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CHINA MEDICAL BOARD

OF

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

61 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

January 3, 1925

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Dear Dr. Williams:

I have your letter of December 31 from which I note that you have received subscriptions for Mex. 75,000 and $12,500 gold to make up the total of Mex. 100,000 for your new science building and that the University will undertake to cover any loss by exchange on the gold remittances from its current income. I congratulate you on this successful result of your efforts.

As soon as I receive from you an official statement as to the amount of cash already paid in on these pledges I shall be glad to make a proportionate payment on the pledge of the China Medical Board. We cannot undertake in advance to make payments on the dates and in the amounts proposed by Mr. Bowen unless it happens that your cash receipts from other sources are large enough to justify such payments. On the other hand we can pay more promptly if your collections from the other contributors come in earlier.

Since the grant for equipment was made unconditionally I am asking our comptroller to pay to your treasurer, Mr. Russell Carter, the sum of $5,000 as requested by Dr. Bowen.

Yours sincerely,

Roger S. Greene
Director

Dr. J. E. Williams,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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January 8, 1925.

Mr. Roger S. Greene, Director,
China Medical Board,
61 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Greene,

Your letter of January 3d was received and I greatly appreciate its definite approval of our pledges for the Science building. We are deeply grateful for the China Medical Board's cooperation that is making this real advance of our Science work possible.

In regard to the payments I am enclosing copy of letter signed by Mr. Bruce Baird, Assistant Trust Officer of the National Savings & Trust Co., of Washington, D. C. under date of December 18, 1924, to Mr. L. J. Owen, our Treasurer at Nanking. The matter of exchange on the gold $25,000 to make the $50,000 Mexican will be adjusted when exchanges are known.

We will report to you immediately upon the receipt of the $5,000 from Mr. Harkness which we expect soon. We have received besides $500 from Mr. Vogelson and $1,000 from Mr. Stitt. The payment on other pledges will be reported by Dr. Eric M. North.

I am pleased to note that you are paying $5,000 gold to Mr. Russell Carter on equipment. Miss Hayes raised the question of estimate of this gold in Mexican. Since exchange is always speculative it might be better to estimate the $5,000 gold by the present current rate.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Encl.
JEW:HS

January 9, 1925.

Mr. Roger S. Greene, Director,
China Medical Board,
61 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Greene,

We received this morning Mr. Harkness' check for $5,000 so that we have now $6,500 gold now in payments toward the Science building of the pledges $25,000 Mexican.

I hope the statement from Mr. Baird is satisfactory for the payments from the Washington.

We sail by the S/S "President Pierce" on the 24th from San Francisco.
Chong Kwoh Tsi Kien.

Sincerely yours,

JEW: HS

Nanking

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

January 23, 1925.

The China Medical Board,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen: ATTENTION: MISS HAYES.

Referring to your telephone conversation of January 15th, the payments upon the New Science Building to date, are as follows:

E. M. Vogelson	$500.	(Gold)
T. A. Somerville	100.	"
S. B. Hawley	100.	"
E. S. Harkness	5000.	"
Famine Fund Committee	10000.	"

Your appropriation was in Mexican dollars, but we should prefer to have it paid here rather than in China. We should also prefer to have whatever adjustment may be found necessary on account of loss in exchange made when we have a report from Nanking as to the actual amount of Mexican currency received. There is, of course, a fiction involved when you pay us in Gold here, and we credit you with a payment at the day's rate of exchange in Mexican, because the day's rate of exchange may, or may not be, the actual amount that the University receives when the drafts from here are actually cashed in China.

Our custom with the Mission Boards, where appropriations in Mexican or guaranteed rates of exchange are involved, is to await specific report from the field and settle upon that basis. May I ask whether this will be agreeable to you? As exchange is high, payment by you pro rata to the Gold amounts pending final settlement, would not involve over payment.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
University of Nanking.

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

CHINA MEDICAL BOARD

61 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

January 26, 1925

Dear Dr. North:

We have your letter of January 23 reporting receipt of $15,700 towards the new science building for Nanking University. We are, therefore, asking our Comptroller to send you a check for $5,233.33 which represents the China Medical Board's proportionate share (one-fourth of the total).

We have gone very carefully into the question of exchange. We realize that when we charge our appropriation, C.M. 2680, at the day's rate of exchange, this amount may not be the exact amount of Mex. which the gold payment may bring when transmitted to China some time later. At the same time if some of this gold is spent in the United States, the exchange in that case can not be exactly reported and must be estimated at some rate arbitrarily decided upon. Furthermore, it is often some time before a missionary society can report on the Mex. actually purchased by the gold paid because of the time it takes for the society to receive its final reports from China, especially since during the rush of construction reports from the field are sometimes delayed. In the meantime the appropriation is still open on our books. It seems to us that it would be a convenience in accounting to both boards to have the question of exchange settled at the time of each payment. Because of the fact that exchange is high at present, we do not believe that this method of

charging the appropriation will result in a loss to the society. We will report the amount of Mex. which has been charged at the time of each payment so that you may compare the amounts with your records of the exact amount of Mex. purchased by the funds when transmitted to China. It is probable that the average reached by this method will not show any loss as compared with the method of basing settlement on reports to be submitted by you later.

The payment of $5,000 against C.M. 2681 for equipment was charged at the rate of January 12, 56 3/8, amounting to Mex. 8,869.18. We will notify you later of the charge against C.M. 2680 of the payment of $5,233.33 for the science building which will go to you in a few days.

Sincerely yours,

Margery K. Eggleston

Assistant Secretary

Dr. Eric North,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

February 21, 1925.

Mr. Roger S. Greene, Director,
China Medical Board,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Greene:

I have just had the following telegram from Professor Riley:

"MESSAGE RECEIVED HERE DELAYS IN REPLY TO MY REQUEST FOR LEAVE EXPLAINED WHEN RECEIVED WHOLLY UNEXPECTED APPOINTMENT AS HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY AT MINNESOTA SUCCEEDING NACHTRIEB RETIRING AGE LIMIT ANY SATISFACTION TINGED BY DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT OF MYSELF AND FAMILY OVER NECESSARY POSTPONEMENT OF ANY PLANS FOR CHINA TRIP"

We evidently were working for a very good man in trying to get him to go to Nanking as Visiting Professor. I do not know whether Dr. Williams had any other men in mind; if he did, he did not indicate them to me, and we must now be searching for someone else.

I should greatly appreciate any suggestions from you as to men who would fit in harmoniously with the life of the University and who would render the kind of scientific and educational service we need. I am starting inquiries, and I should greatly appreciate any counsel from you.

I wonder if you know of Professor Edward L. Rice of the Department of Biology of Ohio Wesleyan University. Can you give me any impressions as to whether, from your point of view, he would fill the bill?

Cordially yours.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

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March 27, 1925.

Mr. N. Gist Gee,
Soochow University,
Soochow.

My dear Mr. Gee:

As you know, we have been unable to find a suitable man to come out for one year under the grant of the China Medical Board, to help us on the problem of science. We should have had him here on the field at the opening of the term last September, and of course it will be impossible now to have him for the year 1924-5. I am writing, therefore, to inquire whether the grant could be available for 1925-6, or even 1926-7.

There is also another possibility which I would like to place before you. Before Professor Twiss left China we approached him about coming out under this grant but found that was impossible. We then asked him if it would be possible for him to come out later on a more or less permanent basis to the University. He was at that time not in a position to give any definite assurance or even make a tentative statement but left the matter open for future correspondence. Dr. Twiss had at that time two more years' work to complete before he would receive his pension and our impression is that after these two years have expired he might be willing to come out to us for a period, say, of five years, on a regular missionary salary basis. In case that were possible, would the China Medical Board still grant us the $15,000.00 Mexican, allowing us to use it over a period of five years, supplementing it, of course, with what was necessary from our own funds to make it possible to have Professor Twiss with us that long? Ishall be writing him in a few days tentatively trying to find out if such a proposition would appeal to him. The financial part of it would be much simpler for the University if the China Medical Board grant for the science teacher for one year might be available for Professor Twiss in case this arrangement should go through. It seems rather difficult to find a man who would be suitable for this position, to come out for just one year. The advantages of having Professor Twiss for a period of five years seem to me to be so great that we feel justified in raising this question with you.

Appreciating very much all that you are constantly doing for us here in many ways,

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) A. J. BOWEN.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

May 22, 1925.

Miss Margery K. Eggleston,
Assistant Secretary.
China Medical Board,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Miss Eggleston:

Referring to C.M. 2680, a grant of Mexican $25,000. for the new science building at the University of Nanking. I have to report that our receipts are now as follows:

Reported in my letter of January 23rd	Gold $ 15,700.
Famine Fund Committee	15,000.
Miscellaneous small gifts	400.
Mrs. F. F. Prentiss	2,500.
John L. Severance	2,500.
W. J. Stitt	1,000.
	Gold $ 37,100.

We have received from the China Medical Board (your letter of January 26th) Gold $5,233.33. One-third of the total in hand from other sources would be $12,366.66; deducting from this the amount paid, will leave Gold $7,133.33. A remittance of this amount would be much appreciated.

I understand that you will be charging your appropriation with a payment in Mexican at the day's rate. Will you kindly advise me of the Mexican charge made in the case of the Gold $5,233.33, as indicated in your letter of January 26th, and also in the case of the Gold $7,133.33? When I hear from Nanking the Mexican yield of the amounts from other sources, I will report to you, as the conditional element in your appropriation is, I understand, on a Mexican basis.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
University of Nanking.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

May 22, 1925.

Miss Margery K. Eggleston, Assistant Secretary,
China Medical Board,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Miss Eggleston:

Referring to your letter of March 5, 1924, concerning the advance of Gold $9,250. on account of C.M. 2575 to the Nanking Hospital, I have to report as follows:

Dr. A. C. Hutcheson, Dr. J. H. Daniels, Dr. Wilmot, Dr. C. S. Trimmer, supported by the Mission Boards at (say) Gold $2,500.	$10,000.00
Received in New York from the Boards on account of Hospital Support	1,674.62
	$11,674.62

There is also an amount of Mexican $1,500. paid in China by one of the Boards. This, I believe, more than makes up the required $11,750. Will you, therefore, be so kind as to instruct your accounting department to enter your advance of Gold $9,250. for 1924 as an actual payment?

I have also to request that you make at this time an advance to us of Gold $9,250. on account of the 1925 payment on this item. The doctors referred to above are still being supported in the Hospital and, if I am not mistaken, Dr. Petersen of the Methodist Board is also giving service there. The Mission Boards are also continuing their remittances.

In this connection, I wonder if you would be so kind as to send me copies of the China Medical Board's actions concerning the appropriation for the Hospital buildings and equipment? I seem to be unable to locate any copy of C. M. 2574, on the basis of which your payment of Gold $10,000. on December 6th was made. There have been so many persons handling Nanking business in the last few years that I am not surprised at occasional lapses!

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
University of Nanking.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

CHINA MEDICAL BOARD

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

61 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

May 27, 1925

Dear Mr. North:

In accordance with the report given in your letter of May 22 concerning the share contributed by the missionary societies to the additional expenses of Nanking Union Hospital for the year 1924, I am asking our Comptroller to consider the China Medical Board's advance of $9,250 in March, 1924, as an actual payment for the year 1924.

I am also asking our Comptroller to send you a check for $9,250 as an advance on the China Medical Board's appropriation C.M. 2575 for the year 1925, for which you will render an account at the close of the year 1925 similar to the one you have given us for the year 1924.

As requested in your letter, I quote below the China Medical Board's appropriation C.M. 2574 for buildings and equipment:

> RESOLVED C.M.2574 that the sum of Twenty-seven thousand dollars ($27,000) be, and it is hereby, appropriated, of which so much as may be necessary shall be used to purchase Forty-five thousand dollars Mexican currency (Mex. 45,000) for BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT of the NANKING UNION HOSPITAL on condition that the missionary societies interested shall provide Forty-five thousand dollars Mexican currency (Mex. 45,000) for the same purpose, and on the further condition that this work be undertaken and supplementary funds secured for this purpose on or before December 31, 1923.

Sincerely yours,

Margery K. Eggleston
Assistant Secretary

Mr. Eric M. North,
Assistant Treasurer,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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CHINA MEDICAL BOARD

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

61 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

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May 28, 1925

Dear Mr. North:

We are glad to know from your letter of May 22 that you have now secured a total of $37,100 gold toward the science building for the University of Nanking.

We are asking our Comptroller to send you a check for $7,133.33, which together with the $5,233.33 already paid represents the China Medical Board's proportionate share of the total amount.

This payment will be charged against our appropriation (C.M. 2680) at the rate of $0.555, the amount in Mexican dollars being Mex. 12,852.56. Our previous payment of $5,233.33 brought Mex. 9,283.07, at the rate of January 29, $0.56-3/8. There is, therefore, charged against our appropriation of Mex. 25,000 a total of Mex. 22,135.92, which leaves a balance of Mex. 2,864.08 still due.

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Sincerely yours,

Margery K. Eggleston
Assistant Secretary

Mr. Eric North,
Assistant Treasurer,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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CHINA MEDICAL BOARD
OF
THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION
61 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

TRANSFER

May 29, 1925

My dear Dr. North:

In accordance with the request in your letter of May 27 asking for a remittance on account of our appropriation C.M. 2682 for Mex. 5,000 for the purchase of a gas plant for Nanking University, I am asking our Comptroller to send you a check in gold to cover this appropriation.

We are glad that construction at Nanking is progressing and that the University is so rapidly making use of the funds which the China Medical Board has appropriated.

Sincerely yours,

Margery K. Eggleston
Assistant Secretary

Dr. Eric North,
Assistant Treasurer,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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CHINA MEDICAL BOARD
OF
THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION.

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Peking, China, June 24, 1925.

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

Dear Dr. Bowen:

I have received your letter of June 20th asking our advice in regard to your reply to Dr. Eric North's telegram.

I have consulted Mr. Gee about Dr. Whitman. He thinks that you would do well to invite Dr. Whitman to come in view of the fact that Dr. Twiss has a high opinion of his ability to help in the improvement of teaching methods in science.

With regard to the prospects for the next school year there is of course an element of uncertainty, but we are planning here for the opening of the school in the autumn and do not expect any serious falling off in attendance. Since nothing has happened at Nanking to cause any rupture between the University and the student body and since the warmth with which the Christian students have joined in the national movement has markedly lessened the anti-Christian feeling in most of the large centers, I should think that you would be safe in expecting the majority of your students back in the fall and that a fairly regular continuation of work might be expected, though we may see a good deal of unrest among the student body during the coming year.

While the feeling of the Chinese people seems to be unanimous as far as the national issues involved are concerned, there is evidently considerable difference of opinion as to the methods to be employed in re-establishing the Chinese sovereign rights, and I believe the older people are in favor of having the students continue their school work in an orderly manner. This influence is negligible in its effect at present, but I should think was bound to assert itself when the present acute crisis is past.

I do not believe that we can count on absolute quiet and freedom from interruption for some years to come. Those who feel that they must have absolute security on these points will not be happy if they remain in China, but I believe that the prospects are favorable for our foreign institutions to continue giving useful service to China for many years to come in spite of the obvious difficulties. The better we make our schools the less trouble I think we shall have, and I am therefore unwilling to postpone any plans that we may have for improving the staff of our own school here. Of course local conditions differ and each institution will naturally consider its own situation and make its own decision in the light of the best information available.

I thank you for your word of welcome. I am looking forward to a pleasant year of work in China in spite of the unsettled situation.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Roger S. Greene

CHINA MEDICAL BOARD
OF
THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

61 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

July 17, 1925

Dear Mr. North:

I have just had a most cordial letter from Mr. Gee in regard to the proposal that Professor Twiss be appointed at the University of Nanking for a period of five years. Mr. Gee, I believe, is writing Mr. Twiss himself. I am sure that he will be very sorry to learn that this proposal has come to nothing. It occurs to me to wonder, since you are now proposing to curtail the period of appointment, whether Professor Twiss might be ready to consider a shorter term of appointment with perhaps a higher remuneration. No doubt you have already considered any such possibility and found that Professor Twiss is not ready to consider it.

May I ask if you have had any further success in your search for a visiting professor at Nanking and also at Fukien Christian University.

Sincerely yours,
Margery K. Eggleston

Executive Secretary

Mr. Eric M. North, Secretary
Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

July 29, 1925

China Medical Board,
61 Broadway,
New York City.

Attention Miss Margery Eggleston

My dear Miss Eggleston:-

As I told you over the phone a day or so ago, we have secured Professor W. J. Whitman of the State Normal School at Salem, Massachusetts, as the visiting professor of Science at the University of Nanking. Professor Whitman is the editor of the General Science Quarterly and is one of four men suggested by Dr. Twiss as being men who could do acceptably the thing which we wish done in Nanking. The delay in appointment has been partly due to the effort to secure Professor Twiss and also to the disturbed condition in China which we trust is now cleared up. I enclose a copy of a letter of Mr. Greene's to Dr. Bowen with reference to the coming of Professor Whitman and the situation in general. Professor Whitman is sailing on August 31st.

Professor Whitman has secured a release from his present work for one year and has an understanding with us that before the year is concluded he will apply for a second year's release, carrying out the hope of the field that the visiting Professor might stay with them more than one year. Of course it is quite possible that the Massachusetts State authorities will not find it possible to grant the second year. We are hoping that this will be done, but we will not raise the question until later. If Professor Whitman can stay for two years we will need to spread the assistance of the China Medical Board over more than one year. In the second year the University will supplement the China Medical Board appropriation sufficiently to meet our understanding with Professor Whitman as to support and travel expenses. As I have calculated the matter the expenses which we will be called upon to meet for the single year will be approximately twelve or thirteen thousand dollars Mex, with the balance the second year, if Professor Whitman stays for that. The wide difference between the two years lies in the fact that we have agreed to carry the travel expenses of his family* one way if he stays only a single year, but not to carry this if he stays two years. This is because on the two year basis he would be more easily able to finance this than he would be on the one year basis.

* the children

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It would then be in order, if that arrangement is approved by the China Medical Board, for you to arrange to make us quarterly payments the first month of each quarter of the year 1925-26 of three thousand dollars Mex, paying in gold at the days rate. Whatever adjustments may be necessary when the final statement of costs is completed we can take care of at the end of the year, or at the end of the two years.

Cordially yours,

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PEKING UNION MEDICAL COLLEGE

61 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

August 5, 1925

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Dear Dr. North:

I thank you very much for your note of July 29 with which you enclose a copy of Mr. Greene's letter of June 24 to President Bowen. We are prepared to approve the use of the funds provided by the China Medical Board for a visiting professor for a period of two years instead of one. I am asking our comptroller to arrange to pay you immediately the equivalent of the sum of Mex. 3,000 at the day's rate, and to make equal payments on October first, June first, and April first, charging this against the appropriation for a visiting professor at Nanking.

Meanwhile, I should like to ask if you have secured a curriculum vitae for Professor Whitman. If so, I should appreciate a copy of such record as we have nothing here which gives us the desired information.

Sincerely yours,

Margery K. Eggleston
Acting Secretary

Dr. Eric M. North
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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CHINA MEDICAL BOARD
OF
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61 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

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Do you plan to indicate any interest of this Board?
Eric North

November 20, 1925.

My dear Dr. North:

Mr. Nelson S. Chen, now serving as an instructor in zoology at Soochow University, has applied to us for a fellowship for the year 1926-1927. I understand that Mr. Chen was a member of the biology department of the University of Nanking from 1919 to 1924 and has agreed to resume his service there after he has had an opportunity for study abroad. If you will indicate to me that my understanding of the situation is correct and that Mr. Chen's application has your endorsement, I shall be glad to present the matter to our Executive Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Margery K. Eggleston

Executive Secretary.

Dr. Eric North
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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