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January 23, 1930

President Y.G.Chen
Dr. A. J. Bowen,
Miss Elsie M. Priest,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

My dear Dr. Chen; Dr. Bowen and Miss Priest:

We are attaching hereto a copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Founders held on January 7. Under separate cover we are sending you forty copies of these minutes for distribution to the Board of Directors. This letter will deal with such matters in the minutes as seem to require comments.

Revision of U.C.M.S. appropriation for 1930. On page two of the minutes you will notice the report stating that the U.C.M.S. has now agreed to define its appropriation to the general University budget for 1930 as G\$3,000 rather than Mex.\$6,000. This will reduce the threatened shortage of income in the U.C.M.S. appropriation and will also be a step, I hope, in the direction of persuading the U.C.M.S. to state their appropriations to the University in gold rather than in silver. While Dr. Corey's letter made no reference to any change in the U.C.M.S. appropriation to the Hospital for 1930, a check received from the U.C.M.S. a few days ago called for G\$187.50 for the Hospital which would be one-fourth of G\$750, rather than one-fourth of Mex.\$1,500 as they have previously defined their Hospital appropriation. The U.C.M.S. has, however, continued paying its cash equivalent for quota vacancies on a Mexican basis.

Report of President Chen. The Board of Founders read President Chen's annual report with keen interest. They noted with sympathetic attention the evidences of the many problems the University has faced during the past year and rejoice that such remarkable progress has been made in overcoming these difficulties. Everyone expressed hearty praise of the work President Chen and the other administrative officers of the University have done during the past year to make such a satisfactory report possible. Several items referred to in President Chen's report were dealt with by the Founders later in the meeting.

The Founders were keenly interested in the closing paragraph of this report describing the work of the Department of Religion during the past two years. Several members asked a number of questions on which information did not enable us to answer, so the Board requested me informally to ask you for somewhat fuller information as to the work and prob-

lems of the Department of Religion during these times when there has been so much discussion of work in religious education in relation to registration under the Nationalist Government. Some of our Universities in seeking registration have met with their greatest difficulty at this point and in certain instances the Government educational authorities have gone so far as to require that any department of religious education be abolished before registration could be effected. I believe that a few of our colleges have discontinued departments of religious education but have distributed courses previously offered in this department among such other departments as the Department of Philosophy, the Department of Ethics, the Department of History, etc.

Will you please write us sometime at your convenience, giving us as full information as you can along these lines. The Founders are very happy indeed that Hanking has been able to do such effective work in the Department of Religion and has been so little molested. The Founders will be very glad to learn more about how you have accomplished these excellent results.

Revised budget 1929-30. The Founders examined rather briefly the revised budget of the Board of Directors for the year 1929-30, as attached to the minutes of October 25 meeting of the Executive Finance Committee. They found that with very minor differences the estimates in the revised budget are in accordance with the actions taken by the joint meeting of the Executive, Budget, and Audit Committees of the Board of Founders on June 25, 1929. The three minor differences they note are itemized in action BF-483. If you disagree with our figures on any of these three items will you please let us know so we can bring our records into line with yours.

As I have mentioned in various letters during the last year or two, the Hanking Founders have again to make a distinction between the budget of the Board of Directors, which includes all University expenditures in China, and the budget of the Board of Founders which includes few items of expenditure here in America for which the Founders are directly responsible. This is a distinction that is clearly defined in some of our Universities, but is only being initiated in others. If this distinction were made in the present revised budget for 1929-30 the Directors' budget would omit item 1141 - Office in New York. I believe the figure you give of Mex.\$5,000 is incorrect anyway inasmuch as this item was defined by the Board of Founders as C\$2,500 which, at the approved rate of exchange of 2.10 to 1, would amount to Mex.\$5,250. This particular item is of minor importance but I believe the principle is of greater moment. The distinction between the budget of the Board of Directors and the Board of Founders will probably become more important as the Founders proceed along the lines recommended by the meeting of the "special Committee Concerning University employed staff" held on October 5, 1929, and as approved by the Executive-Finance Committee in action DEF-250 and the Board of Directors in action D-296. If we understand correctly the proposals suggested in these actions they would mean that University supported Western personnel receive their salaries and allowances from the Board of Founders rather than the Board of Directors. Regardless of what technical procedure is adopted in handling the disbursement of funds for the University supported Western personnel, obviously the Board of Founders would adopt a budget covering the support of this personnel, distinct from the general University budget for which the Board of Directors is directly responsible.

However, this question of the sub-division of the budget into a "Board of Directors Budget, and a "Board of Founders Budget" is a question that is deserving of more extended study and comment later on.

Budget for Chinese cultural studies 1928-30. The Board of Founders gave tentative approval to the revised budget for Chinese cultural studies as submitted by the Board of Directors. The Founders use the word "tentative" because we are still very much in the dark as to the policy the Harvard-Yenching Institute will ultimately adopt as to the use of income from their \$1,800,000 Trust Fund. The Institute is this week having a series of meetings in Boston and we are hoping that greater clarity and greater liberality of policy will result therefrom. Dr.Leighton Stuart will be present and I know from conversations I have had with him that he feels very strongly that the Institute should make no more binding restrictions on the use of income from their Trust Fund than merely that the Universities maintain satisfactory work in their departments of Chinese cultural studies. Dr.Hoods will, I presume, be present and will bring to the other Trustees the impressions gained during his visit to China. We are all anxiously awaiting a report of the decisions reached by the Institute this week.

Field Treasurer's report, 1928-29. Once again the Board of Founders expressed its hearty appreciation of the splendid way in which the University has managed its finances, as revealed by the annual report of the Field Treasurer for the fiscal year 1928-29. All members of the Board of Founders have a lively admiration and affection for Miss Priest, and at every meeting are loud in their praise of the excellent work she is doing. Action BF-435 is such more than a formal vote of appreciation; it is an expression of the warm and personal feeling of all members of the Board of Founders. When I read over the stencils for the Hanking minutes I was somewhat amused to note that our typist had inadvertently referred to Miss Priest as the "field treasure" which, I think, would quite adequately describe the Founders' opinion of her worth.

Gifts received on the field. The Founders were very much interested in the references made in President Chen's report concerning the anticipated gifts from the Nationalist Government of \$300,000 silver for a library building, from Dr.J.C.Ferguson for an arts building, and from friends of Dr.J.B.Williams for the erection of a Williams Hall. The Board expressed a desire, however, for more definite information concerning these three gifts. So far as we have been able to learn, the Max.\$300,000 for a library building has not yet been paid over by the Nationalist Government. Will you please let us know the status of this gift and when it is likely to be actually in hand? Will you please let us know also something more as to Dr.Ferguson's proposed gift, its amount and any conditions attached to it? Will you also give us further facts concerning the proposed gifts from friends of Dr.Williams for the erection of a Williams Hall.

E.T.Wang Memorial to Dr.Williams. All members of the Board of Founders have been sincerely touched by the kindly and generous action of Dr.Wang in erecting a memorial in honor of Dr.Jack Williams. The Waichiaopu of the Nationalist Government sent us a supply of the booklet issued by Dr.Wang as a tribute to the memory of Dr.Williams and our office distributed these booklets among the Board of Founders and other friends of the University. In accordance with the instructions of the Founders, I am at this time sending Dr.Wang a letter of appreciation.

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Gain in exchange 1929-30. While it is still too early to estimate with any degree of accuracy the amount of surplus likely to accrue during 1929-30 due to favorable rate of exchange, and while the Founders are reluctant as a rule to make expenditures on such items until definite figures are available, the Board felt that the request of the Directors for an amount not to exceed \$12,000 for residence repairs was so urgent as to deserve special consideration. They, therefore, voted by action BF-488 to approve the Directors request for an amount not to exceed Mex. \$12,000 for residence repairs; this amount to be disbursed to the field as the Treasurer of the Board of Founders finds the surplus accruing from exchange will permit. We have already cabled Miss Priest an authorization to draw for Mex.\$8,000 of this amount. While the surplus accruing from favorable exchange probably does not amount to Mex.\$8,000 as yet, it seemed that the present is such a favorable time to transmit money to the field it was wise to take full advantage of the prevailing exchange rates.

You will note that the Founders estimated the probable surplus from favorable rates of exchange in gold dollars rather than in Mexican dollars inasmuch as this surplus will accrue here in New York as we find that less gold is required than anticipated to complete the Founders' guaranteed appropriation in silver toward the 1929-30 budget of the Board of Directors.

Salary, allowances, retirement, and status of University supported Western staff. Questions relating to these matters were being actively discussed by the Board of Founders before we received the minutes of the November 1 meeting of the Board of Directors, and correspondence from Dr.Bowen and Miss Priest relative to these problems of the University supported Western staff. However, the actions of the Board of Directors and the correspondence from the field has speeded up consideration of these problems on which we have already taken far too much time. I hope that the special committee appointed by the Founders will be ready within the next few weeks to make formal recommendations to the Founders relative to the matters dealt with by the October 25 meeting of the "Special Committee Concerning University Employed Staff", and also such other matters as the revision of the form of agreement between these staff members and the University.

Reparations for personal losses. On November 5 Miss Priest wrote reporting the recent actions of the Nationalist Government in making initial payments on claims for personal losses and inquiring the attitude of the Board of Founders regarding the possible refund of re-outfit allowances made to staff members who lost all, or most, of their personal belongings in 1927. The Board of Founders expressed its desire for more complete information before taking any definite action. The general feeling expressed was that unless the staff members received in all, from the Board of Founders and the Nationalist Government together, more than the total of their losses, the Founders would probably be unwilling to ask for any refunds on the payments made in 1927. In cases, however, where the staff members receive reimbursement in full from the Nationalist Government for losses sustained in 1927, the Board of Founders felt it would be reasonable for them to ask such staff members to refund payments made to them for re-outfit in 1927. Should staff members receive from the Nationalist Government slightly less than the total value of their losses, the Founders would probably approve having such staff members retain a sufficient amount of the payment made for re-outfit allowance so as to complete their reimbursement for losses and then return to the Founders any balance remaining. Should payments from

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the Nationalist Government plus the payments made by the Board of Founders together be less than the total losses, the Founders would probably ask for no refund.

We should appreciate it, therefore, if you would send us further information as to the probable amount and dates of payments from the Nationalist Government to cover losses sustained in 1927. How many of the University staff who suffered loss in 1927 have presented claims to the Nationalist Government and how many have refrained from presenting claims? In the case of those who have presented claims, will reimbursement be made in full or in part? Did the claims presented cover all losses or only a portion of the losses? Did those presenting claims adopt a uniform procedure in this regard, or did some present more complete claims than others?

I fear that you may find it troublesome to answer at least some of the above questions, but we will sincerely appreciate any information you can give us.

Language School Building Funds. You will note that the Founders by action BF-481 voted to request the principal Mission Boards which formerly sent students to the Nanking Language School to approve the use of Mex.\$15,000 (this figure is incorrectly stated as Mex.\$1,500 in some copies of the minutes which were mailed out before the correction was made) balance of the Language School Property Fund for the construction of additional residences. I am at this time writing to eight or ten of the principal Boards asking for their approval of this proposal. I sincerely hope that none of them will raise any objections. If and when we have favorable replies to these requests we will send you authorization to proceed.

East China Federated University. The Board gave sympathetic consideration to the actions of the Board of Directors, and also the Directors of the East China Federated University, proposing that the Nanking Board of Founders act as fiscal agent for the East China Federated University pending the incorporation of the Federated University under the laws of the State of New York. The Founders expressed the desire, however, for more specific information concerning the plans of the Federated University before taking definite action. The matter was deferred, therefore, until we learn the outcome of the Council meeting to be held in Shanghai within the next few days.

Recommendations of Graduates. You will notice that the Founders passed the usual vote of recommendation to the Regents of the University of the State of New York that they confer degrees on the Nanking graduates. I believe we have not as yet received from the field the usual statements of work done by each of these graduates of the University. As soon as these reach us we will transmit them to the Regents.

Constitution. Agreement. By-laws. By action BF-493 the Founders agreed to approve the verbal correction in Article IV, Section 4 (a) whereby the words "Chinese Christian Churches" are inserted. Obviously the omission of these words was merely a typographical error so it seemed unnecessary for the Board of Founders to observe all the technical procedure of amending the Constitution before declaring the correction effective. In order, however, to avoid the possibility of future difficulty, we will ask the next meeting of the Board of Founders to ratify this amendment again and thus observe all the minutiae required formally to amend the Constitution.

Dr. Chen, Dr. Bowen, Miss Priest-6

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The Founders noted action D-506 outlining the difficulty involved in carrying out the proposal of the Board of Founders in action F-418 proposing the addition of certain phrases in the declaration of purpose as set forth by the Board of Directors. Since we understand, however, that President Chen will be sending us further correspondence on this subject, the Founders deferred any definite action at this time.

You will note that the Founders by action BF-424 voted to concur in the proposal of the Board of Directors that the property lease of the University campus begin July 1, 1928, instead of July 1, 1927. This, I trust, will clear up the confusion which has arisen because of this difference in dates.

I believe the above comments cover all the actions of the Board of Founders which any explanations are necessary. I presume the Founders will hold another meeting sometime during the month of April or May as required by the University By-laws.

Very cordially yours,

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Enc.

B A GARSIDE

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EXCERPT FROM DR. BOWEN'S LETTER TO DR. SPEER

JANUARY 31, 1930

"For a long time I have believed that the ONLY co-operation in East China is just about what you outline in your 4 points on page 2 of your letter: A Central Committee or Board, with as much authority behind it as possible to do the following:

1. Determine and agree just what few lines each institution would especially stress, and among the institutions cover the field, and prevent each institution from stressing what was decided should be stressed elsewhere.
2. Do the same for Graduate work. I have not believed all graduate work could be done in one or two institutions: each University with growing young Assistants and Associates would HAVE to do some post-graduate work to train and develop and hold the right kind of future teachers in the institution.
3. This Com. or Board would unify entrance requirements; graduation, credits and standards, and tend to have us all working on one diversified Program. Students would thus, at any point, in their course be able to go to any other of the institutions for the special courses he wanted.

I have maintained (in vain) that such a Program and practical co-operation for East China would afford all the elements needed for a United Financial Campaign at Home; that we did not have to develop a sixth, super, Federated University in East China in order to enable us to make the appeal at Home for a United Campaign.

I heartily approve of all of your four points, and believe that such a Com. or Board could be made a strong force in helping to increase efficiency and "maintain missionary and Christian ideals" as you suggest in the 4th point - and this is VERY necessary and of major importance.

Of course I do not know what decisions the Council of Higher Education in these meetings here recently has made, but I am very much hoping that it has demonstrated to the satisfaction of ALL that Nanking is not "blocking union and co-operation in East China"; and that now we can go forward with real plans for a united Financial campaign at Home that will take in ALL of the UNION UNIVERSITIES. Why should the unwillingness of Shanghai College and St. Johns and Soochow (to a lesser extent) be longer used to penalize all of the rest of us outside of the immediate Shanghai area?? The Union Universities and Colleges take in practically all other Christian Higher Education outside of the above three institutions in all China; let us go forward with more adequate plans for them and cease worrying over East China; they want to be left alone; they want to pursue their own unhampered course, and no amount of worrying on our part is going to change their attitudes. Of course they want funds from a united campaign at Home, but that is ALL they want. They are not willing to pay the price for getting these funds, and so in my opinion, should be left out to hoe their own row. Also, I think that there is certainly a place for the smaller, denominational College or "university"; and in the long run likely they will develop more actual Christian workers for their Churches than the larger Union institutions do. For some unfortunate

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reason, the larger and 'richer' and more scientific an institution grows the less vitally Christian it seems to become - both at HOME AND in China."

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March 19, 1930

Nanking

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

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside:

I have several letters from you - one dated December 19th, one December 26th and another January 2nd, - none of which I fear have been acknowledged and as Miss Gless is helping me out I will take this opportunity to write you a line.

I am going up to Nanking tomorrow night to attend the Executive-Finance Committee which is making preparations for the Board of Directors' Meeting on the 28th which I shall also attend. I have not been up to Nanking since last October. Like a friend of mine has said, if you let your letters go long enough, you do not need to answer them, and I fear this is the case with your letters.

Mr. Young has arrived. We had him out to the house for a meal as he passed through and were very well impressed with him indeed. It seems to me that the Five-Year appointment is a very good one and since he wishes to stay permanently, I trust it will work out so that it can be a permanent appointment. He perhaps has not had quite enough advance work in English to handle the more advanced technical courses, but he will work into it all right in time I think. When he goes on furlough he can take a year for special work in advance courses in English.

No doubt Dr. Chen answered some of the questions raised in your letter of December 19th. We hope that the Trustees will be sending out final word about the pension plan for University employed workers like Miss Priest, the nurses and others.

The military disturbances that you refer to in your letter of December 19th did not cause any serious trouble, although most of the ladies had to leave Nanking for a couple weeks. Unfortunately another war is threatening again in the North, but I doubt if it will amount to much though one can never tell. Certainly the overthrow of the present Nanking Government would be a serious calamity.

I am reporting to Soochow University the matter about the Methodist Board shipping out the box so that they will reimburse us for the \$35.00 Mex. we have paid from our office here.

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It seemed to me from the last minutes of the meeting of the Board of Founders that you had a most excellent meeting, - one of the very best it seems to me that you have had in several years. We are here especially gratified that Mr. Swasey and Mr. Severance were there. I think it will be necessary perhaps in the not too distant future for President Chen to get over to America, perhaps in connection with the financial campaign if that is put on, within a year or two so that our directors and friends may see him and become acquainted with him. However, under present conditions at the University and especially since political conditions affect Nanking rather vitally now, it will be quite difficult for him to get away.

We are hoping that nothing will interfere with Mr. Reisner's getting back this summer and we are very glad that the Stewards are returning.

I am sorry to report that it seems advisable for us to leave China for some time at least. The doctor who is now fussing with me and has given me several injections of salversan to get rid of the low fever that has continued for ten or eleven months, thinks that we should be out of China for at least two years. He thinks that the fever is due to a stubborn case of malaria which may be so. At any rate we are sailing May 9th for Los Angeles and will probably make our headquarters somewhere in Southern California, as I do not like the cold weather any more. We can be reached after June 1st at 308 Burton Court, Pasadena, c/o Mr. Alex G. Small. We will probably spend the summer in Olatha, Kansas, so that our two daughters may spend their brief vacations with us.

From everything we can hear the University is getting along very well indeed. There are many difficulties of course and problems for President Chen, The capital being there and the abnormally low price of silver has made costs and expenses there very high, probably more so than Shanghai, but on the whole they are getting along very well indeed. The very splendid gift of \$50,000 gold from Hoover is a very great help at this particular time. President Chen has probably written you regarding the action of the committee in connection with the use of this gift.

I shall be writing you again probably shortly after the Board of Directors' Meeting. We certainly appreciate all that you and Mr. Evans are doing for us and I regret very much that I have to apparently run away at this hard time for Nanking.

Very kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

A. J. Bowen

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*P.S. No the \$300,000 has not
yet been paid I regret to say
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We are hoping that nothing will interfere with Mr. Kester's getting back this summer and we are very glad that the Stewarts are returning.

I am sorry to report that it seems advisable for us to leave China for some time at least. The doctor who is now assisting with me has given me several injections of calaveras to get rid of the low fever that has continued for ten or eleven months. I think that we should be out of China for at least two years. I think that the fever is due to a malarial case of malaria which may be so. At any rate we are waiting for the doctor to make up his mind and will probably make our headquarters somewhere in Southern California, as I think like the weather and the place. We can be reached after June 1st at 3000 Barton Court, Pasadena, or Dr. Alex G. Small. We will probably spend the summer in Ulster, Kansas, so that our two daughters may spend their first vacations with us.

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Very kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Bowen

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April 3, 1930

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

Nanking

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside:

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I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of a letter I have just written to President Chen about the return of Dr. and Mrs. E. V. Jones. If Dr. Chen cables or writes, I hope you will do your utmost to get them out this fall. It is this fall or never so far as they are concerned. Also the pension such as he would get, for example under the Southern Methodist Board, is a vital element in their return. I very greatly hope that the Hoover Fund will solve the difficulties involved.

I mentioned the difficulty of getting suitable men for the work now because of Mr. Young. He is a very fine young man, but is quite unable to teach Advanced English classes that we had hoped he could teach, and so they are giving him a good deal of physical training work and language study for the time being. He is a good fellow and mixes well with the students, but he is hardly equipped with the kind of training that will insure his being a permanent man on the staff. Judging from what I have heard during my last two recent trips to Nanking, he is also a little out of harmony with the religious beliefs and theology of the ordinary University and Theological Seminary man there in Nanking now.

If you know anything about Pete Weigel who used to be in the University, they say he is another Pete Weigel only of a little finer quality. To illustrate what I mean, when I was at Nanking some one told me that after hearing Stanley Smith of the Theological Seminary preach a very helpful and thoughtful sermon, Mr. Young remarked something to the effect that it was nonsense to indulge in such mental gymnastics. That is, his type of religion I fear is rather simple and fundamentalistic. I am giving you all this privately and for your own information only. Mr. Young is quite popular with his students and is working with them very helpfully, but I fear he is perhaps not much of a teacher.

I am sorry to say Mrs. Bowen and I are leaving for the United States May 9th as the doctors seem to think that is the wise thing for us to do at this time. We will go to Los Angeles, arriving there June 1st, and will perhaps settle somewhere in Southern California. We can be reached

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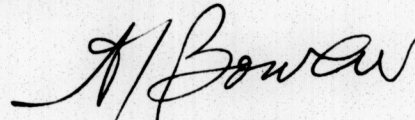
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for the time being at 308 Burton Court, Pasadena, California,
c/o Mr. Alex G. Small.

We had a very good meeting of the Board of Directors in Nanking last week though it was a little too hurried to finish some of the items. A very good hospital committee was appointed and I think they will take up seriously the problems of the hospital. We very greatly hope that Dr. and Mrs. Daniels can return this fall. It is very urgent that the Presbyterians get a doctor here as soon as possible. Dr. Trimmer who is acting superintendent and also carrying the burden of the medical work for foreigners as well as many Chinese is getting pretty discouraged and is very likely to break down at any time and if he does, he will not return to China. It is quite impossible for him to continue on as he is at present with the load he is carrying.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,



A. J. Bowen.

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P.S. You will understand that nothing official is to be done by you re this letter to Pers. Chen till you hear from him. WAB

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April 3, 1930

President Y. G. Chen,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, Kiangsu.

My dear President Chen:

There are two items about which I wish to write you at this time.

First. Dr. J. H. Franklin, Secretary of the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, and one of the leading members of our Board of Founders of New York City, is here in Shanghai and will soon be on his way to West China. He told me the other day that he wanted very much to visit the University of Nanking. So I think if you could write him a cordial letter inviting him to come and telling him where he could stay when he goes up, he would appreciate it very much and it would be a very great help to our Founders when he gets back and reports. Otherwise, he will be hearing some rumors that he will not be able to get the true situation about the University.

Second. This arises from a letter from Mr. George Scott, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, addressed to Mr. Thompson which Mr. Thompson showed me yesterday, which seems to me to indicate that the Presbyterian Board is not inclined to send Dr. and Mrs. E. V. Jones out to the University. I am sure it is hopeless also to try and get the Methodist Board to do so at least at the present time, so I wonder if it would not be possible for us to get them out under the Hoover Fund. One of the serious problems in connection with his return is his back pension, the retirement allowance he would have received had he remained in the Southern Methodist Mission, or in any other of the Missions. It is not a very large sum, but is quite important of course for a man who has no independent means when he retires from the missionary field. In the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions this amounts to \$25 gold per year for each year of service, that is, if a man has served as a missionary under the Board for thirty years he would receive on his retirement \$750 gold per year.

Now I wonder if it would not be possible to get Dr. Jones out under the Hoover Fund and have that Fund also take care of his pension. Later there may be an opportunity for the Methodist or even the Presbyterian Board to take on his annual salary and the amount of his pension beginning from the time when they take him over. The Hoover Fund to carry the previous amount of pension, but that would be a matter to be adjusted later.

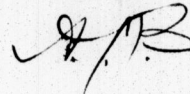
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I am sure you appreciate the very great difficulty now of getting suitable men for the University and when we have a man of the character and ability of Dr. Jones who has been thoroughly tested and tried in China, it seems to me of the greatest importance to try and secure him. Any new man is a very great experiment and apparently more so now than ever though just why I am not quite clear.

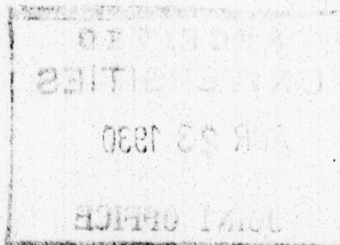
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April 8th, 1930

Dr. Joseph Beech,
West China Union University,
Chengtu, Szechuen.

My dear Dr. Beech:

Mr. Lincoln Dsang, who is spending some time down here visiting schools after the Eastern Asia Central Conference, asked me to write to you about the problem of registration especially touching upon the three present interferences, regarding property interference, regarding religious teaching and worship and regarding military drill, and the problem of registration in general as it appeals to me. Of course, I write entirely with the Nanking and East China situation and experiences in mind and while the Central Government has only a sentimental connection with you folks out there, I think it is quite fair to say that the Central Government ideas and regulations regarding registration, religious activities, military drill, etc. will be fully and completely reflected by your educational authorities there even though they are under no compulsion as yet of obeying the Central Government.

First, regarding interference with property, we have had no interference whatsoever because of our registration at Nanking and I do not think registration as such is going to make the matter of holding our property more difficult. So far I think in all the cases where these missionary institutions have been turned over practically to local boards of directors and Chinese administrators, the trustees and founders in America have all clearly held the titles to the property and have only rented the property to the local boards of directors. Confiscation of these properties because of registration will be quite as difficult as confiscation of hospital or school properties. I think there is always a possibility under especially anti-foreign or unfriendly local officials of the confiscation of various church and school properties, but I do not think registration complicates it or makes it any more likely at all.

The real problem I think is connected with Mr. Dsang's second point of interference, with religious teaching and worship. In the first place all religious activities whether teaching or of worship must be on a voluntary basis under the regulations. These religious courses, that is, must be elective and chapel and church attendance voluntary. I think there is a movement on foot now in the Central Government educational authorities to make it impossible for these Christian or missionary institutions to have departments of religious education, though nothing was said about that when we registered, but I think we shall all be required to give up definitely organized departments of religious education in these schools. So far they are quite

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agreeable to having any religious courses taught under Philosophy, or Ethics or History, but they do not want a separate and distinct department of religious education. Neither of course will they allow a theological school to be a part of a university that is registered. Further, I think there is possibly a growing element in the government just at present in rather serious conflict with another element in the government and both represented in the ministry or authorities of education - a conflict between the more radical and the more conservative groups. The more radical group wishes to eliminate all religion and all religious activities and it is barely possible that in the not distant future they are going to pass regulations to the effect that no student will get any credit for any religious courses. They have not done so, but I think this is in the air. The more liberal and more moderate elements in the government are not in sympathy with this, but they are hard pressed and may have to yield. In case it should come to that and no student will be allowed to get any credit for a religious course I would be in favor of closing the university completely and entirely.

As to military drill, we have it and it is a required part of the government regulations. As a matter of fact it is not enforced very vigorously so far as I can see at Nanking, and does not mean very much, but it is a regulation and will be enforced especially if there is any opposition to it. I should think the policy for your institution where you have Quaker students, and a Quaker Church as a part of the institution, would be to quietly allow the Quaker students to absent themselves from required military drill. I would not say anything about it to the faculty or any one, but would simply have an understanding with these students and with the Quaker teachers and the other teachers of course in the institution that these students, so far as the institution was concerned, could absent themselves from required military drill. If you can do this quietly and some radical does not see a chance of making trouble over it you would probably have no difficulty, but my conviction is that all of the regulations regarding registration are going to be gradually enforced. Like many other things, in the government now they are unable to enforce them at present, but as the Central Government gets stronger and gets more power and this power spreads further and further, I am quite confident that we will find these regulations will be more and more put into actual force. St. John's University, for instance, in Shanghai which is just over the border of the Foreign Settlement has so far been able to get along without registration, but I anticipate that within a year or two they will either register or will be forced to close. So I think there is nothing for you to do but to register ~~and~~ — the only thing to do is to register and the sooner you do it the better terms you will get. Regulations regarding registration are getting stricter and stricter and you will have to register sooner or later or you will be closed out in one way or another.

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The matter of our institution going over very largely into the hands of the Chinese - a Board of Directors that has on it more Chinese than foreigners, a Chinese President and Chinese Deans, has not caused us any embarrassment so far as I can see. We have been very fortunate in our President as he is a strong and earnest Christian man. I do not think that our going over to Chinese control has very seriously affected our supporters and backers in America. We have recently received a gift of \$50,000 gold from Mr. Hoover of Canton, Ohio, the man who makes the Hoover vacuum cleaners and we have most helpful cooperative work with Cornell University and a number of other organizations from whom we are getting funds. I think we may look forward to a period of from five to ten years at least of considerable difficulty in adequately propagating religion in these universities as we conceive it to be a fundamental part of our work, but I feel confident it is a passing phase that in due time when this wave of nationalism passes and the government gets established and organized these Christian institutions will be able to function perhaps in an even better way than they have been able to do in the past.

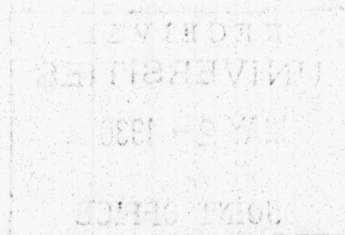
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April 9, 1930

TRANSFER

Nanking

Mr. B. A. Garside,
University of Nanking,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Garside:

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I have just received a letter from Mr. James M. Speers, Jr. sending me a copy of a letter he has written to President Chen about his return to the University of Nanking. He proposes to come back by himself for a year to test it out under the Presbyterian Board; then if later it seemed all right for him, bring out the family. His work, as he outlined it, would be a health protection program for the students in the Middle School. He hopes also to develop the same kind of work for the college students.

A few days before I received his letter I had a letter from a member of the staff in Nanking concerning his return and I was planning to write you any way about it. I quote from the letter received from Nanking -- I do not need to give you the name of the writer:

"I have a short note from John Reisner stating that there has been some talk of sending Jim Speers back, and he has reasons -- which will be given later if he feels it is necessary -- why it would be most unwise for Speers to return. I think it would be little short of a crime to send him back. He cannot teach and he cannot handle anything but the very smallest boys well. We have no small boys now to handle and with Young on the field already for a five-year term, why bring out another foreigner in that field who cannot make any definite contribution?"

I share very fully and completely this conviction of the staff member quoted above. He cannot teach and under present conditions among students in China, especially Middle School students, I do not think he would last very long. They simply would not submit to any enforced program such as he was able to enforce formerly and in which he did very good work, but it cannot be done now, and furthermore when we are in such desperate need for teachers, real teachers with a Christian purpose and a constant Christian pressure, and when we can get so few Americans to come out, it seems to me we cannot possibly waste any Board-supported men simply to do health protection work.

I will enclose before I mail this letter a copy of my reply to Mr. Speers, but I think it would be a very serious mistake to send him out. I do not think Mrs. Speers could stand the pressure at all and it would be most unwise to have her in Nanking as she is not very well and inclined to be nervous and the strain now would be greater than she could possibly bear, I feel quite confident.

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Of course I do not know what President Chen's reaction is going to be. I know that Mr. Chang who is principal of the Middle School wants all the foreigners back there that he can possibly get. Probably that would include Mr. Speers - he does not know him or his work very well, being a new man in the Middle School. Mr. Speers did very good work in the athletic and health work for the Middle School students, especially the younger primary school students, but the University students would have absolutely nothing to do with him - even students who had graduated from our Middle School and had been greatly helped by his athletic and health work. I am sending these, my own convictions, for your own private information of course.

Cordially yours,

A. J. Bowen.

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April 9, 1930

Mr. James M. Speers, Jr.,
81 S. Mountain Avenue,
Montclair, N. J.

My dear Mr. Speers:

I have your letter of March 4th together with a copy of one to President Chen. Of course I have no authority or voice in the administration of the University now, or in the selection of teachers. I have no idea what President Chen is going to reply to your letter.

But since you have asked for my reaction I am here-with sending it to you. I do not think it would be advisable at all for you to return to the Middle School. You are not interested especially in teaching and were not especially successful as a teacher. Your strong work was in the athletic and health work that you did for the Primary and Middle School students. Our great need now is for teachers, teachers of English and various other subjects.

There is not a single foreigner in the Middle School at present. Miss Wixon is teaching one class there. Next fall Miss Whipple is returning. It has not been possible I think until this term perhaps to have had a foreigner there teaching. Under the new principal, Chang Fang, conditions are greatly improving in the Middle School but there is still much to be done before a foreigner can do very much even teaching there. The whole year I was in Nanking I did not even enter the Middle School buildings, and was not asked to speak to the students once. Mrs. Bowen thought she would go through the compound out of the southwest gate, not knowing that it had been closed up and the students 'sicked' the dogs on her. That was early in the fall of 1928.

You would not be able I am sure to do the health protection work that you have in mind. The only possible work you could do there now would be to teach English or some other subject and have practically nothing to do with directing or administering any kind of work. The spirit and attitude of students has changed unbelievably since you were there and you could no more put over the kind of a program for athletic and health protection that you did when there than you could fly. It simply cannot possibly be done, under present conditions.

I think Mr. Chang would want you back. He wants Mr. Wilson, Miss Wixon, Mr. Dieterich and I think yourself back, but it would be entirely impossible to get all or any of these persons unless they come out expecting to give themselves only to their teaching. They could not do very much directly even in a religious way. They can do more now that Mr. Chang

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I regret that I have to write such a discouraging letter, especially when you wish to return and we are so short of American teachers in the University, but it seems to me only fair to you to put my own reaction before you frankly and fully. As I said in the beginning, what I myself think and believe does not make any particular difference. It will depend upon what President Chen desires and I have no intimation as to his wishes in the matter at all.

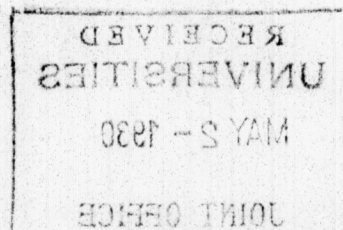
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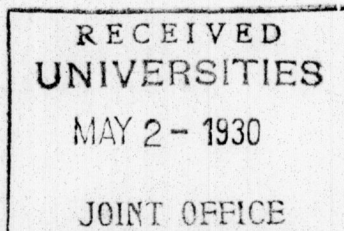
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April 11, 1930

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
Associated Mission Treasurers,
Shanghai, China.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your good letter of March 19.

We have been very much pleased to learn that Mr. Young has begun to fit himself so happily into the life and work of the University. A number of people have written of him in the highest terms. A few days ago I received a letter from him which showed clearly that he is becoming deeply absorbed in the work he is taking up at Nanking and is finding his work and relationships at the University very pleasant indeed.

We are very sorry indeed that your doctors have reached the decision that you should leave China for perhaps two years. Since you returned to the field in 1928 you have been doing such a fine piece of work for the University in spite of the handicap of uncertain health that it will be a great loss to have you absent from the field during the next two years. If, however, two years of rest and medical care here in America is the best way to restore your health to such an extent as to permit a good many more years of active service at the University, the price is a small one even from the standpoint of the purely selfish interest of the institution. It need not be said that all of us who know you have been very much concerned during this last year over the health difficulties you have encountered and are exceedingly anxious that you shall soon be back to normal.

I have made a note of the various other matters of information contained in your letter. I believe that none of them require specific comment.

I am afraid that I have adopted toward the note you wrote me on December 30 somewhat the same attitude of the friend to whom you referred who follows the philosophy of letting letters go until they answer themselves. You will remember that on December 30 you sent me a copy of a letter you wrote Mr. Chenoweth on that same date concerning certain gifts received by the Methodist Board designated for Nanking. After several delays both in our office and the office of the Methodist Board I have recently received a note from Mr. DeVesty in which he states:

"The gifts Dr. Bowen questions were credited to his account as

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of October 31, 1929, and we so notified him on November 7, 1929. He acknowledges receiving the yellow slips and I find that these yellow slips were included in our letter of November 7 notifying him that he could draw on us for the amount of the gifts."

My understanding of this note from Mr. DeVesty is that the Methodist Board has authorized you to draw these gifts and credit them to the account of the University of Nanking over and above their regular appropriation to the University. Mr. DeVesty thinks that you have probably already drawn these amounts or will soon be doing so. So far as I can see, it does not make any material difference whether the amounts are paid over to our New York office by the Methodist Board, or are drawn on the field and accounted for as in addition to the regular Methodist Board contribution. If you or Miss Priest will send us a memorandum of the gold and the Mexican amounts of these and any other special gifts thus received from Methodist sources, we can enter the amounts on our New York records by appropriate journal entries.

If your doctor continues to insist that you must spend the next two years here in America, we hope that you will find it possible to spend at least a little time here in New York. I feel that we should not try to persuade you to spend a great deal of time here in the East, for California climate should be far more beneficial; and I hope that you would have more opportunity for rest in California than you could have here in New York where we would unconsciously turn to you for advice and assistance on every possible occasion.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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Mr. Garrison

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING, May 22, 1930.

NANKING, CHINA

My Dear Mr. Chapman,

We are on our way home, sick leave, and have just today received a copy of Mr. Reisner's letter, containing a copy of your letter to him about Mrs. Chapman's and your return to China, and more important even, to the University of Nanking. Mr. Reisner cabled President Chen May 7th & had a reply: "secure Chapman", so I hope that it is all settled that you are going to us before you get this letter. But I want to write you and send a copy (with covering letter) to your Board and to your District Chairman there.

When we got your wire or letter, was it long ago that you had decided to go to India, we thought it was all off, and so did not do any more about it - I fear that I at least, did not even write you expressing our disappointment and regrets (tho I hope I did). We are more than delighted that you can get free from India and are looking towards us at Nanking.

Pres. Chen will write you or has written you likely, officially and authoritatively, of course and what I write is my own opinions and desires and hopes. 1. You can teach anything you wish: Economic & Phys. Geography; Education; Religious Education - and I would hope, a course on Life Problems, and possibly one on Contemporary Thought and Civilization a sort of general Adjuster and Eye-Opener course required for all Freshmen. Mrs. Chapman could and I fervently hope would teach two courses in advanced English, literature: The Drama; Novel; Short Story; Special Periods in Eng. and Am. Lit - or certain authors, etc.

2. You would have no administrative responsibility more than the regular faculty member assumes or does. You would have unlimited opportunity for consultation with heads of Departments & Deans along lines of your and their professional & other interests.

3. The reason we have so few Foreign teachers there as compared with formerly, it simply lack of money, both on the part of the cooperating Boards and of the general Univ. income. Since the debacle of 1927 none of the Boards have been able to send out their full quota. Most of the men with us, especially those supported by the University & not by a Board, very soon secured good positions in America, and with family problems; uncertain China conditions and lack of funds to really offer most a job, they soon got their roots in and do not see fit to pull them up. There is no question at all about Foreign teachers not being wanted: they are very much wanted by Pres. Chen; the Chinese Deans and Heads of Depts. and by the students. You will get a royal welcome from ALL. And your opportunities for teaching, for doing good and for influencing lives will never before have been so good, freed as you and the rest of us, most of us, from administrative responsibilities and problems.

4. General conditions are far from settled, as you will well know from the War & the Home papers; but the Central Govt. is stronger than ever before: I anticipate that the present War will be over by Fall, and then the Govt. will be much stronger & freer to go on to more constructive activities. So far they have been still at fighting for their very lives & existence: this may continue some time. Banditry, lawlessness, and general attempts at making trouble for the Govt. by Radicals, Communists & the hosts of propertyless, are worse than ever, and it is going to be a long and bitter struggle to secure orderly Govt. But, you know how so much business and so many worth-while things can go on when very great anarchy-spread chaos prevails. Students are much more reasonable; the responsible Govt. is much more sensible in restraining them, and more active and determined about it; the general attitudes toward the foreigner are much better, except where Bandits & Communists get out of hand - then they suffer just as any Chinese with a bit of property or money suffers. Ladies can go about in Nanking about as formerly - much more freely than a year ago.

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NANKING, CHINA

But it isn't wise to go far in the country in many places for ladies. There is NO problem at all re servants: they can be had as formerly, with VERY good attitudes and not at all influenced by labor unions. Of course

the cost of living in Nanking, with the Capital there has VERY greatly increased both for Chinese and for the foreigner. You will pay a cook \$15-16, 18 dollars & Boys \$13-14 or so. BUT you do not need to have so many: 2 likely all you would require. Some get along with one.

Now having said all of this, it still remains to be said that there is a VERY different spirit now in the work, whether in school or in mission or anywhere. The foreigner is much more an adviser and counsellor and friend, and much less an administrator, a "boss", an outwardly leader. The Chinese have assumed much more responsibility and expect to - and I am sure that you with me only rejoice in this. For many foreigners, it is harder now to live in China in many ways, most of them impossible to explain. Things do not go as of old, frequently; they go much more in the Chinese way than in the foreign way, which is often looser; more casual & with much less evidence at once of going at all. Here again the gains are only for the largest good ultimately. But the foreigner has to have more patience; better nerves (as the Chinese have) and must keep his health up to the highest pitch (I am a bad preacher at this point, I regret to say). There is now in China (as there never was, in fact) a place for the Nervous foreigner; for the Irritable & Irritating foreigner; for the Legalistic foreigner; for the Must-Go-My (foreign) Way foreigner; he must be content and willing to let "things slide" in a sense; take himself somewhat less seriously in many non-essentials, and above all greatly enlarge his capacity and practice of FRIENDSHIP, and do more of his real and best work from that angle more - as his best work has always, too been done.

Now, I haven't a shadow of doubt but that Mrs. Chapman will "fit into" the New China admirably; will be happy in it and will register real and satisfying results, satisfying to your own souls and satisfying to your Chinese colleagues, foreign colleagues and students. You belong to China and OUGHT to be in China. Also, I do not believe you can accomplish as much anywhere else in China as in the University of Nanking. You will find President Chen most happy to work with: he will treat you always in the finest Christian way and spirit - he doesn't know any other way; and we have probably the greatest actual need for foreign teachers now in Nanking of any mission school in China. The Capital being there accentuates our needs and our opportunities and potential influence - as well as makes our life and work harder, at many points. I do hope that your Mission there in India; your Board in London, and no possible personal considerations, will stand in your way of joining us this Sept. Work begins Sept. 1st. A letter in July or Aug. as to just what you would like to teach (BOTH of you) this fall, to Pres. Chen, would enable him and the Dean to have it scheduled and all set up for the fray. Special books you might need, would well be brought out by you, and the Library could take them over (pay for them) later.

The whistle is blowing. I want to get a copy of this to Nanking before we sail - will send your copy via N.Y. & Eng. from San Francisco. If & when we return, we too expect it to be "on our own" hope it can be within a year from this summer.

With Very Highest Regards,
Cordially yours,

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My Dear Mr. Garsill, like my letter to Mr. Chapman will not be needed - a copy of which I enclose - as Mr. Reiser wrote me in Honolulu that you were pushing the matter. I do hope we can get them, as he is a very strong man, a fine worker with boys & Mrs. Chapman will teach 1-2 courses in Advanced Eng. Dean Lin & Pres. Chen are very anxious that we get a permanent, specialized, man to teach the more advanced - Literature - Courses in Eng. Mr. Young & Miss Wilson are OK. for the Sub. Freshmen & Freshmen courses, but hardly up to the advanced work needed. I will be at Berkeley & Palo Alto here for 3 days stay in San Francisco & inquire for promising men. If we could get a man who has had some experience in teaching Literature, all the better.

I am not sure that I sent you a copy of our "Plans" that I wrote Mr. Cartwright & Bishop Birney, so brief they are there. For the M.E. Board to drop us off the actual list of Messrs., putting us on the "Retired" list by end of June or July. Then if my

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health improves - ² as I think it will -
within a year or so, Mrs. Bowen & I
return to Nanking "on our own" ex-
cept for the Univ. to provide us a house,
& take up my teaching again & help
Pres. Chen in any way he desires
as I am able. This will enable you
& the M.E. Board to find a man
for the vacancy I will leave on the M.E.
quota, at once, I hope & possibly the
man could get out there this Sept. The
term opens Sept 1st this fall. Hence
my anxiety to get a well-qualified Eng.
teacher out this fall. The need is very
great, as you will know. I fear it is not
however, going to be easy to find a man
with the missionary spirit; thoroughly qual-
ified by specialized work in Advanced Eng.
& interested, & willing to go to China on
the small salary involved & with the uncer-
tainties of China looking large. I am
sure, tho, there are such men, if we can

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only locate them.

As to immediate plans, we will not know them till we reach Los Angeles (Pasadena & Mr Alex. G. Small, 308 Burton Court) & receive a reply to a Night letter we are sending our daughters in Buffalo & Clifton Springs. Either they will come out to ^{So.} Calif. for their brief vacations or we will go to Olathe Kan. till about July 20-25 & then to Asheville, N.C. where Olive would go from Buffalo to spend Aug. with us. Sarah (M.D.) is to work at White Rock, N.C., 30 miles from Asheville, for the Presby. Board of Home Missions, among the Mt. Whites.

Personally, I seem pretty well, but haven't much strength or physical endurance. I feel if I can get some good, at least, light physical work & build up my physical strength, the fever & other ailments (which are obscure at best) will take care of themselves, & I hope to be able to test it out as soon as possible.

If we go to Kansas, would be in Pasadena
(Thoburn terrace, like) on a week or so. But
as soon as plans are more definite,
I will write you, I counsel.

We have had a fair voyage, but
it is too long to suit me - the rolling
deep has no attractions for me.

We had a good letter from Mr.
Reisner at Yokohama & another at Honolulu
& he seemed quite sure in his own mind that
he would be going out in the late summer.
We all certainly do hope so. If he has not
gone yet, we will see him soon after June
1st - to go over a number of items.

With very kindest regards

Cordially yours,

A. J. Bowler.



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June 2, 1930
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Dr. A. J. Bowen,
C/o Mr. A. G. Small
308 Burton Court.,
Pasadena, Cal.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter written aboard ship on May 24. I hope that the arrival of Mrs. Bowen and yourself on the hospitable shores of California was indeed a happy one.

No doubt you will be in touch with Mr. Reisner and will obtain from him all the latest news from the home base relative to Nanking. We have written and cabled Mr. Shapman and his missionary society but have had no final word as to whether the Chapmans will be going out to Nanking this summer.

For several months we have been trying to make arrangements for Dr. and Mrs. E. V. Jones to get back to Nanking. The matter is still unsettled. Dr. Jones' chief hesitation seems to have been on account of the apparent uncertainty of financial support and permanency of position. None of the Mission Boards cooperating in the University have found it possible to place Dr. and Mrs. Jones on their quota; and the invitation for the Jones to return under University support has the flavor of a temporary arrangement. When Mr. Cartwright reported to me some days ago that you and Mrs. Bowen have so unselfishly resigned from your active status as Methodist missionaries in order to leave a vacancy on the Nanking staff to which another worker might be appointed, I suggested to Mr. Cartwright the possibility that the Methodist Board might now be willing to appoint Dr. and Mrs. Jones on their quota at the University. Mr. Cartwright seemed to feel that there was some hope of such an action but thus far I have had no further word from him. I tried to get in touch with him about the matter this morning but did not succeed in doing so. I will try to see him later in the day. I should like your own judgment as to whether we should try to persuade the Methodist Board to endeavor to send out Dr. and Mrs. Jones as one of their quota. If you favor the idea I hope you will write direct both to the Methodist Board and to Dr. Jones. His address is Birmingham Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama, though as he has not replied to recent letters sent to that address he may possibly have moved since we last heard from him.

I should also like your judgment as to one other possible appointment to Nanking. I am sure that you and Mrs. Bowen are well acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Smith who have been at Shantung Christian Univer-

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sity since 1922. Smith and I worked together in the Department of Education while I was in Cheeloo, and since I left he has not only carried on the major responsibility for work in education, but has also been University Registrar and principal of the University Middle School.

Smith is on furlough this year and on Wednesday of this week will receive his Doctor of Philosophy from Columbia University. He has specialized more and more during recent years on the field of Rural Education. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been planning to go back to Cheeloo this fall and everyone here in America has counted on Smith as the key man for the ruralized program which the Colleges of Arts and Science at Cheeloo are asked to undertake under the correlated program. Within the last few weeks we have received a bomb shell in the form of a Senate action stating that, inasmuch as shortage of funds will probably prevent the re-opening of the Middle School in the fall, and that the University feels that the time has come for a Chinese Registrar, the return of Smith is not requested. It is, of course, obvious that the two reasons stated do not adequately explain the failure to request Smith's return because everyone recognizes that his main task is in the Department of Education.

A letter I have received from Dr. Shields sets forth quite frankly and fully the various factors which caused the Senate to vote adversely on Smith's return. So far as I can judge this situation, the main causes are these:- (1) Cheeloo is desperately hard up for money and the field has thought (although quite erroneously) that if the Smiths do not return the Presbyterian Board would give the field a cash equivalent of C\$1,500 to cover this quota vacancy. (2) The group now in control in the Colleges of Arts and Science are not whole-heartedly in favor of a ruralized program and are opposed to Smith because of the consistency with which he has worked for many years for the adoption of this program. (3) As Registrar Smith has made himself unpopular with some of his Chinese colleagues because of his refusal to admit or retain certain undesirable students who were relatives of members of the University faculty or of influential Chinese in the district.

These seem to be the underlying factors although Dr. Shields refers also to various other current criticisms which are always raised when the field decides it can get along without some Western member of the staff.

In your letter to Mr. Chapman you quite properly emphasized the changes which have taken place in China during recent years and the need for foreigners who can work harmoniously in the new China where one must be a friend and helper rather than a dictator. Personally I am convinced that Mr. and Mrs. Smith measure up to these qualifications, though on this point I feel the need for the judgment of others who know him and are acquainted with the work he has done in China.

I wrote Mr. Reisner some days ago suggesting that Mr. and Mrs. Smith might be available for work in rural education in Nanking. Thus far I have not had time for a reply. Possibly Reisner may have discussed the proposition with you before this letter reaches you. I should appreciate it if you would send me your full and frank opinion in regard to this proposal. I believe the Presbyterian Board is favorably inclined to the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Smith to fill one of their two quota vacancies; and I believe that Mr. and Mrs. Smith would be happy to go to Nanking. My own personal feeling is that unless some of our friends up at Cheeloo adopt a different attitude toward the ruralized program, within a year or two at most we will find the Colleges of Arts and Science at Cheeloo closed

up entirely and this ruralized program moved either to Nanking or to some other center in China. I hope very much that if the work cannot be done at Chealoo it will be moved down to Nanking. Whether or not such a move is made, it seems that Smith's training, experience, and interest would make him a logical man for the work at Nanking.

Since the Smiths must reach some decision in the immediate future I would appreciate it if you would send me your opinion either by air mail, or even better, by night letter collect. If I find that you and Reisner are favorably inclined to Smith's appointment to Nanking I will table the proposal to President Chen. If, however, the two of you believe that such an appointment would not be desirable it is not worth while to pursue the matter further.

We sincerely hope that the coming months will see a marked improvement in your health and general strength. We are counting on you to give a great many more years of invaluable service to the work in Nanking.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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June 2, 1930

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My dear Dr. Bowen,

After the earlier letter to you today had been typed, we received from Dr. Jones the letter of which I attach a copy hereto.

See Jones, E.V.
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It appears that Dr. and Mrs. Jones have not finally decided against return to Nanking, even though the prospect of their return seems far from bright. There may be ground for hoping that if we can give them prompt assurance of permanency and reasonable adequacy of support, they may yet decide in favor of going back to the field.

I talked briefly with Mr. Cartwright this afternoon as to the possibility that the Methodist Board might assume the support of Dr. and Mrs. Jones. He tells me that he received a letter from you recently in which you mentioned this possibility. I believe that the Methodist Board is inclined toward favorable action if you believe that such an appointment is the wisest move the University can make under the circumstances, and if Dr. and Mrs. Jones indicate their willingness to accept such an appointment.

Mr. Cartwright mentioned that you also emphasized in your letter to him, as you did in your letter to me, the urgent need for someone to teach advanced English at the University. Both of us appreciate the seriousness and urgency of this need, though at the present time nobody seems available within the Methodist group to fill this vacancy. As you know, we are hoping that a year hence Mr. and Mrs. William Fenn will be going out under the Presbyterian Board to strengthen the English Department. It also happens that just at this time we have an unusually large number of people applying through our Central Office for teaching work in English. We have not made any very thorough study of their qualifications because no funds have been available for such an appointment. Do you think that if the Methodist Board were to assume the support of Dr. and Mrs. Jones the University would approve the reallocation of funds now set aside for them to provide for the expenses of a teacher of advanced English? It ought to be comparatively easy to get a short-term teacher who could tide over the emergency until Mr. and Mrs. Fenn go out, and until (as we hope) you and Mrs. Bowen will be able to return.

Mr. Cartwright will be in the office only another week or so before he leaves for eight weeks. He is anxious to have your opinion concerning Dr. and Mrs. Jones. So I hope it will not be adding too many burdens if we ask you to send us your views without delay. Also, I feel that a letter from you to Dr. Jones would do more to influence his decision than anything we can send from New York.

Cordially,

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2375 Cooley Place, Pasadena, Calif.

(Mailed June 4, 1930)

Mr. B. A. Garside,
New York City,
My Dear Mr. Garside:-

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TRANSFER

Thank you for your kind letter of May 12th, received here Sunday afternoon. I am feeling pretty well, but do not as yet seem to sleep very well in the rarified climate of Calif. We shall be driving on to Olathe, Kansas, next week, some time, as our girls do not want to come out here for their brief vacations, and possibly a not too strenuous pace across thro the sun of So. Ariz. N. Mex., Texas will harden me up a bit.

We are grateful to you for all of the efforts you have made to get Dr. E. V. Jones, and I hope that before we leave here word will come from you that they are going out. If they do not, then all will have been done that was possible. As you say, it does take some courage for a man of his age and lack of private means, likely, to face China from a good job on this side.

I hope I didn't give you the impression that Mr. Young was not doing well - he is - is 'making good' and doing very good work, but is not able to handle advanced English courses, that was all. There is a big need, however, for the lower Eng. teaching in Sub-freshman & Freshman ~~1/2~~ years, and for some work in athletics, so he fits in all right. Possibly in his religious outlook, he is a bit more 'conservative' than most of the other teachers, but unless he gets critical of them, it will be all right.

Bishop Birney wrote me May 1st, recd. here, that Mr. Jones, formerly of our mission at Ningbo, one of the very best of the young men in our work in Fukien, but unwilling to return there because in 1927-8 when votes were taken in the Conf. there as to his return, quite a few of the preachers voted against him. Now these same ones are surprised and very sorry that he does not feel like returning there. Our Board is to send him to the University of Nanking for the higher Eng. teaching this Sept. I do not know his qualifications for teaching advanced English, so probably you better take up that point carefully with Mr. Cartwright. Bishop Birney seems to think he will be excellent for it, and I sure hope this is the case. I also do not recall if he is married; if so Nanking should be informed at once as the housing problem for all foreigners now returning needs careful, advance, handling and preparation, as Chinese are in nearly all of our "foreign" mission, Univ. houses. The housing problem is acute for Chinese in Nanking as well, so it takes time and adequate preparation to take care of any U.S.A. arrivals. I believe that the Hingwa Conf. is to carry his salary for the time being, as I understand Bishop Birney's letter. If so, then there would be no question of E. V. Jones going on our salary. I have had 2 letters from Mr. Cartwright, but all about "older stuff", and he has not yet written about our plan for us to drop off of the active M.E. Board pay-roll at the end of this or at latest next month & go on 'pension' list - which is not from current Board funds, I believe.

So if you will see Mr. Cartwright re Mr. Jones' training and ability for the advanced English courses, and we hope to head up the E. Eng. Dept. with considerable skill and reforming or at least stepping up abilities, I will feel easier in mind. ALSO the Univ. opens this fall Sept. 1st so he, Steward, etc should sail early in Aug. I guess the War is still inconclusive, but I look to Nanking's winning before Sept.

With Very Best Wishes,

Cordially yours,

468 Kansas City Road, Olathe, Kan.
after, say June 30th.

A. J. Bowen.

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Pasadena, Calif, June 5, 1930.

Mr. B.A. Garside,
New York City,

My Dear Mr. Garside:-

Your two letters of June 2nd, with copy of E.V. Jones' letter came yesterday-last night. I am sending a Night letter covering Jones case as I see it, and hinting that IF Mr. Smith went out under Presby. Board it would give three agricultural men for them, and so one less possible for Arts or Science, and I doubted the wisdom of that. But concerning E.V. Jones first.

Bishop Birney wrote me here that the Methodists were sending Jones formerly of Hinghwa to the University to teach advanced Eng. From his letter, I take it the M.E. Board would be willing to support him on Hinghwa appropriation "until adjustments could be made". This would no doubt mean, therefore, that his support would soon have to come from Central China appropriation, and therefore presumably 'my' former support. In that case, the M.E. Board would not be free to take on E.V. Jones on my place and support, in all probability. So if it is a choice between Jones of Hinghwa and E.V. Jones, there is no question in my mind that we much more urgently need Jones of Hinghwa. We can get and have several good Chinese for Chemistry - and also have one foreigner, Thomson; but for the advanced Eng. no Chinese will suffice - and such men are difficult to find, I fear. So if Mr. Jones of Hinghwa (I haven't his initials) can handle our advanced English work, and the M.E. Board will send him to us, we should clearly take him rather than E.V. Jones, even tho he is such an excellent man. With his financial obligations; doubts about the stability of a position there (which we all must, I fear share, as the War and Communists now seem to be going), and the fact that he and Mrs. Jones are happily located now - all make in somewhat difficult to urge him to go, even if Jones of Hinghwa were not available for the more needed work. However, I would have done so, I think.

As to Harold Smith, he is an excellent man and I do hope we can get him. Reisner, as you will know, is quarantined at Coachella on account of John's infantile paralysis (which was clearing up most encouragingly, on last report ^{two} days ago), so I haven't been able to see him: I am waiting here till I can find out when and where to see him and go over many items. So what I am now writing re Mr. Smith, is entirely my own reaction, & it might be modified, of course, had I talked it over with Reisner - or he may feel the same way. I am sending him a copy of this & the Night Letter as well as your letters, and he will write you, of course, at once.

As you know each of the co-operating Boards has supported one man each in the College of Agr. & Forestry, except the Presby. had two, Reisner & Buck. The other Board supported men went to the Middle School and the Colleges of Arts and Science. I happen to know how very greatly the Colleges of Arts and of Science need American teachers, and how weak those works are getting. I am assuming that Dr. Smith's work would be in the College of Agriculture, Rural Education - which that College also needs of course. My hope is that he could come to us on one of the two Agricultural vacancies in the Disciples Board or the Baptist Board (if Middleton does not come to us). This would still leave the Presbyterian Board free to supply the usual number for Arts & Science. If the Baptists plan to support two men in Agr. & For, then he could fill one of the three openings. I wonder if you could not approach these two Boards to take Dr. Smith on? Then, as a last recourse, and in order not to lose so valuable a man, have him come out under the Presbyterian Board, even for Agr. position. This will indicate that I greatly favor getting him for the University, but would hope that he might fill one of the Agricultural vacancies of the Disciples or Baptist Boards, thus leaving the Presby. Board with two Agr. men and three Arts & Science. Very Cordially yours,

A. Bowen

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Cambridge, Mass., June 5, 1930.

Mr. E. A. Tamm
New York City
My dear Mr. Tamm:

Your two letters of June 2nd, with copy of E. V. Jones' letter came yesterday night. I am sending you this letter covering Jones case as I am it and hoping that it will be under review. I would give three additional men for them, and as one less possible for trial or sentence, and I doubt the wisdom of that. But concerning E. V. Jones first.

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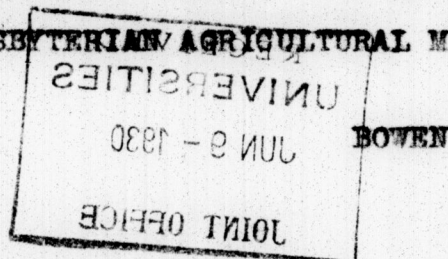
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NIGHT LETTER

r. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Ave., New York City,
c/o China Union Universities.

TRANSFER

IF JONES HINGHWA JOINS UNIVERSITY FOR
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BOTH SPLENDID ENGLISH WORK MORE URGENT THAN CHEMISTRY JONES
HINGHWA FIRST CHOICE IF METHODISTS CANNOT SUPPORT BOTH WRITING
CONCERNING SMITH THREE PRESBYTERIAN AGRICULTURAL MEN DOUBTFUL



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NIGHT LETTER

TRANSFER

T.B.A. Gerstide,
180 Fifth Ave., New York City.
c/o China Union Universities.

IF JONES HINGWA JOINS UNIVERSITY FOR

ADVANCED ENGLISH AND THAT TAKES MY PLACE METHODIST SUPPORT
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468 Kansas City Road, Olathe,
Kansas, June 19, 1930.

My Dear Mr. Garside,

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Thank you for your kind letter of the 12th that we found here for us on arrival yesterday afternoon. We had a helpful trip across and I think if I can get some good physical work to do for some time, I will be 100% O.K. physically and temperaturily. Mrs. Bowen's brother has a farm 10-11 miles towards the city and a lot of weeds along the hedges that need cutting, so I am going at it in a day or two.

Mr. Cartwright writes that he feels sure that Francis P. Jones can teach the advanced Eng. but isn't exactly specific re it. I do hope he can, as he is otherwise a MOST desirable man in every way.

We had 2-1/2 days with the Reisners and went over Univ. matters fully & I was glad he agreed with you and myself re the unwisdom of appointing Dr. Harold Smith to the College of Agr. & For. Naturally, Dr. Smith will not want to leave the Presby. Board & one can't blame him. It might be possible for the Presbyterian Board to send him out to one of the Shantung or northern stations for agricultural work in rural education; in this way he would not be lost to China and he would be a good co-operator in the general agricultural plans they are making for North China and Nanking.

We certainly are glad that it is settled that the Chapmans are to go to Nanking - it will mean a very great deal to all of our work; and Mrs. Chapman will teach 1-2 courses in advanced Eng.

I enclose a copy of a letter to Mr. Cartwright that may be of interest to you. I have 3 letters here from Miss Priest & in one she stresses the point that I made to you - the urgent need of getting early work to Nanking about any foreigner and foreign family that must have a house, so they will have time to make the needed adjustments.

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She also tells of a renewed trouble they were having over Dr. Shafer's again going on the street and taking moving pictures, after being talked to about the unwisdom of it; and after Pres. Chen had assured the Party and Government members that it would not occur again. It has put the University in a very awkward position with the Govt. who were most friendly and cordial during the 1st episode. Organizations and students were demanding Dr. Shafer's "deportation"; and as a compromise, likely he will go to Peking to the Language School next year. It would seem to me that the best way out now for him would be to resign and come to this country where thoughtless if not pig-headed activities are less dangerous than in Nanking at the present time. I greatly fear that Pres. Chen is getting "fed up" on young and inexperienced and thoughtless new missionaries being sent out. Many of them seem utterly unable to sense the delicacy of the situation there and govern themselves accordingly.

I am writing Pres. Chen just as soon as possible, urging him to write the Presby. Board to appoint Miss Priest as one of their quota members in the University- if it isn't done SOON, she will be leaving us and permanently, certainly would NEVER consider returning after her furlough. She is worth ANY married man we could possibly get for the whole work of the Univ. This would then let the Methodist "count" Miss Wixon, and help a bit on their "face".

I am considerably worried over the reports we have seen as to the way the War out there is going against the Nanking Govt. Should the North win, I fear our work would be badly disrupted, if not closed.

John Reisner, Jr. was getting along VERY well and all looks very hopeful for a full recovery. They will be moving into Pasadena, House of Rest the 21st & that will greatly help all, as it is very hot at Coachella.

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With Very Best Wishes,

Cordially yours,

A. J. Bowen

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468 Kansas City Road, Olathe, Kan.,
June 19, 1930.

Rev. Frank T. Cartwright,
New York City,
My Dear Mr. Cartwright:-

Thank you very much for your good letter of the 13th received on our arrival here yesterday afternoon.

I am glad that you think Mr. Francis P. Jones will be able to handle the advanced English work. It may not be courses in Shakespeare; The Drama; Short Story, etc., but it will be of that character, not the teaching of grammar and elementary sub-freshmen or freshmen courses that are designed to get the students to learn the proper use of the language. In this connection I will take up the paragraph of your letter re Mr. & Mrs. Edward Brewster's going out for Higher Education to the Univ. The only question concerning the going out of such people, so far as Nanking is concerned, would be: "Just what specifically has Mr. Brewster specialized in?" Any young man now going to a University in China ^{must} have some definite subject in which he is more or less expert; in which he has specialized, majored and if possible taught in the USA. Some "chairs" are full, even in a small institution like the University of Nanking, and hence it is absolutely necessary to know definitely and in detail the special qualifications of a man. Mr. Brewster's having been born in China will be a strong factor in his favor, of course, and especially of such able parents as his father and mother - I am assuming he is a brother of Caris Brewster.

Now regarding the special point on which you desire my judgment by air mail; namely the possibility of Sam Harrison's going out on "my" salary, 1930-31, it being clear that his support cannot be otherwise provided by our Board. I would strongly favor his so doing, provided that Mr. Francis P. Jones' financial support is taken care of permanently for the University. I understand that Nankingwa Conf. will take it for the coming ~~year~~ year, but it is hardly to be expected that they would continue this indefinitely; and that it would within a year or two have to come out of the Central China Appropriations. If "my" salary should go to Harrison, and in a year or so Nankingwa want Jones' salary for themselves, the Univ. of Nanking might be short the Board support of another man. Since we are falling so far below the "standard" and what the other Boards in the Univ. are doing, I am most anxious that we do not lose out another salary. This would be, in my mind, the only question involved. The need for a strong, sane and friendly work in Nanking among returned students and Govt. employees, many of whom are already church members, is so great and so urgent, that I greatly wish that Harrison could tackle it. As I wrote before, he would need to do it at first chiefly not through the church, but in a social way in his home; and he would have to be provided with an Entertainment Fund to enable him to meet the needed expenses involved - that is he couldn't do what would be required out of his own personal salary. So I agree with you that the use of "my" salary for Harrison for this work would be the best possible way to spend it, provided a permanent U.S. Board supported man in provided in my place in the University, say, F. P. Jones.

I wrote or wired Mr. Carside to the effect that between the NEED for F. P. Jones and F. V. Jones (chemistry), there was no question in my mind that the greatest need was for F. P. Jones - that is for a man for the advanced English. So with the doubts as to whether or not F. V. Jones would finally be willing to go, considering the problems he is facing, there seems no doubt but that F. P. Jones should be the man - for advanced Eng. If Cent China can also get Harrison, a man with the lang. & some knowledge of China as has F. P. Jones, all will be very happy, I am sure.

With Very Best Wishes,

Cordially yours,

T. P. Bowen

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July 1, 1930

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

My dear Dr. Bowen:

Your letter of June 28 came to hand this morning. Through some oversight Mr. Reisner's note with Miss Priest's letter to him were not included.

We note your comments regarding the salary basis. Without doubt the present way that silver is acting has caused dire distress in many localities. Even those countries that have a coinage of silver, represented by its basic value and yet backed by a gold standard, are suffering severely. Even the Spanish Peseta and the Mexican Peso have suffered. We can see where all sorts of complications might arise under the conditions to which you refer, but this is not a condition alone for Nanking, Lingnan is still paying the regular Mex. salary but figuring the annual salary on the gold basis. Each quarter the gold equivalent of the amount of Mex. which the gold salary would bring is figured up and a gold check remitted to the field from the New York office. This keeps the salary on the Mex. basis on the field but in actual fact they are paid at a rate which the prevailing exchange would produce on gold salaries. In Lingnan we pay the salaries entirely from New York. Yenching has changed to a gold basis and is setting up a gold account here in the States. They will pay their salaries in whatever manner the Western staff member desires, either in Mex. or gold.

We are of the opinion that some plan on the field will have to be worked out rather than that the Board of Founders should take the initiative. If you think it is necessary for us to have a meeting of the Executive Committee or of as many of the Founders as possible, I will see what can be done. It is, however, getting rather late to expect to get much of a gathering at this time.

I have just been in consultation with the Methodist Board and find that they have written to you regarding Dr. Francis P. Jones and are again writing you today. A letter written by them last week was probably not at hand when you wrote yours of the 28th. The suggestion made down-stairs was that it would be a fine thing if you could get in touch with Dr. Jones and let him know the exact conditions. Manifestly they are endeavoring to do the very best they possibly can.

Garside will not be in the office ^{until} early in August but do not hesi-

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tate to write in case you desire to have us take any definite action upon the several things that are uppermost in your mind.

Very cordially yours,

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Walnut, N.C. General Delivery, Aug. 6/30

Dr. Robert E. Speer & Mr. B.A. Garside,
New York City,

My Dear Dr. Speer & Mr. Garside:-

I am writing you about Mr. Reisner, since they are unable to return to Nanking for at least six months, due to John Jr's illness.

I believe that he can do a very worth-while and much needed work for the University here in this country for the time that they are held here. He has already many good contacts with individuals and organizations that he could cultivate, especially for special projects for the College of Agriculture and Forestry. No one has specially represented the University of Nanking in this country for several years, and I am sure that he could do a very useful work not only for the specific items he has in mind for the University; but he would make a very useful contribution to the whole cause of Missions by his talks, interviews and presentations. It seems to me that there is a much needed work to be done here in arousing again more interest in missions, and in putting before our Churches the real significance of the past few years happenings in China. Not a few friends of missions, I take it, are wavering in their enthusiasms for the work especially in China; new friends need to be discovered for the New Day that has come for mission work around the world, and the old, unchanged needs of the people of China for the Gospel of Christ, all need to be re-emphasized and set forth. I believe Mr. Reisner is peculiarly equipped for doing this in a most helpful way, and it would seem to me a serious loss to the whole cause if we did not take advantage of this enforced stay in the States to avail ourselves of Mr. Reisner's services.

Then there is the Agriculture Missions organization that Dr. Love and other Cornell men are interested in, that is just getting under way, and he could be of the very greatest help, I feel, in helping finance that, along with the other projects he would be working on. I am sure that Dr. Love and the others interested in this new organization will greatly desire his help.

I do not know if the plans that Mr. Cressy has been working on so long have shaped up sufficiently since he came to this country, to make it possible for Mr. Reisner to spend some time in co-operation with Mr. Cressy and his Committee, but there might be a possibility of his helping at that point. However, there will be plenty of lines of work upon which Mr. Reisner can concentrate his special knowledge and talents.

I feel sure that President Chen will be most happy, since he is detained in the U.S.A., to have him working here for the University as one of the Presbyterian regular quota to the University; and will be quite willing that the University bear the extra expenses of travel and cultivation work involved in his work on this side - from the regular University Budget. So if your Board would consent to continue him as a regular missionary to the University on the regular quota of Board supported men, but working for the time being in the States, it would seem to me to be the very best possible use of his time and talents; and the Directors and Administration on the field would be very much in favor of it, and would make arrangements for the part of the finances that should come upon them. I do not see how the College of Agriculture and Forestry can as yet get along without Mr. Reisner's help, and it seems to me worth a very great deal to the University, to take any necessary step to insure that he will be available for us just as soon as family conditions permit his return to Nanking. Keeping him now employed for the University over here, seems to me to be one of the chief items in holding him permanently for us in China.

Sincerely hoping that you will be able to work out some mutually satisfactory plan to the Board, to Mr. Reisner and to the University,

Very cordially yours,

A. Y. Bowen.

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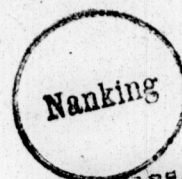
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Very cordially yours,
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August 12, 1930

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
General Delivery,
Walnut, N.C.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

Let me acknowledge receipt of my copy of the letter you wrote to Dr. Speer and myself under date of August 6.

Needless to say I have been keenly interested in the development of Mr. Reisner's plans for the coming year, and have been doing all I could to see that he is able to make such arrangements as will be most productive of service for the work in China during the coming months, and will at the same time best insure his return to the field as soon as John's health will permit.

I am very glad you sent Dr. Speer a copy of your letter. I am sure that he personally is sincerely interested in Mr. Reisner's case, but I fear there is a constant danger that our Mission Boards may deal with matters like this in such a mechanical and unsympathetic manner as to endanger losing their most valuable workers. I know of several instances in which men whom we simply could not afford to lose from the staffs of our China colleges have needlessly been lost to China simply on account of lack of understanding and sympathy with which their Mission Boards have dealt with their cases. Unfortunately Reisner met with a little taste of this in one of the conferences he had a week ago with a board secretary. Sometimes I think that a few of our Mission Board secretaries cannot realize that for a man faced, as Mr. Reisner is, with very real and very immediate family responsibilities, he is making a difficult decision when he turns down offers to undertake attractive work here in America at a salary of twelve or fifteen thousand a year in order that he may return to mission work in China at a missionary's salary and in the face of all the problems and uncertainties which confront us in China today. It will take me a long time to forgive a certain Mission Board secretary who publicly stated that he considered that many of the missionaries of his Board remained in the work because they received a larger salary from the Mission Board than they could get elsewhere.

I believe that the work of the Agricultural Missions Foundation offers Mr. Reisner the greatest field of service for the whole agricultural program in China during these coming months. If this Foundation can be put on a solid basis, and if the interest and support of the influential group of men now tentatively connected with this group can be made real and permanent, the Foundation should be one of the most valuable agents we have

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for securing support for the agricultural missions of the world. But if, on the other hand, the present opportunity of the Foundation is allowed to drift on without vigorous steps being taken, the whole undertaking may gradually disappear or drift into the state of inactivity in which so many of our organizations eventually rest.

If Mr. Reisner does not devote all his time to the Agricultural Missions Foundation, there is any quantity of valuable service he can render to the University of Nanking, both in the promotional field and in the administrative field. The University needs both money and men and Mr. Reisner can help us greatly in securing funds and new recruits.

Last week we sent a cablegram to Dr. Chen reporting that Mr. Reisner's return will be delayed for some months and asking him for his judgment as to how the time can best be spent. Thus far we have had no reply but I am hoping that we may have word from him within the next few days. We will keep you informed of developments.

I hope you are finding the North Carolina climate suitable for you. I know that you and Mrs. Bowen will have a very happy time there with your daughters. Will you be in New York City during the coming autumn?

Very cordially yours,

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My Dear Mr. Garride,



Walnut, N.C.

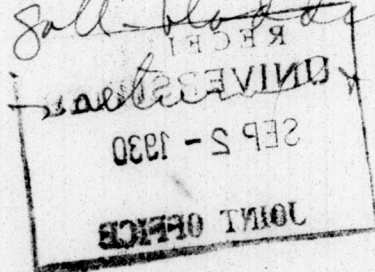
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The copies of the enclosed letters may interest you. We have decided to start back for So. Calif. ^{A.M. 2} Sept. 4th & the enclosed will give my addresses. We feel the need of getting settled & a bit more comfortably than possible living in 3-4 suitcases - & it is getting too cool here to suit me. I fear the old gall-bladder infection I had in the winter of 1927-28 I want to head it off if possible.

Cordially Yours

A. J. Bowen.

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Walnut, N.C.; Aug. 28, 1930.

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New York City,
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and are feeling rested and refreshed. We leave here Sept. 4th; and our address will be as follows:

Sept. 4-18, Olathe, Kan; 468 Kansas City Road; c/o Miss Olive Jones
Sept. 18-Oct. 4; Pasadena, Calif. 308 Burton Court, c/o Mr. A. G. Small
Oct. 4 on indefinitely, 1617 North Raymond St., Pasadena, Calif.

With very best wishes, Cordially yours, *H. B. Bowe*

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We hope that you got some vacation out of your trip. We leave here Sept. 4th; and our

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Dr. J. T. Illick, Nanking,
My dear Dr. Illick,

Your kind letter of May 6th was forwarded to us at Pasadena, before we left for here, June 9th. We too were sorry to leave China again so soon after we had returned, but it seems to be working out all right so far. Since Sarah arrived here this week, she has been making me take temp. regularly, and so far have had none, but rather a tendency to be 'sub-normal'. I feel better, and taking some regular physical "exercise" hoeing weeds in a corn-field; mowing weeds, etc. This morning took a 1-1/2 hours bout at the first- & it was a hot day too.

I did not know that Reisner or any one else had any "expansion" ideas for the work of the University. So far as I can recall Pres. Chen hasn't talked with me of any such plans; only how to get more Al teachers to do better the work we are now attempting. All must realize that we are pretty short in qualified teachers for many subjects - Arts; in Science (perhaps here the least); and in Agr. & For. where we are very low in well trained men for the various heads of Depts, having to use in too many cases just our own graduates who may have majored in that line. Any head of a dept. should, it seems to me, have had more than just an undergraduate training. I wouldn't think that rounding out our faculties and replacing certain ones with better trained men, were expanding.

We spent 2-1/2 days in Coschella with the Reisners and talked at length over the problems of the University, and especially the most difficult problem of getting well trained men with the right spirit. Dean Sie had especially asked me to talk to Reisner about this problem and the urgent need for a man or two in Forestry, as well as better trained Heads. I got no idea from Reisner at any time that he had any "Expansion" ideas. Unable to suggest any man for Forestry, Chinese or American, he even suggested the possibility of closing down the Forestry dept. I feel quite sure that whoever gave you the thought that Reisner was hoping to expand the College of Agr. and Forestry he was mistaken. Mr. Garside had proposed to send Dr. Harold Smith, formerly of Tsinan, to us for Rural Education, etc. since there does not seem to be much desire to push it at Tsinan, tho it is supposed to be developed there. Reisner's reaction was, I found out, exactly the same as mine: it would be unwise for us to have 3 Presby. Board supported College of Agr. & For. men, thus making it necessary for Arts or Science to have one less. I found Mr. Reisner eminently sane; his feet on the ground, facing the facts, and realizing the VERY great problems the Univ. is facing.

Among these problems is the very pressing one of making - keeping? - the institution Christian. I know very definitely that this is one of President Chen's very greatest anxieties and desires. That is one reason why he is so anxious to get American missy^{es} on the staff - the full quota from each Board. There is no doubt in my mind that he is doing his utmost "to follow the purpose of the men and women who started the institution". And no one fact impressed me more strongly during the brief time (I am sorry to say) I was there since 1927, than the evident fact that the Chinese Administrators are most anxious to "follow the purpose" of the founders of the institution, and maintain its Christian character and its Christian contribution. And this in the face of unprecedented opposition to Christianity, both from within and from without. I fear most of us do not realize sufficiently clearly the tremendous struggle that has been going on, and is still going on, to weaken and to overthrow the Christian schools and all Christian work and influence. We foreigners have been largely outside of it, and many have almost missed its inner significance and failed to give the most of the Christian Chinese

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due credit for what they are doing and trying to do. The very fact that we have any sort of a Christian institution in Nanking is due almost wholly to the fine Christian spirit of our leading Chinese teachers - a few of whom are not even church members - who have been and still are striving most faithfully it seems to me, to maintain the standards, the ideals and the Christian life and spirit of the founders of the school.

Even if it were "education, pure and simple - philanthropic if you please and very little Christian" - which I do not at all think it is, when you think of the desires, aims, hopes, purposes of all of our Chinese administrators - I would still think it a remarkable piece of work that has been done in the face of the anti-religious propaganda; anti-Christian activities, and the whole well organized struggle the Radicals, the Communists, the "Outs" against organized society and law and order; the Church and all it stands (are putting UP) for. It is a testing time for the Church and for Christianity and for Christians, especially Chinese Christians and sympathizers. It should be no very discouraging thing, it seems to me, if for the time being while the struggle is the fiercest, Christian activities were more difficult; some were too fearful and inclined to yield, possibly; and especially that the Old Ways were radically changed in many aspects. The fact that our key Chinese are so true and loyal to the Christian ideal and purpose, seems to me most significant, even if they like we were and are unable to really make Christian what we are attempting. From what I know of the history of Missions in Japan, the missionaries and schools and work there went through just about the same experiences and trials, 25-30 years ago, that China is now experiencing. The heart aches and the disappointments were the same - but the policy of "obeying" the government and its regulations; of trying the Japanese Christians of right spirit; of marking time, frequently and doing the best possible under the circumstances - willing to teach and work and exert a quiet Christian influence where little active direct Christian activities were possible, seems to me eminently Christian and in the spirit of Christ, as well as entirely sane and sensible. I think that now the only occasion "for taking account of stock" is within ourselves: are we alive to the real situation and the aims and purposes of our Chinese colleagues - the best ones, those responsible? Have we the abounding Christian sympathy with them and with the best Chinese in their great struggles? Are we standing by with a helpful spirit, willing and glad to give a lift rather than a kick and a criticism? All of the Chinese administrators have heavy loads to bear these days; are we helping make them lighter; or by fault-finding, a critical attitude or a harsh judgment, tending to make their burdens heavier? It seemed to me that there was still, even in 1928, plenty of opportunity ~~for~~ the missionary to function in a most helpful way, and that being so, it seemed to me that his chief worry should be as to whether or not, under the circumstances and in the new situations, he were actually functioning as a Christian. If he wasn't and could not then of course, I think he would be justified in leaving; but I do not think that it has at all come to that pass, tho we all have to admit that it takes a larger measure of grace and a more vigorous checking up of our own spiritual condition and contributions, than ever. So I regard the work there now not only a testing time for the Chinese Christians but even more so for the missionary - and it seems to me in general the Chinese Christians are measuring up pretty well - and the missionary too. AND we need to remember that if it takes special grace and spiritual strength for us now, it takes even more for the Chinese with whom we work.

Miss Priest wrote me that the Woods scholarship had been assigned by Pres. Chen and myself to Peng Loh-shan and not to Paston Wang's boy as I indicated on my list to you and told you. I had entirely forgotten that I had recommended Peng to Pres. Chen for the Woods scholarship. This fund \$1000. ~~the~~ formerly held in our M.E. scholarship funds, was some years ago, on Mrs. Woods'

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request, sent to the Treas. of the Trustees in N Y. to be administered by them - and so by the President for them at this end. Mrs. Wood thought that the fund would be more safely and permanently kept intact this way. I guess you will have to put Wang's son on a regular M.E. scholarship this term and at least till Peng graduates. Then possibly Pres. Chen might assign it to Wang, as the fund originally was for Methodist students aid. Ginling also has a similar fund, but I do not know if the scholarship there is limited to a Methodist student.

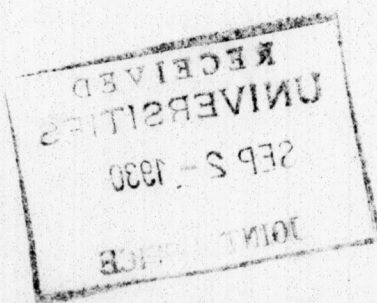
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China news in the papers here is not too encouraging, though I still believe the Nanking Govt will win out. I suppose Kuling is out of the question, so we wonder where you all will be for the summer - where you can have quiet and a good rest, I hope, for China is bad on the nerves now.

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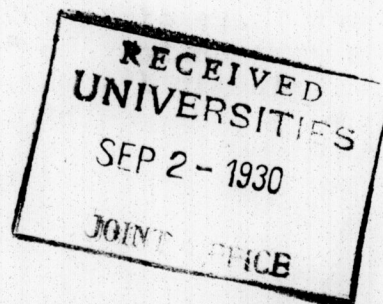
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University of Nanking

September 3, 1930

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

My dear Dr. Bowen:

I have your letter of August 28 with which you transmitted copies of a letter you wrote Dr. Illick on June 27, and also a letter you wrote Mr. Cartwright on August 28.

We are all very much disturbed over the unfortunate effects of Dr. Illick's letter to Mr. Cartwright. Mr. Cartwright showed me a copy of the letter during the spring, and while I glanced through it rather hastily my first impression of it was that it should be given very little publicity, and that only under guarded conditions. I had no idea that the letter would ever be noticed officially by the Board of Trustees, much less made the basis of any action by the Board. I was not in New York City when the June 25 meeting of the Trustees was held, but Mr. Evans and I talked over the docket of the meeting at some length before I left on June 22. Neither of us had any thought at that time that Dr. Illick's letter would come before the Board. Since Mr. Evans is on his vacation just now I have not had an opportunity to learn from him just how this subject was brought before the Trustees, or what purpose was in the Board's mind in adopting action BF-536.

What, in your judgment, are the next steps we should take? Should we present to the next meeting of the Board the evidence given us in Miss Priest's letters and from other sources, showing how incorrect were the facts stated by Dr. Illick, and how erroneous were the impressions his letter conveyed? I feel that as a general rule such an affair as this should be dealt with as quietly as possible, and should be forgotten as speedily as we can; but in this particular instance it appears that we cannot drop the matter at this point until we have taken at least a few steps to remedy the unfortunate impression created by Dr. Illick's letter.

Another item in the actions of the Trustees on June 25 which has been causing me some concern is that relating to the proposed visit of President Chen to America and England. If my recollection is correct, the Trustees had practically no information before them concerning this proposed visit further than action D-368, which reads as follows:-

VOTED that President Chen go to America and England in the fall of 1930, and that the Board of Founders be requested to make suitable arrangements for his visit and for his

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cooperation with their plan for the promotion work of the University."

At the time of the Trustees' meeting there had been no exchange of correspondence between the home base and the field concerning this proposed visit. The minutes of the March 28 meeting of the Board of Directors did not reach New York until shortly before this meeting of the Trustees; and I believe that neither Dr. Chen, yourself, nor anyone else on the Nanking campus had sent us any real explanation of why the action of the Directors was taken, or what objectives for Dr. Chen's visit were contemplated by the field. The action itself is so worded as to imply that his visit is primarily for promotional purposes. It was the judgment of the Trustees that for the University of Nanking to undertake a separate promotional campaign this fall would almost inevitably prove unsuccessful, and might well result in discouraging President Chen, and possibly cause him to lose a certain amount of prestige in the eyes of his colleagues. Also, we have been hoping that the correlated program can be developed rapidly enough to permit of the opening of a united financial appeal a year or so hence; and if that is accomplished Dr. Chen's presence here in 1931 or 1932 would be highly desirable.

Action BF-534 of the June 25th meeting attempts to set forth these considerations, and Mr. Evans' letter accompanying these minutes makes a further explanation along these same lines. Since the June 25 meeting of the Trustees we began to receive intimations from the field that the Directors and Dr. Chen had in mind primarily the desirability of Dr. Chen's meeting with the members of the Board of Trustees, the secretaries of the cooperating Mission Boards, and other friends of the University, for an exchange of views and for the purpose of reaching a fuller understanding. The Trustees, of course, thought of this as a most desirable adjunct of any visit Dr. Chen might make to America, but I believe they did not squarely face the question of whether this purpose alone would be sufficient to justify the expense of a trip to America, together with Dr. Chen's absence for a number of months just at this time when the very critical situation in China may urgently require his presence on the campus to meet some unexpected emergency. Had the Trustees more fully understood what was in the minds of the Directors and Dr. Chen they would no doubt have looked at his proposed visit from an entirely different angle, and would quite probably have given their hearty approval to his trip to the West this fall.

Here again, I should like to ask for your judgment as to what our next steps ought to be. If you agree that the Directors and Dr. Chen were more interested in his meeting with the Trustees and other friends of the University, than they were in any promotional campaign he might be able to conduct, should we ask the Trustees to reconsider the whole question on this new basis? Do you think there would still be time for us to invite Dr. Chen to come to America this year, and would he be willing to accept such an invitation?

Ever since health considerations made it necessary for you to leave the Nanking campus we have been seriously handicapped in dealing with the University because of inadequacy of information as to the situation there, and the psychological processes operating on the campus. I believe, too, that the field has gotten rather badly out of touch with the situation here in the West. While you were in Nanking you kept us fully informed of everything that was going on and were able to send us frank, and sometimes confidential, information as to the various factors which form the background of official actions by the administrative officers and the governing bodies

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on the field. Since you have been absent there has been a serious gap at this point. President Chen writes extremely few letters, and most of those that he does send are quite brief and are couched in formal terms. Miss Priest writes more frequently and gives us valuable information as to the situation at the University but, of course, it is extremely difficult for her to deal with the situation as you would or as some other man with a long experience on the field would be able to do. Also both Miss Priest and our office are handicapped by the fact that her only official position is that of Field Treasurer, rather than adviser to the President or field representative of the Board of Founders.

Because of this situation I have felt that the home base and the field administration of the University have steadily been drifting farther apart ever since you left the campus. I had hoped that Mr. Reisaner would be able to return to the campus this fall and would be able to re-establish this connection. Now that his return has been delayed I do not see just where we can hope for any early improvement. It would be extremely unfortunate for us to drift along as we are now doing with a decreasing amount of direct and frank exchange of information and viewpoints between the home base and the field administration and an increasing amount of round-about correspondence that is likely to add to, rather than to subtract from, our lack of understanding. Dr. Illick's letter is a striking illustration of the dangers involved.

I hope that you will not only give us your frank opinions on the questions I have raised, but will also feel free to write us fully at all times as to other matters on which you think we should be informed, or should take action.

We have all been very much distressed to learn that during the last few days your health has not been as satisfactory as you would like it to be. I sincerely hope as you move westward toward the sunny climate of California you will improve rapidly.

Very cordially yours,

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
New York City,
My Dear Mr. Garside:-

Thank you for your very good letter we found here on our arrival from N.C. It is most unfortunate that a full covering letter did not follow the action of the Directors regarding President Chen's proposed trip to the USA. I am sure that neither he nor the Directors had any idea that he would do promotion work. It was rather to give him a change and a rest that he greatly needs; give him a chance to meet and get acquainted with the Founders, you and your office and its work; permit you all and interested friends like the Severences, Mr. Swasey, Teachout, etc, etc to see and know him and hear his representation of the Univ. and of China and the religious outlook. Also there is some "face" involved, since all of the other Chinese Presidents have been over here, one twice tho Pres. Chen has been longer in office than any of them. It was also in the minds of the Directors that Pres. Chen would have to use his judgment as to just when he could get away: what was desired was a cordial invitation from the Founders to visit them and friends whenever in his judgement he felt he could leave. He would not think of coming just yet, I feel sure, Nanking and the political situation being still so critical.

It would seem to me that all that were necessary at this end was to give him such an invitation, and make clear that the June action was based upon a misunderstanding, namely that you understood that the Directors wished him to come this summer for promotional purposes. I have no idea he will be able to get away this year. The political situation will take all the rest of the year to clear; and he will have to find some one not yet on the staff, I fear, to whom he could safely turn over the administration of the University. Dean Liu is back (Acting dean formerly of Arts & Sc - K.C. Liu, Ph.D. - not T.B. Lew (Liu) now acting Dean) - and he will be, in my judgement the man to put in charge while Pres. Chen is away: but he would NOT take it this fall, I feel sure, as he is just back from the north; the internal problems of the Univ. are too great and acute, and the political uncertainties are numerous: and he VERY greatly dislikes administrative work. However, if matters clear up a lot this fall, as we hope they will, by next spring, he might be induced to take charge for a few months, especially if it would enable Pres. Chen to get away to this country for a change; new view-points and a rest, as they are very good friends. K.C. Liu would hold things together O.K. I feel quite sure, once conditions inside and out are a bit more hopeful.

I can see the difficulties you have experienced in not having full and frank representations from Nanking - tho I am sure you over-stress the little I was doing along that line when I was there. Had Dean Reisner gotten back, he would have given you just what you need, as he is an excellent letter writer and has a very intimate knowledge of affairs when there. I hardly know just what to suggest till he does get back. Pres. Chen is a VERY poor letter-writer: Miss Priest is very ~~cle~~ clear headed usually, but is now too tired and depressed by the many problems that all take to her. Miss Purcell, too, is not very well, and does not like to speak out her mind unofficially: possibly I can write her and get her to report more fully, even without Pres. Chen's initiative: Miss Priest & she have to push pretty hard to get the few brief & formal letters. They could write more fully and confidentially their own reactions and observations and with Mr. Reisner there you and he could go over them and get the proper "slant" on things pretty well, I think. It sure will be a calamity for the Field & the Home Base to drift apart in knowledge or in understanding. Will you talk it over with Mr. Reisner, and see what he can suggest? It might be best for Miss Priest & Miss Purcell to write

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the more frank and full reports of conditions and impressions, direct to Mr. Reisner, and he could go over them with you for suggested actions, etc. This would likely be the best method. In addition you would have the briefer and more formal letters they can dig out of Pres. Chen. He has been so harrassed by pressing local problems; doesn't realize the need of the fullest and frankest information for you all over here - and in fact would be hesitant to write frankly on any problems involving foreign staff and the whole American end.

In regard to the Illick letter, I would make as little of that as possible: it has been magnified too much already. A statement for the Founders and all to whom Mr. Cartwright sent his ^(Illicks) letter giving a good deal of the FACTS as Miss Priest presented, etc, as a "Further and more official study of the religious and teacher situation at the U of N", would seem to me to be all that was required.

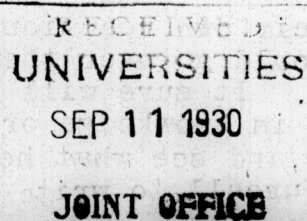
We reached here last night from N.C. & Ohio & I have decided to go up to the Mayo clinic for a thorough medical Exam. & wired Mr. Cartwright last night for Clergy Permit & letters to Drs. there. Dr. Sarah strongly urged it & Mrs. Bowen feels it would be foolish for us to go to Calif. from here and possible soon have to go ^{there} from Calif. for an examination - so I am going to get it off, starting, likely, next week. ~~There~~ There is no serious "development" of any sort, but I just am not getting on my feet as I should, loafing about as I am. Possibly the Mayo clinic can head me in the right path, so as to avoid something worse in the future.

Please let me know if I can help in any way on any of the Univ. problems that you are facing. What is needed is first-hand, field reactions and facts, and those are at best hard to get.

With very Best Wishes,

Cordially yours,

A. J. Bowen



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Reisner

September 12, 1936.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I have received your kind letter of August 12th and one written a little earlier, in regard to my going to the United States. I had no intention of going, but the Board of Directors at their meeting on March 28th felt it was necessary for me to do so, particularly in view of the fact that the developments of these last few years have not been made very clear to the Cooperating Boards. The problem of maintaining a Christian institution in a new capital has not been generally understood by the members of these Boards, and we have occasionally received letters of inquiry which have led us to believe that the situation in Nanking ought to be reported to the Boards. Then, too, as Chinese Christians, we feel we ought to make known the problems that confront us.

Another reason why the Directors felt I should go to the United States was because the correlated programme had been reported in various ways there and in many cases the programme was presented in the United States as though the Christian institutions here were taking the line of least resistance in adopting an idealistic programme which would hold them all together. Advantage might be taken of the visit to make an appeal for financial help (for instance, for the contemplated united campaign) and to make a readjustment of funds, such as those from the Harvard-Yenching Institute, in addition to making general contacts. The question of raising funds or making readjustment of funds, however, is a very secondary issue in my trip. The idea of taking it did not originate with me and I feel there are still so many problems in the University that need solving that unless the necessity for going is very urgent most likely the prospect of my going will be rather remote. I am very thankful, however, for your kind letter of welcome.

We are very much concerned over Mr. Reisner's inability to return this coming year on account of the illness of his son, and we all feel the greatest sympathy for him and Mrs. Reisner at this time. There are a number of problems in the College of Agriculture and Forestry, however, which cannot be handled properly without his presence, and I think it is very essential that he come to help straighten out a few outstanding difficulties there. His absence has been felt very keenly, especially since the death of Co-Dean T. S. Kuo.

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I am very much in sympathy with Mr. Reisner's desire to develop agricultural mission work and rural education in China. I understand Cheeloo University is going in for such work and I have heard there is a great deal of objection to its being undertaken by Cheeloo - objection mainly from Chinese sources, mostly influential government sources. I believe the matter should be worked out very carefully and Chinese environment and psychology taken fully into consideration. There seems to be a tendency these last few years to consider it better not to undertake any new mission work but rather to develop and strengthen old mission activities which have already gained a good footing. I am not in any way discouraging the new project, for which I think there is a great need in China, but am simply trying to present to you the situation as it is and the Impression I have of it.

The diplomas issued by the University of the State of New York are certainly an advantage to our graduates and will continue to be an advantage as long as our educational system has not been adequately developed. It is a great help to our students going abroad to study to have the standing this diploma gives.

With reference to the conference that Dr. John Wood and Dr. Pott had with Dr. Chiang of the Ministry of Education, which you mentioned in your letter, I would say that the government's attitude is truly antagonistic to compulsory religious exercises and required religious courses, but I think sometimes it is a little misunderstood. We have had difficulty sometimes in maintaining a Christian institution in this capital, but our difficulties have not been with the Central Government or any part of the Central Government (i. e., the Ministry of Education). Most of the disturbances have been caused by Party people, as the Party organizations are very strong in the capital. We are carrying on our religious activities on a voluntary basis and our religious courses on an elective basis, with increasingly satisfactory results. There are really more Christian higher institutions in China than there are Christian students to attend them. If some of the Christian middle schools should close, Christian higher institutions will be further handicapped. Still, leadership counts for a great deal, and a Christian institution is not judged by the mere percentage of professed Christians in its student body or faculty but very largely by the leading Christians in it and the general Christian spirit that has been developed. We are making definite progress in this latter respect, in spite of difficult times.

We are very thankful for your guidance and help, both in a moral and scholastic way.

Very sincerely yours,

G. S. Chen

September 16, 1930.

Dear Dr. Bowen:

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Your good letter of August 14th arrived last week and we were glad to see that you seemed to be enjoying it among the mountains in North Carolina, but your letter of the 19th was not so good as the gall bladder seemed to be causing trouble again. I do hope you will find a doctor who can tell what is really the matter with you.

The Jones-es didn't arrive on the Empress of Canada after all but on the President Jackson, September 9th. There was some mix-up over the steamer ticket.

Dr. Chen seems to feel the occasional letters should be kept us so has asked me to get one out. One can't put any "gossip" into a sheet that is mimeographed but I hope the few items will be "news" or at least of interest to those who receive them.

I made a copy of the list of projects and research work for Mr. Reisner but did not send it to him as he was expected to sail before it could have reached him, but I shall forward it now.

It certainly is too bad about young John Reisner and very unfortunate that Mr. Reisner cannot be here now, for he is needed very, very much, especially with Mr. Sie leaving for National Central at the end of the month. Dr. Chen has already cabled that the University will do what is necessary towards his support next year, that is this present school year. The cablegram was sent while I was away and there's no copy to refer to.

Enclosed copy of letter to Dr. Speer will interest you. I wonder whether Dr. Chen isn't sounding a note of warning in regard to the Agricultural Missions Foundation. You will know how opposed the government is to any schemes being undertaken under foreign auspices, so any plans the foundation make should bear this in mind. When the government hear about the Foundation they probably will have toward it something of the attitude there was towards the Educational Commission programme of 1921-2. Then, too, any increase in funds can't help but mean enlargement of some kind, either in cooperation with others or spreading out on one's own. It is all right to take on added responsibilities so long as a foreigner is here to keep up contacts, but it seems hardly fair to leave the Chinese with such a huge organization on their hands to run alone. Perhaps that is what Dr. Chen had in mind when he wrote that the feeling is that old work should be strengthened rather than that new work should be opened up.

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School is running very smoothly. There are 510 enrolled to date at Kuleo and 870 at Kan Ho Yen. There are 110 subfreshmen according to present count, 161 arts students, 68 science, 171 agriculture and forestry.

Mr. Choh Ching-chang is helping with the typewriting and is working on translating the catalogue material so that some time in the future there will be at least this information in English to hand out.

Miss Jeffrey came down with dysentery the day Miss Van Vliet returned from her trip up north. She was very tired and so was not in very good condition to throw off the infection, I suppose. She was planning to go to Hangehow for a few days but cannot do so for a while yet probably.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Bowen and yourself,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Muriel Pruell
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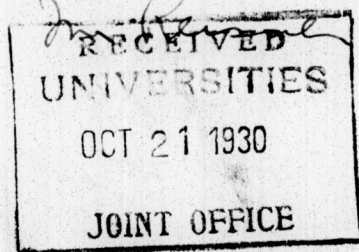
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My Dear Mr. Gurne,

Thank you for
your letter of the 11th - and also thank you
for forwarding me Buck's book - I am
glad you - Mr. Reimer - held it & then
till further copies came. I also am
in receipt of the minutes of the Foundation
& find them very interesting & satis-
factory. I am enclosing ^{copies} letters just
recd. from China. Pres. Chen's anx-
iety re the Agr. Foundation Work being
opposed by the govt. is a sound
warning. Some days ago I wrote
Mr. Reimer, mentioning the same
point, viz. that before the Found-
ation could even plan to do any-
thing in China, they would
need to have some one go
out & find out just what

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they would well come & allow.
His point (Pres. Chens) that our
main concern should be to
carry on better work already under-
taken, rather than start new
& big things, is well taken. The
Govt. is suffering from excessive
swelled head, aggressive Nat-
ionalism & dog-in-the-manger
spirit, which will continue
for some years. So the foundation
should, thus Washington & thus
a man in China - say Reischer -
put all the cards on the table as
to plans & desires etc. Will you
please show the copy of Mr. Spier's letter to
~~Mr. Reischer~~?



With Very Best Wishes
Cordially Yours
A. J. Bowen.

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October 29, 1930

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
1617 No. Raymond St.,
Pasadena, Cal.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 16.

Dr. Speer read to the meeting of the Trustees on October 10 the letter President Chen wrote him on September 12. Both Mr. Reisner and I have already had an opportunity, therefore, to acquaint ourselves with the contents of this letter. I had not previously seen, however, the letter Miss Purcell wrote you on September 16. I am glad to have her comments and I know that Mr. Reisner will be interested. For several days Mr. Reisner has been in Ithaca. I expect him to return within the next day or two. I will then show him your letter and its enclosures.

I am sure that Mr. Reisner already has in mind the warning sounded by President Chen as to the danger of embarking on any new educational program of any sort in China just now without consulting with, and securing the approval of the Chinese government.

Immediately there arises the question of what constitutes new work and what is merely a strengthening of work already undertaken. For example, President Chen discusses the ruralized program for Cheeloo as if it were a new undertaking. My own conception of this program has always been that it is merely a strengthening and realignment of the program that Cheeloo has espoused and has been expected to carry out ever since it was first organized more than sixty years ago. When I first went to China in 1922 I was at once told that Cheeloo's chief function was the preparation of leaders for the rural districts and the smaller centers of population. During the four years I spent in Cheeloo I at least thought I was working for this objective. As a matter of fact, during the last ten years Cheeloo has been drifting away from the work it was established to carry on and has been taking on more and more the complexion of a colorless institution for the large centers of population which are already seriously overcrowded with mission college graduates looking for white collar jobs at lucrative salaries. Under the correlated program the whole emphasis is placed on the necessity of Cheeloo's returning to, and developing still further, its original objectives.

The carrying out of the objectives of the ruralized program at

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Cheeloo does not necessarily require the establishment of a single new department, though probably a few new lines of work might be undertaken in order to round out the program the University is being asked to undertake. The chief emphasis must be on the building up and strengthening now both in staff and in finance the departments already in operation.

Cheeloo's greatest difficulty has been a very serious misunderstanding in China of just what is contemplated. This misunderstanding has affected even the staff of the University, so it is not surprising that other missionary educators such as President Chen, together with the educational officials of the government, are laboring under a misapprehension. I hope, however, that within a short period of time there will be a more general realization and appreciation of just what is being proposed for the University.

Miss Purcell is laboring under a somewhat similar delusion when she writes "then too any increase in funds cannot help but mean enlargement of some kind, either in cooperation with others or spreading out on one's own". We people who have some measure of responsibility for the carrying on of the home base administration and the finding of funds for meeting the operating expenses of our China colleges, are constantly torn between two diametrically opposed views coming to us from the field; oftentimes both views being expressed by the same individual and in almost the same breath. On the one hand, all of our colleges are clamoring for additional funds year by year, not for any increase in work, but simply to permit them to continue carrying on the work they are already doing under conditions of rapidly rising costs. On the other hand, whenever any proposal is made here in the West for any new steps in the direction of securing support, all of our institutions in China at once raise an alarm of "Expansion"! It is hardly necessary to say that their solicitude is nearly always premature at best for the distance between proposing some method of raising money, and actually paying over solid cash to an institution is anywhere from three years to infinity. For example, all the conversations I have had with Mr. Reisner have convinced me that the plans of the Agricultural Missions Foundation do not contemplate any expansion whatever of work being done, but seek merely to provide more adequate support for work already undertaken. The same thing is true to a large extent of the entire financial aspect of the proposed correlated program. That program seeks to correlate and to strengthen the work already undertaken in China, rather than to build up any new institutions or new departments of work.

I believe the primary difficulty is that our friends on the field do not clearly realize that the terms "maintenance of our present program of work" and "maintenance of our present basis of support" do not mean at all the same thing. The maintenance of our present program of work will require that year by year a substantial increase in support be secured. This increased support must certainly be obtained in large measure from new methods of money raising, and from new supporting organizations. We cannot look to the Mission Boards to increase their contributions, and will be extremely fortunate if they do not substantially reduce what they have given in the past. The few individual donors whose interest and support have already been enlisted by our China colleges are year by year dying or losing their interest, so we must find some way of replacing them.

Everything that I have written is, of course, entirely familiar to you, and much of it will sound like platitudes; yet even these obvious facts are often overlooked or forgotten by our friends on the field.

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We have today sent you a copy of the minutes of the Board meeting held on October 10. I am sorry that this material was so long delayed.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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