jeffrey urging her return to Nanking and giving her further information as to when you hope she may be able to reach the University. Am I correct in understanding that the field expects our New York office to provide the necessary funds for her travel?

I am communicating to Dr. Dodd of the Presbyterian Board your comments in regard to the eye specialist he wrote about in his letter of July 16th. I hope that something may come from this tentative prospect.

About ten days ago I was talking with a local candidate who is anxious to go out for work in English literature. Since he is a Presbyterian I took him over to the Candidate Department of the Presbyterian Board. I told him of a possible opening in Nanking and I know he discussed this call, together with a number of others. I must find out what opinion the Presbyterian Candidate secretaries have formed of his ability and Christian purpose. If the Board seem to be willing and can offer any hope of finding funds to send him to the field this I may cable you asking whether Nanking would like to have him come out in the Department of English Literature either as a short term appointee or permanent worker. His name is Wm. James MacMillan. I will send you further information about him if it seems there is a likelihood of his being available.

I am adding also a sheet of information supplied by a Dr. Joseph Krinsky who wishes to spend some months working in China at his own expense in his special field of ophthalmology. You will note that Dr. Krinsky is of Jewish descent although apparently he is not very closely allied with that or any other religious faith. I have been somewhat puzzled to know how to handle Dr. Krinsky's offer. The question of having a non-Christian serving on any of our University campuses, even in a temporary and special position has, as far as I know, not been previously raised. Yet I have been very reluctant to refuse any encouragement to one coming in the spirit Dr. Krinsky has shown. I have suggested to him that possibly the P.U.M.C. might offer the best opportunity for doing work in his specialized field. If Dr. Krinsky does find it possible to go to China for work in either one or a number of centers, do you think the Nanking Hospital would have any work for him and would be willing to invite him to spend some time there?

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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B A GARSIDE

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C O P Y

3 Duff St.
Maryfield,
Dundee, Scotland

(To Mr.Garside)

August 14, 1928

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge your letter of July 30th regarding my return to Nanking.

I must apologise for delay in answering same, being on holiday at the time and no letters were forwarded to me the latter part of my holiday. Immediately on receiving your letter I cabled that I would return later.

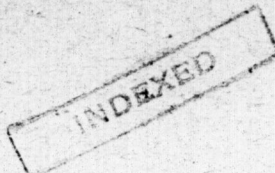
I am very pleased to have the opportunity to do so, Unfortunately the earliest would be December. I cannot leave my present post for two months. Then it would be greatly to my advantage to have at least two months surgical work before returning to Nanking.

Thanking you for any further news, I remain

Yours faithfully

(Signed) Margaret D.Jeffrey

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University of Nanking

October 8, 1928

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

I am attaching a copy of a letter I have just received from Dr. Dodd. It contains further information regarding the eye specialist whom I mentioned to you in correspondence just before you left America. You thought, I believe, there might be a possibility of using him in Nanking.

If there is a likelihood of Dr. Brownell being of sufficient value to the work at Nanking to justify his appointment should his qualifications prove satisfactory, we will make a further study of his case. Of course, if it seems unlikely that he can be of sufficient value in his special line of appointment, it is hardly worth while to make an exhaustive investigation of his qualifications.

Should his appointment be contemplated whence would his support be provided. Would you like to have him fill the place of the Presbyterian medical worker on the hospital staff, or do you wish to keep that open for the return of Dr. Daniels next year, or, failing his return, the appointment of some man of similar qualifications? I suppose there is very little chance of the Presbyterian Board adding a second worker to their quota on the hospital staff though we might put the suggestion up to them.

Very cordially yours,

E. A. GARSIDE

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Medical Department
E. M. Dodd

Oct. 3, 1928

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Secretary,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Garside:

I am very sorry we have been so slow in answering your letter of Sept. 24 in regard to the eye specialist whom we have in mind as a possibility for one of our institutions.

This man's name is Dr. Morton E. Brownell, and his address is 1019 First National Bank Building, Wichita, Kansas. He is thirty-five years old, married, and has four children. He graduated from Ann Arbor Medical School in 1916, was an instructor there for two years in eye work, which has apparently been his exclusive specialization, then was in the army also in eye work, and then out in Syria with the Near East Relief. This last experience was evidently a great incentive to him. He speaks a little Arabic which was a consideration toward the Near East, though we have nothing which fits his degree of specialization out there.

His equipment includes what he describes as a very fine set of instruments, worth some \$3,000.00, which he would donate to the organization with which he worked. He decidedly prefers to be under our Presbyterian Board. I am not sure that he would want to be at Nanking except that he would be a part of our quota. He is very highly spoken of by people who know him. And he seems to have a fine spirit. We have not gathered the customary information about him as yet because we had so little prospect of being able to place him in any regular way, with my limitations of specialization, finances, etc., - not to mention his age and four children. But I wish very much that he could work in somewhere as he seems in many ways an excellent prospect.

He gives as reference his present pastor, Dr. Harrison Ray Anderson, a very well known man in the Presbyterian Church, as you probably know, also his former pastor, Dr. James C. Russell of Oneonta, N. Y., and Dr. John Grant of China.

I think he is well worth looking up. But I wish there were not the above drawbacks involved.

Cordially yours,

/s/ E. M. Dodd.

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October 13, 1928

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

My dear Dr. Bowen,

We are glad to learn from your letters of September 15th that you and Mrs. Bowen have safely arrived in Nanking and have begun your work of the year. It is good to know, too, that the University has opened up with a good enrolment and with favorable prospects in spite of political problems and the presence of overcrowded conditions.

Your letter comments at length on an inquiry which appeared in my letter to Dr. Chen under date of August 15th. Evidently at the time you wrote you had not seen the letter and I believe had not talked with Dr. Chen in regard to the matter. I fear you gained a somewhat distorted report of the situation.

The comment that seems to be the basis of your letter appears in the latter part of a paragraph of my letter of August 15th:- "I know that some of our Trustees on examining the program of the commencement exercises this year have been very much distressed to find that, while a very proper and suitable emphasis was given to patriotic ceremonies, there seemed to be no distinctly Christian features on the program. I am sure that all of these exercises this year were, as always, thoroughly Christian, both in form and in spirit, but if you could send us any further facts which would help us to overcome the fears of our Trustees at this point I would very much appreciate them."

The inquiry is one of a number of items dealing with various actions of the Trustees and cooperating boards. It is simply what it purports to be - a passing inquiry on a rather trivial point which caught the attention of several Trustees and which they asked to inquire about when next I wrote to the field. No criticism of President Chen, the Board of Directors, or anybody else is intended. If President Chen found occasion for offense in our passing on such an inquiry to him, he might well have found cause for much more serious grievance if we had forwarded it through any other channel, for you know that the new constitution formulated by the Board of Directors specifically provides that "The President of the University shall be a member of the Board of Founders - - shall be the official medium of communication between the faculty, the Board of Directors, and the Board of Founders - - shall notify the Board of Founders - - of the actions taken by the Board of Directors" and shall be in general in charge of administrative matters. It would be a doubtful compliment to Dr. Chen if we ignored the procedure that the Directors have laid down for us.

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Oct. 13, 1928

Your letter gives the information we wanted about the commencement program, so we need not dignify that rather small item by further discussion unless the field has something further to say. I would, however, like to have a fuller expression of opinion from you as to our methods of handling correspondence between the Trustees and the field administration of the University. I keenly appreciate the ever-present need for extreme care in passing on to our Chinese colleagues anything that can be interpreted as implied criticism. During this year I have tried to particularly careful in all my correspondence with the Chinese administrators in all our Universities. Many of my letters I have drafted off first in long-hand and have revised carefully before I had them typed. All I have gone over again in minute detail before I have finally signed and mailed them, and on more than one occasion have had them re-typed in part or in whole before sending them out. Yet with all the care in the world it is, as you know, quite impossible to carry on such correspondence without reporting occasional differences of viewpoint between the home base and the field, disapproval of plans made or actions taken, and sometimes criticism by the Trustees of some procedure or policy. Can we consider our Chinese presidents as the responsible heads of the colleges, qualified by training and temperament to carry out the duties their field boards have prescribed for them, or must we work up to that ideal gradually?

We in America are mighty proud of the way Dr. Chen has carried on the work at Nanking this last year, and take every opportunity to spread abroad his praises, both in speech and in print. We have expressed our appreciation in resolutions and in correspondence until any further repetition would seem a bit inane. Certainly we must all do everything possible to keep him in the work at Nanking and to make things as easy for him as we can. Yet whether we like it or not there will still be problems of policy and finance, and there will be differences of viewpoint and ideas - friendly at all times but quite real. If it seems to you wiser, I will be happy to address all official correspondence via the "Foreign Assistant to the President" so as to allow him to expurgate or modify where necessary to avoid possible loss of face. I feel that it is quite important that we have a clear understanding between the field and the home base as to exact procedure we are to follow, for any haziness is sure to hold danger of misunderstanding and possible offense.

We are having a meeting of the Nanking Executive Committee next week. The principal topic to be considered is that of whether any claim for losses at Nanking will be submitted.

Cordially yours,

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October 17th (1926)

Dear Dr. Bowen,

We attach a copy of a letter we are writing to Dr. Chen discussing certain amendments to the Statement of Purpose proposed by the field, which the Executive Committee considered today.

This is a pretty difficult letter to write, and the difficulty is increased by the fact that it must be done hastily if we are to catch this mail at all. I felt, however, that it must be addressed to Dr. Chen rather than to you because of the danger that he would be affronted if we suddenly changed our channel for correspondence of this sort.

We sincerely hope that you will assure Dr. Chen that the Trustees have every confidence in the depth of his Christian character and purpose, and of the Christian character and purpose of the Board of Directors and the faculty in general. You can go the limit in telling him that the Trustees are very much 'set in their ways' and slow to adopt new ideas, but at least their hearts are right.

Cordially,

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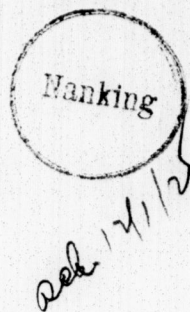
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NANKING, CHINA

Oct. 19, 1928.



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

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside:

Your good letter of September 20th came here three days ago and I appreciate it very much indeed. Our first news letter will have reached you before this arrives. I am glad to know that you had a good talk with Bishop Birney. He is in Nanking today and has stopped off on his way down the river from Kiukiang a few hours. I am afraid my last letter to you would not seem in as good spirit as the one written about the time when we were sailing. I find that it is very easy for a number of our men now here to criticize many things and there are plenty to be criticized. But our own administrative men and the men in the responsible positions in the Government are carrying intolerable loads and getting terrific criticism from all sides.

*Do Bates &
Thomson &
our "officers"*

The people of Nanking are pessimistic and critical of their officers. So I had made up my mind to try to avoid it as much as possible myself but did not practice it in writing to you. But I can assure you that I do respect your work and character very much and what you are doing for us from that difficult end. I know you have many difficulties and I hope I will not add any more to them in the future.

I believe Miss Jeffrey has been already taken care of and I believe that President Chen has made arrangements for her return and provided the necessary funds for the travelling.

President Chen is now on his way to Canton Christian College to make the main speech at the detection of a science hall. We will have a Board of Directors' meeting November 9th after his return. I believe one of our greatest needs is the right man to teach English in the sub-freshmen and freshmen classes, not so much literature as the sub-freshmen and freshmen type of English. When Dr. Chen returns I will show your letter to him about the Presbyterian candidate--he may be the man we need. I will also show the letter about Dr. Krinsky but I imagine he will not approve to it. President Chen has already a heavy load of problems at the hospital.

Mr. Reisner will be a great help to you there and it will be a help to him also to see you in action there.

With very kindest regards and best wishes.

Cordially yours, *A. S. Bowen*

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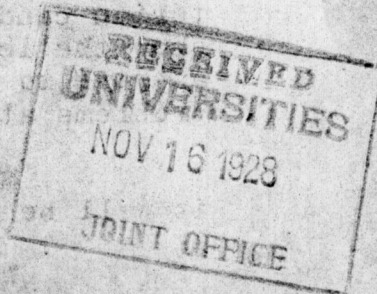
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University of Nanking

November 2, 1928

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China

My dear Dr. Bowen:

We are happy to have your first "occasional letter" written on October 1st. We all very much enjoyed Mr. Reisner's letters last year and are glad you are continuing the same custom.

This first letter contains a great deal of very interesting and valuable information. We are glad to have your comments on the political situation although even yet changes take place so rapidly in China that cable dispatches usually indicate a number of changes in the situation before mail can reach us. Evidently the political authorities of Nanking are rushing ahead very rapidly on their program of road making throughout the city. We have been hoping that they would wait until Mr. Murphy arrived on the field to undertake his city building program before they insisted on destroying so much property for new roads which may not after all be necessary or desirable. I suppose that when Mr. Murphy does get to Nanking he will find that he has some life-sized problems on his hands.

It is obvious that the hospital has been making most gratifying progress in spite of all the serious handicaps you have been facing. We are trying to get Miss Bauer started as soon as she is able but unfortunately she finds it necessary to give two months notice before she can leave the hospital where she is now employed and feels also that she must have three or four weeks at home. That will mean that it will be about the first of February before she can begin her journey.

Your enrolment of practically a thousand students certainly demonstrates in a most objective way the value of the University of Nanking to the people of China and the spirit in which they are supporting the institution. I know too that the students you have are a picked lot, chosen from a far larger group of applicants.

Evidently the wheels of registration whirled rapidly once they were set in motion. I am highly gratified that the University's registration was accomplished so speedily and with so little difficulty. I hope that it will be possible for us to complete without much further delay the various processes of reorganization on which we have been working for something more than a year.

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We are glad to note the gradual influx of so many Western staff members. I have been quite concerned over the fact that you and Miss Priest and President Chen have been so greatly handicapped in your work this fall by the shortage of stenographic help. I asked Mr. Reisner a few days ago whether there is anything we might be able to do from this end to help the situation. He stated, however, that he understood Miss Purcell would be returning to Nanking soon after the end of this calendar year and expressed the hope that her arrival would relieve the pressure.

I find that I did not formally acknowledge the letter you wrote on shipboard under date of September 2nd. We were particularly gratified at your report of conferences in Honolulu with regard to the Land Utilization Project. I have quoted your comments to Mr. Reisner though probably you have already sent him these facts direct.

There is no further word from the Hall Estate, and we are all handicapped by the fact that it is very difficult for us to go to them and ask for more until we know what they are planning to give us in their original distribution. Also, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Davis seem to have been alternating in their trips to Europe. The moment one returns the other leaves so it has been almost impossible to ever find the two of them in America at the same time. We sincerely hope, however, that within the very near future some satisfactory news may be forthcoming.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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My Dear Dr. Speer,
Mr. Reischer,
Mr. Garside,

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(Spur & Reischer copies forwarded 11/20/28)
You will pardon this one letter to all of you. Mr. Teng of the College of Agr. & For. is practicing taking dictation with me, but I do not wish to dictate this letter.

So far as I can see on the outside, the University is going along very well. Of course I do not know much of what goes on within. The hospital is doing as well as one could hope under Dr. Chang, who does not know how to delegate work and responsibilities and tries to keep too much in his own hands; is too suspicious and depends a bit too much on his own judgment that is not of the best always. But we hope that all Chinese and foreign can put up with it till Dr. Hutcheson can arrive, when all will go well, even with Dr. Chang still as Supt.

Mr. Thomson has not yet been able to get his house, so the family is living in Shanghai. Mrs. Buck, who seems to me to be exceedingly pessimistic, says that our own Chinese are not at all anxious to get these houses back for the foreigner; that they regard it as a patriotic thing that the Univ. let them use these houses, and so are not exerting themselves to recover them; and that Mr. Thomson was to see Dr. Chen yesterday or today about it and if that did seem the attitude to resign and go home. Both he and Mr. Buck as well as Mrs. Buck are pretty blue all the time. They are all living together now - Bucks and Bates - till repairs are finished on the Bates house, about a week yet. (Hsiung lived in that house, as did Lamb in the Clemons' that we moved into Nov. 1st.) They do not cheer one another up very much, I fear. I am sure that Mr. Gee does not share any such ideas re the houses - and I see more of him than any one, Foreign or Chinese, except Miss Priest. I do not think it is true, but it will serve to let you know, for your own private use, somewhat of the atmosphere and feeling on the part of some. I do not share it at all or feel it, tho of course they have been in it much more intimately and longer than I have. Neither Bates or Thomson have talked to me about the matter - or any other - and outwardly, at least, they seem about normal to me. But I do anticipate that we shall have VERY great difficulty to get MOST of the houses back. There are no vacant houses in Nanking. Rents are up VERY high. There are NO houses in Nanking to compare in comfort or convenience with these that the Officials now have of ours. Also we are served with the notice from the American Legation, that once such institutions are registered, we shall have to look for protection, settling of disputes, etc to the Chinese Govt. They can do nothing except in a friendly way for us. The matter of recovering our residences from officials to whom they have been rented when the rent period expires, may be brought up at the Board Meeting on the 9th. Unless they can be recovered, there is little use of other foreigners returning, of course. I think likely one of the difficulties in the matter is that none of the Chinese in authority in the Univ. have the nerve to go to headquarters and to the head men and take it up with them: they fear a reaction from radicals or even students and of being called "foreign slave or unpatriotic. Dr. & Mrs. Trimmer have moved into the east half of the old Hummel house: Dr. Tsai Yuen-pei is to have the west side - that was the only way they could get him out of the Buck house, by promising him this place.

There is considerable robbery at night now in the city, I am told, and Mr. Gee advised us today not to go out at night. This phase of life ANYWHERE now in China will grow worse as the winter approaches, rice gets more expensive and hardships increase. Many soldiers have been discharged with only a few dollars; they are far from home, and have nothing but starvation or robbery ahead. Rice has gone up in price \$4 lately pre tan. We hear that 3 policemen have been assigned at night for every home where there is a foreigner - one was near our gate at 9 P.M. when we returned from a dinner at the Middle School, C.F. Liu's. It will be a terribly hard winter on millions of poor Chinese, no doubt.

With very kindest regards and best wishes

Very cordially yours, X.J. Bowen.

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Sec'y. of the University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York,
U.S.A.

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside:

Thanking you very much indeed for your good letter of October 13th. After my rather critical and possibly over fearful letter it is very kind indeed of you to write as you have. There will be no necessity, I am sure, of any procedure than what you have following writing directly to President Chen about all matters. From all that I can get, no harm has been done. With your agreeable way of doing things, I am sure no one will in the future will be harmed and my letter I think now was not necessary.

We too here are very happy the way President Chen is carrying on. Last Friday and Saturday we had Board of Directors meeting. He will be writing to you soon about it. It was an excellent meeting in every way and marked good progress. Probably the minutes will be delayed a little as Dr. Chen has to go to Shanghai to work on the budget campaign right away--getting its started and others working on it.

here The Promotion Committee that had been appointed at the last meeting of the Board had met or done anything and we are getting short of funds for December and January. Funds that the directors and alumna are responsible for are needed now for our current budget and hence he is anxious to get it going at once. No, there is, so far as I know, no dissatisfaction whatsoever with your office and the way you are doing things--quite to the contrary I am confident. However, there is a difference which is very marked to me and which requires a definite effort to avoid; namely, a tendency to criticize and find fault on all sides.

It is a spirit that seems abroad here these days. I believe in the city there is much dissatisfaction and criticism among the people, but not so very much, however, in the University. But there is a general critical attitude of mind that one needs to guard against. This is what, I am sure, that I have done in my letter--to reflect too much this critical spirit now prevailing here.

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To Mr. Garside

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Mr. Reisner did a fine piece of work in carefully avoiding it and under even greater provocation of worse conditions. Miss Priest is bearing a heavy burden and under constant strain. She worked straight through the summer with many baffling problems everyday, as e.g. the hospital. So do not take apparent criticisms or critical tone in her letter too seriously at all. She is pure gold and doing one of the finest pieces of work that the University has ever had done. It is harder for one to keep his balance and sanity here now than ever before. So do not take us too seriously if we get too serious.

Mr. N.G. Gee is spending a few days here with us, going over hospital and University matters especially connected with science. He is always helpful.

Assuring you of my best regards and highest esteem as ever.

Very cordially yours,

A. J. Bowen

A. J. Bowen.

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P.S. Dictating to a Chinese boy & then correcting his 1st draft even, leaves a good deal to be desired in the kind of a letter one would like to write. A.J.B.

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November 19, 1928.

My dear Mr. Bowen:

I was delighted to find that you were planning to keep up the occasional letters which Mr. Reisner used to send to us last year. Your letter of October 1st contains a great deal of interesting information about what is going on in Nanking. The enrollment in the different departments of the University certainly is splendid and it is fine to know that work is going on so well after the interruptions of the last two years. It is easy to see from the way in which you write that it would be very difficult for me to recognize in Nanking the city which I left only eight years ago. I suppose that you will find some of the adjustments that have to be made pretty difficult to reconcile yourself to and yet I can easily understand how satisfying it might be, from your point of view, not to have any of the details of administrative work which you used to be burdened with in the old days.

It has been good to see the Reisner family more or less frequently since they arrived in New York. They are evidently enjoying the activity of New York City and the opportunity of doing many things that were denied to them in Nanking and Shanghai. Mr. Reisner seems to be much better than he was when he arrived. The trouble in his sinuses seems to be clearing up somewhat and that makes his general health better.

Things in our organization seem to go on about as usual. Our main effort at the present time is to provide a program for the meeting in January. The meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference is to be held in Detroit this year, which is a departure from previous years. It seems to be welcomed by some of the Boards at least, in that it gives them a chance to send delegates who do not ordinarily get to the Conference. I am enclosing a tentative copy of our program which does not contain many names as yet because we have not yet succeeded in securing the speakers. It has been only a few days since we finally agreed on the program that we wanted to have. If possible, we are planning to secure James Yen to speak on Tuesday night on the problem of meeting the needs of rural populations. You will see perhaps as you study the program, that our main effort has been to build it in such a way as to provide for a maximum consideration of the findings of the Jerusalem meeting of the International Missionary Council, held last spring.

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Mr. Bowen.

Nov. 19, 1929.

I hope that both you and Mrs. Bowen are keeping your health and that things are going well for you in Nanking. Mrs. Moss would join me, if she were here, in hearty best wishes to you both.

With cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Leslie B. Moss.

Mr. A. J. Bowen,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

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Nov. 21, 1928.

Nanking
Oct. 1/8/29

Mr. B. A. Garside, Sec'y.
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Garside:

TRANSFER

Your good letters of October 8th and 17th and 20th to Dr. Chen came a day or two ago. I will refer the letter about Dr. Brownell to President Chen. It would not seem that we could possibly take him with his large family to handle here in Nanking now.

I am very much pleased with your letters to Dr. Chen. They have handled both of the delicate problems admirably in every respect. I donot see how can it be done better. He has returned from Shanghai but has not yet talked the matter over with me. Of course, he will write you soon about both matters as they were handled in the Board of Directors meeting.

Everything is going along as usual here but there is getting to be more robbery and theft as the winter comes on and hardships increase for more and more people. I do not see any remedy for this matter here for some time.

We just had a good letter from Reisner to-day. He seems to be busy and active. I hope he is not over doing.

With very kind regards.

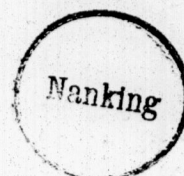
Cordially yours,

A. J. Bowen
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University of Nanking

December 1, 1928

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

We are glad to have your letter of October 19th and also your letter of November 3rd addressed jointly to Dr. Speer, Mr. Reisner and myself.

We are sorry to note from these letters that there are so many causes for discouragement around Nanking at the present time. I suppose it is inevitable that, following the crises of the past year and a half when the freshness and acuteness of the difficulties and problems were in themselves enough to keep everyone going at a high rate of speed, there must follow still further additional and more depressing years of slow readjustment with most of the old problems still unsolved. I sincerely trust that the new crisis in the University affairs, produced by the influx of the personnel of the new Nationalist government, will soon pass safely by. I fear, however, that this coming winter is likely to be a pretty difficult one for Nanking and, for that matter, for the greater part of China.

We enclose a copy of a letter we have just written President Chen commenting on the minutes of the Nanking meeting on November 14th. Aside from the discussion of the Correlated Program there were few matters of outstanding importance. The most difficult problem of the Trustees is still the financial one, and at this meeting very little progress was made in that direction. New intimations have come that the distribution of the Hall Estate fund will probably be completed early in January, so we are now looking hopefully in that direction for reasonably early relief.

One item was discussed in the meeting of which no record at all was made in the minutes. I pass it on to you confidentially. Mr. Carter and some of the other Trustees, who have been watching the affairs of Nanking for a good many years, were a little troubled by action E-148 of the June 28th meeting of the Board of Directors which votes "to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the President of the University, and the Treasurer of the Board of Directors to arrange with the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank for an overdraft of Mex.\$25,000.00 for the expenses during the summer months". They pointed out that under the old Constitution and By-laws of the University, the negotiation of loans on the field is not in order unless the specific approval of the Board of Trustees has been re-

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ceived. While they recognize that the center of responsibility for such financial matters has been greatly shifted in the last few years still they have been somewhat disturbed by this particular action. Mr. Carter pointed out that at one time some years ago the University got into rather serious financial difficulties in much this same way. Fortunately, Mr. Reiser was able to explain the situation fully and all members of the Board cordially endorsed his feeling that nothing should appear on the minutes or in our correspondence which would seem in any way a criticism of President Chen, Miss Priest or the Board of Directors. We all realize that the overdraft on the field last summer was caused primarily by the fact that we at the home base did not provide the field with as much money as they had counted on and that therefore the fault for the shortage was chiefly or wholly ours. We also recognize that the field showed a splendid spirit in struggling through its financial difficulties alone, whereas most of our other Universities would have been sending us urgent cables demanding that we remit funds at all costs.

I pass on these comments to you informally for your information and for any steps you feel might wisely be taken. My own feeling is that it would not be wise to pass on either to Miss Priest or President Chen any of these comments for I believe both of them would at once jump to the conclusion that this is another illustration of carping criticism by the Board of Trustees, where in reality the feeling of the Board is the very opposite of critical. I hope that before such an emergency arises again we may have our new Constitution, By-laws and agreement with the Directors in definite and final form so that there will be no uncertainty as to the procedure to be followed. I think it is well, however, that you have this discussion of the Board in mind in case some emergency arises before our present process of reorganization is completed.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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B A GARSIDE

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