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Lichen Yw Hwan
The University of Nanking

Nanking May 20th 1916

My dear Dr. Williams,

Your kind favor came to me a few days ago and I'm glad to hear of your pleasant voyage on your way to home. My mother was sick for a number of days and I have to apologize for my delay to write you.

The case concerning Mr. Dug's house was almost finished up nicely on account of your careful attention to the matter. For this and many other similar matters my father bid me to send his hearty appreciation for your cordial help and relief. The local government has done very fine work and many remarked that there can only be very little chances for disorder in the city. A very important peace conference is now held in Nanking and if not successful a similar one will very likely be held in Peking and we are all ready to get good news from the conferences. Mrs. Williams seems very healthy now and I have seen Robert (?) as pleasant as ever.

Recently I have taken a photo on American dress and felt somewhat uneasy as being the first time I wear them. Some time next

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month I hope I can have one suit for my own. I have arranged with Mr. Bowen to go with the Tsing Hua students and there may be some go to Case directly a few suppose. If there is no special architecture class in Case but mechanical course has similar training as Mr. Small said. I can have enough from a loan, for my travelling fares and the most part of the school expenses for one term but there is no chance yet to get some more. Thanking you in anticipation for your help to have prior arrangements and other possible help in Cleveland. When in the University you were in many ways more heartily close to me than any other teacher and I am hoping you will ^{me} give warm advice of life questions throughout my preparation years as you did in the Univ. at Nanking. My work in the hospital is still going on nicely and in which there are a few literary men pleased to hear of Christianity. Mr. Gray promised to arrange for my work in Hu Bu Chia next week. Hoping to hear from you of your success in medical & other problems.

Your loving student,
Cheng Yu Twan.

P.S. - Accompanying with a fan

August 14, 1916

Hon. Theodore Wang
Chinese Legation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wang:

You may be surprised to learn that I am again back in this country. I seem to leave China every time of crisis and upheaval. Mrs. Williams and our four children are now at Kuling, so I need not assure you that my deepest interest is, as always, in China.

What time are you expecting the next contingent of indemnity students? One of the graduates of the University, Mr. Cheng Yu Kwan, is coming with them. He is a son of the contractor who has built most of the foreign buildings at Nanking. He is a fine lad who would like to take a course in applied science, draftsmanship, and engineering, with a view to going in that line of business upon his return to China. I wish it might be possible for him to come under one of the scholarships. I feel certain that he will do very creditable work and warrant anything that is expended in his education. He wants to study at the Case School in Cleveland.

I shall be in American for a couple of months yet and hope I may have the pleasure of seeing you in Washington.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Cheng Yu ^{of} Hwan
Passenger S/S "China"
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Cheng:

I learned from Mr. Theodore Wong in Washington a few days ago that the steamer would be in about the 24th of September and you will doubtless be with the contingent coming. I spoke to him again about your coming and about your desire for study.

I was not able to make any arrangements for a family to take you in at Cleveland. That can be best done after your arrival. You should apply at once to the Educational Department in Washington for a grant in aid on your expenses. I am sure that Mr. Wong will do all he can to help you, both with Dr. Esur and the department.

I am enclosing his letter to me and blanks. He said he would see you at San Francisco so I hope matters can be arranged satisfactorily.

I tried at Cleveland to make the arrangements you desired in regard to a place to live, but was unable to do so at that time. I expect to be out there again the last of this month, so we should have no trouble in making such arrangements as you would like.

Hoping you have had a very pleasant voyage, have made new friends and are arriving in America well and happy and ready for the new and different life which I hope will be a very rich and joyous life.

With earnest wishes for your best success,

Affectionately yours,

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Cheng Yu Hwan

San Francisco,

Sept 30th 1916.

Dr. J. E. Williams.

My dear Dr. Williams,

After a long and tedious ocean voyage and a number of strict inspections I am now arrived in the harbor of San Francisco. At first the Tsing Hwa Party was planning to leave from Shanghai on 28th Aug. As stated in my last letter but the steamship "China" delayed her arrival about two weeks later.

In a day or two I shall start for Cleveland - Case School - by train after getting the certificate of identity. As Cleve-

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land is quite a new city to me I shall try to call on Mr. S. T. Ying, prof. Dug's brother in 11002 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, in order to get some help from him. I imagine possibly you are still in New York arranging some important matters for the University.

With best wishes.

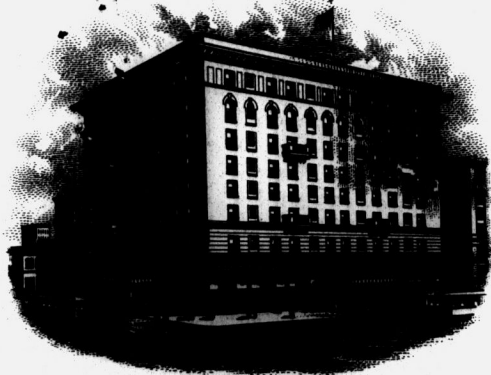
Your loving student,
Cheng Yi Gwan.

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Dr. J. E. Williams.

My dear Dr. Williams,

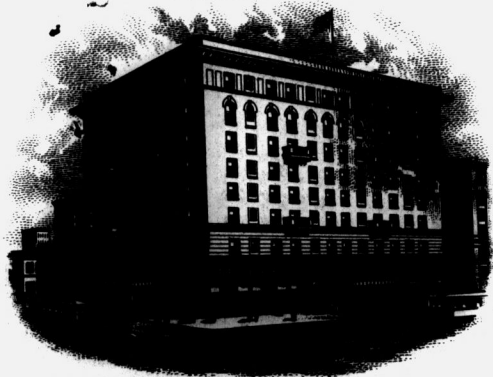
Affairs were so uncertain these days that I am not in a position able to inform you of what we have done. The certificate of identity is by no means easy to secure that presently we still have a little trouble which although will clear up soon. Mr. Wong has in his care altogether ninety one students both government and private in which I am pleased to find that I have

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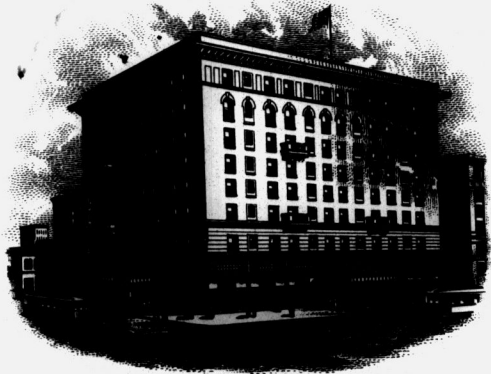
same priviledges in the Party.
Up to the present we have had
six receptions, four of which
I enjoyed greatly and others
I had no time to join. Mr
Wong is a very nice man and
smiles to nearly every man
whom he meet and he told
me of your kindness to re-
commend me to the partial
scholarship and he said he
will send the application as
soon I hand it to him and
before this can can be done

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be continued I should re-
quest you to write a formal
recommendation letter for
me stating in a general way
my school records about
character, classwork and
others if any. I shall be
heartily obliged if you will
favor me with kindness
and particularly glad to
see you in Cleveland if this
does not interfere your
works here.

your loving student
Yui-Gwan Cheng

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October 9, 1916

Mr. Yugwan Chen
Care of Registrar
Case School of Applied Science
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Chen Yugwan:

I was so glad to receive this morning your letter of October 3 and to know how well things have gone with you. You are doubtless in Cleveland by this time and may be registered so I am taking a chance of sending this note there. I enclose a letter of testimonial of your work in the College and also am mailing, under separate cover, copy of catalogue which will supplement the statements of the letter. These you could use in your application with Mr. Wang. I am sure he will do his utmost for you. I made a special point of talking over your case with him. I hope all goes well with you there. I wish you would call on Mr. Robert E. Lewis and introduce yourself. You will find him a true friend and helper. I am also enclosing letters of introduction to Mr. John L. Severance who is a member of our Board of Trustees and who, I am sure, would be pleased to meet you, and also to Mr. Ambrose Swasey who gave the science building which your father is building in Nanking and who is a very staunch friend of the University. You will find great profit in visiting his works in Cleveland. They build the greatest and best telescopes in the world and, best of all, he is a very earnest and devoted Christian.

Hoping that all your plans will work out finally, with affectionate regards, I am

Your friend,

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October 9, 1916

Mr. Theodore Wang
Director of Chinese Students
Washington, D.C.

My dear Wang:

I am writing this to certify that Mr. Yugwan Chen graduated from the Arts Department of the University of Nanking at the Commencement in June, 1915. Throughout the full college course he maintained a splendid record for scholarship and for interest in all forms of student activity. He was elected president of his class and also acted as president of the student party. He is interested in carrying on further his studies in engineering and applied science. I feel most certain that he would prove worthy of any help he might be given by the government. As indicating the course taken, I am sending herewith a copy of the University catalogue.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

JEW/MAB

Vice-President

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Oct 31st 1918.

My dear Dr. Williams,

It is a great joy of mine to get your note to-day. Although I was ill for a number of days but I am perfectly well at present. I felt for quite a time rather weak after recovery, I am glad that it's over. This letter has been sent ^{to} other apartments; fortunately I got some information to-night & took great pleasure to get it back. American public is accustomed to use initials so I have been using "Y. G." as initials in accordance with the name Yu' Gwan which I was using throughout my school in Hanking. I am very sorry that your letter has been delivered in such manner.

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I feel very much honored to have the opportunity to see you and especially Mrs. Willain whom I like to meet so much. Since Mr. Tso Han Lee is expected to call on you I will call him up immediately, either he or myself will write you as to the time which will have suit you best.

Anticipating to ^{our} meeting with all earnestness.

Yours very sincerely
Yu Gwan Chen

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Dec. 6, 1918.

My Dear Dr. Williams,

This morning at about half past nine I received your kind notice to get me to go to the trustees meeting. I was very sorry to have missed this pleasant chance which probably will be very scarce in the near future. After the examination I was still feeling unfortunate to have missed it.

A few days ago I mailed you a list of the Nanking students especially prepared and as far as I can find out in the circulation records is quite reliable and recent. I hope you can read my queer Chinese writings too.

With my best regards to Mrs. Williams and Misses Williams.

Yours most sincerely

Yü Guan

*My best regards
Chung*

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December 19, 1918.

Mr. Y. K. Chen,

510 West 124th St., New York.

My dear Yu Kwan:

I was sorry that your examination prevented your attending the last meeting of the Trustees. We had an interesting time and C. T. Wang spoke splendidly.

I want to write to Tsih-heo-Nan but I have forgotten the initials of his new American name Cheere. Can you give me his initials, and if possible his Baltimore address? We must get in touch with some additional medical men for the University.

I am hoping that you will send me that list of American students of the University. I want sometime in the near future to gather all together if possible in a social way, so that they can learn of what the University is trying to do, and develop a little more of esprit de corps among them.

Thanking you for these favors, as ever,

Affectionately yours,

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January 3, 1919.

Mr. Y. G. Chen,

510 West 124th St., City.

My dear Mr. Chen:

Mrs. Williams and I unite in wishing you a very blessed and happy New Year. We hope that we may have the pleasure of seeing you when in New York, and of some-time having you visit us in our home at No. 38 St. Luke's Place, Montclair.

I am taking the liberty of mailing you under separate cover the last copy of President Bowen's Report on the University. We take great pleasure in the splendid record that the former students of the University are making in the U. S. A.

Ever faithfully yours,

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P. S. I am sending out letters similar to the above to the list you gave me, that we might get in touch. It is a great advantage to have the list you so carefully prepared.

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My dear Dr. Williams :-

Your copy of Univ. Report with a kind note were both received; Many thanks. I wish also to make a correction for the list I sent you. ① present address of I. T. Hu is 60 Pearl St., Boston ② add the names. Thomson L. Hsi, Harvard Univ. Cambridge, Mass; Donald Tewksbury, 622 Livingston Hall Columbia Univ. N.Y.C.

With best regards to the health of Mrs. Williams.

Yours very sincerely

Yiu Tsiun

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600 W. 122 St.
New York City, U.S.A.
March 8, 1919.

Mr. Wm. K. S. Sie,
President of Nanking Alumni Association,
Nanking, China.

My Dear Mr. Sie,

Allow me to express our pleasure of learning the merits of the Nanking Alumni Association on its way for the achievement of an absolute^{ly} undenominational and illuminating college spirit. We heartily endorse for an all-encouraged and uninterrupted growth of the Association.

In our recent reunion, January 23, 1919, held at the Chinese Club House, New York City, a little formality was indulged, after a substantial social time, by the election of following:

Mr. Yu Gwan Chen, Chairman
Mr. Lazarus S.C. Wang, Secretary-treasurer.

Arrangement has been made with the consent of the University Authority, Dr. Williams, to mail to each member of us, now resident in this country such circulars or reports directly from University Office as occasions permit in the hope of keeping all the members interested in the march of events at Alma Mater.

I wish to assure you of our cooperation from all the members in the States.

Yours very sincerely

Secretary-treasurer

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510 W 124 St
New York City
March 10, 1919.

My dear Dr. Williams,

Before Mr. Wang
Chun Guy sailed for France I am pleased
to learn of the trip Mrs. Williams and
yourself have made to Princeton, the alma
mater of Pres. Wilson. It is my special pleasure
to know excellent health of Mrs. Williams.

I have just received word from mother
and my sister that they were in good condition
and also reference has been made that my
mother missed greatly the congenial and smiling
continuance of Mrs. Williams this new year and
hoped to see her return this year, if her condition
allows. By my next mail I will make it my
duty to inform my mother that Mrs. Williams is
now fully recovered as my ~~last~~ note before
stated that she was feeling ill for some time.

Enclosed please find a list of Newark
students, delayed on account of the difficulty
to locate all the addresses and also
the letter I wrote for Mr. Wang to

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Mr. Sei Kia Shen, the Pres. of Nanking Alumni Association. Nanking students in this country are so widely spread I am afraid that I can't accomplish much but anyway I will try my best to interest the Nanking students to keep in touch with the Univ. welfares. I believe one reason of why they do not exhibit a strong interest for the Univ., as the St. Johns men do, is we don't have a strong alumni. Of course there must be other reasons. It is very nearly four years now since I left the school, the situation there might change very radically. From time to time I wish the Alumni Association will communicate with the American Branch. This is also what I have written to them.

I hope I can go to your new office, 25 Madison Ave. in the near future.

Yours very sincerely

Y. S. Chen

P. S. - Best wishes to Mrs. Williams and Miss Faith Williams.

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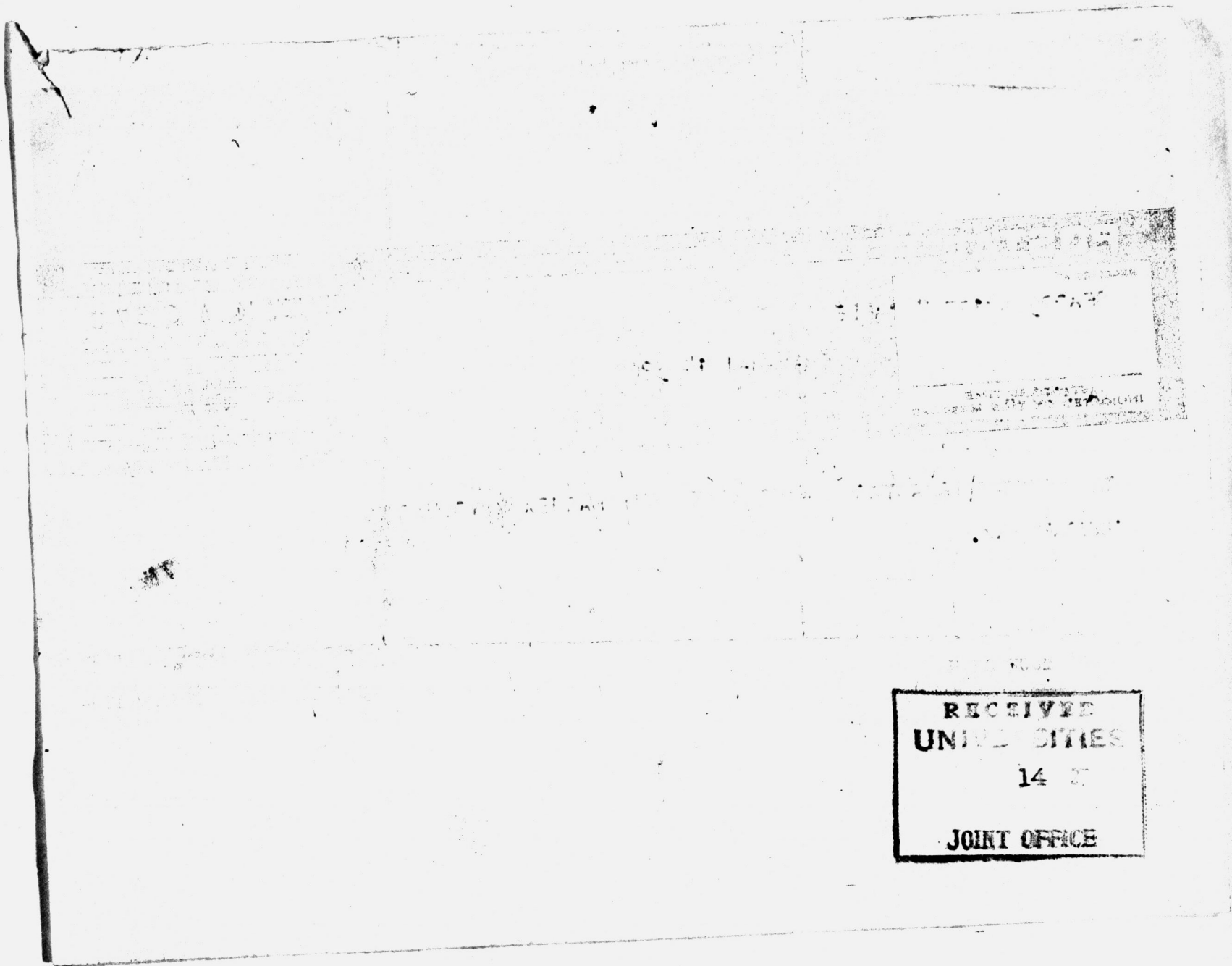
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December 13, 1927

Dr. Y. G. Chen, President
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

My dear Dr. Chen:

We have been highly gratified to learn from cables and letters^{of} recent weeks that you have accepted the presidency of the University of Nanking. For some months all of us here in America, intimately interested in the progress of the University of Nanking, have been hoping that you would find it possible to accept this important responsibility.

It will be a month or more before the Board of Trustees will have an opportunity to meet and to formally express its gratitude to you for accepting the leadership of the University of Nanking, so I am taking this opportunity to write you informally. Nanking has had an exceedingly difficult year but it has come through the experience in magnificent fashion. The lion's share of praise for this accomplishment rests with you and with the other Chinese members of the staff who have carried on so loyally in the midst of disturbed and perplexing conditions. We look forward to the future with entire confidence, knowing that, though the University may still have many difficulties to overcome, its continued growth and enlarged service to the cause of Christ in China is assured.

Very sincerely yours,
B A GARSIDE

Secretary

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

December 29, 1927

To Members of the Board of
Trustees, and other Friends,

Below is given a most interesting biographical note, recently received from Mr. Reisner, descriptive of Dr. Chen Yu-Gwan, who has just been elected President of the University of Nanking.

Faithfully yours,
B. A. GARSIDE, Secretary

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CHEN YU-GWAN, PH. D., PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

Dr. Chen Yu-gwan graduated from the University of Nanking in 1915 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The year following he studied Chinese under special Chinese teachers. In 1916 he entered the Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio, as a special student in the Chemistry Department. From 1917 to 1922 he studied at Columbia University, where he received the degrees of Master of Arts in 1918, and Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry in 1922. He is a member of Phi Lambda Upsilon and Sigma Xi, honorary chemical and scientific societies, respectively. While at Columbia University he was elected to a few responsible offices of the Chinese organizations in the United States. He was also Manager-in-chief of "The Chinese Students' Monthly," 1919-20, President of the Chinese Students' Club of Columbia University for two terms, 1920-21, and was also elected to the chairmanship of a Chinese Committee for China Famine Relief Drive in America, October 1920 to June 1921.

Dr. Chen returned to China in the summer of 1922 and until 1925 was head of the Department of Chemistry and Physics at the Peking National Normal University. During this time he was also Dean of Administration and for nearly two years served as Chairman of the University Council, acting for the President of the institution. In the autumn of 1925 he returned to his Alma Mater to teach in the Department of Chemistry. He was elected Dean of the College of Arts and Science in the following year and elected President of the University of Nanking November 10, 1927. Dr. Chen was born in Nanking in 1893 and is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Chen, on the basis of personal character, administrative experience and professional attainments, is well qualified for his new responsibilities. His appointment has the hearty approval of a host of friends and co-workers. The University organization includes the College of Arts and Science, the College of Agriculture and Forestry, the University Middle School, the University Hospital, and the Department of Missionary Training. Five mission boards, the Presbyterian North, the Presbyterian South, the Methodist North, the United Christian, and Baptist North, have been cooperating in one or more of the university units. In spite of all the difficulties of recent months and widespread destruction of university property, the Colleges and the Middle School have kept open. The autumn enrolment in the Colleges was 415, which was considered excellent, in view of the serious military and political situations which had arisen at the time of the September opening.

The University of Nanking was one of the first union undertakings in missionary higher education in China and has been functioning under charter from the University of the State of New York. During recent months the administration of the University has been in process of reorganization which is designed to place much more administrative and financial responsibility on the Board of Directors on the field. Negotiations are now proceeding for the registration of the University with the Nationalist Government.

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