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June 3rd, 1914.

Mr. E. R. Brown, Vice President,  
Magnolia Petroleum Co.,  
Corsicana, Texas.

Dear Mr. Brown:-

I assure you it is a great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of the check for \$1,000.00 on the Seaboard National Bank as your contribution for the work of the Nanking University, this to apply the same as your contribution of the last year. We know how this will delight Mr. Williams, upon whom a large measure of responsibility has fallen this year owing to President Bowen's furlough in the United States. We have no doubt but that they have been sending you all of the material that has been published from time to time regarding the work of the University so that you know that Mr. Fellowes, the Architect, has been upon the field studying building materials that are available that building operations may be begun this summer upon all the buildings that have been provided by special gift. Mr. Fellowes is to come on from Chicago to meet with the Board of Trustees July 8th, when we will have a full report from him as to his findings upon the field.

Thanking you most heartily for your continued interest and especially for your sending this draft to us without any reminder from us, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

*Russell Carter*

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E. R. Brown

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THE WALDORF



THE BELLEVUE-STRATFORD



THE ASTORIA

THE WALDORF-ASTORIA, NEW YORK.  
THE BELLEVUE-STRATFORD, PHILADELPHIA

## The Waldorf-Astoria,

Gentlemen.

New York, July 8 1915  
Courtesy of the hotel

I had a letter some time since asking when I would be here as you wished to talk about a subscription I made to the Chinese work. I now expect to make a subscription this year and if you wish to see me beg to advise I will be here for the next three or four days.

Yours very truly

E. R. Brown

of Dallas Texas,

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July 9th, 1915.

Mr. E. R. Brown,  
The Waldorf Astoria  
New York.

My dear Mr. Brown,

Your letter of July 8th has just come to my hand as Treasurer of the University of Nanking, and I recall clearly Mr. Williams' many reports upon your interest in their work at Nanking, and of his connection with you in school or college life. I have not turned back to the files, but my recollection of the reason of our writing you before was that one of the Nanking men, either President Bowen or Dr. Cochran was then in the city and felt that he would like to come in personal touch with one who had been so generously befriending their work, and who was such a good friend of Mr. Williams, whom we all of us have come to love so well. I was in hopes that I myself might meet you as I was thrown pretty personally with Mr. Williams when he was home, as he and his family spent most of their furlough in Montclair, New Jersey, where I myself live. It so happens, however, that I am leaving tonight upon my vacation and am crowded all day, and doubtless you as here on business would be engaged during the hours of the day also, so that I fear that I will have to forego the pleasure this time. I have just had good letters from both Mr. Williams and President Bowen including these last reports on the University as prepared by President Bowen, one of which I am sending to you. I know that you are carrying now the full support of one of their missionaries, and that it has been a great help and great delight to them to feel your hearty and generous cooperation in their work. They are now at work upon two of their new buildings and Mr. Speer, President of the Board in New York, is now on a visitation of our Eastern Missions, and this fall will go over very carefully with them on the field their plans for all of their new equipment, and it is hoped that before another year or two will have passed they will be enjoying at least four of their brand new administration buildings in addition to new residences which have been given by friends and various Mission Boards. They are still having a hard pull of it, however, to meet the regular budget of the year, and only lately Mr. Williams and Dr. Cochran have had to apply to some of our good friends to help them with the budget of the Medical Department which this past year or two has been supplemented by large gifts of individuals as Mr. Williams and Dr. Cochran have met one and another, but this year are lost inasmuch as no one

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Mr. Brown -2-

representing the University is at home amongst our Constituency.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

RG/MS

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December 8th, 1915

Mr. E. R. Brown, Vice-President,  
Magnolia Petroleum Company,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Brown:

It is a great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of the New York draft which you have sent for \$1,000. for Nanking University. The meeting of the Board of Trustees is to be held Friday of this week, Mr. Speer having just returned from a seven months' visit to our eastern Mission, having been in Nanking for two days and having gone over the situation there very thoroughly with the Board of Managers.

It will be a pleasure therefore to report to them on Friday of the receipt of this annual gift from yourself and I know it will be a delight to Mr. Williams to receive the report of your continued interest and co-operation.

I shall be very glad to see that any details of the report that Mr. Speer makes are sent to you in order that you may be kept informed as to the situation on the Field.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer

RC-D

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*E. R. Brown*  
THIS IS A JOINT STOCK ASSOCIATION. THE ARTICLES CREATING IT VEST CONTROL OF ITS AFFAIRS  
IN A BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTING UNDER A DECLARATION OF TRUST RECORDED IN BOOK 120, PAGE  
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THE ENTIRE ASSOCIATION ASSETS SHALL BE CHARGED WITH PAYMENT OF ALL ITS LIABILITIES, AND  
EXEMPT THE TRUSTEES AND SHAREHOLDERS FROM PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR SAME.

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~~JAN 8 1917~~

~~TREAS. DEPT.~~

# MAGNOLIA PETROLEUM COMPANY

PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

E. R. BROWN,  
VICE-PRES. & GENL. MGR.

REFINERIES  
BEAUMONT, CORSICANA,  
FORT WORTH

DALLAS, TEXAS. December 30th, 1916.

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University of Nanking,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Sirs:--

Referring to telegrams exchanged  
between J. E. Williams and myself, of date  
November 14th and 15th, 1916, I beg to hand  
you herewith \$700.00 of the amount pledged.  
I will make another remittance soon.

Yours very truly,

*E. R. Brown*  
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JAN 3 1917

TREAS. DEPT.

January 2, 1917.

Mr. E. R. Brown,  
Vice president Magnolia Petroleum Co.,  
Dallas, Texas.

My dear Mr. Brown:

In behalf of Mr. Williams of the University of  
Hankin, I thank you for your kind remittance of \$700.00 received  
today on the pledge which you made by telegram to Mr. Williams  
toward the \$25,000 which they needed for the equipment of the  
Medical Plant at Hankin. We have just received \$5,000 from  
Mr. Harkness toward this same fund.

In behalf of the University,

Very sincerely yours,

EC:M

Treasurer

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JAN 16 1917

**MAGNOLIA PETROLEUM COMPANY** TREAS. DEPT.

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VICE-PRES. & GENL. MGR.

REFINERIES  
BEAUMONT, CORSICANA,  
FORT WORTH

DALLAS, TEXAS, January 9th, 1917

Mr. Russel Carter, Treasurer,  
University of Nanking,  
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Sir:--

Referring to my letter of December 30th,  
I beg to hand you herewith check for \$1800.00  
additional, which completes payment of the first  
half of my subscription made by telegram of  
November 15th to Mr. Williams.

Yours very truly,

*E. R. Brown*  
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~~FILING DEPT.~~

JAN 16 1917

~~TREAS. DEPT.~~

January 15, 1917.

Mr. E. R. Brown, Vice President,  
Magnolia Petroleum Co.,  
Dallas, Texas.

My dear Mr. Brown:

Your remittance came in time Saturday for me to bank it before banking hours were over, but we were too crowded with business that morning for me to be able to send off to you an acknowledgment of your remittance of \$1800.00 completing the first half of your subscription made by telegram November 15th to Mr. Williams. I will report this at once to the field and in behalf of the University I thank you for this very generous response to the needs of the University. Your friendship and your co-operation meant much to Mr. Williams and I had the pleasure at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees to report to them your generous subscription.

Thanking you, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

RC:M

Treasurer

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E. R. BROWN,  
VICE-PRES. & GENL. MGR.

REFINERIES  
BEAUMONT, CORSICANA,  
FORT WORTH

DALLAS, TEXAS,  
September 24th, 1917

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Mr. Russel Carter, Treasurer,  
University of Nanking,  
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Sir:--

Enclosed herewith is check on  
the Seaboard National Bank for \$2,500.00,  
which pays the balance due on subscrip-  
tion to Nanking University as per tele-  
gram to Mr. J. E. Williams.

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deposited  
9/29/17*

Yours very truly,

*E. R. Brown*

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October 3rd, 1917.

Mr. E. R. Brown,  
Vice President, Magnolia Petroleum Co.,  
Dallas, Texas.

My dear Mr. Brown:

In behalf of Mr. Williams and the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking I thank you for your further remittance of \$2500.00 in payment of the balance of your \$5,000 subscription thru Mr. Williams of Nanking University. I will see that advice of this goes forward in a day or two to Mr. Williams.

I had the pleasure only last week of seeing for a little while his daughter, Faith, as she came thru New York on her way to Andover, Mass., where she is entering Abbott Academy. She came to the United States early last Summer with some missionaries who were returning from China, visiting with her people in Ohio and coming East in September. She had the good company of Margaret Speer, daughter of Robert E. Speer, our Secretary, and the President of the Board of Trustees of Nanking University, in this her first year in school in America and in fact away from her family. Mr. Williams lived in Montclair for a year when he was home soliciting funds for the University so that they have a good many friends there and his four children were great friends of ours, so that Miss Faith comes to us for a part of the Christmas vacation.

I know how much Mr. Williams valued your friendship and your help in securing the funds needed for the enlargement of the University.

I, therefore, add my personal word of appreciation of your very generous gift.

Very sincerely yours,

RC:M

Treasurer

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May 26, 1918.

Mr. E. R. Brown,  
Magnolia Petroleum Co.,  
Dallas, Tex.

My dear Edwy:-

You will be surprised to find that I am again back in United States. This time I brought Mrs. Williams and the children with me. We landed at San Francisco Easter Sunday, and spent three weeks in Southern California, in Pasadena, then came on to South Salem, Ohio, where I spent part of the day before coming on to New York. This is a furlough for Mrs. Williams. We expect to arrange to leave our three girlies in school here when we next return to China.

It is a tremendous time to be back in United States. I have never been more proud of being an American than since my return and finding the tremendous preparation and progress on all lines. The spirit of sacrifice and devotion to a great cause is transforming our people and enthusing them into a great nation.

As usual, I have considerable of a program for the University; on the one side, to provide five or six new men to establish the advance post graduate course, and then to keep on building up our present staff. The plans for the hospital have carried magnificently, all except the provision of the full staff required. In the face of the war demands, it is going to be difficult to complete our requirements for five doctors and four nurses, only having half of the staff now. The University is moving on in a splendid way.

This is just by way of a note to let you know where we are, and expressing the hope that we might meet for a visit in Ohio. Do you plan to be there this summer with Mrs. Brown and the dear girlie? I should so like to have the daughters meet.

Hoping that you are all feeling well and that all goes well with you, as ever,

Very affectionately yours,

W/V

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# MAGNOLIA PETROLEUM COMPANY

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BEAUMONT, CORSICANA,  
FORT WORTH

Dallas June 26 1918

Dear Jack,

I was glad to get your letter advising that you and your family are in the U.S. Again, Isabel is in Ohio now. We have made no plans yet but will go south sometime in August perhaps. It has been very hot here but we are standing it very well. Mrs Brown had an operation about middle of March but is doing well. Of course is not as strong as usual yet. I hope we will be able to meet Mrs Williams this summer when we go north. Mrs Brown has lost three sisters and her grand mother since last

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No painless she has had  
a pretty hard time.  
& am expecting to go to  
San Antonio for next  
Sat. to a y. m. & a. Conference  
John R. Mott expects to  
be there.

Sincerely your friend,  
E. R. Brown.

July 2, 1918.

Mr. E.R. Brown,  
Magnolia Petroleum Co.,  
Dallas, Tex.

Dear Edwy:-

It is mighty good to hear from you and how you all are. I am glad to know that Mrs. Brown's operation is successfully over and that she is regaining her strength.

We feel very deeply with Mrs. Brown in the great bereavements that have come upon her. How unspeakably hard it is to lose so many dear ones in so short a time. I think we are all coming to a deeper understanding of the life that does not end with the grave, but goes thru to a larger and richer experience. There was a suggestive article in the Atlantic a while back on the "New Death"; in the cataclysmic upheaval and changes that we are undergoing we are reminded constantly that we have here no continual abiding place, but thru it all Paul's words come back to me over and over, "Now abide faith, hope, love" and everyone who shares in these Christ-like qualities abides with him.

It certainly will be a great pleasure if Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Williams can meet with the children. We are to be in the old stone residence of the Academy at S. Salem, Ohio where I lived after college when I was teaching in the Salem Academy. We are going to have room to see friends and I hope you will drive across in your Ford with Isabel and give us a visit. We shall be there during August, and at the same time Robert Caldwell will be in another house there. He is one of the Professors in Rice Institute. I am sure that our girls and Isabel will be the best of friends.

I saw John R. Mott briefly at the Students' Conference at Northfield about a week ago, and I knew he was making a trip to the Southwest this week.

How strange it is that you should have so much hot weather, while in the East they have had the coolest June in many a year. We had frost one evening at Northfield about the 20th of June.

Anticipating a good visit together this summer, with heartiest regards to you all, as ever your friend,

W.-K.

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BEAUMONT, CORSICANA,  
FORT WORTH

Dallas Tex Aug 9 1918  
Dear Jack,  
We now expect to spend two weeks in Asheville N. C. Some party here and be in N. Y. last week of August reaching there about Aug 28th. They be at Little Hot Springs about ten days. We are all quite well and hope to see you while we are north. We expect to be at the Waldorf in N. Y.  
Sincerely yours  
O. H. Brown.

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THE WALDORF

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THE BELLEVUE-STRATFORD, PHILADELPHIA.

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THE BELLEVUE-STRATFORD



THE ASTORIA

## The Waldorf-Astoria.

Dear Jack.

New York, Sept 5 1918  
Cameron & Bailey NY

We are leaving here today and expect to be at Little Hock for a week and back in Dallas by Sept 15th. Was glad to get your letter the other day. I presume you will be here all winter and I will get a chance to see you during the winter as I am always up somewhere.

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We are very busy supplying  
our government and others  
with petroleum products,  
We are all quite well -  
Sincerely yours -  
E. R. Brown.

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October 1st, 1918.

Mr. E.R. Brown,  
Magnolia Petroleum Co.,  
Dallas, Tex.

My dear Edway:-

I regretted that our coming to New York was a little too late to meet you and Mrs. Brown while you were here on your last visit. We are now settled at 38- St. Lukes Place, Montclair. Our three girls are in the Montclair High School, the fourth, third, and second years, and Dickey is attending the grades, and Mrs. Williams is busy keeping the home fires burning for all of them. We have rented a little furnished apartment, a two family house arrangement, and are very cozy and comfortable. It has not been a good time to press the interests of the University or the work in China, although I have had some excellent opportunities for speaking to those behind the Government of the political and social conditions in the Orient.

My, but isn't the news good from Europe. General Foch has given the Kaiser all he wants. He may give to the American people a settlement of this deal by Christmas or New Years. If that should come I am sure that the spirit of giving, the increased knowledge of international conditions and problems, the spirit of brotherhood and humanity and service will want to express itself in seeing that China gets the square deal, and the best opportunity is afforded to the rising young leaders of the new Republic. I am sure that the leading people of America will be convinced that it will be worth while to do the best things for China. I am first of all an American, and then as you see, Chinese thru and thru, because I feel a deep conviction that the destiny of these two people is to be linked more and more intimately. I shall count on seeing you and Mrs. Brown when you come East next.

As ever,

Most Heartily yours,

W.-K.

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December 13, 1918.

Mr. Edwy R. Brown,  
Magnolia Petroleum Co.,  
Dallas, Texas.

My dear Edwy:

Well, the war is over and the Kaiser is licked, although he is not yet caged. It is certainly wonderful and we are entering upon a new era. I have wondered how all is going with you, during the war and now in the new time of readjustment after the war. Are you and Mrs. Brown coming to New York any time soon? Please let me know as I do want Mrs. Williams and our children to know you two.

We are anxiously watching for any word from the Peace Table, for China's destiny will hang in the balance at that time, as well as the fate of some smaller nations and peoples. However, I feel certain that there is enough of information on recent diplomatic developments in the Orient, particularly on Japan with China, to afford a good deal of food for thought for the Commissioners at the Peace Table.

If you are on to New York any time soon I want you to meet my friend Hon. Chenting T. Wang, who was Speaker of the Chinese Senate and presided at all of the joint meetings of the House and the Senate during their discussions of a new constitution for China.

At our house we have all undergone the "flu" excepting Faith and myself. Mrs. Williams, Mary, Dorothy and Dicky were all abed at one time, but now, fortunately, we are getting through it.

With heartiest regards to Mrs. Brown and your dear self,

As ever, yours,

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BEAUMONT, CORSICANA,  
FORT WORTH

DALLAS, TEXAS,

December 17th, 1918

Mr. J. E. Williams, Vice-President,  
University of Nanking,  
156 Fifth Avenue - New York City.

Dear Sir;

I am very glad to hear from you this morning and to know that you have all recovered from the influenza. We have escaped it so far, unless Isabel had it when we first returned to Texas, but that was before there was much known about it and the doctor did not say that she had it.

We are getting along fairly well. It seems to me that the responsibilities of peace will be greater than those of war. I hope that China will be properly taken care of at the Peace Conference. President Wilson certainly should be intelligent on this situation.

I now hope to come to New York, leaving here about January 3rd, will be there only three or four days but of course will see you while I am in New York if I am able.

Very truly yours,

*E. R. Brown*

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BEAUMONT, CORSICANA,  
FORT WORTH

DALLAS, TEXAS.

December 19th, 1918

Mr. J. E. Williams,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

As previously advised, I now expect to leave here January 3rd, arriving in New York Sunday about two o'clock if the train is on time, or about six o'clock if the train is late.

I will only be in New York three or four days and may not have an opportunity to go out to see you unless I should come out Sunday afternoon if I arrive in time. Please write me, giving your address at Montclair, also the schedule of the trains to Montclair for Sunday. I will wire you if I am able to come out.

Yours very truly,

*E. R. Brown*

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December 23, 1918.

Mr. E. R. Brown,

Magnolia Petroleum Co., Dallas, Texas.

My dear Edwy:

I was delighted this morning to find both of your letters of December 17th and 19th, and to learn that you expect soon to be in New York. We are living at 38 St. Luke's Place, Montclair. There are not so many trains on Sunday. I am enclosing my schedule which will indicate the time of running of the Sunday trains. If not convenient to catch one of the regular D. L. & W. trains you can take the tube at 33rd Street to Park Place, Newark, and take the trolley cars marked Bloomfield, Montclair or Caldwell, getting off at the car barns in Montclair, or St. Luke's Place. It will be delightful if you can come out for the Sunday.

I am certainly glad to know that you escaped the "flu" and that Isabel, if she had it, had a very light case.

With the earnest prayer that this may be to you, to Mrs. Brown and Isabel a very blessed Christmas Season,

Ever faithfully yours,

Enc.

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January 6, 1919.

Mr. E. R. Brown,

Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York.

My dear Edwy:

I tried to get in touch with you several times on Sunday but up until four o'clock they had no word of your arrival. I was looking for a telegram of a later arrival. I suppose you were delayed in coming. On calling up this morning I found that you were out of the hotel and doubtless engaged in the many conferences which brought you here.

I do want you to see Mrs. Williams and the children. In case I don't get in touch with you this afternoon I expect to be back in New York early tomorrow morning and shall make another trail. As ever,

Affectionately yours,

P.S. The address in Montclair is  
No. 38 St. Luke's Place. Telephone  
Montclair 3427.

W:R

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February 3, 1919.

Mr. E. R. Brown,  
Magnolia Petroleum Co.,  
Dallas, Texas.

My dear Edwy:

The article by Patrick Gallagher just received.  
It is intensely interesting reading and gave me a good deal of  
information I could not otherwise have secured. I am certain  
that C. T. Wang will give a good account of himself at the Con-  
ference.

Wasn't that a horrible affair at Washington, the kill-  
ing of Theodore Wang, the head of the Chinese Student Bureau?  
He was a very dear friend of mine, so that the gruesome details  
were shocking in the extreme.

I think Japan is running the limit of a bluff at the  
Peace Table. If they are called there is absolutely nothing  
behind it now that the war is over. At one time they held the  
trump card of going over to Germany, but now that is clear and  
the moral character of Japanese diplomacy is brought out in the  
clear sunlight.

It was delightful to have a visit with you while here  
and renew the old friendships. I hope we will get to see Mrs.  
Brown and Elizabeth before we leave the United States.

As ever,

Most heartily yours,

W:R  
Typed after Dr. Williams  
had left the office.

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N. Worth Brown

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E. North Brown  
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL  
THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING MEDICAL SCHOOL  
NANKING, CHINA.

61 Strathmore St., East Cleveland, O..

Jan. 27, 1916.

Robert E. Speer, D.D.,

156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Dr. Speer:

While in New York I left with Dr. Diffendorfer a copy of the list of new equipment desired for the University Hospital at Nanking as prepared at the request of the China Medical Board and submitted to Mr. Greene in China. I think Mr. Diffendorfer understood that it is expected that this request for equipment will also pass officially through the hands of our Board of Trustees. In order that there may be no misunderstanding I am sending enclosed a letter I received a few weeks ago from Mr. Greene acknowledging the receipt of this data and asking that it be sent to our Trustees, and then to the New York office of the China Medical Board.

The question which Mr. Greene raises as to the ultimate management of the Hospital will not materially affect the situation as the Hospital will at all events remain a missionary institution and the China Medical Board will wish to place its equipment on a first-class basis. I hope the question of new equipment can be taken up before I return to China as it is possible that I may be of some assistance in selecting a portion of the equipment to be purchased in the United States.

It was a pleasure to meet our Trustees at the Annual Meeting and to see the deep interest taken by each member in our work at Nanking. Am sorry that Dr. Franklin and Dr. Burton were unable to be present. We are awaiting with much interest the decision of the China Medical Board in regard to the establishment of the medical school at Shanghai. I trust that whatever the result of this action is and whatever effect it may have upon the future of our medical work at Nanking that it will be for the advancement in China of medical education under Christian influences.

In thinking over the meeting of Jan. 14th I have questioned whether the real significance of the action of our Board of Managers was appreciated and whether the action of our appointed representatives in the joint meeting at Shanghai was truly understood. These actions can only be interpreted as recommending that our own school be "merged" in the school to be established by the China Medical Board. Correspondence invariably emphasizes personal views. Our representatives at the Shanghai meeting were Drs. Bowen, Cochran, Shields and Beebe. The action taken was

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unanimous, inviting the China Medical Board to establish in Shanghai a school, "Which shall work in cordial and sympathetic cooperation with missionary societies, and in which it is desired to merge existing medical schools." The quotation is from their recommendation. We cannot merge our school in one at Shanghai and still maintain one at Nanking. Endorsing the actions taken in China means closing our school or rather transferring it to Shanghai. The decision to complete the training of the existing classes at Nanking does not change the main issue. We also called attention to the need for a school teaching in Mandarin. The desire to have such a school located at Nanking is to be expected and yet it conflicts with our action which recommends merging our school with one at Shanghai and also with the resolution of the China Medical Missionary Association which recommends that this school be located at Tai Nan Fu. These are not personal opinions but the result of very serious consideration of the entire problem by men of influence in China and the actions taken state the outcome of their mature deliberations.

It is most difficult for me to disassociate my personal ambition for the development of the school which was first started by Dr. Shields and myself from the larger question which involves the influence of Christian interests in the development of an institution which will cover a far larger field than the one with which we are so intimately associated. And yet this is essential in forming an unprejudiced opinion.

I wonder if the non-medical members of our Board of Trustees realize what is involved in a modern medical education as we now understand it. I question also whether they realize our present financial difficulties and the fact that a continuation of the school will require a large increase of staff. As you know, our present working staff consists of six physicians. We have felt that our minimum should be two men from each society. The China Medical Missionary Association in both its recent meetings placed the minimum faculty of a school which it was willing to recognize at fifteen. The Japanese medical school at Mukden has on its staff 39 full time physicians. We have made a fair beginning but our complement of teachers is far from full. For each of the last two years, since taking over the hospital, our deficit has been approximately Gold \$5,000. This has been partly due to the fact that the salaries of some of our foreign staff have come out of regular expenses. Still it is an item we have to consider and meet. To properly meet this budget we should have \$1,000 instead of \$300 from each cooperating society.

When the school was started six years ago our idea of maintenance expense was rather vague. The ideals of medical education have advanced and what would have been a good school then would not now be considered creditable. Cooperation at that time was effected largely with a view to reducing the burden of support to each mission society. I am not in close touch with many of our cooperating societies but I am inclined to think that a request for any very large increase in contributions for this

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particular object could not be granted. In addition we have to consider the possibility of some of the present cooperating missions withdrawing their support and turning to the Shanghai School to meet their need. This would still further increase the burden born by the missions continuing to support the Nanking School. Should this additional burden be assumed by us we would still be conducting a school which compared with the other will be of a lower standard and will appeal to students scholastically inferior to those able to study in English at Shanghai.

The situation at Tai Nan is different in that the school there draws its students from Shantung and mostly from the college and affiliated schools. A school at Nanking would serve the same territory as one in Shanghai and would in a sense be a competing institutions. Tai Nan from its position half way between Peking and the Yangtze would to a certain degree meet the desires of those in both sections who feel the need of a Chinese taught school. These are some of the consideration which have led to the view that it would be better for us to rely on the China Medical Board school giving it all the assistance possible, at the same time advising the continuation and support of the Tainan school.

It is desirable to have schools at both of these cities and at other important unprovided centers but we are forced to face the issue from a different point of view and consider first how many schools we can reasonably expect to properly support and afterwards where these schools are most needed and where they can be located to most advantage.

I hope that many of our Board of Trustees may have the opportunity of discussing the situation as it now exists with representatives of the China Medical Board and that this important question will be settled before long in such a manner that all will feel that the decision has been made under the guidance of the Spirit.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) E. Worth Brown.

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION  
CHINA MEDICAL BOARD  
PEKING, CHINA.

November 15, 1915.

Dr. W. Worth Brown,  
University of Nanking Medical College,  
Nanking.

Dear Dr. Brown:

I have received your letter of November 8, enclosing a list of the equipment desired for the Hospital of the University of Nanking Medical School. If you will ask your trustees to lay the matter before our New York Office, I shall endeavour to submit a report on the application promptly so that the documents may come into the hands of our New York representatives at the same time.

I should think that our Board would like to know before passing on this application, whether the Hospital is to be maintained by the University or by some other organization. I understand that there is a little uncertainty on this point. Perhaps, you, in consultation with the board of trustees at New York, would be able to supply definite information to our Board.

With kindest regards, and wishing you a pleasant and profitable vacation, I am

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Roger S. Greene.

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81 Belvidere Way, Akron, Ohio,

April 28, 1919.

Dear Dr. Williams:

I am at present a long way from New York City but hope to be there early in May and will certainly look you up. The Chinese at the Peace Conference are certainly pressing Japan into a corner. Have you any new "Dope" on the situation?

My own plans are somewhat in the air but seem to be leading toward an early return to China. What is in the wind? If you have any bright ideas do let me know what they are.

Have had a delightful fortnight with the family and a few short visits with friends in Cleveland and Toledo. The old "Home Towns" certainly look good. Don't you sometimes have the temptation to cut loose and settle down to a fixed existence again?

What about Dr. Ludlow and the missionaries in Korea? They seem to have been lacking in diplomacy. What is Uncle Sam going to do about the treatment accorded these good people in the East?

Drop me another line and let me know what is at the bottom of your brief letter. Regards to Mrs. Williams and the family.

Sincerely yours,

Walter Brown.

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Mr. Leslie B. Moss  
Methodist Board  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Moss:

I have just received a letter from Mr. John Reisner asking that I serve on the American Committee for the Keen Memorial Library. I have written Mr. Reisner that I shall be very glad to do anything in my power to be of assistance.

In his letter he stated that you would be the convener of the first meeting. I am most anxious to be with you when that meeting is called, but shall be out of New York on my vacation until September 4th. At any time after that I shall be at your service.

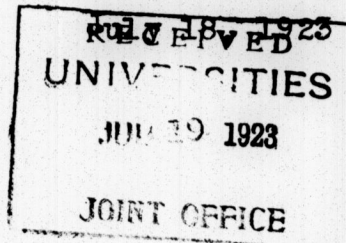
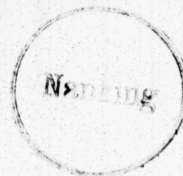
Very sincerely yours,

*Ruth G. Brown*

Ruth G. Brown  
Sunday School Secretary

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY



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Nanking

TRANS

July 25, 1923.

Miss Ruth G. Brown, ✓  
151 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Miss Brown,

Thank you for your note of  
July 18, regarding serving on the American  
Committee for the Keen Memorial Library.

It will not be possible for  
us to hold any meeting until some time in  
September, and I will let you know further when  
we can get together.

Very sincerely yours,

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June 4, 1924.

Miss Ruth Brown,  
The Near East Relief,  
151 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Miss Brown:

You will recall that last year Mr. Reisner asked a committee to see what could be done in this country toward raising some funds for the Keen Memorial Library at Nanking.

After a number of futile efforts to get the committee together, I finally went ahead on my own hook, to see what I could do. The enclosed letter I sent out to the Alumni of the Peddie School, a few weeks ago, thinking that some of them might be interested enough to give something toward the object. A similar letter was sent to the Alumni of Bucknell University several months ago.

Up to the present time, we have secured \$279 in cash, and \$215 in pledges, of which one pledge is for \$200, and the other for \$15. Most of the money has come in as one, two and five dollar subscriptions.

I know that you are interested in the object, and I have been wondering whether you would be prepared to make some contribution for this purpose.

At last report, Mr. Reisner indicated that they had secured about \$8,000 Mexican in China.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary,  
University of Nanking.

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June 11, 1924

TRANSFER

Mr. Leslie B. Moss  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Moss:

Your letter of June 4th addressed to  
Miss Brown has been received.

Miss Brown is at present on her way  
to Glasgow to attend the World's Sunday School  
Association Convention. I will bring your  
letter to her attention immediately upon her  
return the latter part of the summer.

Very sincerely yours,

*Marian M. Hoedt*

Marian M. Hoedt  
Secretary to Miss Brown

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August 5, 1924.

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,  
150 Fifth Avenue.,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Moss:

I have just returned from Europe and find among my mail your letter of June 4th, concerning the funds for the Keen Memorial Library. I had been wondering just how this was progressing and am glad you have been able to secure some money. I shall of course be glad to make a personal subscription though it will not be as much as I should like in view of my interest in the project and ~~the~~ <sup>debt</sup> that which I personally feel I owe to Mr. Keen.

I am wondering whether you would think it alright if I should make a personal appeal to a few folks who might be interested. There are some whom I could ask for a cash contribution and there are several who are connected with publishing interests to whom I might appeal for books. Would you be interested in having books relating to China. My understanding of the library is that it is limited to books of this type. I am thinking for example, of Fleming Revell. I know old Mr. Revell personally and he was very close to my Father and published some of his books. Could we not ask folks of this kind to contribute books relating to China? We might also be able to do something with some of the other publishing houses.

I am wondering too, if the library would be interested in periodicals relating to religious work. Just as soon as I hear from you about these things I shall try to do my bit towards interesting folks.

I hope that you and Mrs. Moss are both well. I had a a mighty fine letter from Naomi the other day and a splendid picture of herself and the two girls. Are you folks thinking of going back to China at all.

Very sincerely,

*Ruth G. Brown*

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Nanking

TRANSIT

August 8, 1924.

Miss Ruth C. Brown,  
151 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Miss Brown:

Thank you for your good letter of August 5th regarding the funds for the Keen Memorial Library. I think your suggestion of appealing to personal friends who might be interested to contribute, is a very fine one.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing several copies of our latest report from Nanking.

As you know, the library is to be limited to books relating to China. I am certain that they have already made purchases of some books and if you are prepared to approach some of the publishers, it might be a good plan to get in touch with Mr. Harry Clemens in Nanking, and ask him for suggestions as to the books which they might want from the firms you have in mind.

Thank you for your good wishes. It seems very doubtful, now, whether Mrs. Moss and I will ever be able to return to China permanently, although she is greatly improved in health and strength over her condition three years ago.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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