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Bd of Foreign Missions
1926-1927

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

January 4, 1926.

The Reverend John R. Edwards, D.D.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Edwards:

Referring to my recent letter concerning the $100,000.00 held by the Board of Foreign Missions for the University of Nanking, I enclose herewith copy of the letter from Messrs. Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery indicating the grounds upon which their statement was made.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

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Enclosure.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NANKING, CHINA

Nanking

January 14, 1926.

Messrs. Wilson, Lieterich, Hummel,
Steward, Robson, Illick,
and Trimmer.

Dear Friends:

In view of the serious cut in the Board of Foreign Missions' appropriation to the University, it has been suggested that I make a clear statement of the situation to each of the Methodists working in the University, and that we each try to raise $300 to $500 U. S. currency from churches, relatives, and friends in the Home land. The statement follows, and needless to say, as President of the University and as a Methodist (and so a member of the Church that is failing in its clear obligations), I shall be most grateful for any help you can secure. We need to remember that the deficit on the part of our Board to the University, $3,570.39 Chinese currency, is for 1925. What the deficit for 1926 may be under the 60% guaranteed and 40% hoped for from undesignated gifts, we as yet cannot say.

When the Union of the Christians, Methodists, and Presbyterians was effected in the higher educational work here in Nanking in 1910, the Boards of Foreign Missions of these three Churhhes agreed, as a basis of union, to each provide $40,000 U. S. currency in property or in cash; an annual grant of $3,000 U. S. currency, and the support of four missionary teachers. A few years later the Board of Managors on the field, represneting the Missions, and our Board of Trustees in New York, representing the Missionary Societies, agreed to increase the personnel by adding one more Board-supported teacher, and to increase the cash appropriation to $4,000, and to guarantee this amount at a fixed exchange of 2 to 1. In addition, the Boards had already agreed to each support one physician in the University Hospital, and to make a cash grant annually of $750 at exchange 2 to 1.

For reasons not quite clear to us here, our Board, while paying the added $1,000 and paying the full $4,000 at exchange 2 to 1 until last year, had not formally and officially sanctioned the increasing of the appropriation from $3,000 to $4,000, but paid the added $1,000 year by year by special act and from special funds. The other Boards had from the beginning paid quarterly on a $4,000 basis, and all of the Boards added the fifth man to the staff.

Hence, when the cut came last year, a cut of 39.6% for the whole Mission, it was applied to the University appropriation as well, but instead of cutting us 39.6%, we were actually cut 52%, for the unregularized $1,000 was dropped out and the cut applied on the $3,000. During the year 1925, through gifts from friends of the University, we have been able to apply some $700 U. S. currency on this deficit, but on January 1, 1926 the University Treasurer reports that the Methodist Board, on the basis of agreement upon which we are operating with the other Boards, still owes the University $3,570.39 Chinese currency, or, at present exchange, about $2,085 U. S. currency. The loss in exchange for 1925, which the Board usually makes up, is included in this. What is now proposed by one of your number is that among us we clear off the 1925 deficit, which would take about $260 U. S. currency each, and provide something on the 1926 budget for the University. The Board for 1926 guarantees us 60%, but in all probability it is 60% of $3,000, not of the $4,000 that the other Boards pay; also we are not clear as to whether they will pay at the rate of 2 to 1 or simply pay 60% of $3,000 and we have to make up the loss in exchange. How much of the 40% from designated gifts we may receive through the Board is very undertain, so it would seem to me the wisest thing to do would be for each of us to attempt to secure $500 U. S. currency from our friends. Gifts may be sent to any of us directly, by the friend writing a check on his local bank, just as though he were sending a personal check to any one in the United States.

Thanking you very much indeed for your help,

Very cordially yours,

A. Boren

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Very cordially yours,

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Board of Foreign Missions
Of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

150 Fifth Avenue
NEW YORK CITY

CABLE ADDRESS, MISSIONS PHONE, CHELSEA 2130

Nanking

February
Third
1926

File note for report to Trustees in each case in "Trustee Action" folder

Rev. Eric M. North
China University Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. North:

The Executive Committee of our Board, at its meeting on January 21, 1926, took the following actions:

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1. F.M.North was elected to succeed himself as a Trustee of the University of Nanking, for a term of three years, ending December 31, 1928.

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2. Charles Gibson was elected to succeed himself as a Trustee of the Fukien Christian College, for a term of four years, ending December 31, 1929.

Cordially yours,

Wm B. Tower

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

March 18, 1926.

The Reverend Frank D. Gamewell, D. D.,
Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Gamewell:

In connection with the action of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church in making the guaranteed appropriations to the universities 60% of what they were 1 st year, with the hope that the 40% might be secured by designated gifts, I wish to call attention to the fact that the fiscal years of the universities end June 30th, and that for designated gifts to make up the cut which the universities will feel in their present fiscal year, it will be necessary for one-half of such designated gifts to be secured and paid to the universities before June 30th.

I am wondering whether any progress has been made in securing such gifts. It would be a very genuine help to the state of mind on the field if this could be done, particularly in the case of the University of Nanking, though, of course, in the case of the other schools also.

President Bowen has raised some money locally which he is putting in to sustain the quota, and has asked some of the Methodist members of the staff who are on furlough to try to secure further funds, but he plans to have these funds sent directly to the field, presumably because of a fear that if the designated gifts reach the Board, they will be a long time in becoming available to the University.

A representative of a Board which is interested in both Peking and Nanking has raised the question as to whether they are under any obligation to maintain their appropriation at the original level, and Dr. Endicott, of West China, has just stated that the appropriation of his Board was made on the condition that three other Boards, of which the Methodist Episcopal Board is one, should match it.

If there is any way in which Mr. Lewis, Mr. Yard, or I can cooperate in this matter, we should be most happy to do so.

Cordially yours,

Secretary, University of Nanking.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

March 18, 1926.

The Reverend Frank D. Gamewell, D. D.,
Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Gamewell:

I enclose a copy of a strong letter which Dr. Hutcheson has written me concerning the cut upon the Hospital. Of the bearing of this, I know you are fully aware, as the Hospital is a union institution, and a conditional grant of the China Medical Board of $9,250. a year is dependent upon the Boards' maintaining an annual amount sufficient to make up Gold $11,750.

Two or three times, the payments by the Boards in support of staff and cash grants to the Hospital have barely made this amount available, and a cut, both because of its effect upon the Boards and upon the total amount available, may have very serious consequencies as to our ability to secure additional grants from the China Medical Board.

The effect of the cut is in danger of having a bearing upon the attitude of the other Boards toward the support of the Hospital, also. We all realize the difficulty involved, but I am hoping that some way will be found whereby this situation may be relieved.

I shall be glad to know what can be done.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
University of Nanking.

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Board of Foreign Missions
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PRESIDENT
BISHOP LUTHER B. WILSON
TREASURER
MORRIS W. EHNES

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March 31, 1926

The Reverend Eric M. North
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Doctor North:

With reference to the question about which the Reverend A. J. Bowen raises under date of February 19th are records show that this gift - $20 per year - has always been connected with the name of H. F. Rowe, and therefore on the field should always have been connected with the Theological Training School at Nanking of which Doctor Rowe has been the head for many years.

When Doctor Rowe was home several years ago the only person on the field to whom we could report the gift was A. J. Bowen, so his name was substituted for that of Doctor Rowe, and then evidently through an oversight, Doctor Bowen has been continued on the report to the field instead of Doctor Rowe. We will now change our records and report further gifts in the name of Doctor Rowe. Please convey this information to Doctor Bowen.

It might also be well to raise the question with Doctor Bowen as to any other gifts which are being reported to the field in his name because if the Nanking University is not receiving any Appropriation money, then the channel is closed for the routing of any Designated Gifts to the University.

I imagine the Theological Training School is still recieving some Appropriation money, which if true, keeps the channel open there.

I trust this explanation will be satisfactory.

Very sincerely yours,

A. E. Chenoweth

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MORRIS W. EHNES

April 13, 1926

The Reverend Eric M. North
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Doctor North:

With reference to the questions raised in your letter dated April 2nd as to Designated Gifts for the Nanking University reaching the University, I would point out that the University is receiving an Appropriation for "Work Operations" of $6,800. This amount is covered by two items; designated portion - $5,225, undesignated - $1575.

The question as to the allocation of these Designated Gifts and whether they can be connected up with students is one for Doctor Bowen and the University authorities to work out.

All of the Designated Gifts received by us last year are included in the amount of designated portion - $5225. The Board underwrites that amount and 1/12 of it has been going forward every month for the six months of the present fiscal year. Designated Gifts received, therefore, recoup the Board for money already advanced and being advanced.

If more than this amount of Designated Gifts ($5,225.) is received during the year, then the surplus will go toward meeting the $1575 of the undesignated portion until that is all met. If the Board receives during the present fiscal year in Designated Gifts for Nanking University more than the total Appropriation of $6800, then the Board will be under obligation to send the surplus, above this total, to the field extra.

I think this will answer the question you raise.

I am complying with your request and returning herewith all correspondence which you sent to me.

Very sincerely yours,

A. E. Chenoweth

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April 30, 1926.

Dr. J. S. Vaughan,
Medical Department, Board of Foreign Missions,
Methodist Episcopal Church,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Vaughan: -

Will you please arrange at once for the Medical Examination of Miss Maude E. Whipple, Department of Religious Education, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, sending her the necessary blanks and directing her to what doctor to report for examination as our expectation is that Miss Whipple will go to the University of Nanking on a five years' appointment. If you can hasten this matter it will be very much appreciated.

Cordially yours,

Eric M. North

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Board of Foreign Missions
Of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

150 Fifth Avenue
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May 4, 1926.

Nanking University,

150 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

Attention of Dr. Eric M. North:-

Dear Dr. North:-

We are enclosing herewith our check #7337 for $1,015.00. This covers designated gifts as follows:-

July 1924--#12--for Scientific Equipment for Dept. of Biology, Nanking University.....$ 15.00 — Eden M. Ch Phila

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Feb. 1925--# 7--to apply toward the Agricultural Building of Nanking University.....$1,000.00 — Horace A. Moses Springfield Mass

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Sincerely yours,

Chas E. DeVesty

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May 20, 1926

Dr. J. G. Vaughan,
Medical Department,
M. E. Board of Foreign Missions,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr.Vaughan:

Professor and Mrs.J.B.Griffing and their three children, 207 Lake Street, Ithaca, New York, will be leaving Ithaca on the second of June on their way westward, preparatory to returning to Nanking, China. They sail from Los Angeles on the 23rd of August. As they will be en route a good deal of the time, visiting agricultural stations, it seems wise that they have their physical examinations now. Will you therefore please arrange at once for a thorough physical examination of this family, with a view to their return to the field? The expense should be billed to the University of Nanking.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
University of Nanking

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TRANSFER

University of Nanking

September 14, 1926

Dr. John R. Edwards,

150 Fifth Avenue

New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Edwards:

As the annual audit of the University of Nanking is again approaching, I am writing to ask whether you are able to give me any light upon the matter raised by my letters to you on December 29th and January 4th concerning the grounds upon which the Trustees of the University of Nanking may rightly establish upon their books the $100,000. fund upon which the Board is paying the University the interest. The Trustees directed that request be made of the Board as to whether the Board can provide a statement or take an action enabling the University to regard this properly as an asset as I have taken it the Board intended it to be regarded.

Cordially yours,

Eric M. North

Secretary
University of Nanking

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University of Nanking

October 18, 1926

Dr.Frank Mason North,
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr.North:

In response to your verbal inquiry this morning concerning the appropriations of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the University of Nanking, and the status of these items, I have to report as follows:

For the Fiscal year July 1,1924 to June 30,1925

Paid by the Board	US$3000. equals	Mex.$5360.75
Raised by Dr.Bowen on the field toward making up the $1000.special appropriation, not continued	"	1057.83
Due from the Board on the basis of Mex.8000. corresponding to the amounts appropriated by the Presbyterian and Disciples Board	"	1581.42
		Mex.$8000.00

For the Fiscal Year July 1,1925 to June 30,1926

Paid by the Board:			
For the last half of Board's year 1925	US1500.		
For the first half Board's fiscal year 1926	900.	$2400. equals	Mex.$4424.65
Paid by individuals on the field toward making up the drop, and raised by Dr.Bowen		"	1739.17
Due from the Board on the Mex.$8000. basis		"	1836.18
		"	$8000.00

For the First Half of the Fiscal Year 1926-27
(last half Board's Fiscal Year 1926)

Paid by the Board	US$200.	
Paid by individuals on the field to Aug.5,1926		Mex.241.83

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Assuming that these two amounts will be equivalent to about Mex.$2041.83, there is due for the first half of 1926-27 (last half of the Methodist Episcopal Board year 1926) to make up the Mex.$4000., Mex.$1958.17.

The total due from the Board to bring the University appropriations up to December 31, 1926 square on the basis of Mex.$8000. is as follows:

On 1924-5	Mex.$1581.42
" 1925-6	" 1836.18
" one-half 1926-7	" 1958.17
Total due	Mex.$5375.77

In your conversation you refer to the possibility of the Board's being able to bring its cash grant only up to the basis of Mex.$6000. We would, of course, hope that the Board would find it possible to complete its appropriations on the same basis as the Disciples and Presbyterian Boards, viz: Mex.$8000. for each fiscal year. If, however, this should not be possible, the figures on the $3000. basis would be as follows:

For 1924-25 - appropriation base		Mex.6000.00	
Paid by Board -	US$3000. equals	" 5360.75	
Due from Board			Mex.$ 639.25
For 1925-26 - appropriation base		Mex.6000.00	
Paid by Board -	US$2400. equals	" 4424.65	
Due from Board			" 1575.35
For first half 1926-27 exchange situation is not known; assuming 2 for 1 basis situation would be: appropriation base		Mex.3000.00	
Paid by Board	US$ 900. equals	" 1800.00	
Due from Board			" 1200.00
	Total due		$3414.60

I am assuming that the Board will agree with me that it is not fair to allocate contributions made by individuals in 1924-25 against the drop of $1000. or the contributions continued in the same way in 1925-26 and 1926-27, as applying upon anything except the US$1000. item and as not affecting the amount due from the Board to bring the appropriations up to the US$3000. (equals Mex.$6000.) base line.

I ought to add that in the figure for the loss in exchange on 1924-25 there is included a small amount for loss in exchange in 1923-24 the detail of which as between the two years we have not had any correspondence, but the fact of which, as to total, we are entirely clear.

Referring to the understanding of the University and its officers both here and on the field to the supposed fact that the Board of Foreign Missions had regularized, as a part of the annual appropriation, the

amount of $1000., which was made a special contribution for one or two years with a view to bringing the Board to the same level in making its cash grant as the other Boards, may I refer you to the following items of correspondence:

R.A.Ward to L.B.Moss Sept.22, 1924
E.M.North to J.R.Edwards July 31 and Aug.20, 1925
Morris W.Ehnes to E.M.North Aug.31,1925

Concerning the appropriation to the hospital, as this is paid on the field I am sorry to say that our records here do not give us as complete data as we would like to have. We understand, however, that the amount was paid by the mission in full up to the end of the calendar year 1924. During the calendar year 1925, covering the Board's appropriation for that year, there was paid the sum of Mex.$725. instead of the appropriation figure on the basis of which the University meets the agreement of the Medical Board, Mex.$1500., so that upon the year 1925 there is due Mex.$775. As I understand it, the Mission applied to the Hospital appropriation the same percentage of cut that was given to the native work.

I am unable to give figures as to the amount paid by the Mission to the Hospital for the year 1926. I presume redistribution ought to indicate the figure.

May I express on behalf of the University of Nanking its cordial appreciation for your efforts to bring the appropriation of the Board up to a level which will not cause embarrassment to the University in the amount which it receives not only from the Methodist Board but also from other boards.

Cordially yours,

Secretary
University of Nanking

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CHINA UNION UNIVERSITIES

Fukien Christian University
University of Nanking
Shantung Christian University
Peking University
West China Union University

CENTRAL OFFICE
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City
ERIC M. NORTH, Secretary

Cable Address
Nanfushan, New York

Telephone
Chelsea 2130

University of Nanking

October 28, 1926

Mr.Arthur E.Chenoweth,
Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr.Chenoweth:

Pd 10/18/23 $100
2/16/25 100
3/4/26 100

all handled with apportionment credit. Recoup Board for a similar amount in this year's under written amt.
G E C

A letter from Dr.Bowen says that Mr.Illick's sister gave US$100. "as she thought for making up the Methodist shortage", but it got into the general treasury of the Board in such a way that it is doubtful whether the University will be able to get it". Is there any way in which you can throw light on this or locate it so as to see that it goes as it was intended to go. This is intended to apply upon the cut of 40% that was made in the appropriations of the Board to the University within the present fiscal year. I am sorry that I do not know the name of Mr.Illick's sister.

I also have a word from Dr.Bowen of a gift of $4.76, being #12 for June on a blue slip, from the Sunday School of the First M.E. Church of Neponset, Ill., for the endowment fund of the University of Nanking. Would it be too much trouble to check with this designation and see if endowment fund was what was specified.

Cordially yours,

Eric M. North

Secretary
University of Nanking

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November 4, 1926

Dr.John R.Edwards,
Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr.Edwards:

I take very great pleasure in behalf of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking in acknowledging receipt from your Board of $2311.58, the same being the amount necessary to bring the cash appropriation of the Methodist Board to the level of Mex.$8000. for the University's fiscal years 1924-25, 1925-26 and the first half of 1926-27.

This action on the part of your Board will be of very great satisfaction and relief to President Bowen who, I have no doubt, himself has contributed largely and who has worked hard to secure further gifts which have made it unnecessary for the Board to send forward a check any larger than that which they have sent forward to keep the appropriations at this level. We are most grateful for the fact that the Board has been able to send us this amount, not only because of the value of the money, but because this enables the University to face the other cooperating boards and say that the appropriations of the Methodist Board are fully paid.

Cordially yours,
Eric M. North
Secretary

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES
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MORRIS W. EHNES

TRANSFER

November 18th, 1926

The Rev. Eric M. North, DD.,
Secretary, University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

China Union Universities

Dear Dr. North:-

I fear I do not always answer in a punctilious way communications from you, and my attention is called to the fact that several letters have reached me regarding the financial situation at the University of Nanking to which I have made no formal reply.

As you doubtless know, due in good part to efforts of your Father, the Board was able to meet its obligations for 1926 in full, to the China Union Universities and we will hope that by special effort we will be enabled to meet the Appropriations for 1927. There will doubtless be approximately the same reduction in the amount appropriated as for the current year but by outside effort we believe the amounts can be paid in full.

Cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

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INTER-DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK

MEMO FOR DR. ERIC M. NORTH DATE 12/6/26

SUBJECT

I have a card this morning from Dr. Robert E. Speer. I quote it entire:

"En route Shanghai to HongKong - Nov. 2, '26.

Dear Dr. North:

We had a fine week at Nanking. The University is one of the best and truest and solidest pieces of work we have seen. It deserves a far stronger support; every bit as much as we are giving to Yenching. Bowen is good gold and Williams is doing good work with him. We are bound now for Canton."

FRANK MASON NORTH

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

December 11, 1926.

Mr. R. A. Hasemeyer,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Hasemeyer:

In connection with the reservations which you are making for us for the family of Professor R. G. Wiggans, I would quote the following from a letter from him dated December 9th:

> "The rooms you have been able to reserve for us on the President Pierce are very satisfactory, more so than our first choice provided three fares are sufficient to hold the rooms".
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> "The names and dates of birth of my two children are as follows:
> Robert Landon Wiggans - April 7, 1918
> Roy Glen Wiggans, Jr. - July 27, 1922."

The rooms referred to are numbers 41 and 45 which we understood from you would be the only rooms which could be reserved for the family on that steamer. While we are not yet ready to purchase these reservations, we should appreciate your holding them for us.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
University of Nanking.

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Board of Foreign Missions
Of the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

150 Fifth Avenue
NEW YORK CITY

CABLE ADDRESS, MISSIONS PHONE, CHELSEA 2130

December 13, 1926

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

Dear Dr. North:-

Your letter of December 1st referring to Gift of August 1926 #10 - $19.38 for Central China Mission was duly received.

This gift was received from the Neponset Sunday School for the Endowment Fund of the University of Nanking. We enclosed in our letter of November 9th, our check #4141 amounting to $24.14. Included in this amount was the above mentioned gift and also one for June 1926 #12 amounting to $4.76 for the same purpose . We are now holding the cancelled check bearing your endorsement.

Trusting this enables you to locate this gift, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chas E DeVesty

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1220 Bank Street,
South Pasadena, Cal,

Rev. F. D. Gamewell, D.D.L.
New York.

Dear Doctor Gamewell,

May one be permitted to say some things about the case of Rev. W. F. Wilson, who has proposed that he now be retired from active service by the Board of Foreign Missions. You have written him approving of his asking for retirement. Those who are best acquainted with the case, especially in relation to the developments following the harrowing experiences of Nanking, can but approve your judgement in the matter. Brother Wilson seems to have reached a condition where it would not seem wise to expect him to return to China. Both Wilbur and Mrs. Wilson sadly realize that, while to those of us who have worked along side of him while he has made his quiet and forceful contribution to the work of the Kingdom, it is with sadness quite inexpressable that we agree that the machine is tired, making it imperative that he shall rest. The saddest moments in ones life are apt to be those in which we realize that a brother beloved has reached the end of his active service.

It is not regarding this side of the matter that one wishes to write. I do want to say somethings about the manner in which it may be done. In saying these things, one has no intention to criticise or to find fault with the methods the Board may employ. It would be impossible for me to do that, for the simple reason that I do not know what the methods are. It may be that it is entirely unnecessary for me to make the suggestions I am making. So much the better if that is true. Wilbur Wilson has literally burned himself out before his time. Bishop Bashford said to Mrs. Wilson , when Wilbur had broken down under the burdens he was obliged to carry because there was no one else upon whom they could be laid, "Tell Bro. Wilson that he must do nothing but rest. He has been carrying five men's work." Not an expert accountant, he had been obliged to undertake the work of Mission Treasurer in addition to his already too,heavy load. Always conscientious, he put into that the last mite of strength he had. The load was too heavy and he broke. That was the chief item in the resulting final breakdown ten years before his age limit is reached. That, however, is characteristic of Wilson. He never spared himself, he never thought of his own interests, but always he put first and last and all the time the work of living and working to show forth the Christ life to those Chinese boys. We so easily write that after men are gone; this is not eulogizing a man whose days on earth are done.
It is so wonderfully true of Wilson of the Nanking University Middle School.
May I therefor, make two suggestions.
First, it would be a recognition of these characteristics as well as an expression of appreciation, if Wilson's salary should be continued in full at least until the end of the year 1927. This would enable them to find a place to live and

a way to live. We missionaries are not quite at home in America after thirty years in an alien land. It is not easy to fit into a life so different as that we find here. Second, the allowance, in the circumstances, is small. It may be said that the allowance is as large as that granted by the Funds which are set to provide for retired ministers in this country. The conditions are surely not parallel. Any minister in the U.S.A. who has the same preparation and has the same record of service and success would have been able to provide for himself at least a cottage in which to pass his last years. He would have invested a little money, where he could look after it. When one is on the other side of the world, there is not much chance to invest in houses and lands, but there are such crying chances to invest in lives and to counteract cuts, that real estate is neglected. The investments are in the realm of the spiritual where big returns are certain, but the returns will not buy bread. The result, as you expressed it in your letter to Wilson, is that the Board is paying the retired missionary not much more than it is necessary for him to pay for house rent. Is there no way to make it a little more in this case where he has worn himself out too soon, worn himself out in the interests of the Kingdom and the Board?

Allow me to repeat that there is no spirit of criticism in this, just as there is no word of criticism. My acquaintance with the Board makes me certain that it will be received in the spirit in which it is written, which is the spirit which is in my heart.

Sincerely yours,

University of Nanking

December 31, 1926

Dr. John R. Edwards,
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr.Edwards:

I quote below a paragraph from a letter recently received from Dr.Bowen. This was written three or four days before Dr.Bowen knew that the cut upon the University budget had been restored by the special gift secured at the very end of the last fiscal year, and the tone of his letter is no doubt affected by his anxiety over the results of the present program. It seems to me, however, that it is unfortunate if missionaries of the standing and influence of President Bowen hold these conceptions about the activities of the Board of Foreign Missions. I am sure that this must mean that they are not adequately informed on the field as to the limitations under which the Board is forced to work in cultivating income. I am sending this to you less as a specific item to be dealt with and more with a thought of raising the question as to how such a point of view may be met. I think that Dr.Bowen is inclined to take a depressing view of the situation a little more often than some others.

"I did not mean to imply by my letter of the summer that our Board of Foreign Missions were not concerned with the deficit. I know they have been very much concerned about it, but they have also simply passed on the deficit to the fields - have taken the money out of the missionaries, in a sense, at least out of their work - and have not gotten out among the churches and tried to raise it specially. We did not object to this for the first cut of about 40%, but the next cut of 10% and the proposed cut of 16% for this year have seemed to us to be rather unjustified. I conceive the Board of Foreign Missions in a case like this to be nothing more than a distributing agent. I am confident that the Church has not been informed sufficiently as to the work that is being carried on by Centenary funds and as to just what such serious cuts mean. Since the Centenary closed there has been practically no continuous and effective education of the churches, and I think that very largely accounts for the annual decrease. While there was finally no cut on our appropriations for this year, over and above those of the last two years, there was a difference between our appropriation for the missionary budget and the necessary expenses of $8,600. gold - if we were to keep on all the men that we have and add a nurse or two and a doctor for Wuhu that we had been planning on for several years and who are imperative unless we close the hospital. And the appropriation to the University,

instead of being $4,000. gold will be $1,500. gold for the coming year. The Mission proposed to make up the difference between $40,000 income and $48,600. expenditure by requiring Mr.Steward and Mr.Hayes to remain at home for a second year at their own expense, dropping them if at the end of their second year there is no greater increase in income from the Board, and by dropping seven or eight of our preachers (they have already been dropped) and closing a number of our rented chapels and a few primary schools. We believe that the members of our Board of Foreign Missions and the officers of the Board of Foreign Missions, if they would get out among the churches and give the churches the exact information as to what the work is suffering and as to how the work is being carried on, in two or three months they could make up a good deal of the deficit. I know the Board is worried about the matter but I have the feeling that they have not tried to raise the money by new methods and by new information but have simply cut down expenditure - which is virtually taking it out of the missionaries. This is what was behind my letter written in the summer and it was possibly influenced somewhat by the information we had at that time that there was a commission coming out to study the fields again and that Doctor Diffendorfer was spending a full year and several thousands of dollars travelling around to see the work."

Cordially yours,

Secretary
University of Nanking

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January 29th, 1927

Dr. Eric M. North, Ph.D., Secretary
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. North:-

Appropriation - 1927

I regret the delay in notifying you officially regarding the Appropriation of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the University of Nanking for the Year 1927.

The Appropriation was as follows:-

Pledge — $2000. available from the Board direct.

not paid this kind — 1000. Miss Adelaide Wixon's salary.

Conditional — 1000. from outside sources - to be secured.

Total $4000.

By "outside sources" is meant that the financial situation of our Board did not permit of a larger definite Appropriation than the amount indicated as "from the Board direct" and hence provision is made for securing the additional amount needed to complete our pledge, from Designated Gifts.

Cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

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P.S. In this connection may I call attention to the fact that formerly we recognized that the Board of Foreign Missions was pledged to the University of Nanking for $3000. not $4000. but at the same time we have furnished a teacher, Miss Wixon, for whom we have received no credit. We therefore have decided to recognize the pledge of our Board as $4000. including in our contribution Miss Wixon's salary of $1000.

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February
Seventh
1927

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

Dear Dr. North:

In accordance with your request of recent date, I am enclosing herewith, the text of the action of this Board in setting up a permanent fund in the sum of $100,000. endowment for the Agricultural Department of the University of Nanking.

Cordially yours,

Wm B. Tower

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Executive Committee, June 21, 1923

w/ Finance 2/7/27

Ex-2068 NORTH CHINA: There has been extended correspondence and urgent recommendation from the North China Finance Committee, concerning the use of the balance of the Famine Funds. Action should doubtless be taken at this time. This is particularly advisable in view of the fact that the North China Finance Committee has perfected plans for the use of this money, in famine follow-up work, and has conducted it well along in the experimental stage.

The funds of the International Famine Committee have now been quite generally allocated. Furthermore, we are under an annual claim from Nanking University in the amount of $5,000, which after consultation with our leaders on the field, it seems possible to offset by use of income from Famine Funds, applied to the Agricultural Department of Nanking University, in view of the fact that this Department contributes more or less directly to famine prevention.

The detailed plan submitted originally by the North China Finance Committee,for follow-up work among children of families destroyed or made destitute by the famine, called for an expenditure of about $350,000, the amount which the Committee had judged available, as shown in the Treasurer's Annual Report to the Board. It does not seem wise to recommend that even all of the balance, which is much less than that amount, be applied on this very worthy program, particularly in view of the fact that Nanking University is in need of additional funds and there has now been given rather generally , a recognition of the propriety of using these famine fund balances, in part at least,for agricultural work at Nanking University. The allocation of a $100,000 as a part of our permanent funds, interest on which annually will be available for the Agricultural Department of Nanking University, will at the same time relieve the Board of an obligation of $5,000 which it has been paying annually to Nanking University, in lieu of Centenary endowment. The position taken by those in charge of the International Famine Funds, and by the various Boards having received money for the China Famine, adds weight to the present recommendation for action by our Board.

IT WAS VOTED that approval be given to the setting aside of China Famine Funds now in hand with the Board of Foreign Missions, for lines of work related to the prevention of future famine in China, in keeping with the following plan:

1.- An amount of $100,000, shall be placed as a part of the permanent funds of the Board, the income on said amount annually to go to the support of the Agricultural Department of Nanking University, this allotment being reckoned as meeting the amount in the Centenary agreement for endowment of Nanking University.

2.- Interest on the Famine Fund Balance from June 1,1921, shall be credited to the Famine Fund, and there shall be charged against this Interest Account, payment by the Board of Foreign Missions in the amount of $5,000 per year, for 1921, 1922 and 1923, toward Nanking University; these amounts of $5,000 gold per year

hitherto having been charged against other funds of the Board to which reimbursement shall now be made. #

3.- The balance of the Famine Fund and accrued interest shall be made available for Famine Follow-up Work in the famine region of the North China Mission, as follows:-

Omit this #

(a) $100,000 shall be placed with the permanent funds of the Board, the interest on the same to be available annually, for the schooling of children of poor families in the famine areas of the North China Mission, or for such other purposes connected with famine relief and prevention in that area as may be agreed upon by the Mission and the Corresponding Secretaries.

(b) The balance shall be held as a permanent fund for famine relief, principal and interest to be subject to the action of the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Corresponding Secretaries, preference to be given to needs within the North China Mission.

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March 22nd, 1927

The Rev.Eric M. North, Ph.D.,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. North:-

In response to your request I send herewith the names and addresses of those to whom should go any information relative to the missionaries mentioned:-

Mr.F.W. Dieterich
No record.

Mr. W.F. Hummel
Mr. H. L. Krughoff, Nashville, Washington County, Illinois.

Mrs. G. A. Stuart, 3455 S. Hoover St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. J. T. Illick
Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Illick, Hulmeville, Penna.

Mr. Charles W.Rowland, 225 North Sixth St., Olean, N.Y.

Dr. C. S. Trimmer
Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Trimmer, Long Valley, N. J.

Mr. W.F. Wilson
Mr. F. H. Wilson, Penn Yan, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Ory Rowley, Shelby, Michigan.

Miss A. M. Wixon
Mrs. Frank Conover, 70 Croton Ave., Ossining, N.Y.

Mr. H. G. Robson
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Robson, 2404 Washington St., Charleston, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. C.W.Bridgewater, Memphis, Mo.

Sincerely yours,

Millicent E. Williams
Secretary to Dr. Gamewell.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING CARRIES ON WITH 800 STUDENTS

"Our only plans are to carry on."

That was the message which was sent out to the world by the faculty of the University of Nanking, China, a few days after the disastrous attack upon the school and its missionaries in March 1927. And that is the spirit that has continued to possess the University, its students, its teachers.

Vice -President Williams had been shot by undisciplined soldiers -- the missionary faculty had been ordered to the security of port cities -- the military occupied the city and some University buildings -- Soviet propagandists were influencing the populace against Christianity: but the only plans of the University were to "carry on." Chinese members of the faculty took added classes; the spring term was completed with almost the full enrollment of students. Then summer school was held according to schedule; then fall term again, and another spring term, and still another summer term. The College of Arts and Science and the College of Agriculture and Forestry enrolled 517 for the 1927-28 spring term; the University ~~Intermediate School~~ enrolled 303. These figures are but slightly short of the record enrollment.

Faculty Members Return

During the spring term of 1927-28 Dean Reisner, Prof. Buck, Prof. Bates, Prof. Thompson, Miss Priest and Miss Purcell, missionary members of the Faculty, were in service in addition to the Chinese staff. This fall (1928-29) the foreign group will be still larger: former President and Mrs. Bowen are returning in an advisory relationship; three doctors

and two nurses are expected back on the staff of the University Hospital, and one new missionary couple will be added.

~~Agricultural Work Flourishes~~

~~Dean Reisner reports the carrying on of the activities of the College of Agriculture and Forestry during the first semester: "Our plant improvement field work, both at Nanking and at the cooperating stations, has carried through without mishap, all plantings of winter crops having been harvested and data secured, and all summer crop plantings having been made. We had an excellent sericulture season with a production of over a million layings of silkworm eggs. We have as yet had no labor difficulties. Field trips in connection with our extension activities had to be curtailed somewhat on account of disturbed conditions in the countryside. Class room work has suffered most, though practically all the classes taught by the foreign teachers under way at the beginning of the spring semester were cared for by substituting teachers, chiefly by the associates in the various departments. Since that time practically all classes have been resumed.~~

A Chinese President Elected

An important step in the history and progress of the University of Nanking was recently taken by the trustees in the election of Prof. Ch'en Yu-gwan, a Doctor of Philosophy from Columbia University, as President of the institution.

Dr. Ch'en was born in Nanking in 1893 and is a third generation Methodist Christian. It was Dr. Ch'en and his father who on March 24, 1927, secured the moneys to ransom Dr. P. F. Price and Dr. Edward James, missionaries captured by the soldiers who looted the compound. Dr. Ch'en is educated in Chinese learning and in Western chemistry; he was professor of chemistry and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Nanking - his alma mater — when elected to the

presidency.

A Missionary Institution

The Methodist Episcopal Church - through its Board of Foreign Missions - is one of five churches uniting in the operation of the University of Nanking. The Board of Foreign Missions provides ~~some~~ members of the faculty, and a share of running expenses and scholarships; it is expected ~~at present~~ to provide also about $7,000 as its share of emergency expenses necessitated by the troubled situation immediately following March 1927.

Gifts, large or small, toward meeting these costs are desired from individuals and organizations. The cost of maintaining a missionary family on the University staff is about $3,000 per year (including furough travel costs). Part of such a missionary-teacher's cost may be provided; or, for other educational institutions in China, one may provide scholarships ranging in cost from $30 to 75 per year; or provide a Chinese teacher for $100 and upward. For further information regarding gifts for these purposes write Morris W. Ehnes, treasurer, Board of Foreign Missions, 150 Fifth avenue, New York.

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

April 25, 1927.

The Reverend Frank D. Gamewell, D. D.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Gamewell:

Mr. F. G. Robson, the first of the staff of the University of Nanking to arrive since the disaster of March 24th and 25th at the University, has come directly to New York at the request of President Bowen to report to the Trustees upon the events and the situation. A meeting of the Trustees has therefore been called for Friday afternoon, April 29th, at 3.30 P. M., and a cordial invitation to attend this meeting is hereby extended to you.

We hope that you will find it possible to be with us.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
University of Nanking.

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P. S. The meeting is being held in the Board Room on the sixth floor at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

April 27, 1927.

Mr. T. A. Hildreth,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Hildreth:

I am forwarding to you herewith the Eastern and Southeastern Clergy Fare Certificate Applications of the Reverend Horace G. Robson, together with our letters of certification and checks covering the fees for the two certificates. Will you be so kind as to put these applications through for us?

As Mr. Robson is planning to leave the vicinity shortly, I am enclosing two special delivery stamps to be used in the forwarding of the Southeastern Clergy Certificate Application and the return of the certificate itself by special delivery.

If you could find it possible to start the routine on these applications to-day, we should very greatly appreciate it.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
University of Nanking.

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May 6, 1927

Dr. John R. Edwards
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr.Edwards:

As you know, the University of Nanking has been hard hit by the events in China. We find that we are going to need nearly $200,000. to be able to help the staff set up their homes and pay their salaries and the emergency travel expenses involved in the departure from Nanking and in the few months immediately following.

The University of Nanking happens never to have put on an intensive, broadcast campaign, with the result that there are only a few score names of contributors which are on the Nanking lists, and the raising of an amount like this in the short time that remains before the summer, we feel can only be done by a prompt approach to a considerable number of persons. As the Methodist Episcopal Board is one of the cooperating boards in the University we are venturing to ask whether it would be possible for you to make available to the University a list of names and addresses of those who would be looked upon as good prospects for gifts of $50. to $100. or more for an appeal of this kind. A draft of the text of the appeal is enclosed. We, of course, would like to have as many names as you would feel you could release to us. We would hope that it would be possible for you to release two or three hundred names or more. If there are any other ways in which you think it would be practicable to go about securing this fund we would be grateful to you for suggestion upon this matter. We must move promptly because the need for the actual cash is upon us and because there is so short a timebefore the summer.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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CC: Dr.Gamewell

May 18, 1927.

Mr. W. W. Reid,
150 Fifth Ave. New York.

My dear Mr. Reid;

We have been able to complete our statement for the appeal for the University of Nanking, and have revised the figures, made a few changes in the text, etc. I have copied your statement, as prepared for the press, making the changes both in the figures and the text of the last paragraph which we have slightly changed.

Dr. North suggested that you would need five copies which are attached. Will you please advise me when you will release this material to the press, in order that we may send a letter to the publishers as well, from Dr. Speer? I will call at your office about eleven o'clock tomorrow morning, and if it is convenient to you at that time, will be very glad to have suggestions as to the letter to write to the church press. Am I correct that you intended to use this same statement for the church press?

I am placing this material on your desk in order that you may have it as early as possible, as Friday was suggested.

Thanking you for your assistance, I am

Very cordially yours,

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June 6th, 1927

The Rev. Eric M. North, Ph.D.,
China Union Universities Office,
150Fifth Avenue, N. Y. City.

Dear Dr. North:-

I have your letter of the 2nd instant containing an invitation to be present at the Meeting of the Trustees of the University of Nanking, June 9th, at 2.00 P.M., in the Board Room at 150 Fifth Avenue.

I am making note of thedate and will take pleasure in being present. Of course I am deeply interested in the University of Nanking, having been on the Board of Managers in China from the time the University was opened until I left China and I know intimately, of the fine work Dr. Bowen has done.

Cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

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June 8, 1927.

Dr. J. G. Vaughn,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Vaughn:

In regard to Rev. Wilbur F. Wilson, who has served in Nanking, China thirty-one years, I believe he is permanently incapicatated for mission work in China. While he had greatly improved the last six months in China, he was able to do only one-half a days work or less, of a routine kind; much mental work such as teaching and required concentration was impossible. I believe that since the strain of Nanking, March 24th and 25th , this inability of much mental effort has been accentuated. Hence, I think the strain of further work in China precludes his return.

Indeed, I think it is a question whether even after a year's rest in America, he will be able to carry much work requiring mental alertness and activity. Probably some kind of light outdoor manual work would be about his limit. He has never spared himself, and with entire devotion, has always done the hard disagreeable tasks that others did not wish to do. He has been an excellent missionary in every way.

Faithfully yours,

University of Nanking

June 14, 1927

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

We are sending, for your information, a copy of a compilation of letters from members of the Nanking University staff suggesting the events through which they passed and the impressions which they gained after the disturbances in Nanking.

Since our supply of this material is not sufficient to provide separate copies for each member of the Nanking Board of Trustees, it is requested that, when you have finished with this letter, you hand it on to the other members of the Board of Trustees who have offices at 150 Fifth Avenue, namely, Dr. J. R. Edwards, Dr. F. M. North,

Very sincerely yours,

Acting Secretary
Central Office

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University of Nanking

July 11, 1927

Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Attention Mr.Chemowith

My dear Mr.Chemowith:

We enclose herewith a check for$25. which is the amount sent us by Mr.J.L.Spaulding, Jr., 166 King St., Dorchester Station, Boston, Mass., as his contribution to the University of Nanking Emergency fund. Mr.Spaulding requests that he be sent a receipt that can be used for World Service credit to Wesley M.E.Church, South Boston.

Will you please send a receipt to Mr.Sapulding and reimburse the University of Nanking in the amount of this contribution?

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE
Assistant Treasurer
University of Nanking

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September 23rd
Nineteen Twenty-seven.

Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary
University of Nanking
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City,N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:-

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions on the 22nd inst., the following action was taken:

> "IT WAS VOTED THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BE APPROVED AND THAT THE WORDING OF THE RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION BE REFERRED TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHINA, WITH POWER."

This means, of course, that our Board has approved the action taken by the Trustees of the University of Nanking. It was felt that the form of approval should be carefully worded and that this could not be done at the time of our Executive Committee meeting. Hence it was referred to our Special Committee on China, with power. Both Corresponding Secretaries are now in the field and it will not be possible to secure this final form until about October 20th. The above action, however, leaves you free to act; the other being largely a matter of record.

I am returning with this the copy of the Minute adopted by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church. We found it of service. Thank you for it.

Sincerely yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

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Enclosure

TRANSFER

Nanking

University of Nanking

November 4, 1927

Dr.Frank Mason North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr.North:

We are sending you herewith a copy of the proposed statement to be used by the Emergency Committee of the University of Nanking to accompany the letters which they are to write to selected lists of friends of the University. This has been revised in accordance with the suggestions of the various members of the Committee based on the original draft of the statement sent out last week.

If this statement is now satisfactory to all of you whose names are to be signed to it we will immediately undertake the printing of whatever supply is needed. If any further changes are to be made we would request that you suggest them to us at once so that the printing can go forward with the least possible delay.

You will note that this statement as it now stands simply presents the need but does not make a clear cut appeal for funds. It has been our thought that this definite appeal is to be embodied in the letters accompanying this printed statement. Do you feel that this statement should also contain the appeal?

May we hear from you without delay?

Faithfully yours,

B A GARSIDE
Secretary
University of Nanking

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Nanking

TRANSFER

November 19, 1927

Dr. F. M. North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr.North:

May we formally bring to your attention the following action taken on November 17th by the Committee on Emergency Fund of the University of Nanking Trustees, and request that you bring this to the attention of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

"CEF-334 VOTED that the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the United Christian Missionary Society each be asked to assume responsibility for $7,000.00 of the present emergency deficit and that the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society be similarly requested to assume responsibility for $3,000.00"

Faithfully yours,

B A GARSIDE
Secretary

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University of Nanking

November 22, 1927

Dr.Frank D.Gamewell,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr.Gamewell:

The Field Treasurer of the University of Nanking has called to our attention the fact that several members of the Methodist quota of the University staff have either already withdrawn from Board support or are likely to soon do so. We are directed to formally request that the Methodist Board follow the usual procedure of supplying the University the sum of $1300.00 gold in lieu of each vacancy on the regular Methodist list.

You are well acquainted with the urgent need at Nanking this year for such funds as these in order that they may employ Chinese members of staff to carry forward the work laid down by the foreign members who are now no longer on the field.

I list below the members of the regular Methodist quota as the field has given us this information. You will, of course, know which of these workers are still on Board support and which are not.

Hospital	Dr.C.S.Trimmer
University General	W.F.Wilson
	F.W.Dieterich
	J.T.Illick
	A.N.Steward
	W.F.Hummel

I understand the Presbyterian Board has already formally agreed to provide a cash equivalent for all vacancies on their quota. We earnestly hope that we may soon be able to send the field similar assurances from the other cooperating Boards.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary
University of Nanking

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November 23rd, 1927

Mr. B. A. Garside, Sec'y
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
N. Y. City.

Dear Mr. Garside:-

University of Nanking Staff

This is not an answer to your letter of the 22nd instant but simply an acknowledgement. Let me say in the first place that I do not know of our Board's having entered into a definite agreement to supply $1300.G. in lieu of each vacancy in the Methodist quota of the University Staff.

Let me say in the second place that if this request was to be effective it should have reached us in advance of our Annual Meeting which has just been held and at which the Appropriations for 1928 were determined.

Let me say in the third place that the fact that these men are not on the field is in no way attributable to the Board of Foreign Missions and that their absence from the field has involved the Board in greatly increased costs.

In shaping our financial program for 1928 we have made provision for three of those you mention in your letter, to return to Nanking when the way opens.

Mr.Dieterich is in Japan and the Board is carrying his support. It is simply a temporary makeshift because of conditions in Nanking. Mr. Wilson will be retired as a missionary of the Board 12/31/27.

It seems to me that the position of attempting to hold a Board responsible for the amount of such vacancies is not reasonable. As stated, the situation at Nanking has not only continued the Board's responsibility for its missionaries but has greatly increased its expenditures because of the situation there. There are certain phases of the matter

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which I will discuss with you in person but I send this line as stated, not as an answer, for the matter will be brought in due time to the attention of our Committee, but to put in your possession certain facts that will have to be reckoned with in dealing with the Nanking situation.

I would very seriously question the wisdom of accepting as a policy, that by dispensing with a foreigner and substituting a Chinese, the same amount of money can be at the control of the Chinese to carry on the work at Nanking. There may be cases where this would be wise but they should be scrutinized most carefully.

Sincerely yours,

Frank D. Gamewell.

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This was written before seeing you at noon. I am sure we are all anxious to ascertain the inside course and follow it. We are facing many baffling problems and must "tui fu chê pan". F.D.G.

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December 7th, 1927

Mr. B. A.Garside,Sec'y
Nanking University,
China Union Universities Office,
150 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. City.

Dear Mr.Garside:-

Dr. A. J. Bowen, formerly President of the University of Nanking was sent out by our Board but his salary has been paid by the University. We are seeking to make certain adjustments in connection with the losses of our missionaries. If I remember correctly the University of Nanking undertook to reimburse the missionaries under its support for losses incurred thru the Nanking up-rising of March 24, 1927. Will you kindly inform me whether there has been reimbursement to Dr. Bowen and if so, to what amount? $500

What is said regarding Dr. Bowen is equally applicable to Mr.Robson, ~~and~~ so I will be grateful for information concerning both of these men. $750

Sincerely yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

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MEW

TRANSFER

Nanking

University of Nanking

December 8, 1927

Dr. F. D. Gamewell,
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr.Gamewell:

In accordance with my conversation with you some days ago on the question of the Mission Boards cooperating in the University of Nanking making a payment of cash in lieu of the absence of members of the regular quota of such Boards, we append the quotations showing the actions of the Board of Trustees and the policy of the various mission boards. As I tried to make plain in my conversation, the only request the University is making now is that the various Boards make cash payment in case of such members of the regular Board quota as are not at the present time continuing to draw their regular salary from the Board. We recognize that most of the Nanking staff are still being supported by the different Boards here in America and that it would be unfair to ask the Boards to pay such salaries here in America and pay the same amount of money the second time to the University. Wherever one or more members of the Nanking quota have ceased to draw support from the Mission Boards, it is urgently requested that the Boards adhere to their former policy and supply the University with a cash equivalent on the accepted ratio of Gold $1300. for each such vacancy. This is in no way a new request, but simply continues the policy approved fourteen years ago and recognized by each of the cooperating Boards over and over again.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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University of Nanking

MEMORANDUM ON PAYMENT OF CASH IN LIEU OF STAFF BY BOARDS

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July 18, 1913 - Trustees' Meeting

"IT WAS VOTED that each Board should be asked to recognize the duty of providing the salaries of missionaries ($1500. Gold each) whenever a Board does not have its full quota on the field."

October 24, 1913 - Trustees' Meeting

"The item in the minutes of the meeting of July 18th with reference to the payment to the Board of Trustees of the salary of missionaries not on the field on the basis of $1,500 (Gold) was considered and it was voted that the amount should be on the basis of the salary of a married missionary of the Board concerned."

March 3, 1914 - Trustees' Meeting

"Mr.Diffendorfer also reported that the following Boards had agreed to provide the salaries of missionaries in case the Board did not have its full quota actually at work on the field.

Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.
The Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.
Foreign Christian Missionary Society.

March 30, 1915 - Trustees' Meeting

"The Managers brought to the attention of the Trustees their appreciation of the action of the Trustees on March 3, 1914, urging Mission Boards to agree to provide the amount of the salary of missionaries in case a full quota of men are not on the field. The Managers urged that this action be brought to the attention of any Society failing to comply with this request."

December 6, 1918 - Trustees' Meeting.

RESOLVED that in view of the loss to the University on account of exchange resulting in an actual deficit in the running expenses of the University, the cooperating Boards be requested to pay their regular grants for current work to the University on the basis of two silver dollars for one gold, this to be operative from April 1, 1917.

"It was understood that the grants of $1,200. a year gold in liew of regular teachers would also be paid at the rate of two for one, the rate which the University was under the necessity of paying for the teachers whom they engaged to fill the vacancies."

In letter of July 10, 1916, Dr.S.J.Corey wrote Dr.Williams stating - "our Society will be glad to pay the 1500 a year until a successor to Mr.Meigs is on the field. Our Treasurer will make the payment of $900 which is already due." and "Our Executive Committee voted to pay $1200 until Dr.Butchart's place is filled." But payment subsequently received was on the basis if $1,200.

Herewith is schedule indicating the bases upon which the Boards appeared to have paid; in recent years the Treasurer's statements have been so drafted that it would be necessary to refer to the actual books to determine exactly what the receipts from the Boards were intended to cover.

From the Treasurer's statements for the dates indicated, it appears that the Boards have paid cash in lieu of staff as follows:

October 24, 1913:

F.C.M.S. paid $250. and $100. "for fourth man till supplied" - letter of November 20, 1913 from Mr.Plopper indicates that they were paying on the basis of $1100. in 1913 and that this amount of $100. was incorrect.

January 1 - December 11, 1926:

F.C.M.S. paid for Meigs and Butchart vacancies on basis of $1200;
M.E.No. paid in lieu of Dr.Gaunt $1200.

December 12, 1916 - April 13, 1917:

F.C.M.S. paid for two vacancies at rate of $1200.

December 11, 1916 - December 31, 1917:

In addition to payments of F.C.M.S. there appears record of payment from M.E.So. in lieu of Dr.Manget - $1200.

May 1 - September 18, 1918:

F.C.M.S. paid for vacancies in hospital and university on basis of $1200.

January 1 - December 31, 1919:

Both F.C.M.S. and M.E.So paid for vacancies on basis of $1200.

April 23, 1920 - December 10, 1920:

Pres.Bd.No. paid for "service of fourth man" - $1162.67
(The exact period which this covered I have not been able to determine)

January 1 - December 20, 1921:

Pres.Bd. paid for "salary of agriculturist" $600.
M.E. " paid 1½ yr.salary - $1800.

On January 29, 1923, in response to request of Mr.Moss, the Pres.Bd.No. paid for the vacancy in the hospital at the rate of $1200.

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In 1923, the United Christian Missionary Society paid on the basis of Mex.$216.66 per month; L.B.Moss to C.W.Plopper, November 20, 1923, for Brede's salary; item closed by check December 3, 1923. Similar payment through vacancy in 1925.

Correspondence with Methodist Board, 1922-23, indicates that Board was paying, through its Mission, on the basis of $1,300. per year. (R.A.Ward to L.B.Moss, November 29, 1922, L.B.Moss to R.A.Ward, January 25, 1923, M.F.Frank, Dr.Ward's secretary, to L.B.Moss, February 14, 1923.

January 25, 1923, L.B.Moss requested Presbyterian Board to remit on the basis of $1,200. per year, which they did, on January 29, 1923.

Correspondence of 1924 and 1925 with the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society indicates that Mex.$4,000. has been the amount authorized by them for payment on the field in lieu of Dr.Keen's services; L.B.Moss to J.H.Franklin, January 3, 1924, memorandum of E.M.North dated April 29, 1925, letter from H.F.Cawthorne, June 8, 1925.

I would call attention to the fact that the Methodist Board's salary shhedule provided for $1,300. in 1922; their payment to the University was on the basis of $1,200. in 1921.

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University of Nanking

December 12, 1927

Dr. F. D. Gamewell,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr.Gamewell:

We have your letter of December 7th inquiring what reimbursement the Board has made to Dr.Bowen and Mr.Robson for losses incurred at the time of the Nanking incident on March 24th.

Dr.and Mrs.Bowen received the sum of G $500.00 as an emergency re-outfit allowance.

Mr.and Mrs.Robson and their three children received an emergency re-outfit allowance of $750.00.

Very cordially yours,

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B A GARSIDE

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December 17th, 1927

Mr. B. A.Garside, Sec'y
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr.Garside:-

I am sending just a word in connection with the request that the sum of $1300.Gold annually, be paid in lieu of each vacancy on the Staff of the University of Nanking, in the Methodist quota.

The matter was carefully considered at the meeting of our Executive Committee on the 15th, and the Corresponding Secretaries of the Board were authorized to take up with the Mission Boards co-operating in the University of Nanking, the question of a readjustment of policies and agreements, with such modifications as existing conditions in China may make desirable.

Cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell.

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Mr. B. A. Garside
China Union University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

By request of Mr. Frank A. Horne, I am presenting to you his resignation as a Trustee of the University of Nanking. We understand that Mr.Horne is a co-opted member so that no action is necessary by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. We are informed that he has sent to you a copy of the letter which he sent to me, requesting that his resignation be presented, and this letter you can therefore use as his formal resignation.

Cordially yours,

W. B. Tower

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University of Nanking

December 20, 1927

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr.Gamewell:

We are in receipt of your letter of December 17th with regard to the action of the Methodist Board in connection with the request for cash payments in lieu of vacancies on the staff of the University of Nanking. We earnestly hope that the proposed consultation of the mission boards cooperation in the University of Nanking will not result in any serious readjustment of the policies which will react to the detriment of the University. For the cooperating boards to weaken their measure of support at this time would be a serious financial catastrophy to the University and would be an even more serious blow to the morale of both the Chinese and foreign members of the University staff and to the general Christian constituency of the University.

Very sincerely yours,

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