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Sept. 23, 1918.

Rev. John F. Goucher, I.J.D.,
Altodale,
Pikesville, Md.

Dear Dr. Goucher:-

I promptly set aside your pictures but overlooked mailing them on Friday, and I fear they are too late for your purpose. I am mailing you under separate cover a copy of our last commencement program, and a catalogue, and I think you will be greatly interested in the statements of the catalogue. It was a great pleasure to have you present at our meeting.

When does Elizabeth return to Hanking? I was glad to know that she was at the meeting of the Girdling Committee last Friday. I hope I may have the pleasure of seeing you often while in the United States.

With cordial regards to you both,

Very sincerely,

W.-K.

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GOUCHER COLLEGE
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

October 5th, 1918.

My dear Dr. Williams:

Thanks for the photographs which I have just received. I have been away from home, and am just overtaking my accumulated mail. I hope they may be of service in our Centennial display.

I would say, in response to your inquiry about my daughter Elizabeth, she is home on her first furlough, and I suppose will remain for a year. She is doing graduate work at Columbia at the present and enjoying it very much.

If there is any way in which I can cooperate with you in the work you have in hand, I shall be pleased to do so.

Cordially yours,

Wm. F. Goucher

Rev. J. E. Williams, D.D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

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October 28th, 1918.

Dr. John F. Goucher,
Goucher College,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Dr. Goucher:

I was delighted to receive your letter.

I have been sending out some information to each of our Trustees and I thought you would be interested in it too. I appreciate deeply your offer to help me out in my work here at home. By the enclosed copy of the letter which I am sending to the Trustees you will see how we are impressed by the greatness of our opportunity.

In a letter of August 22nd Dr. Bowen went over a list of new teachers employed to meet the growing enrolment. He has engaged Mr. Sie Chia Shen at \$150. per month. Mr. Sie Chia Shen is one of our graduates and a member of the M. E. Church. He has spent three years in post graduate work at Cornell and Penn State. Dr. Bowen employed Dr. Wang, returned student, also at \$150. and Mr. Tsien at \$120. At the end of August we will have to take on the salary of D. Y. Lin also at \$150. Dr. Bowen has been able to engage three women from Kuling School to take up the work of Miss Wixson and Miss Taylor. After going over a list of such obligations he wrote: "Increased fees will cover some of it but we shall have to look to you and the Trustees for the additional amount; in round numbers we shall need \$10,000. gold additional over last year's budget to get along as well as we have been in the past, and we ought to be getting along better year by year rather than hold our own in the work." Bishop Bashford and Lewis have very generously undertaken to raise \$100,000. for endowment. If this could be put over early in the Centenary Campaign, it would mean everything to the University. I should like sometime to talk over the University's work in relation to the Centenary Campaign with you, and should appreciate very much such an opportunity.

With most cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

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GOUCHER COLLEGE
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

November 4th, 1918.

My dear Dr. Williams:

Your letter of the 28th inst. has been received. I was greatly interested in its contents and shall be more than pleased to have a conversation with you, and when I am in New York sometime in the near future, I will try to make an opportunity to call at your office. If that should prove impossible, and you are passing this way, I shall be glad to have you visit me at my home when we could have opportunity for fuller conversation.

Cordially yours,

Wm. F. Goucher.

Rev. J. E. Williams, D.D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

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GOUCHER COLLEGE
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

November 29th, 1918.

Dr. J. E. Williams,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Williams:

I have just received a postal in reference to the meeting of the Trustees of the Nanking University for Friday, December 6th, at 9:30 A.M. The Committee on Reference and Counsel will have its regular quarterly meeting on the 5th and 6th, and the business is likely to be of such an important character that I shall find it undesirable for me to be absent from the meeting. If there are any matters concerning the University, in which my presence would be of any special service, I would try to be present for a part of the time at least.

Cordially yours,

J. W. Goucher

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December 2, 1918.

Dr. John F. Goucher,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Goucher:

I was pleased to receive your letter of November 29th this morning and also your earlier letter with your kind offer to meet me in conference on the problems of the University.

Your former letter came as I was on my way to a series of conventions of the Christian Church with Mr. Cory. These dates kept me away from New York for a couple of weeks. I returned to find Mrs. Williams and three of our children down with the "Flue". Mary, our second girl, very seriously ill. Now fortunately, they are "out of the woods" and I am able to be back in New York and take up matters of the University.

President Bowen has provided for this meeting of the Trustees everything desired in the way of reports, budgets and data, and I hope at this meeting we can move forward an advanced program for the University.

I regret that our regular annual meeting set by our Constitution for the first Friday in December falls at the time of the Committee of Reference and Counsel. It might be possible in some way to arrange our meeting so as not to conflict so much on that day; however, I have not yet been able to work out a plan.

Hoping to see you this week,

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Cordially yours,

P.S. Under separate cover
I am mailing you copy
of our new Bulletin.

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December 19, 1918.

Dr. John F. Goucher,

Goucher College, Baltimore, Md.

My dear Dr. Goucher:

Under separate cover I am mailing you copy of the plans of the grounds, Nanking University. I am also sending you one of the new catalogues, which I hope you may take time to glance through and let me have any suggestions on our work that may occur to you.

It was a pleasure to meet you at that very interesting conference at 25 Madison Avenue. I wonder how it will work out. Very much could be accomplished if it gets down to a real business plan such as Dr. Earl Taylor was suggesting.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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GOUCHER COLLEGE
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

January 4th, 1919.

Rev. J. E. Williams, D.D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Williams:

I have just received the copy of the plans of the Nanking University and of your new catalogue. I am very much interested in the same. I will have the plat enlarged so that the details of it can be seen when hanging upon the wall, and it will help materially in bringing the importance of the University to the attention of those attending the Columbus Celebration.

If you have any pictures other than those you sent me, or anything that would make a good enlargement, I would be very glad to get my hands upon it for the same purpose. Those you sent me are small, and will not enlarge so well, though I will have to make them do if I cannot get any better.

Cordially yours,

Jno. F. Goucher.

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Nanking, May 29th, 1919.

Rev. J.E. Williams D.D.
156 7th, Ave, New York City.

Dear Dr. Williams:-

Mr Price had Mrs. Williams' Letter typed and sent to several of us that were especially interested in hearing from you all. We were all glad to know how you all had fared and especially thankful that Mary's life had been spared. But was so sorry to hear of dear Dr. Garritt's failure in health. The Board letter to hand a short time ago tells of Dr. G's being under treatment and examination and we hope ere this he is on the way to recovery.

We were interested to hear how conditions have changed at home. I am sure Mrs. Williams would have appreciated Lao Dung's dignified and stately bearing had he turned up to carry her basket.

Things are all "arye" in China again. Things had been going on very well and Business had picked up very much. The Church was especially encouraging. It is too early to tell just how the Boycott and the Student walk-out will effect the Church and Schools. One can not but admire the student body - the only clean and intelligent and informed section in China's immense population - taking up the only weapon at their disposal to resist the domination of the Militarist backed by the only absolute Monarchy left.

We do not like the looks of things in the far East just-

at present we hope that the signing of the peace terms will soon be carried out. And Misunderstanding with Japan be settled. The Propagandist's are finding a mighty easy task to stir up the Jingo Press in Japan. "But whom the gods would destroy they first make mad" we hear is likely to prove true in Japan's case in internal trouble brewing, recent visitors in Japan say that the industrial workers are seething with discontent. Rice is over \$20 a picul and living is correspondingly expensive.

It is fortunate that both you and Dr. Garritt are in the Board rooms and can Explain to the Board the difficulty we find ourselves in regard to the reading room and Cowhouse. You will remember that you took the responsibility for the fund of the reading room out funds you had in your hand at that time. Dr. Garritt had an amount for Seminary and ~~Trada~~ I had a sum for better Preachers you and he will no doubt remember all about it.

Djang Fang is still working with us . He and I are responsible for the schools and he gives time also S.S. organization and C.E. Societies. and is a great help. He very anxious to go to America and is expecting that we help him so that you will need to keep that in mind.

Mrs. Gray has 70 boys and 60 girls in the school she is very busy with the growth of the school and the women's work.

We have all we can seat every Sun. A.M. a lot of Hsioh come regularly. Isent you a copy of my report to the Board,

Mrs. Gray joins in sending love to the Williams family

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July 31st, 1919.

Rev. Alfred V. Gray,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

My dear Kueh Lao Fu Tsi:

Your letter of May 29th was very much appreciated.

It is so cheering to have the direct word from you of how the work goes. Sam Mills dropped into the office this morning and it was very delightful to visit with him and learn as many things as possible from Nanking. He seemed to be happy. In fact, deliriously happy, almost. He is intensely interested in your work there and is getting at once to his preparation to fit himself for Fu Dong. I think this Station has done mighty well to secure that very attractive couple.

I am keeping in touch with Mr. Henderson, one of the choicest men of the senior class of Princeton last year. He had a very fine record. He is a capital fellow., - has made considerable study of China under Professor Gordon of Washington State University and has an extraordinary interest in doing missionary evangelistic work. I think he would be a delightful man to work with and would be very attractive to the students and the young people.

Mrs. Williams and the kiddies are all up to East Northfield for the Summer. Dr. Garritt and family are at Litchfield, Conn. He is really gaining of late. Mr. Speer told me the other day that he was surprised at the progress Dr. Garritt had made since leaving the hospital. I know the whole station will rejoice in this good word.

America's taking a thorough course in Chinese affairs these days led by the Senate. The newspapers are full of the Shantung issue and the beautiful admiration for Japan which has been fostered by a vigorous and extensive propaganda in the newspapers for many years past, is suffering very much in the vigorous treatment it is receiving at the hands of the Senate. The morality of the issue is getting very vividly before the people. The reaction of the American people is what you might expect, as the facts are becoming increasingly known.

I received the other day a telegram from Dr. Sloan that they had arrived at Vancouver.

I hope the Station can welcome some fine recruits to the work this Fall. Dr. and Mrs. Daniels will be found

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splendid people who will win their way, I predict, into the hearts of the members of the Station. Miss Grace Bauer goes to the hospital as laboratory technician. She will be affiliated member of the Christian Mission. Dr. O. C. Cook of the Agriculture Department at Washington and Mr. J. B. Griffing are going out for cotton work. Dr. Cook goes under the Government. Mr. Griffing as an addition to the staff of the University. He was one of the best workers in city missions in New York that ever engaged at that work while he studied in Union Seminary. He afterwards went into the agricultural work. He will be in heartiest sympathy with the missionary purpose and the work.

Mr. Paul D. Twinem, a graduate of Wooster, Hartford Seminary and an M.A. from Princeton, goes as teacher of mathematics to the University. He may be affiliated with the Presbyterian Mission and will need no remarks of commendation as soon as you see him.

We are also hoping that Mr. James Speers, Jr. and his wife will sail on the Empress of Asia, September 4th. He is a son of Mr. James Speers, head of the Layman's Movement, one of the most active members of our Board. They go to the University. He is especially interested in boys' work.

Dr. Garritt and I will try to straighten out the affair of the reading room.

What you really want, is more money for building that house and that is what you will have to have in some way and even if the purchase of the cow house was only 170 Mexican about six or ten years ago and the money taken on the tea house were all put back, it would only amount to a few hundred and that would not make enough probably for you to build a house at the present rate of exchange. I wish we knew what would be required to complete the house so that we would make a clear case of the matter at one drive.

Does Mrs. Gray receive now the money from the West End Church? My last words were that it goes to China to the Treasurer and should be taken out through the Treasurer here.

Mrs. Williams and the children are all up at Northfield and would be joining me with loving regard to all the Grays, if they were here.

Very sincerely yours,

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Dr. J. C. Garrett and
Dr. J. S. Williams
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A. V. Gray.

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Dr. V. L. ...

My twenty-two years in China, this has been my best. Never before there been so much stress and strain; never before have there been so many perplexities; never before so many difficulties. Yet, with all these, never before has there been a year with so much to encourage me and give me hope for the ultimate success of the church and the people of the nation.

The Methodist Church in Beijing has made a process during the year. The congregation is more largely composed of the educated class. Fifteen students from the government schools have been baptized.

Mr. John Men, whom I considered the best evangelist in my charge,

transferred from the church in February to the most important station in the city. Mr. James ...

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... taken in this work during his studies in the advanced course of the Beijing Theological Seminary. Already he has proved a able leader, and has gathered about him some strong young men.

In March 3, I had the privilege of baptizing in this church a distinguished man, General Ding Hua Yung. Forty years ago he was secretary to the Chinese Embassy to the Court of St. James. For ten years he lived abroad. He studied English, and was English teacher in London. His earliest Christian work, was taught him the Gospel. But he would not give up the worship of his ancestors, until he was greatly attracted to the Gospel. When he returned home, he was successively the head of the foreign office in Shanghai, Provincial Judge, and General in the Army. Five years ago when Beijing was attacked by the northern troops, General Ding, too old to be of service, came into our compound for protection. He was then head of the Hunan men, who were going the

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fighting in opposition to the north.

When the siege was over, and the city was quiet, the old General insisted upon giving a feast to all the foreigners who had protected Chinese during the siege. Ever since those days our acquaintance has continued. I visited him, prayed with him, and talked with him, but he felt it would be cowardly now after all his years to desert his ancestors, even while he was persuaded Christianity is true. In January, he was fain to face his death. When I visited him, he was better, but was having a struggle to do what he ought to do - to make the great decision. Tears rolled down his wrinkled cheeks as I prayed for him, but he could not yield. The next time I visited him, he was much brighter, and began to talk of being baptized. Later he met our Chinese pastor and elders, and gave his witness to his belief in Jesus Christ, and the following Sunday, at the age of 84 years, this man, with the stature of a mighty man of valor, was baptized into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The other day Mr. Feng and I went out together calling, and had several conversations with men who a year or so ago would hardly have talked with us. Now they are interested. One man, a banker, was very much impressed. His soul is worth as much as a dozen converts, but his influence is.

After Communion service two weeks ago, eight young students sat down to dinner together at the Y. M. C. A. lunch room, and planned how they could make their own service more effective.

Mr. Hwang Hing, a graduate of the University of Hankow a year ago, has been a most valuable worker in the Methodist Church, as well as elsewhere. When we went off to the mountains last summer, he raised

\$75.00 among our church members, and had the roof of the church and the interior painted, and the walls tinted. Later in the year, under his able leadership, our finance committee was better organized, with the result that after an every member canvass of the men we increased our contributions to \$13.00 a month, with every prospect of exceeding that very soon.

The whole Presbyterian Church of Hankow, with its six preaching places, has a budget of the whole, and each congregation has also its local budget. The total amount pledged for the year reaches nearly \$2,000. This greatly exceeds former amounts.

Mr. Hjang Hjuh Heng, a graduate of the Hankow law school, deserves special mention. It was largely due to him, assisted by young men of the Y. M. C. A., that the government school students have come in goodly numbers to our church and Sunday School.

Dr. Price and Prof. Chen Ding Yung have preached regularly one Sunday a month ^{each} all year, and have thus contributed largely to the increase in the Hubunini work. Prof. Chen leads the B. D. Teachers' Normal class.

The Sunday School has grown in the number of young men who come to attend the English Bible Classes. Four classes meet in our residence every Sunday morning before church. The most encouraging class is that of elderly men, taught by Prof. Chen. The other usual classes meet in the church, reading room and schoolhouse.

The prayer-meeting, which has lately had the leadership of Mr. Heng, is a real help in our work. I think it will increasingly be a help to the church.

The Men's Christian Endeavor Society meets every Sunday night. The leaders take this opportunity to express themselves on all phases

of our work, as well as on the appointed topics. A little jealousy of the better classes who are coming is manifested, and we need great wisdom to keep it out.

The study classes on Tuesday and Friday nights are encouraging.

Our Chinese New Year's campaign in evangelism was largely carried on by volunteer workers in our church.

The blind boys and unfortunates and men without employment have taken much of my time and thought this year, but so far no way for them has opened.

Yu Lung is still unbuilt - an unused opportunity to a very lamentable extent. But Pastor Swen and some others have gathered together benches and rude equipment in the best portion of the old place and held meetings. Since Chinese New Year one of the Seminary students has been going there regularly four times a week. People are always willing to listen at Yu Lung, and it is to be hoped the new building may soon be built.

A day school for boys and Sunday services have been carried on under the direction of the Session at Man Hien Ying.

In all our work, both in country and city, the evangelistic band, supported by Stewart Evangelistic Funds, has been of the greatest help. We have made monthly trips, and meetings have been held, and personal work done in all of the out-stations, at least twice during the year. We have no account of the numbers that have heard the Gospel from this band. Wherever we have gone we have had good audiences, all that the house would hold. Always in our meetings personal work has been emphasized. As far as possible, I have been with these men, traveled with them, slept with them, eaten with them, studied the Bible with them, and have seen them grow and improve in every sort of work under-

taken. It has been a pleasure to see how they have grown in fact, efficiency and results in personal work. They have distributed about 10,000 Scriptural Portions, Gospels and Acts; 50,000 sheet tracts and hymns; besides a goodly number of books and tracts obtained in other ways. In at least three cases they have refused salaries in other positions, twice the amount they are now receiving. Our highest salaried men are proving the cheapest men in the end.

In October, we held a conference of the Chinese leaders in Lih Chai. All came. Special pleas were made that all might realize their privilege in bringing their friends and neighbors to Christ; exhortations were laid on family prayer; self-support was discussed, and a financial committee appointed.

We held a three days' meeting here at this time at the invitation of the Educational Association, and Agricultural Association. We spoke of the fact that Christianity does improve the educational, economic, social and industrial conditions of the people. We then invited twenty-five of the most influential men to come to the church, and for the first time in twenty years, we were enabled to get into real touch with the representative men of the county seat. Each evening we held Gospel meetings, and all the men were busy doing personal work. A number of men gave their names signifying their willingness to enter Bible classes, that were later reported as successful.

The Lin Yang church has grown more this year in numbers than in all of the years of its previous existence put together. Twenty have been baptised, notwithstanding the evangelist, Mr. Chen Sing Ling, was a sore disappointment to us. He has the gifts of a school teacher, but did not seem to know how to turn his power to teach mathematics into power to teach the Bible. He lacked tact in dealing with people.

Mr. Tju Hsich Wen went there. On the trip there, I went a day's journey into the country to perform a Christian marriage ceremony for a church member - the first ever held in all that region.

The two years' Middle School at Lin Yang, supported by tuition and the Stewart Evangelistic Funds, graduated eleven boys in January. Eight of these were baptised before graduating. These young men were cigarette smokers, wine-drinkers and gamblers, as a matter of course when they came to us. They gave up these habits so completely that the townspeople testified to their changed conduct, - the President of the Lin Yang Educational Association and the County Superintendent of Public Instruction each making favorable comment on the changed life of the students. This school has paid \$451.00 toward its own expenses.

The District Magistrate made the address at the graduating exercises, the County Superintendent made a speech, and Miss Tsai, who with Miss Hsiao was working among the women of Lin Yang at that time, also spoke most acceptably *to the Christians, and the leading Educationalist was present.* ~~to all the high officials present.~~ The boys decorated their school house, contributed money and put in electric lights from the plant recently installed in Lin Yang, and put on an adapted play to show the evil of many of the prevailing customs. They stirred the whole city. Four of these graduates have gone to the Southern Presbyterian High School at Chinkiang to fit themselves for college, and some of the others have gone into the country schools to teach.

The Gu Yang church has greatly improved during the last year. The new building has given a new impetus to the work. Eighteen have been baptised during the year, and twenty others are inquirers. Mr. and Mrs. Song who have charge of this work are greatly encouraged.

The two years' middle school has had a hard struggle during this, its first year of existence. ^{first} The teacher was a failure, and some of the students left. But this term, with Mr. Sung of the University of Hankow at the head, we have an increased enrollment with the prospect of still others coming. Seven of these boys were baptized last year. They are a better class of boys, morally, than the Lin Yang boys, but they are poorer. They need an additional teacher badly, but there are no funds for this school, and no teacher can be hired on such consideration. Mr. Sung, the evangelist, has offered to teach four half days a week, but I am loath to have him take himself to this work.

I write this report from Su Yang where Mr. Knight and I, with two University of Hankow students, are at work. We had a tree planting at the best government school in the city. The University contributed the trees. There is quite a live agricultural society in this place, and we think we can help the whole country in better trees and a true Gospel at the same time. The two University men had a good testimony and said they want to come out here again. Mr. Knight and I have a plan worked out; viz. to open a middle school in each county, and organize agricultural clubs, corn and cotton clubs, silk-worm culture clubs, as well as preaching the straight Gospel to the people.

At Tu Chiao we have a good prospect of securing a house from a Christian who himself lives in another village. We have soon to have a good work there. But that will call for more funds, and we do not have them.

A house has been rented at Gao Shwen. It is not at all suitable but it is a beginning until a suitable one can be found. As soon as we can provide an evangelist for Shwen Hsu Chien, it is planned to transfer Mr. Hien of that place to Gao Shwen to open the work. The Stewart

Evangelistic Funds are providing the money for this place.

Shwen Hwa Ejen, a long village street, only fifteen miles from Hanking, still remains a difficult field. The school is prospering but it is always a school of small boys. As soon as they grow up enough to work they are out to work. The village is noted for sending its young people away to get work.

Tung Tsing has grown steadily. Several people have been baptized there during the year. This is the first year that this field has ever had an occasional resident evangelist. The school has grown in numbers, and needs an additional teacher, and our mission has no money to provide him. The church there has built the schoolhouse, helped to support the teacher, and contributed largely to their evangelist's salary, so that the field may not meet this expense.

Twelve li from Tung Tsing is a village called Yei Hu where the people have asked for a Christian school. A house has been rented, and a nearly self-supporting school has been started there, as a result of the Tung Tsing work.

Through good report and evil, through success and failure, through progress and resistance, the work has gone steadily on.

The returned students from abroad, with some of the best educated men of Hanking, men of all denominations, have withdrawn from mission churches to form an independent Sunday Service League. It would seem that Hanking could have been evangelized more quickly had they remained in the different churches and worked. But they have in no way opposed the missions, and have done a great deal to help them in ways not obvious.

A Provisional Church Council has been formed of all the missions in Hanking with the purpose of doing the Lord's work more efficiently in

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Looking. The Committee work has been very heavy, and to the present has been the greatest result of the organization, but next year may yield results that will warrant this great expenditure of time this year.

We praise God for this year's measure of success; we sorrow over the failures of the year; but we rejoice over those of all classes who have found God through Christ this year.

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