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March 31, 1931

AIR MAIL

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
1617 North Raymond Street,
Pasadena, Cal.

My dear Dr.Bowen:

During the last few weeks medical examinations of Mr.and Mrs.W.R.Wheeler have, as you know, renewed the hope that they may be a able to return to China. You have already been in correspondence with Mr.Wheeler and know all the facts.

A rather delicate question has arisen on which we need your frank opinion. During the last year we have been urging the Presbyterian Board to appoint an additional member of staff to fill the vacancy on the Presbyterian quota which now exists. They have suggested that Mr.William Fenn, the son of Dr.Courtenay H.Fenn, would be a very acceptable appointee for work in English. We have been in correspondence with the University, and the University has apparently been cordially in sympathy with this proposal, though they have been somewhat disappointed that Mr.Fenn would not be able to reach the field until the summer of 1932.

Mr.Fenn grew up in North China. He had one short term of service under the Presbyterian Board as teacher of English in the North China American School at Tungchow. Following this he spent two years teaching English in Berea College here in the States. When he expressed to the Presbyterian Board his desire to return to China, Mr.Hadley, the Candidate Secretary of the Board, suggested that he should take specialized work in the teaching of English leading up to the Ph.D. degree. He is now studying at the University of Iowa and expects to receive his Ph.D. in June, 1932. Both he and the University of Nanking have been considering, without any final commitment on either side, that he would go out to Nanking in September, 1932, as the head of the Department of English.

Mr.Fenn is now married. We understand that Mrs.Fenn has also had special training and experience in the teaching of English.

Concerning Mr.Wheeler's case, you will remember that in 1928 the University of Nanking listed Mr.and Mrs.Wheeler as among those whom they wished the Boards would send out to fill their quotas on the University staff. This invitation to Mr.Wheeler was later repeated. The correspondence from the field does not indicate very clearly the exact nature of the work the University had in mind for Mr.Wheeler in

issuing this invitation, though a letter from President Chen under date of December 7, 1928, shows quite clearly that they expected him to work in theDepartment of English.

I have talked informally with two Secretaries of the Presbyterian Board. Both of them have the highest affection and admiration for Mr.and Mrs.Wheeler, and recognize the fact that Mr.Wheeler has great versatility of talent. They have, however, pointed out that Mr.Wheeler has not had any very specialized training or experience in the teaching of English, and they have expressed the fear that for one of Mr.Wheeler's temperament the routine of conducting a department of English and teaching a number of English courses would soon prove rather difficult. They have expressed the judgment that Mr.Wheeler's capacities would be more effectively used if he were appointed to some position where he could make a maximum use of his talents in doing personal work among students, and exercising the fine spirit of personal evangelism which he possesses. They believe they he could render happier and more effective service in such a position as this than in one that would tie him up pretty rigidly to class room organization and instruction.

You are intimately acquainted with Mr.Wheeler and can form a good judgment of his capabilities. From my conversations with Mr.Wheeler I understand that he is quite agreeable to the suggestion that he go out as head of the Department of English. There might be some embarrassment, therefore, in suggesting that we send him out for some different type of work. Also, there is only one vacancy on the Presbyterian quota at the present time, so it would be extremely difficult to secure the support of both Mr.Wheeler and Mr.Fenn.

One other factor which might enter into the situation is the fact that Shantung Christian University is now earnestly seeking a head for the Department of English. I suggested informally to Dr.Fenn that if Mr.Wheeler were appointed to Nanking, Shantung would be very happy indeed to have Mr.Fenn as head of the Department of English there. Dr.Fenn passed on this suggestion to his son, but I understand that Mr.Fenn was quite lukewarm to the suggestion because he feels that his own particular interests and preparation lead him to Nanking rather than Cheeloo.

As yet I have not sent any cablegram to Nanking reporting the recent developments in regard to Mr.and Mrs.Wheeler, for the Presbyterian Board has wished to reach a more definite decision with regard to their appointment before any formal information is sent to the field. I have written informally to Dr.Chen but it will not be possible to receive any word by mail for five or six weeks.

In view of all the factors I have set forth above, what attitude should we take with regard to the proposed appointment of Mr.and Mrs.Wheeler to the staff at Nanking? The Executive Council of the Presbyterian Board is holding a meeting on Friday, April 3. The Secretaries of the Board have stated that they would greatly appreciate some word as to your judgment on this question. Would it be possible for you to send us, collect, a night letter summarizing your views on the subject which I could hand confidentially to some of the Presbyterian Board before the meeting on April 3? Whether or not you are able to send us such a night letter, I hope you will write me quite fully and frankly as to your judgment on all these delicate problems. We are anxious to obtain the services of Mr.and

If this comes in, hand to Hodley

Mrs.Wheeler, for we recognize the fact that they can make a very fine contribution, particularly in influencing the lives and characters of students with whom they come in contact. On the other hand, it would be unfortunate to place them in a position that might not prove happy to them or wholly satisfactory to the University; and this misfortune would be the greater if such a step resulted in the loss of another appointee who seems to be peculiarly well qualified to fill the urgent need now existing on the Nanking staff.

In the earnest hope that your health this winter has been quite satisfactory, and that we may in the near future hope for your return to Nanking, I am

Very cordially yours,

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B A GARSIDE

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975 N.Garfield Ave,Pasadena,Cal
Sept.28,1931.

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

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My Dear Mr.Garside:-

I have received a letter from Miss Priest,with a copy of the new Regulations re Salaries and Allowances for Univ.supported staff with a copy of her letter to you of Sept.2nd. She asks that I write you as to my understanding of one or two points.

It seems to me of much importance that each one sent out should have a full copy of the Schedules,Agreement and contract;and at the same time the Field have exactly the same understandings re it all on all points:otherwise differences of interpretation and akward misunderstandings arise to cause much trouble.

I do not recall that we ever defined the length of th second and subsequent terms. Five years is the first period,and likely h has been more or less taken for granted that it is the length of the 2nd. With most Boards,I fancy the 2nd.and subsequent terms are six years,and in general,it would seem to me that this was a reasonable arrangement and one not likely to work hardship on the missionary: BUT it should be definitely stated in our regulations for new people.

I am not familiar with the practice of most of the Boards as to When Salary Commences,but have the impression that it was to begin on date of arrival on the Field,i.e.Shanghai. At any rate this would seem fair as the Board or University pays all expenses enroute. However,beginning with date of sailing would be all right and better than with date of leaving Home,as relatives visits etc.might need to come between that event and the day of sailing.

Under Medical Care,the interpretation of Miss Priest in her letter to you of Sept.1st,based on the interpretation of the Special Com.of 1929,is,I feel sure the one they had in mind. But there seems to be a little possible ambiguity as we define(under 6 points)"Medical Care",and leave to the imagination just what 'Extraordinary Items'are. For example,will Miss Whipple s present case be defined under "Medical Care" of 'Extraordinary Items'?? If the 1st(and the Schedule stands)we will be obligated to pay all of her Kuling and other medical costs;if it comes under Extraordinary Items,then some items at least would come under "considered on its merits". If possible,it seems to me to be the ideal thing to have as few as we can items that "have to be considered on their merits",and as many as possible covered by an automatic rule. I wonder if the various Boards havent worked it out better than we have or Yenching,and if we could not adopt their general practice?- both for on the Field and at Home.

Miss Priests's careful suggestions,in the letter of Sept.2nd,will,I am sure enable you to frame up a very good Schedule. If your Com.in N.Y.now decide on a 6 year period for the 2nd & subsequent terms,it might be well to make it a bit flexible with present members to be affected by their 2nd furlough,as I rather think the practice has been 5 years for the 2nd term,and so some may have made plans that way that might not be easy to change. Under the VERY trying conditions of Nanking since 1927,likely a 5 year period is long enough for any of them,and it will be well to have this in mind,I think. The flood conditions will be added worries to all for some months to come. (I think Japan will NOT risk a war with China now,tho her War Party no doubt would gladly do so.)

With very kindest regards and Best Wishes,

Cordially yours,

A.J.Bowen

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University of Nanking

October 14, 1931.

TRANSFER

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
975 North Garfield Avenue,
Pasadena, Calif.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

Thanks for your letter of September 28th. It had been a long time since we had heard from you.

We very much appreciate your comments on the material Miss Priest sent us regarding the Regulations for Salaries and Allowances for University Supported Western Staff. We heartily agree as to the desirability of having a distinct understanding as to all the details of the Salary and allowance schedules of our University Supported Westerners, having a full understanding between the field and the home base as to these details, and having staff members interested, supplied with all these facts, so as to avoid any possibility of misunderstanding.

Probably it was inevitable that in the process of reorganisation which has gone on in Nanking during the last four years, there would be a lack of clarity as to some of the details of these schedules. However, both our office and the field has been endeavoring, particularly during the past year to reach a full understanding regarding these matters, and I hope that this material from Miss Priest will furnish us a satisfactory basis on which to work. I am sending to all the members of our Special Committee on Salary, Status and Retirement of the University Supported Western Staff copies of the correspondence with Miss Priest, and copies also of your letter. I hope that within a short time we can secure a meeting of this Committee, and again prepare a revision of our present schedules, for recommendation to the Nanking Board of Founders, along lines which will meet the wishes of those on the field. We will keep in touch with you in regard to these developments.

I have just received a letter from President Y. G. Chen, in which we find the following very interesting paragraph:-

> "As the terms of one or two of our English teachers expire in a year or two more, we should be on the lookout for men to replace them. In this connection I should like to suggest the son of Dr. Bowen, as a desirable person. He has specialized in English

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in America, and, I understand, has undertaken graduate study in English looking toward the doctor's degree. Should that be the case, we would consider him a very suitable candidate for a position as English teacher, though we have not approached either him or his father in regard to the matter."

This is the first information I have had that the University is interested in the possibility of securing your son for work in the Department of English, so I do not have any other definite information on the subject. I would greatly appreciate it if you would send us an informal word as to your Son's present plans, and as to the possibility that he might be interested in work at Nanking if the way for his appointment there should open. As you know, the University would first of all have to face the problem of the series of his support. Probably the most logical arrangement would be appointment under the Methodist Board, but in view of the present critical financial condition of that Board, I fear that there is little hope of such an appointment in the near future. So far as I am able to judge, the University would probably not be able to support any additional Western Members of Staff on the funds it now has available. However, if there is any possibility whatever, that your son might be available for work in Nanking, we would wish to explore every resource in an effort to find some way in which he might be obtained for the University.

I sincerely hope that you are enjoying good health this fall, and that we may hope for your return to Nanking at some time in the not too distant future.

Very cordially yours,

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B A GARSIDE

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975 N. Garfield Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

May 24, 1932.

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Mr. E. A. Garside,

New York City,

MyDear Mr. Garside:-

I am writing especially to inquire if you have any openings for a teacher of College & University English and History in any of the Universities in China. Our son Philip thinks he would like to go out there to teach these subjects. He graduated from the Shanghai American High School; then got his B.A. at Oberlin, majoring in English and History as a minor; then took his M.A. in English at Cornell diong most of his work under ~~Ine~~ Jane Cooper. This year he has been studying in the Univ. of So Calif, chiefly on Education and next week will receive the state of Calif. Credentials for teaching in High School and Junior College. He has taken a few courses in History and English that will apply on his Ph.D. He has had no teaching experience except the practice teaching in connection with his education courses. Do you know if there might be any opening in any of the Colleges in the Near East, in case China offered nothing? He would go out on a three year basis, with the possibility of extending it to five years. He is 22 years of age - will be 23 June 11th.

Miss Priest sent me a copy of the many letters to t The Famine Fund Com. relative to the Fund's allocation to Nanking - a very fine and strong array of endorsements of our College of Agr. & For. and its work under the Fund. I wish they had also got letters from H. H. Kung, C. T. Wang and others there in Nanking who know of the work, but likely the list is sufficient. I am glad they are to continue the term to July 28 so as to make up lost time in Feb. With Very Best Wishes,

Cordially yours,

A. D. Bowen.

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University of Nanking

June 1, 1932.

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
975 N. Garfield Avenue,
Pasadena, California

My dear Dr. Bowen:

I am very glad to have your letter of May 24th.

A few days ago I received a letter from your son telling of his interest in the possibility of teaching service in either English or History in any of our universities in China. I sent him a reply, which he has probably shown to you.

For several years we have been hoping that we might secure your son for work in some one of our universities in China, probably Nanking if an opening could be found there. I believe I wrote to you about this in a tentative way nearly a year ago. It is too bad, therefore, that at this time when we know of your son's definite interest, there seems to be very little prospect for any early appointment. Two urgent vacancies in English have been filled within the last few months; the first by the appointment of Dr. and Mrs. William Fenn to the University of Nanking, and second by the appointment of Miss Martha Fenn to Shantung Christian University. This does not leave any other openings in English which we have hope of filling this year. There are a number of places in our China colleges where additional teachers either in English or History would be very welcome, but we are all feeling the pinch of poverty these days, and neither through direct University funds, nor through cooperating Mission Boards is it likely to be possible to find support for any further appointees this year.

I am passing on word to Mr. Cartwright in regard to your son's interest in getting out to China, and am asking whether (1) there is any possibility of the Methodist Board sending him out this year, and (2) whether, if there is no possibility of his appointment this year we might hope for his appointment a year hence. Knowing the financial problems already confronting the Methodist Board, I am not particularly optimistic. I will write you again whenever I have heard from Mr. Cartwright.

I am not in sufficiently close touch with the Near East Colleges to know whether there is any possible opening there. If you wish to follow up your inquiries along that line write to Mr. Albert W. Staub, Near East Colleges, 18 East 41 Street, New York City.

We are now sending you copies of all material going out to our Banking Trustees. I believe that Mr. Reisner as well as Miss Priest have been helping to keep you informed of developments at the University. Please call on us at any time we fail to keep you fully acquainted with what is going on.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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975 N.Garfield Ave.,
Pasadena,Calif,Aug.3/32.

Mr.A.B.Garside,

New York City,

My Dear Mr.Garside:-

I have in mind writing a little article about the Union Universities of China,hoping that such an 'effort'might help the good Cause a little. I would want it rather highly illustrated,and so I am writing to ask if you could secure there in your Offices or elsewhere,four or five of the most characteristic photographs of say the following Union Universities:

The University of Nanking,

West China Union University,

The Shantung Christian University,

Yenching University,

Ching ling College

I suppose one could hardly consider Lingnan,Yale In China,Shanghai University,Central China University as strictly "Union", tho likely the latter may be now. If the photos could be 2-3 of the best and most ~~characstic~~ characteristic buildings and 2-3 of their best "human interest" pictures as well,it would be best. Do you happen to know of any historical statement about the founding of these Union Universities? I believe the order of their starting is about as I have listed them above, but I need details re the personalities back of each one and a little of the history of each - and little such material,I fear is out here.

Thanking you very much for any help you can give,and with very kindest remembrances,

Cordially yours,

A. J. Bowen

Pasadena, California Aug.5,1938

President Y. C. Chen,
Nanking, China

My Dear Dr. Chen:

Your interesting letter of July 14th just came yesterday and I hasten to answer it, for I cannot contemplate your resigning from the University without very great apprehension.

I can well appreciate your feelings and desire to get rid of all the worry and anxiety and extremely difficult situations that follow one another in quick succession. You have had by far the hardest task of any of the new Presidents, these past five years, having been in the center of the political arena. Student agitations have been much worse there than elsewhere. The demand for the best trained and ablest men for Government positions has pressed you harder there and made the problem of building up a strong and loyal Staff very difficult. So, entirely outside of the inner problem of the University, you have been harrassed, worried and burdened beyong endurance at times. I do not see how you have been able to carry on so calmly and so successfully and not break down physically. As to the relatively small amount of criticism from our own staff, I am sure that you do not need to take that very seriously; the 2-3 who have in the past indulged in this would have criticised anyone and for entirely opposite reasons had they not hit on the ones they did. They used to criticise Dr. Williams and myself very severly at times. There are always a few "kickers" in every Faculty. I think that your well thought out policy of conciliation, consultation, not forcing issues by percipitate action, yielding here and there has enabled you to carry your staff and successfully meet the many problems far more successfully than would have a policy of forcing things, using the "strong arm" and riding rough shod over the opinions of others. An aggressive, dictatorial, preemptory handling of men and of problems would have brought unending criticism and opposition, and from the very men who

find fault with a gentler, kindlier policy. So do not give too much weight tothe criticisms from a few of the staff. I think that you have had in a very fine way the support and loyalty of your Faculty as very few others, under the conditions that have prevailed there these years, could have achieved. I feel sure that you have had just the right qualities that the times and situations have demanded; and your policies and attitudes have carried the University forward and through these troubled times as no other one could have done. I believe you have gotten through the worst, and that from now on there will be smoother sailing,politically, in student spirit and conduct, and with an increasingly harmonious Staff. I feel sure that you should not leave the University for a long time yet. Your more constructive years are still ahead of you. Five years are even too short to iron out inherited problems and adjust the University and the Staff to new and changing conditions, and especially right in the midst of the tremendous adjustments that China is making these days. Your administration, quietly pushed along the lines you have been working on these years, is greatly needed by the University, by the Churches, by Christian Education and by China. A change in leadership now would bring great loss and discouragement both in China and over here. You have the entire confidence and affection of your Board of Managers and of your Board of Founders - and of your student body and Faculty. Even the few "kickers" would be much distressed if you were to leave, I feel sure. You are not working and suffering and bearing the heavy burdens merely for the local University and the local group, but as well for the Christian Education for general education and the the Great Cause of Christ in China. A laying down of the burden now would be a back step, a weakening of the whole structure and a cause of discouragement to all. So I do hope that you will not press the matter; the Board of Managers would not and will not consider your resignation, and they are entirely right, and you just MUST yield to their judgment and trust and confidence - which is NOT "keh Ch'i".

There is another strong reason for your not resigning, and that is it would inevitable lead to not a few others leaving. They know you, have entire confidence in your integrity, admire your spirit and way of doing things and will cheerfully labor and suffer along with you; but if you were to leave and some unknown and untried man were to take your plac they would not be willing to stay on and meet the uncertainties. Probabl two of these at least would be Miss Purcell and Miss Priest, and with them gone the Managers and the Founders would indeed be perturbed, you being away too. Very few of the Staff outside of yourself and myself know or realize the contribution these two good women have been making the University all thro these years. Our finances, correspondence, records and our are in better shape that thos of any other college or University in China, I feel confident. I do not believe it would be possible to secure another Treasurer that could do what Miss Priest is doing so efficiently and that could inspire the confidence she gives the whole University. She has indicated, I believe, her intention to return to the work after her next furlough - but I feel sure it is strictly on the understanding that you will still be President. And so with other key persons in your organization, your going would precipitate a panic and an "exodus" that would have most unfortunate results for the continuance and efficiency of the institution. I think that you will just HAVE to consider such matters as these along with the personal burdens and problems you face in remaining on, and this I am sure you are doing for it is just such persons as the two mentioned that make the burden lighter and the tasks more bearable. Just these two are "worth" a whole campus full of fault-finders. I do wish we could talk all of these things over, for writing is so inadequate, but I am sure that you just cannot go on with any thoughts of resigning, now or in the distant future. You are MUCH needed; have the right qualities now needed; are following the right policies have gotten over the worst hills and rough spots, and better days are ahead as they are for China, I feel sure.

With very highest regards, As Ever Yours

A. J. Bowen

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Lingnan University

August 12, 1932

Dr. A. J. Bowen
975 No. Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, Calif.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

Mr. Garside is on his vacation this month and I am answering your letter of August 3rd.

We certainly will welcome any assistance you can give in helping along the "good cause." Surely you are in a position to give the "color and appeal" to such a write-up. Under separate cover we have sent you the following:

Ginling College-Bulletin 1931
√Folder with pictures - cuts available
Shantung-Mr. Garside's pictures
√(#G3-735, √K-1106, √F9-684, √C7-386, √C2-320, √C5-351)
√Training Christian Physicians in China - cuts available
Historical statement attached
West China-2 photographs
√2 folders - cuts available for most of them
√1 catalogue 1929-30
Yenching-5 booklets - most cuts available
Nanking-Catalogue 1931
√9 photographs

We find it necessary to strongly emphasize the necessity of returning the material as soon as you are through with it. We are particularly anxious about the Shantung photographs as they are the only ones available and are from Mr. Garside's personal collection. I know particularly well how generous and long-suffering he is in things of this nature, but I know how I would feel if someone took a number of pictures from my collection while in the Orient. As I am giving these in the absence of Mr. Garside, I am all the more anxious to be absolutely sure they will be returned.

I am not quite sure that I agree with the interpretation that Lingnan cannot be considered a "union institution." It has voted to participate in the Associated Boards or the C.C.C.C. program. While there has been considerable talk regarding its being an independent educational institution, the fact that four different Boards are supporting personnel at Lingnan, and that it does not restrict its staff to any particular denomination, will give it character enough to be considered an institution working on a broad foundation.

We are sending under separate cover a collection of Lingnan literature. I trust we have covered the ground fairly well and that you can secure sufficient material to make a very entertaining and appealing article. We will look forward with pleasure to the time when it will be ready for print.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very cordially yours,

CAE/RC

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SHANTUNG

Historical Note

(Excerpt from Bulletin of General Information 1928)

Shantung Christian University

Shantung Christian University, which was founded in 1904, represents one of the largest attempts at co-operative work in higher education on the part of Christian Missions in any part of the world. Thirteen Missionary Societies from Great Britain, the United States, and Canada take a share in its maintenance, whilst it has also received generous assistance from the China Medical Board of the Rockefeller Foundation, the Shantung Provincial Assembly, and from other sources.

Although the University has occupied its present site for only the last ten years, its origin extends back to the educational work commenced in the east of the province as early as 1864 by the well-known American Presbyterian missionary, the Rev. Calvin W. Mateer, D. D., in which the Rev. Watson M. Hayes, D. D., also took a prominent part, and which led to the establishment of the Tengchow College. This College was removed to Weihsien in the year 1904, under the presidency of the Rev. Paul Bergen, D. D., and at the same time the English Baptist Mission, which had carried on successful educational work in Shantung for many years under the direction of the Rev. J. S. Whitewright, the Rev. Samuel Couling, and the Rev. J. Percy Bruce, entered into union with the American Presbyterian Mission. From that union the Shantung Christian University had its birth.

For several years the united missions carried on a School of Arts and Science in Weihsien, a School of Theology at Tsingchowfu, and a School of Medicine in Tsinan; but as the result of energetic efforts on the part of the Rev. H. W. Luce and others, funds were subsequently secured for the transfer of the Arts and Science, and Theological Schools to Tsinan, where the whole University was assembled in 1917. Large extensions were also made to the buildings and staff of the Medical School by means of a grant of G.$200,000 from the China Medical Board, who transferred to the School the three lower classes then studying in the Peking Union Medical College. At the same time (in 1916-17), acting on the recommendation of the Council on Medical Education of the China Medical Missionary Association, the Medical Department of the University of Nanking and the Hankow Union Medical College were amalgamated with the School of Medicine of the Shantung Christian University, and their students and certain members of their faculties transferred to Tsinan.

Another important addition to the University was made in the same year when the Tsinanfu Institute and Museum, founded in 1904 by the Rev. J. S. Whitewright of the English Baptist Mission, became incorporated in the University as its Extension Department.

In 1923 the sphere of the University was still further extended by the amalgamation of the School of Medicine with the North China Union Medical College for Women, Peking. Five members of the staff of that college, together with the student body, were transferred to Tsinan during the following months, and since that time all three schools of the University have been placed upon a co-educational basis.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

NANKING, CHINA

Received with Dr. Bowen's letter 8/14/33

July 11, 1933.

Recd. Aug. 4th

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
975 N. Garfield Avenue,
Pasadena, Cal., U. S.A.

My dear Dr.Bowen:

It has been a long time since I have written you, but you are often in my thoughts. You receive general news about China and the University from the newspapers, and now that Mr. Wheeler is sending regular contributions to the Shanghai papers, they give the important events in the life of the University, so this simply is to send you a personal word.

Your son has doubtless written you of the invitation we extended to him to join our English Department. We certainly were very much disappointed to receive his reply saying he was not able to come to us.

We had a good commencement and were very pleased that Mr. Wang Ching-wei could be present and give the address. School closed June 24th. The first entrance examinations were held July 4-5 and there were about 200 taking the examinations. The papers from all the centres are not yet in so we do not know exact results yet.

I am glad to hear that your health has been improving steadily, as well as that of Mrs. Bowen, and am hoping our long wait for your return will be ended soon, as I read in a letter from you to Miss Priest that there is a possibility of your coming back when Mr. and Mrs. Simpson return from furlough. I hope you will plan definitely to do so. These past years have been very hard on me and your being here would be a great relief. You have been greatly missed by all, all these years, particularly by the administrative group and myself. I am sorry that when you were here before your health prevented you from giving all the help you wanted to give, but I hope this time the climate in Nanking will not be so hard on you and that living conditions will be more comfortable so that

your health will not suffer too much.

There is a fund available to cover your expenses, a Presbyterian appropriation in lieu of a representative on the faculty. It amounts to U. S. $1,300 a year and we shall reserve this to help on the living expenses of Mrs. Bowan and yourself. Conditions are a little different now from what they were when you were here before and this would be of some assistance.

The last few days have been very hot but we are getting well into the summer and must expect some heat.

With best regards from my wife and my parents, and hoping to hear definitely that you are returning to Nanking soon, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Chen Gu-Kwan

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Nanking

University of Nanking.

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August 10, 1933

BY AIR MAIL

Dr. Arthur J. Bowen
975 Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, California

My dear Doctor Bowen:

The following cable was received from Nanking this morning:

"APPOINT OLIVE BOWEN IMMEDIATELY FATHERS ADDRESS ENGLISH ARRANGE MEDICAL EXAMINATION CABLE"

Mr. Garside is absent from the office, but I do not find anything in our files showing any previous correspondence regarding your daughter's appointment. I assume that the field desires her to be in Nanking as soon as possible to teach English.

Subject to this appointment is the medical examination, and we are enclosing blanks for this purpose. Dr. Vaughan tells me that Dr. J. E. Gossard of 149 West Monte Cito Avenue, Sierra Madre, Pasadena, California, is the regular examiner for the Methodist Board, and if your daughter will call upon Dr. Gossard and have the papers properly filled out and returned to our office, we will have Dr. Vaughan pass upon the examination, and then, if satisfactory, proceed to call together the Candidate Committee. The bill for the examination is to be sent to Dr. J. G. Vaughan, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

We are very much pleased over the prospect of having your daughter on the Nanking staff, and we most sincerely trust that there is nothing to stand in the way of her immediate appointment.

I am sending this letter by air mail and as soon as the examination papers are completed, please return them likewise so that no time will be lost in completing formalities.

Very cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer

CAE:HV
Enc.

P.S. Dr Gossard is filling out the Medical Blank sent us & it will go to you at once
A.J.B.

TRANSFER

Nanking

975 N.Garfield Ave.,Pasadena,
August 14,1933. Noon

ack. 8/16 Air Mail

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

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Mr.Evan's letter of Aug.10th.just received after getting back from Los Angeles from getting the Chinese and Japanese vises on Olive's passport,received yesterday,has made her going out look much more official than we had thought it was. We are in some doubt ~~now~~ just what our proceedure now should be,as we have purchassed S.S.ticket,Ry.& sleeping berth to Portland Oregon,gotten passport and made all other arrangements for her to take the 6 P.M.trian tonight. To get your official appointment will necessitate cancelling all of these plans,and as Dr.Gossard,our official examiner here has given her a clear bill of health and says she is in excellent health,we have about decided to go forward with her sailing,as that seemed to Nanking and to us the only real question involved. The 'history' of the case is as follows:

Aug.4th we received the enclosed letter from President Chen,and a few days later one from Miss Priest,expressing their desire to have Mrs.Bowen & myself go out when Dr.Simpson & Alice return next March. With no prospects of Olive's getting Y.W.work in the next few years,or a teaching position here,it would be necessary for her to go out with us,should we go. We knew that Mr.Mills and Miss Wixon had left the Eng.teaching work in the University,so thought likely,since apparently they had some funds not tied up,they might need and be able to finance her for teaching English in the Middle School.

So on Aug.9th,8:30 A.M.I cabled the following:

"Greatly appreciate letter Will finance selves if go Could Middle School finance Olive teach English She could start immediately"

That same evening about 9 we received the following cablegram from President Chen:

"Can finance Olive Come immediately Secure mission health permit".

The next morning Dr.Gossard examined her and found her in good health and sent a report to Dr.Vaughn,who will no doubt be glad send it over to your office. In the afternoon we went to the city and got emergency passports arrangements underway,and the next day purchassed tickets,etc. We did not know if financial support of Olive would cover travel,but as we were willing to assume this if necessary, did not consider taking up the whole matter of her going with you or our Board as we thought neither had any finances either for salary or travel. We will see Dr.Gossard again at 3 P.M. today. I should have said that the steamship line she has a passage on is the States Steamship Lines,"General Lee"sailing from Portland at noon Aug.16th,and reaching Shanghai Sept.5th - the earliest available and in time,likely for the opening classes. Miss Wixon returns to China(Nanchang)on this boat.

So,on the whole,it seems better to us to have her go on as planned by us;and in case Dr.Vaughn does not pass her medically and the Committee does not wish to appoint her,we will assume all finances both of travel and of support on the field - which,of course,would preclude our possible going out next March. Her going,now,therefore,unauthorized by you,will leave both the Trustees and the University free from any obligation of finance or employment. We have confidence in her finding,if necessary,other employment in Nanking or elsewhere out there as our son Philip is teaching in Tientsin,and her oldest sister and Dr. Simpson will be in Changli next spring. I am sorry if our 'direct action' will have embarrassed you. Very cordially yours, A.J. Bowen.

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TRANSFER

Nanking

University of Nanking

August 16, 1933.
By Air Mail

Dr. Arthur J. Bowen
975 N. Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, California

My dear Dr. Bowen:

Your letter of August 14th reached me this morning, and I am greatly interested in the story leading up to the call extended to your daughter from the University of Nanking. On the strength of your communication and the two telegrams exchanged with the field, it would appear as though this would be a case to be settled directly with the University. On the other hand the field has cabled us to "APPOINT OLIVE BOWEN IMMEDIATELY. ARRANGE MEDICAL EXAMINATION."

This quite definitely puts it up to the Candidate Committee of the University to write upon the case, so we hastened to set up machinery to accomplish this end. In view of the fact, however, that you have proceeded along the lines as indicated in the telegram sent you from the field, I do not see the necessity of hastening any action at the present time. The Candidate Committee could act upon the application, but the real appointment of necessity would have to be made by the Executive Committee, and it is impossible to get a meeting of that body at the present time.

The medical report is favorable, so there is nothing to worry about on that score, and I am suggesting that the whole matter be held in abeyance till after the first of September, when it will be possible to take the necessary action called for by the field.

As the field has asked for a cable, we are sending one today, stating that Miss Bowen will arrive in Shanghai on September 5th. We are very glad indeed that the opportunity has been presented whereby Miss Bowen can return to China, and we sincerely trust that your plans will so materialize, so that you will be able to join her in the early spring.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

CAE:PW

William Taylor Hotel

Sent w/ Dr. Bowen's letter 1/6/35

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JAMES WOODS, PRESIDENT
ERNEST DRURY, MANAGER

McAllister and Leavenworth Streets
AT CIVIC CENTER
San Francisco

January 24, 1935.

Dear Dr. Bowen -

My mind works slowly! I have just realized that Robert Wilson is finishing his second year internship at St. Lukes, but it has only flashed through my mind this evening that he might be interested to go to the University hospital for a year or two or three on a special arrangement. You know we are trying to find a young doctor who would like the experience without much salary! Norton proposes to others 200. silver monthly and travel one way for a one year contract. If Longw would imagine it could be made into ordinary single missionary arrangement - same as Aline - as I think of it. I am impressed with the idea as he has China background and a real interest in missions, I am sure, and in Nanking. Also would have some Chinese - if not medical terms, so he could pick up language rapidly.

Will you talk it over with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and then write Mr. Garside? I am writing Mr. Garside

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tonight, asking him to wait for your letter. Dr. Daniels has asked New York office to go ahead and find a person if possible. We can only afford single salary – do not suppose Robert is married, but he may be engaged.

I shall appreciate having you follow this up and am writing to you instead of the Wilsons as you will know if there is any reason why it is not wise. Anyway, please send Gaside word either negatively or in favor, so he can go ahead with it if possible.

Will you please express my deep appreciation of your hospitality to Mrs. Bowen. It was very kind of you both to go to so much trouble for me – I enjoyed the supper very much after a week of "train" food.

We sail at four tomorrow. I shall be glad to be off.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie M. Priest

William Taylor Hotel

JAMES WOODS, PRESIDENT
ERNEST DRURY, MANAGER

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McAllister and Leavenworth Streets
AT CIVIC CENTER
San Francisco

Dear Mr. Linder:

Tonight, asking him to wait for your letter, he found he could have not offer to go alone one fine evening if possible. We can only offer single rooms, do not suppose Mrs. Lane's presence, but is may be arranged.

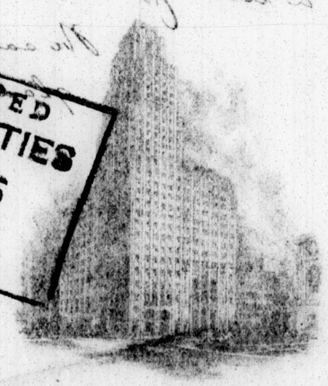
I also appreciate having your fulsome tip on our meeting to your wishes if it behoves so you miss him if this is any reason why it is not wise. Anyway please send some word with regarding or — fear, so he can go alone with if possible.

Thus you please express my deep appreciation of your hospitality to the Brown. It was very fine. If you look to go to the Coast, trust I suppose it happy my most after — "turn" you

Meanwhile and — tomorrow I shall be

Sincerely yours,

Elm M. Quist



975 N. Garfield Ave.
Pasadena
Feb 6/35.

Dear Mr. Garside,

The enclosed letter from Miss Priest will explain itself — re Robert Wilson. His father was in the U. of Nanking 30+ years. Robert graduated from Princeton and took his medical work in Harvard, graduating near the top of his class. He is now interning in St. Luke's, N.Y. City. Hence it will be simple for you to get in touch with him. I saw Mr. Wilson (his father) this A.M. and he does not know if Robert will be interested in

[redacted]f, or will be free to do so. I dont doubt but what he has been approached, as he is a brilliant student and has an enviable record. The finances of the matter may be an obstacle for him, as he has had to make his own way financially to a large extent, and while he has no very serious debts, he is without any funds of his own. Nankingwill appeal to him as he was born there and studied there for his grade & some H-S-work. You need not return Mrs Pnet's letter.

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

Copy

Peitaiho Beach, Sept. 10/~~97~~ 37

President Y.G.Chen,
Miss Elsie M.Priest,
Dear Friends:-

It was extremely kind of you to arrange with the Consulate General at Tientsin for them to advance G$1,000 for travel from here of Mrs.Riggs & family and Olive. This morning we have word from the Consulate that they will advance the money, and Mrs. Riggs and I have signed the the Promissory Note they enclosed, as follows:

Peitaiho Beach Sept.10/97
Place ..... Date.....

For value received I hereby promise to pay on demand to the Treasurery of the United States, Washington, D.C., the sum of United States Dollars One Thousand, ...(U.S.$1,000) advanced to me or expended in my behalf by the American Consul-General at Tientsin, China. This payment is to be credited to the fund for the relief of American citizens in China.

Signed :Grace Frederick Riggs,
A.J.Bowen.

Witnesses:
Dorothy T.Moyer,
Olive Bowen.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr.Garside, New York City.

After consulting Mrs.Riggs and others, we decided that Mrs.Riggs would likely need all of this money - 4 full tickets, Peitaiho Beach -New York state, so we are arranging for the Consulate to turn over to Mr.Albert Hausske, Acting Treasurer of the American Board Mission, Tientsin (who arranged with the Dollar Line there for all of her reservations, as well as Olive's Miss Ely's and the Slocum's). He will pay to the Dollar Line in Tientsin for all of Mrs.Riggs' three full and two half tickets, Kobe to San Francisco, and either Tangku to Kobe or Chingwan tao to Kobe. We all have reservations from Tangku to Kobe on the Japanese CHOKO MARU, sailing Oct.4 and arriving Oct.8, but we are trying to get passage from Chingwantao to Japan on a Kailan Mining Co.boat later in the month. The Ry.line is cut from time to time, and we would prefer the closer and British Chingwantao line.

I will be able to finance Olive's travel to Los Angeles, and later she will send an itemized account both to you and to Mr.Garside. Our address, untill we find a new Home will be 1377 North Hill Ave., Pasadena, Calif., c/o Philip N.Bowen. I am asking that Mrs.Riggs also keep and send itemized accounts for you and Mr.Garside.

The fare, tourist, Kobe to Los Angeles of the Pres.Wilson is G$170, plus likely $5 Tax. I do not know what it is to SanFrancisco. The Slocums and 1-1/2 of Mrs.Riggs cabins have private baths so cost G$15 extra: Mr.Hausske could get no other reservations. I should say that Mrs.Riggs is TRYING to to get on the Pres.Coolidge - but I doubt if she can- and is quite willing to go on the Wilson. We do hope and pray that you are all well and Safe.

Very Gratefully yours,
A J Bowen

A.J.Bowen.

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Peitaiho Beach, N China.
Sept 10, 1937
Oct 10/28

Dear Mr. Garside, The enclosed copy of a letter to President Chen (Nanking) & Miss Priest (Hankow), is the result of their sending us a wire thro the U.S.S. "Guam" Nanking & the U.S.S. "Ford" here, saying they wished me to take up with the U.S. Consulate, Tientsin the possibility of the U.S. Govt. advancing G$1,000 on our & the Riggs Travel Home — they also advised the Slocums, Riggs & Olive to take furlough immediately.

The Consulate has kindly agreed to advance the G$1000 — which I am suggesting, as you see, they pay it to Mr. Riggs so he can pay for her tickets right there in Tientsin. He also will be best able to send the balance here to Mrs Riggs by some one returning here. No doubt Miss Priest will in due time either pay you in N.Y. — or pay Washington D.C. direct, the $1,000 the Govt. has kindly advanced.

So far as I know none of our University staff, Chinese or Western have been injured. I judge all our women & children, except Miss Bauer and Miss Hoyt — on Aug 26 at least — were out of

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Nanking, at Hankow & Kuling. From what we hear & read, I think very little damage so far has been done in Nanking and none to the University property. Evidently the Chinese there have a very excellent anti-aircraft defense force & equipment. In fact on all fronts the Chinese are doing surprisingly well. I fancy they are growing in strength & resourcefulness while the other side is getting into an increasingly embarrassing condition & situation. However, I fear the War will last several years at least. China will never quit or give up & can carry on for years. I imagine the Japanese have killed far more civilians so far than troops — & it is on her part a very savage war on account of deliberate & indiscriminate bombing of cities towns & villages, many of no military significance at all. Mrs. Bowen & I regret much that we must "quit" China so soon after returning but feel more than amply paid for all it has cost — to see the New China (over)

and the remarkable developments of a surprising substantial & promising nature — & even more of the new, hopeful, confident spirit. It's a shame the War has come to direct it from its peaceful & constructive objectives. The War-lord ridden Japan could not stand to see the development going forward, so is trying to stop them. But to destroy & get rid of her War-dominated govt. will be worth all it costs Japan and China. Then a new & better day will dawn for Japan.

With very kindest remembrances and best wishes,

Cordially yours,

A. J. Bowen.

1377 North Holly Ave.,
Pasadena, Calif.
c/o Philip K. Bowen.

October 28, 1937

Dr. A. J. Bowen
c/o Philip M. Bowen
1377 North Hill Avenue
Pasadena, California

Dear Dr. Bowens

Your letter from Peitaho Beach reached us some days ago.

We can appreciate to some extent the regret with which you started back to the United States after such a brief stay in China. You left behind you this year a situation which in many ways is even more distressing than when you left in 1927. This time, however, all of our American group in China are standing shoulder to shoulder with their Chinese colleagues in dealing with a common enemy.

We have been watching with great anxiety the daily press dispatches from Nanking. Apparently there has thus far been no serious injury to either the staff or the property of the University of Nanking or Ginling College. We are very proud of the way in which the group in Nanking, and the other centers where our China Colleges are located are going ahead with their work despite the handicaps under which they are laboring.

The US$1,000 which Miss Priest asked us to pay to the United States Department of State in Washington to reimburse the advance made on the field, was sent to Washington some time ago.

The appeals which have been coming to us from Nanking recently for emergency funds to keep the Hospital going, to purchase urgently needed medical supplies, and to restore the loss of income in the general budget, are among the most urgent and challenging calls for help received from any of the Colleges. Our Nanking Board of Founders, in cooperation with our Nanking constituency here in America should certainly be able to secure substantial sums if we can only find the right way to go at the job. Of course we are all looking to Rex Wheeler to take the lead in these matters, working in cooperation with the joint promotional organization of all our China Colleges.

In the hope that you had a safe journey across the Pacific, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

BAG:MP

167½ S. Ave. 49,
Los Angeles, Calif.
Oct. 30, 1937.

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My Dear Mr Garside,

I am enclosing this with our daughters letter, to say (what we wrote to Nanking many times and to you once or twice from Peitaiho Beach) that we did Not draw upon the U.S. Govt. for the G$1000 Miss Priest so kindly arranged for us to get thro the U.S. Consulate, Tientsin. Since arriving here last night we have a letter from her dated Sept. 18th indicating that she did not know we had not availed ourselves of the loan. It has been very difficult to get letters by the Japanese in North China — so also it is difficult to get letters to and from Nanking. We happened to have fund in our Bank in Pasadena, so did not need to draw on the University thro the Consulate. The Dollar Co. and Am. Express Co. Tientsin would accept our personal gold check.

We had a pleasant trip, all considered. It was not easy to leave China and give up — likely for good — returning to Nanking from Peitaiho, but there was no adequate reason, under the conditions, for trying to get back there. But we shall always be most grateful for the few months we did have in Nanking and for the privilege of seeing the unbelievable changes and development — the New Spirit — there!

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The University has grown and developed and has made, under President Chen and his Staff, a place for itself in the Government and among the people it never achieved before. We were tremendously encouraged by all we saw & felt, before the War started. The War is going well for China but it will be a long and bitter one, tho much more so for Japan in the end than for China.

Prof. & Mrs. Slocum of the University came with us. Also Miss Ely of the Christian Mission Nantungchow as well as many "refugees" from Manila, Hongkong and elsewhere.

So far as we know none of our missionaries or Chinese staff have been injured in Nanking and no mission property damaged, tho it seems incredible.

For a few weeks our address will be 167½ S. Avenue 49, Los Angeles, Calif.

With Very Kindest Remembrances and Best Wishes.

Cordially Yours,

A. J. Bowen.

November 4, 1937

Miss Olive Bowen
167½ S. Avenue 49
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Miss Bowen:

Your letter of October 30th came to hand, and also one from your father, which I cannot answer today as it is too late.

However, you will find enclosed herewith one check for $128., representing September and October salary, and another check for $207.30, representing reimbursement for travel.

We note what you say regarding the travel of Mrs. Riggs and family, and are making application to the Government to straighten out the situation covering the $1,000 advance. As a matter of fact, this has not been advanced to the Government as the cablegram Miss Priest sent never came through.

The plan you have outlined for your stay in Southern California seems to require no comment. You know best the requirements, and we are perfectly in accord with your decision.

We are placing your name on the mailing list so that future bulletins will go forward to your address.

Our hearts are constantly stirred with the atrocious things which are happening in China, and yet we are encouraged and enheartened beyond measure by the stand which is being taken by the Chinese people. A letter which came to hand from Dr. Chen which states that there are 222 enrolled (with 116 in the College of Agriculture), 157 in the Middle School, and 100 in the Rural Leaders Training School, making a total of 459 in all.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

CAE:RC
Enc.

November 9, 1937

Dr. A. J. Bowen
167½ S. Ave. 49
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Dr. Bowen:

We should have acknowledged your letter of October 30th, but as we wrote to your daughter promptly in response to her travel account and mentioned that your letter had come to hand, we felt that we could take a little more time.

Fortunately in one sense, through a misunderstanding here in the office, the $1,000. requested for travel was sent directly through the State Department to Miss Priest. The Department, however, has not made claim, and we are asking them to check thoroughly. We presume the charges for Mrs. Riggs and family will come through the American Board.

We note with a great deal of pleasure your statement regarding the advances made in China and in the University of Nanking. From one who is so familiar with the work and who has spent so much time in the building up of the institution, this comes as a most welcome statement.

We have had great confidence in Dr. Chen's ability, and after having seen him here in the States, this faith and confidence seemed to be fully justified.

The Chinese who have spoken in this area have all indicated that a greater unity than ever before has become established in China, and that the splendid stand they are taking justifies the expectation of those who have addressed the Chinese soldier as being equal to any in courage and fortitude if he is properly handled.

We deprecate the war and this barbaric loss of life and property, but it is quite possible that the Lord is to speak through force rather than other means. Surely the rest of the world seems to be in no position to justify our expectation that war is to cease. Aside from what we are doing to build up the morale of the staff and to help maintain the Colleges, possibly our best help is in prayer to Almighty God that out of all will come peace.

Very cordially yours,

CAR:BG

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noted H.M.

2273 Pepper Drive,
Altadena California
Nov. 23. 1937.

Ack. 12/1/37.

Dear Mr Jansike, I am glad to send a small contribution for the University of Nanking, Especially the Hospital work. I presume, even when the Japanese take over Nanking, it will continue to operate for the Chinese civilians. In case the Japanese run the Hospital for their Soldiers, I would not want it to go to them. Possibly the best way will be to send the Mex. check to Miss Priest — likely now at Hankow; or to the Associated Mission Treasurers. I fear Nanking will have to be abandoned both by the Govt. & the University.

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for some time. But the "fall" will Not end the War. It is a shame that the U.S. & Eng. & France are doing Nothing to help China & embarrass Japan, tho one has to confess it is not easy to know just what to do. Refusing to sell munitions, scrap-iron, cotton, oil & gas would seem not too difficult. China is putting up a tremendous struggle and in time will win I think.

Hoping that you — & Mr Wheeler — efforts to raise Emergency fund are meeting with much success,

Cordially Yours

A. J. Bowen.

December 1, 1937

Dr. A. J. Bowen
2273 Pepper Drive
Altadena, California

Dear Dr. Bowen:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 23rd, with its enclosed check for $100 Chinese currency. We enclose our official receipt herewith. We are entering the amount at the fixed rate of exchange - thirty cents American for one Chinese dollar. We will transmit the check direct to China - either to Miss Priest or to the Associated Missions Treasurers. Apparently Miss Priest has transferred her office to Hankow, but I am not quite sure what address there will reach her.

I believe you have already received from Mr. Wheeler a copy of the cablegram which came from Nanking a few days ago, but I enclose herewith a copy of the notice of this cable we are sending to the members of the Board of Founders.

All of the true friends of China here in America are profoundly stirred by the tragic events of recent months. One of our acutely uncomfortable emotions is a feeling of helplessness. It is certainly distressing that the western nations, particularly the United States and Great Britain, have made such a mess of their Far Eastern policies during the last six years, and have thereby played diretly into the hands of the Japanese. First Great Britain, and then the United States has bungled repeated opportunities to check Japanese aggression without recourse to war. And with each failure of diplomatic resources, the situation has grown increasingly serious - for the nations of the west as well as for China.

China has certainly given a magnificent demonstration of courage and tenacity in the face of overwhelming odds. If only she can keep her morale and maintain a determined resistance long enough, she will emerge the ultimate victor. But it is appalling to contemplate the tertible price she is having to pay, and will probably have to continue paying for months or even years.

We are making fairly encouraging progress in our efforts on behalf of the entire group of Colleges. To date we have secured approximately $90,000 in cash and pledges toward our goal of $300,000 for our joint emergency fund.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

December 3, 1937

Dr. A. J. Bowen
2273 Pepper Drive
Altadena, Cal.

Dear Dr. Bowen:

Your generous gift of $100.00 Chinese currency for The University of Nanking Hospital needs has been received. We are very grateful for your timely help.

I wish very much I could see you and talk over with you your experiences on the other side of the Pacific. I am not sure that you saw the printed letter dated October 10, in which we quoted from the fine address made by Mr. T. C. Woo, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the University, welcoming you back to Nanking. I am enclosing a couple of copies of that printed letter. I am also sending you another copy of the November 10 letter. A copy of the cable received November 24 is also enclosed.

We are planning to get out another printed letter on or about December 10. I would like very much to have a statement from you to use in that letter. Could you write about 300 to 500 words describing your impressions of China, Nanking, and the University, and putting in any other statements that you think are appropriate? These letters go to about 2,500 friends of the University. We are constantly seeking to increase the mailing list, and we would like to have any additional names which you would care to suggest.

The issue which the morning papers say is being placed before General Chiang Kai-shek and the Chinese Government is a most difficult one. Apparently, the three "bad boys," Japan, Germany, and Italy, are saying, "Come in with us and share in the loot, or else--". With the fate of the city, its own government, and its own life in the balance, it is a terrific decision to make.

With best wishes to Mrs. Bowen and to Olive, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

WRW:VW
Enc.

Noted by WRW 2/15/38

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2273 Pepper Drive,
Altadena, Calif.
Jan. 10/38

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Dear Mr. Garside,
Mr. Wheeler,

I am writing especially to let you know that Mrs. Bowen is seriously ill. Some 6 or 7 weeks ago she began to fail and we got her under the care of a good Dr. He soon was convinced that she had a cancer and during the past 10 days or so the growth, either in the liver or spleen, likely has greatly enlarged. Our Dr. has had no experience or personal knowledge of Kala Zar so, in consultation with Dr. Gossard who used to live in Foochow, our Dr. is about to give a blood transfusion and in the morning will puncture the spleen for a test for Kala Zar. Should it prove to be that relief & cure can soon be effected. If it is cancer, then the

1-10-38.

End will come soon.

Last Sunday we waited for Sarah and she arrived Tuesday and is a great help. Her blood is No. 2 as is Mrs. Bowles, so will give her blood for the transfusion. We brought her over here to the Hospital, St. Luke's, this afternoon. I will hold this letter till tomorrow when we shall know definitely what to expect. We are most grateful to you for the News letters and bulletins about Nankum & the Nurses & Staff.

Cordially yours

A. M. Bowles.

P.S. Jan 11. There was no reaction for Kala Zar, so there is no doubt it is cancer & the end will be soon.

A.M.B.

P.S. will you please tell Mr. Wheeler.

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2273 Pepper Street
Altadena Calif.
Jan 15th 38
Ack 1/22/38

Dear Mr Garside,
Mr. Wheeler, I am sorry to have to write that Mrs. Bowen passed away Sunday morning the 16th. She had not been well for some time, but the development of the Cancer in the liver was very rapid the last 10-12 days. Fortunately there did not seem to be much pain at any time. She was in a coma for nearly 2 days. Sarah came from N.M.

the 4th and has been a very great help.
The funeral is in Pasadena tomorrow afternoon & the interment at Forest Lawn, Glendale.

With very kindest remembrances,

Cordially Yours,

A. J. Bowen.

1938

Mrs. Arthur J. Bowen

Wife of Former Head of Nanking University Dead

Special to the Herald Tribune

ALTADENA, Calif., Jan. 17.—Funeral services for Mrs. Nora Jones Bowen, wife of Arthur J. Bowen, former president of the University of Nanking, in China, were held at her home here today. Mrs. Bowen, who was sixty-eight years old, died Friday. Surviving, besides her husband, are a son and three daughters.

Mrs. Bowen was born in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and attended Illinois Wesleyan and Northwestern Universities. In 1897 she was married to Dr. Bowen, and in that same year they went to China as missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. Bowen served as dean and vice-president of the university before his appointment as president in 1908. They retired from active service in 1930, but visited Nanking last summer.

January 24, 1938

Dear Dr. Bowen:

We have all been deeply grieved this week to learn of the death of Mrs. Bowen. We saw in the New York papers the news of her passing only a few days after we learned of her illness.

Telegrams and letters have already gone to you from a number of New York friends of Mrs. Bowen and yourself, and I know that many others will be writing during the next few days. But none of us can adequately express our admiration for the splendid life Mrs. Bowen lived, or for the self-forgetful service which she rendered to the Chinese people for so many years. Nor can we adequately convey to you our feelings of sympathy with you at this time.

You and Mrs. Bowen have long been an inspiration to many of us who are younger in the service of the Chinese people, as well as to the countless young men and young women of China who have been privileged to know and to love you both. Death can not in any way decrease the influence of such lives as yours, but merely gives it a wider scope and deeper significance.

With affectionate personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

BAG:MF

January 26, 1938

Dr. A. J. Bowen
2273 Pepper Drive
Altadena, Calif.

Dear Dr. Bowen:

Dr. Garside has given me your letter of January 18 with the enclosed check for $6.00, to be credited to Mrs. Bertha Gless Stafford, National City, Calif. We are writing her and sending her a receipt.

We appreciate deeply receiving your letter at this time and your thought of the University when you have been carrying such a heavy personal cross.

Sincerely yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

WRW:VW

February 10, 1938

Dr. Arthur J. Bowen
975 Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, California

My dear Dr. Bowen:

At a recent meeting of the Executive-Finance Committees of the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking, the following resolution was adopted:

"VOTED that WHEREAS, the Executive-Finance Committees of the University of Nanking at an assembled meeting January 21, 1938, noted with deep sorrow the passing on January 14th of Mrs. Nora Joan Bowen, wife of Dr. Arthur J. Bowen, President of the University from 1910 to 1927, and life-long co-laborer with the Chinese people, and

WHEREAS, one daughter, Miss Olive J. Bowen, is a present member of the staff of the Middle School, and

WHEREAS, the Chinese and the University of Nanking have lost a devoted friend - one who gave unstintedly of her life and talents for the advancement of the cause of religious education, her unswerving loyalty to the principles of the Master making her a living example of His teachings, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that, in behalf of the Trustees, the Executive-Finance Committees extend deepest sympathy to the bereaved family, and spread these resolutions upon the minutes of the meeting."

It is our very sincere hope here in the office that the Holy Spirit which has been your constant companion will sustain you even further during these days of readjustment. Our hearts go out to you in this loss, but such experiences only tend to strengthen our hold upon the eternal.

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:RC

August 13, 1938

CHINA IN 1937

After an absence of about six years we returned to Nanking in March, 1937. The developments and changes in China during these six years were, perhaps, the greatest and most significant in all her long history.

Material progress and betterment was in evidence whereever one went, even in many of the villages. The travel possibilities now were amazing, for auto roads, new railways and air-passenger lines were developed beyond belief. The whole educational system had been re-vitalized and efficiency increased a hundred fold, and was also much extended. One could not think of a single item affecting the life and the welfare of all the people that was not receiving expert and productive attention. One was greatly impressed by the manifest intelligence and the abounding faith and enthusiasm exhibited on all sides by the Government - local, Provincial and National. I doubt if any other government or people anywhere were attacking their problems with the wisdom, the courage and the zeal shown by the Chinese Government and people. China was moving forward in a tremendous Purpose to better the livlihood of all of her people. The results accomplished in such a short time are historic.

But even more impressive than all of this was the New Spirit manifest on every hand. A Spirit of Faith, of courage, of devotion to great tasks; a spirit of optimism, of self-reliance, of determination. And this new spirit was not possessed by the ruling and educated classes only, but was also possessed by the coolie, the farmer - by every class and condition of people. What one felt early in 1937 - felt with a thrill and a mounting sense of admiration - we have seen hold up and increase and grow adamant in these 13 months of ruthless and devastating War. It is a Spirit that will not be conquered, that no defeat can quench.

As to the University, it too had moved forward in a like remarkable degree. Perhaps one of the most encouraging things to note was the splendid way, under Chinese leadership, the University had fitted itself into the General Plan for the Welfare and Good of the People. The cooperation with the Central Government, the Provincial Government and the local government was very close and cordial and most helpful. Likewise, there was a new and extremely friendly cooperation with the Central University and with the education authorities as well as with the new government and city hospitals. In fact the University was on a most friendly and helpful basis with everybody; was no longer a "Foreign" institution, but was One with them, and doing an increased amount of good and was appreciated as never before. President Chen and his splendid staff have done a great and significant piece of work. Never before has the work been so directly practical, so up-building for the New China.

A. J. Bowen

re: Dr. A. J. Bowen.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

Office of the President

1st December, 1938

Dr. B. A. Garside
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Garside:

We have just received a letter from Dr. Bowen which outlines his present activities in connection with raising funds for relief in China. In the same mail we received word from Mr. Wheeler that he had left our promotional work to take a position with the Presbyterian Board. In thinking over the whole problem of representation for the institution we have felt it might be a good idea to have Dr. Bowen more closely linked up with our office in New York.

You will remember that Dr. Bowen was appointed officially as adviser and still holds this position in absentia. He is a member of both the Board of Directors and the Board of Founders. We would like to go one step further and have his designated President Emeritus, which he is in actual fact. It seems to me that if would give an opportunity to represent the institution in a more vital way if it were definitely known that he was President Emeritus of the University of Nanking. I am quite sure that he will not take any steps to assume any title for himself, but if it is possible for you to see that this change is made I will greatly appreciate it.

Dr. Bowen was in Nanking in 1937 and has kept very closely in touch with all our activities. I am sure there is no person in America who is more ably qualified to represent the institution at this time. We would like very much to have it made possible for expenses and travel money to be sent to him as needed. We are rather far away to make definite arrangements of this kind so will leave it in your hands. We are not asking that Dr. Bowen be given a strenuous program of promotional work, but that he be recognized as a definite representative of the institution and be allowed to work in his area as his strength and time permit. In case you do not have his address in California it is: 2273 Pepper Drive, Altadena, California.

We are looking forward to the pleasure of having Dr. Decker visit us in Chengtu and hope to be able to give him a picture of the work we are trying to do under present circumstances. You may be interested to know that we have 328 students definitely enrolled in the colleges, and 44 more trying to reach us. It is questionable if they can find transportations facilities to arrive before registration is closed, it is very difficult these days to secure any passage, either on buses or boats from Chungking to Chentu.

With cordial wishes,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Y. G. Chen

YGC:MT

2273 Pepper Drive,
Altadena Calif
Jan 5/39.

My Dear Mr. Garside, Perhaps you likely have heard Dr. & Mrs. Mocklin, formerly of Hankow) are, through their Ch. in Alhambra, celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary Jan. 14th. They wish me to talk about the Univ. Hospital, after the Union - they have asked that any gifts be in the form of money so that all can be sent to the Hospital there that Dr. Mocklin started 50± yrs. ago. I have no Reports, Catalogs etc here, and I am in doubt just when the Union with the University began by the Hospital. The union, the 3 missions in general

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Ed. work began in Feb 1910, but Mrs. Mocklin says that the Union with the Hospital did not begin till 1914. I know that there was a union in Medical Teaching & in the Hospital, at 1st more or less independent of the University. Could I bother you to look up the Records & put me right re the Hospital Union work? I enclose an air-mail envelope for reply as the time is short.

With Very Kindest Remembrances, Cordially Yours

Shove the Slocum to their boat tomorrow at Wilmington.

A. J. Bowen.

January 9, 1939

Dear Dr. Bowen:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 5th.

We find from our Nanking records the following information about the history of the University Hospitals-

"The University Hospital and the School of Nursing. The Hospital was founded by Dr. W. E. Macklin of the United Christian Missionary Society and became part of the University Medical School in 1914. In 1917, at the time missionary medical education in East and North China was reorganized, the Hospital was taken over from the University Medical School. In September, 1918, a School of Nursing was opened in connection with the University Hospital."

We would be grateful if you would convey to Dr. and Mrs. Macklin from all their personal friends and friends of Nanking here in New York, our heartiest felicitations and good wishes on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

Dr. A. J. Bowen
2273 Peffer Drive
Altadena, California

BAG:MP

January 25, 1939

Dr. A.J.Bowen
2273 Pepper Drive
Altadena, California

My dear Dr. Bowen:

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Macklin have forwarded to us the check for $50 (Chinese currency) which you sent to them in connection with their golden wedding anniversary celebration. Our formal receipt is enclosed.

Everyone heartily agrees that this is a most unique and unselfish plan for making the anniversary an occasion for helping the institution to which Dr. and Mrs. Mrs. Macklin have devoted most of their fifty years together. It is beautifully symbolic of the self-forgetful devotion that has always characterized them both.

Let me extend to you the sincerest gratitude of the Nanking trustees and the staff for your share in this generous undertaking.

Very sincerely yours

B A GARSIDE

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Encl.

March 14, 1939

Dr. A. J. Bowen
2273 Pepper Drive
Altadena, California

Dear Dr. Bowen:

In connection with plans for an intensive effort to raise money for the University of Nanking, I am writing you to ask you to help us by acting as our leader in the Western area. I am enclosing a list of former staff members of the University who are now in your part of the United States. It is possible that the list is incomplete. We hope that some of these friends will be able to render active assistance in meeting our present needs.

You are possibly aware that Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell, whom you met in Nanking, is now acting as our field representative in connection with the Associated Boards. He will be happy to send you any publicity material you wish, and to help you in any other way he can. We are also sending you a list of the friends in the Pacific area who, during the last few years, have made contributions. We hope that you will be able to approach them in your capacity as President Emeritus, and to maintain and strengthen their interest and financial support. We have only a few months ahead of us before the end of this fiscal year, and there is still much to be done if we are to secure the funds required.

Please communicate with the office of the Associated Boards if you are in need of any assistance in your efforts. In the meantime, I assure you that I will be happy myself to do anything in my power.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Ack. 5-2-39

2273 Pepper Drive, Altadena, California,

April 25, 1939.

Mr. Joseph I Parker,

New York City,

Dear Mr. Parker:-

I greatly appreciate your writing me and sending copies of President Chen's and Dr. Decker's letters re Dr. Ferguson's recommendation that the University move back to Nanking at once.

I am at a complete loss to understand just why Dr. Ferguson should at this time suggest such a thing. He should know the utter impossibility of it, as well as the inadvisability of so doing as long as the Japanese are there.

The Yangtse from above Hankow to Nanking and beyond is closed to all shipping but Japanese - and America's 'Protests' do not change the situation. It is physically impossible for even President Chen or say Dr. Fenn to come down river to Nanking. It further would be politically extremely unwise, were it possible. Radio reports heard by us here Sunday said that two Chinese armies are marching towards Nanking and Chinkiang from the south; fighting was progressing near Hangchow, near Tai Hu and other places. Under such circumstances no students could or would even try to get to Nanking. I fear Dr. Ferguson does not realize that China - the PEOPLE OF CHINA - will continue to fight the invaders at every point until they are driven out, no matter how long it takes. Even when the war ends, it will be months before the University can get Home. I am very much gratified that the Founders understand the situation and are backing President Chen and the Field.

Very cordially yours,

A. J. Bowen.

A. J. Bowen.

May 2, 1950

Dr. A. J. Bowen
2275 Pepper Drive
Altadena, Calif.

Dear Dr. Bowen:

I wish to thank you for your letter of April 25 referring to the copies of Dr. Chen's and Dr. Decker's letters on the subject of the return of the University of Nanking to its normal location.

It was quite evident at the Nanking Board meeting, when Dr. Ferguson presented his viewpoint, that the members of the Board of Founders were not in agreement with the viewpoint expressed. Nothing was done at that meeting except to listen to Dr. Ferguson and to thank him for his presentation.

I am sure that the Board of Founders, as a whole, agree with you in your viewpoint, and will support President Chen in his attitude on the matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. I. Parker

Assistant Secretary

JIP:VW

2273 Pepper Drive.
Altadena Calif.
June 20/39

Ack 6/27/39

Dr. Paul D. Cravath,
New York City.
Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing M$100.00 for the Emergency Fund, but to go to The University of Nanking. In order not to lose a lot in Exchange, I suggest that you ask Mr. Garside to send it direct to Miss Elsie Priest, Treasurer, W. of N. Chengtu. I have sent checks several times direct. They get it much quicker by Air post in China, 29¢

Cordially Yours
A. J. Bowen.

and with Very Best Wishes.

no Recpt. needed.

June 26, 1939

Miss Elsie M. Priest
University of Nanking
c/o West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Miss Priest:

Dr. A. J. Bowen has sent us a check for LC$100.00 allocating it to the emergency gifts for the University of Nanking.

We are enclosing the check herewith which is made out to the University of Nanking, and in addition to that he has requested that we send it direct to you to be negotiated.

As the exchange on Saturday for Shanghai dollars was at 13¢, we are crediting the Nanking Emergency account with that amount and you will receive that much less in the distribution.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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VIA CHINA CLIPPER - 6/27/39

c.c. to Miss Cloud
" " Mr. Cameron

University of Nanking
(Check sent direct to Chris
$13.00 — (100LC)

Letter to Priest, datedJune 26, 1939

June 27, 1939

Dr. A. J. Bowen
2273 Pepper Drive
Altadena, Calif.

Dear Dr. Bowen:

Your letter of June 20th addressed to Dr. Cravath came to hand promptly and we wish to thank you for the check M$100.00 made payable to the University of Nanking.

As requested we have sent this to Miss Priest and have credited the Emergency Fund with the approximate current exchange rate of $15.00 and enclose receipt herewith. The letter to the field went by Clipper mail as we had several other items to include.

We have all been greatly shocked with the apparent ruthless bombing of several mission properties and it has come near home in the bombing of Chengtu. A Committee of two of the Associated Boards is today in conference with Maxwell Hamilton of the State Department with the hope that some plan may be worked out whereby pressure may be put upon Japan to desist from this ruthlessness.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Altadena Calif
June 28/39.

Dear Mr Caldwell, Thank you very much for your letter of the 23rd & the copy of the cable from Chungking — the 1st details of the terrible bombings we had received. We had read in our Papers of the bombing, & had heard that many Chinese had been injured, but nothing further. One would think that these bombings & the incredible insults at Tientsin, Amoy, Swatow etc, would arouse our Dumb Bell Congress to Action re our helping Japan, but it doesn't seem to.

I sent Mr $100 a few days ago to the China College Campaign, designed for U. of N. I wish I could do more to help. I greatly enjoyed your Father's too brief stay here.

Cordially Yours.
A. J. Bowen.

2273 Pepper Dr.,
Altadena, Calif.
March 5/40
Ack. 3/20/40

My dear Mr. Garside, I received a letter yesterday, dated Chengtu Jan 27th from Mrs Quest, enclosing the $100 check for me to use "for necessary Expenses" in connection with my "Office" as Pres-Emeritus of the Univ. It was very thoughtful of President Chen and her to consider this, but there are no Expenses for anything I am able to do for the Univ. I find it quite difficult to go

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out and get funds for the Univ. I do considerable speaking but such contacts do not bring in money. If your office have any definite persons out here that you would like me to approach, I would be glad to do so, perhaps after a word from you to them or (to who I am & you would like me to call on them. I will be most happy to help in any way I can, but I am a very poor money-getter.

I appreciate very greatly the honor that the Board of Founders have conferred upon me in making me President Emeritus but feel quite unworthy of this distinction especially that I am not able to help the

University much in these days of unusual need and of unusual opportunity. The way President Chen and all his fine staff are carrying on is thrilling, and the University is making a notable contribution to the New China.

I wish also to thank you and your Office for the minutes and other publications you have been sending me so faithfully: they keep me in touch with your very fine handling of the affairs of the University over here.

Thanking you for your many courtesies and with very kindest remembrances, Cordially Yours,

A. J. Bowen.

March 20, 1940

Dr. A. J. Bowen
2273 Pepper Drive
Altadena, California

Dear Dr. Bowen,

Thank you for your letter of March 5, with which you enclose Miss Priest's check for $100.00.

We all very earnestly hope that you will find time and inclination to undertake certain activities there in California on behalf of the University of Nanking. And certainly the University should provide for the expenses of whatever work you do in its behalf. But we have thought of these expenses as a part of the responsibility of the Nanking Board of Founders, rather than the field budget of the University. The Founders put aside each year a modest amount of money for such promotional expenses, and whatever activities you are able to undertake are a proper charge against that account.

The question of how we can best make use of your presence there in California is one to which we should give much more serious attention than we have yet done. I want to talk the matter over during the next few days with a number of our Nanking Founders, and with other members of the Associated Boards Promotional Staff. Just now the organization of activities for the China Colleges in the Pacific area is in a confused state, due to the ill health of Arthur Rugh. We are hoping that within another couple of months Mr. Rugh will be able to take up the work in an active way, but in the meantime we may have to make temporary arrangements. Mr. McBrier is in Pasadena now, visiting with friends, and during April will be giving some time to active work on behalf of the China Colleges in the Southern California area. It is possible that either I or some other member of our staff here in New York will find it desirable to make a special trip to California to work with him both in Southern California and around San Francisco. Certainly we must have your cooperation in our activities there. I will write you in greater detail as soon as our plans are somewhat more clarified. And if I should come out to California, I will be eager to get in touch with you.

With every good wish, I am

Very cordially yours,

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