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February 21, 1935

Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

The receipt of the monthly report on Nanking securities reminds me of a little difficulty that I have in interpreting this completely. I think I have mentioned it before, but perhaps there is no way of meeting it.

In looking at the income column, I am interested in knowing the period within which the income was received. This last report, I note, is dated February 16th, but I do not know whether the income reported has been received since (say) July 1, 1934, or January 1, 1935. If some convenient way could be devised for covering this period in the reports, it would help at least one of the members of the Finance Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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February 23, 1955

Mr. Edwin W. Fielder
381 Fourth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Fielder:

I am replying to your letter of February 21st, and thank you for calling our attention to the headings dealing with income on the monthly list of securities.

I wonder if you recall that at one of our meetings we agreed that the reports on income dealing with the mortgages should represent accumulations from the beginning of our fiscal year, and that those on bonds and stocks should deal with the annual income. I should have made changes in the captions on our report sheets, and we are suggesting the use of the following for mortgages:

"Accumulated Income from July 1, 1954"

As the heading for the balance of the securities, they will use the heading:

"Annual Income"

On the last sheet the mortgages represent income from July 1, 1954, and the rest of the list is based upon the annual rate.

With cordial good wishes to you, and thanking you for calling this matter to my attention, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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MORRIS W. EHNS
TREASURER



April 3rd, 1935.

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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:-

I note in the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking held March 20th, that I am named first on the Committee, with Dr. Huntington and Dr. Fenn to submit nominations to the next Annual Meeting, May 15th.

As I am planning to leave New York on April 20th, to be gone until early June, I shall be glad if the meeting of this Committee may be arranged prior to the 20th or, better still, have someone named as my substitute on the committee.

I shall await your advice.

Sincerely,

John R. Edwards
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April 11, 1935

Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Evans:

I have received the minutes of our meeting of April 8th. On reading them I am conscious for the first time of a little inconsistency ^mof our action in voting first to report the hospital matter to the Board for specific instructions, and then voting to authorize you to negotiate a sale on the basis indicated.

Probably you would not make such progress as to embarrass us between now and the meeting of the Board, but it seems well to note this slight suggestion of cart before the horse.

Yours sincerely,

Edw. Fielder

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April 11, 1935

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Mr. B. A. Garside
Associated Board for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

A few days ago I wrote to Mr. DuBois S. Morris and also to Dr. C. T. Paul with regard to the Nanking Promotion Committee. I have received in this morning's mail a letter from Mr. Morris, which I quote as follows:

"Thank you for your letter of April 9th in regard to the Promotion work of the University of Nanking. I have had no word from Mr. Garside, and regret very much that my constant absences from New York will prevent my accepting a position on the committee."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours sincerely,

Edwin W. Fielder

Letter of 3/17/35 to Dr. Morris attached hereto

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University of Nanking

April 13, 1935

Mr. Edwin W. Fielder
381 Fourth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Fielder:

Thank you for your letter of April 11th regarding the minutes of the Nanking Finance Committee meeting held on April 8th.

I most thoroughly agree with you regarding your observations. I felt at the time, if you will recall, that referring the matter to the Board would more or less hamper any further negotiations; but the committee felt that I still could continue, and on that basis no other procedure was open excepting to pass a resolution affecting the price. As I viewed it at that time, any other action after referring the matter to the Trustees for instruction would be inconsistent.

This situation might have been avoided by making the motion regarding price a recommendation to the Board, but that would have interfered with the purpose of the report to the entire Board as it would have put it on the basis of making a recommendation and asking for approval.

I am trying to minimize this discrepancy by making a rather complete statement regarding the whole situation, and it is quite possible before submitting this to the Board, I will refer it to the members of the Finance Committee for their judgment.

May I thank you most heartily for writing me. With kindest regards, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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May 18, 1935

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Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary
Board of Founders
University of Nanking
150 Fifth Avenue, City

Dear Mr. Garside:

There was one very minor point which I meant to mention yesterday, but it was crowded out by other matters. Article III, Section 8, of the By-Laws of the University provides that the Committee on Budget shall consist of the chairmen of "the four committees first above mentioned" -- referring to Article III, Section 1. Originally this was correct because the fourth committee was the Committee on Audit. Now that this Committee has been stricken out, the "four committees first above mentioned" include the Committee on Budget. I should imagine that no one would object to a simple change of the word "four" to "three" without any formal action.

As I write, I am wondering whether the recent action taken by the Board of Regents with regard to the charter should be reflected in the first paragraph of Article III, Section 1, where the original charter and various amendments are enumerated.

There seems also to be a little confusion in Article II of the By-Laws, dealing with officers. There is provision in Section 1 for the election of a Treasurer and a Second Assistant Treasurer, but not for a (First) Assistant Treasurer, although the duties of the Assistant Treasurer are set forth at great length in Section 8.

Yours sincerely,

Edwin W. Fielder

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150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y.



June 26th, 1935.

Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside,

Mr. E. W. Fielder has requested me to ask that he be relieved from his responsibility of serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of Nanking University, the same to take effect at the end of the fiscal year of our Board of Foreign Missions. The reasons for Mr. Fielder's request are: Greater limitations placed upon control of his time than heretofore, and certain other matters which have priority in his interests.

I know that Mr. Fielder has been faithful in his duties as a member of the Board of Trustees of Nanking and we regret that he feels the necessity of making this request. I am at a loss where to turn to find a man of his caliber as a successor. Perhaps you have suggestions.

Sincerely,

John R. Edwards
Corresponding Secretary

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July 2, 1935

ack-7/8/35 by J.F. Post

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

Dear Dr. Edwards:

I should have called your attention before this to the following action in the minutes of the June 11th meeting of our Nanking Executive and Finance Committees EF-791:

"VOTED that the Committees cordially endorse the request of the Board of Directors to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the return to the University, after furlough, of Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Trimmer."

We trust that plans are going forward smoothly for the return of Dr. and Mrs. Trimmer to the University of Nanking Hospital after their furlough. They are rendering a particularly valuable service in Nanking, and the field is looking forward eagerly to their return.

Very sincerely,
B A GARSIDE

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BOARD OF REVISIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y.

July 8, 1935

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Dr. Edwards has asked me to answer your letter of July 2 in regard to the return to the field of Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Trimmer, of Nanking, and to say that in all probability, certainly so far as we can now see, the Trimmers will return to Nanking at the close of their furlough.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Peat

J. F. Peat
Acting Associate Secretary

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July 17, 1935

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

Dear Dr. Edwards:

I have not formally acknowledged your letter of June 26th informing us that Mr. Fielder has asked to be relieved from responsibility as a member of our Nanking Board of Trustees, although we have discussed this matter informally.

We would all regret to lose Mr. Fielder from our Nanking Board, for he has been one of our most active and valuable members. He is chairman of the Committee on Finance, is an active member of our Committee on Promotion, and is rendering excellent service also as a member of the Associated Boards Committee on Promotion. He has been giving a great deal of time and thought to the affairs both of Nanking and of the other China colleges and we have valued his assistance highly.

Whether Mr. Fielder's other responsibilities are such as to make it impossible for him to continue this service to Christian higher education in China is a matter which we, of course, must leave entirely to his judgment. I am anxious, however, that he may realize that he has been making an extremely valuable contribution to our work in China - more valuable than he has sometimes realized and that we would all regret very much to lose him.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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August 2, 1955

My dear Mrs. Fielder,

All of us who have had the joy and privilege of working with Mr. Fielder in the Hanking Board of Founders and the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China have been profoundly shocked and grieved to learn that he has so suddenly been called away from us.

Since Mr. Fielder first became a member of these groups serving the cause of Christian higher education in China he has always been not only one of our most active and conscientious members, but also one to whom we have all turned for counsel and assistance. Even though he was very busy with his own executive responsibilities and with his innumerable other obligations, he constantly found time to attend meetings of boards and committees, to study all the voluminous material we sent him with minute care, and to take a wise and constructive share in all our activities. I have many times had occasion to be grateful to him for calling me up in the midst of what must have been a very busy day for him, to talk over in detail some problem in which he was particularly interested. We will miss him more than I can express.

We are all deeply conscious of the inadequacy of words in such times of bereavement. But I do want at least to send this word of sympathy, and to add our humble testimony to the many tributes I know you are receiving in recognition of Mr. Fielder's fineness and nobility of character, and to the generous Christian service he rendered over such a wide range of human interests and human needs.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Edwin W. Fielder,
24 Roosevelt Road,
Maplewood, N. J.

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The family of the late
Edwin W. Fielder
acknowledges with grateful appreciation
the kind expression of your sympathy

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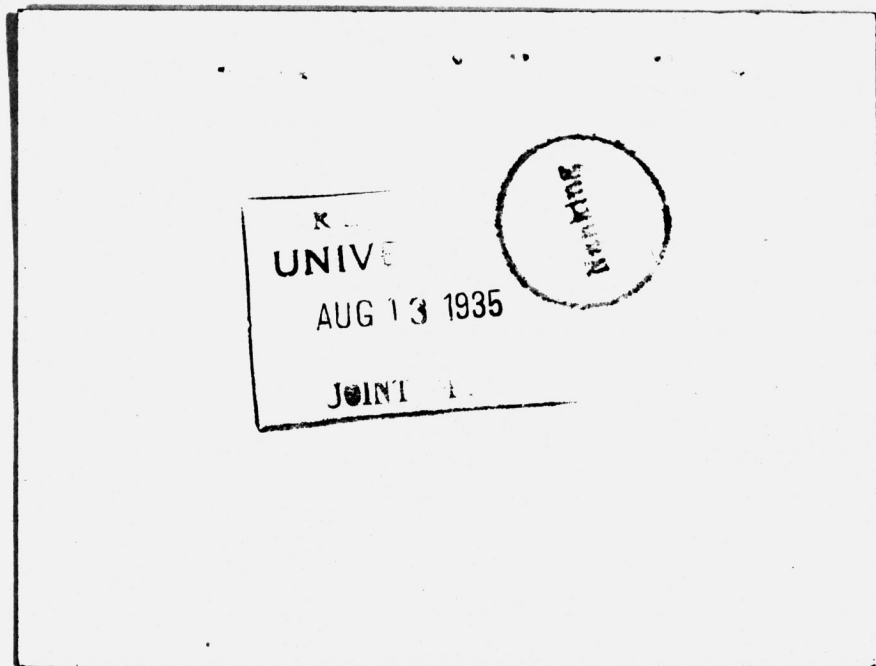
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150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y.

Nanking, October 29, 1935

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

cell 11/4/35

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Dear B.A.

Dr. Ralph A. Felton, Professor of Rural Sociology at Drew Seminary has been invited to Nanking by the Board of Directors of the Nanking Theological Seminary for a year of service.

In planning his trip, I learned that he is taking his family and I learn, also, that his daughter will graduate from Ohio Wesleyan next June would be very glad to work for a modest salary in any Nanking institution where she could be of service. I am enclosing a copy of a few paragraphs from his letter.

Do you think she is sufficiently promising to justify your forwarding this with any covering recommendations that you might secure at Ohio Wesleyan University so that President Chen and the head of the English Department might study her qualifications and see if they care to use her?

Sincerely yours,

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Frank T. Cartwright
Associate Secretary

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Excerpt from letter from Ralph A. Felton
to Mr. Cartwright under date of Oct. 11, 1935

*Send out
Mr. Cartwright
letter*

Re: His daughter

10/29/35

"You also suggested that I write a paragraph concerning our daughter, Mary. She graduates from Ohio Wesleyan in June, 1936. Her major there has been Psychology and her minor Sociology. This senior year she is taking additional courses in Education which will help to fit her for teaching the following year.

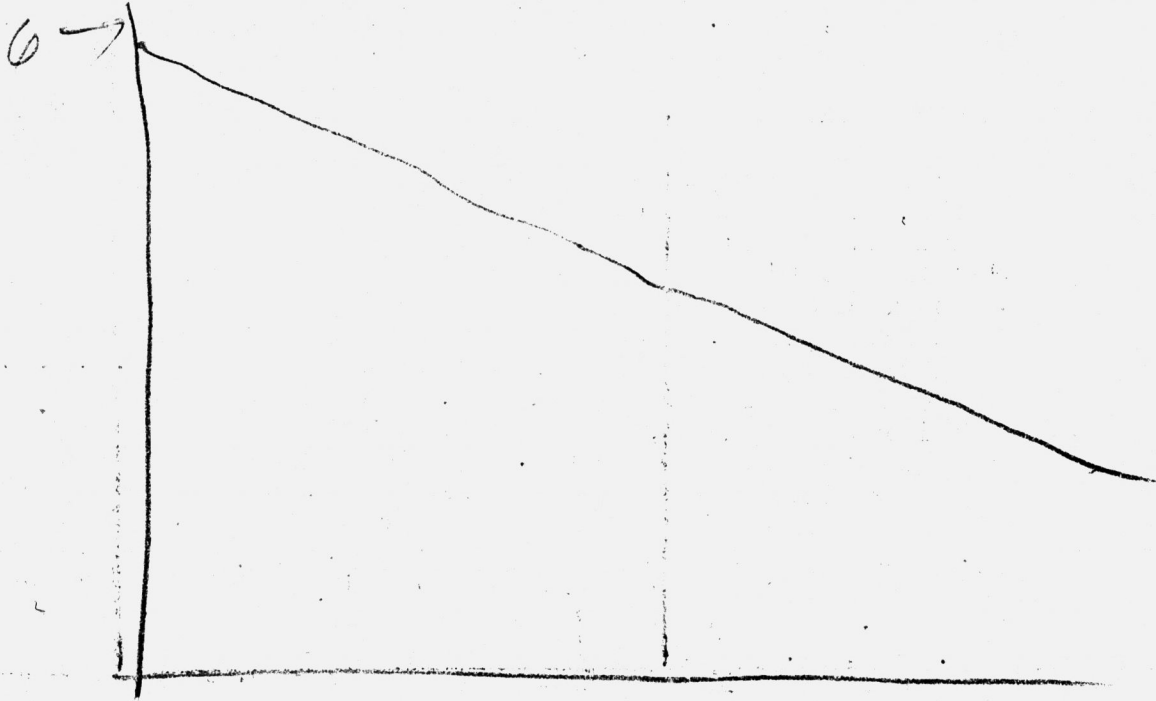
"During her entire high school course she was on the high honor roll, and during her work at Ohio Wesleyan her grades have been "uniformly excellent". During the past two years she has been on the Dean's Honor Roll and during the present school year she has been asked by the Dean of Women to act as Senior Advisor to Freshman girls. Last year she was president of her sorority and this year she is holding offices in the Y.W.C.A. and in the Epworth League of the church. During the three years, Sophomore, Junior and Senior, at Ohio Wesleyan she has been assistant in the department of Psychology. In this work she has graded all the examination papers and has given all of the tests to the students. She also has charge of the laboratory work. During the summer between her freshman and sophomore years she worked in the Neurological Institute and Laboratory of the Columbia Medical School. This is the famous institute carried on by Dr. Tilney and Dr. McGraw. This gave her laboratory experience in the field of psychology which secured for her this laboratory work at Ohio Wesleyan.

"Her interest in the field of sociology is increasing and she is quite interested in getting into social work of some kind.

"Last summer she worked for a while with the Child Placing Society of Morris County.

"I assume that if she went to Nanking with us and could get any opportunities for teaching, it would be the teaching of English. I think it is quite possible that she would consider staying for two years, or perhaps three, although at the present time I assume that we should only consider her staying there one year. I assume that she should not ask for any travelling expenses but for a modest salary which could be used in caring for a part of her expenses for the year."

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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150 Fifth Avenue

New York, N. Y.

December 4, 1935

Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear B. A.:

It is a pleasure to be able to write that the appropriations for the following union institutions have been continued without any cut even in the face of the fact that our receipts for this year have been far below those of last year.

The amounts are as follows:

Fukien Christian University	\$1,718.00
Nanking University	4,055.00
Nanking University Hospital	340.00
Yenching University	1,472.00
West China Union University	<u>2,490.00</u>
	\$10,075.00

Cordially yours,

/s/ FRANK T. CARTWRIGHT

Associate Secretary

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University of Nanking

January 16, 1936

Mr. Frank T. Cartwright,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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Dear Mr. Cartwright,

At this time of year we make a careful survey of prospective income which can be counted upon as available for each of our universities during the fiscal year beginning on July first. This information is passed on to the field authorities, and is a governing factor in the building of the budgets.

In this connection, we are wondering as to the prospects for income during the coming year on the trust fund of \$100,000 which the Methodist Board established for the University of Nanking on June 21, 1923. The action, as you will remember, was as follows:-

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

(2) "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."

Up to the end of 1931 the University received income on this fund at the rate of 5%. But on July 27, 1931 you transmitted to us a memorandum from Dr. Hines stating that due to changes in the investment situation the Finance Committee had voted to reduce its payments of income on this and other permanent funds from 5% to 4½%, effective with the beginning of 1932. Subsequently other reductions have been made, until for the past two years the University has been receiving income at the rate of only 3%.

At the present time the average income on the invested funds of our various China Colleges is slightly above 4% of their book value. (The average rate on present market values would be somewhat higher.) The D. Willis James Trust Fund, held by the American Board for Yenching University, amounting to \$100,000 and established in June, 1925, yielded income during the calendar year 1935 amounting to \$4,269.30, all of which was turned over to the Yenching Trustees by the American

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Mr. Cartwright

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January 16, 1936

Board. Endowment funds amounting to around \$35,000 held in trust for Cheelee University by the Presbyterian Board has been yielding income at the rate of 4%, and we believe that this year the Presbyterian Board hopes for a slight increase above this rate.

We sincerely hope, therefore, that it will be possible for us to report to the University of Nanking that they can count next year on a substantially higher rate of income from the Trust Fund held by the Methodist Board. As you know, the work of the College of Agriculture has felt quite severely the 40% cut in the income from this fund.

We understand that the payment of the income from this \$100,000 Trust Fund is entirely distinct from the current appropriations made from year to year by the Methodist Board to our various China Colleges, since the one comes wholly from collections on designated invested funds, and the other from your various sources of current receipts.

Very sincerely yours,

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B A GARSIDE

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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Garside:

Enclosed is a brief memorial concerning
Mr. Fielder. Please add, amend, erase or otherwise
change as seems to you best to do.

Sincerely,

John R. Edwards
John R. Edwards

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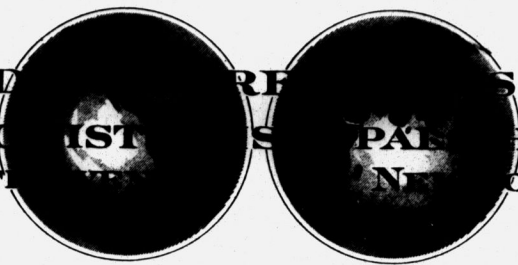
Mr. Edwin W. Fielder was called from earth on .
He became a member of this Board on , and served
with devotion and thoroughness as a member of the Board and of
the Executive and Finance Committees.

The Board records its appreciation of the valuable
services rendered by Mr. Fielder, of the great interest which he
manifested in Christian education in China and our deep regret
over the loss sustained in his death.

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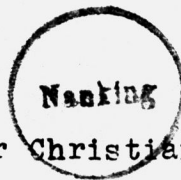
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April 17, 1936.

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Mr. B. A. Garside
Associated Boards for Christian Education
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside: INDEXED University of Nanking

The Executive Committee of our Board, at its meeting on March 12th, 1936, took the following action:

"VOTED, on the recommendation of the Secretaries to elect Mr. Robert C. Morris, Assistant Vice-President of the Bankers Trust Company as a Trustee for Nanking University, to take the place of the late Mr. Edwin W. Fielder."

We are not sure that this information was sent to you.

Sincerely,

John R. Edwards
John R. Edwards
Corresponding Secretary

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May 25, 1936

Mr. Frank T. Cartwright
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Cartwrights

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May we call to your attention the following action taken at the Annual Meeting of the Nanking Founders on April 22nd, 1936 (BF-830):-

"VOTED to concur in the request of the Board of Directors to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church that, after their furlough, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Illick be returned to the University of Nanking as regular representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church on the University faculty."

It is unnecessary to assure you that all the members of the Board of Founders have a high regard for Dr. and Mrs. Illick and that they heartily concur in the request of the Board of Directors that these valuable members of the staff be returned to the University at the expiration of their furlough.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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May 25, 1936

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Mr. Robert C. Morris
Bankers Trust Company
16 Wall Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Morris:

We were delighted to learn from Dr. J. R. Edwards at the annual Meeting of our Nanking Board of Founders held on April 22nd that the Methodist Board has appointed you as one of their representatives on the Nanking Board of Founders. We regret that the appointment was made too late for us to have you present at this meeting, for all the members of the Board would have enjoyed the privilege of meeting you.

I am sure that Dr. Edwards and others have already given you quite full information as to what the University of Nanking is doing, and have told of the place of leadership it holds in Christian higher education in China. But if our office can assist either now or at any later time in supplying you with further details with regard to the work of the University, we will be glad to do so. I am enclosing herewith for your information a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Nanking Founders held on April 22nd.

I hope that I personally may have the privilege of meeting you and talking over with you the things that the University of Nanking is doing and the points at which our Board of Founders can best assist with the work the University is doing. If you are likely to be in the neighborhood of our office at 150 Fifth Avenue in the near future I hope you will drop in to see us. I would always be glad to come to your office at any time that would be mutually convenient if that would be a more satisfactory arrangement.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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SIXTEEN WALL STREET
NEW YORK



May 28, 1936

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Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary,
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 25th with enclosures, all of which I find of considerable interest. Within the near future I intend to take advantage of your kind offer to educate me in the matter of the University of Nanking. Perhaps you could spare the time to come down and have lunch with me. In any event, I shall be in touch with you about June fifteenth.

Very truly yours,

R. C. Morris

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May 29, 1936

Mr. Robert C. Morris
16 Wall Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Morris:

Thank you for your letter of
yesterday.

I would be happy to come down
and have luncheon with you to discuss Banking
matters, at any date we may find mutually con-
venient. I have luncheon appointments on June
3rd, 4th, and 5th, and have tentative engage-
ments for June 1st and June 2nd. Otherwise the
luncheon hour on my schedule for the next few
weeks seems fairly clear.

We are calling a meeting of our
Associated Boards Committee on Finance for the
afternoon of June 11th. I hope that you can be
with us at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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May 29, 1936

Mrs. Francis F. Prentiss
1122 Hanna Building
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Prentiss:

At a recent meeting of the Board of Founders of the University of Hanking the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"The Board of Founders of Hanking University record with deep grief the tidings of the death of Mr. John L. Severance for many years a member of the Board. Mr. Severance and his father, Mr. L. H. Severance had been associated with the Board of Trustees and the Board of Founders since the establishment of the University. Mr. L. H. Severance was throughout his lifetime president of the Board and Mr. John Severance in addition to his membership on the Board was for many years also a member of the Finance Committee. The University owes more than can ever be told to these two generous and devoted men who entered into the administration of its affairs with keen intelligence, with unflinching appreciation of the Christian purpose of the University, and with sound judgment and their liberal cooperation. The Board would express its deep sense of loss and its sincere affection for the memory of these two, father and son, and would send the assurances of its warm sympathy to Mr. Severance's sister, Mrs. Francis F. Prentiss.

Not only in the Hanking Board of Founders, but among the administrative officers and the faculty of the University of Hanking, the death of Mr. Severance has come as a very personal loss. While he has not been able to take as active a part in the work of the Hanking Board during recent years as he did formerly, we have all felt that his interest in the work remained undiminished. I greatly enjoyed the privilege of seeing him in Cleveland last year and know that he was just as deeply interested than as he always has been. Both he and your father had a large part in the building up of the University of Hanking and the splendid service which the University is rendering will long continue to be a living tribute to their fellowship and devotion to this work.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Secretary

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BOARD OF FOUNDERS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y.

June 17, 1936



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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear B.A.:

Your letter of May 25 passing on the vote of the Board of Founders relative to the return of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Illick after furlough, will be placed before our annual meeting in November when such questions will be taken up. My own contacts with the Illicks confirm the request of the faculty and of the Board of Founders of Nanjing. I hope they can go back.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank T. Cartwright

Frank T. Cartwright
Associate Secretary

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Nanking

October 6, 1936

Dr. R. E. Diffendorfer
Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Diffendorfer:

In accordance with the instructions of the Nanking Board of Founders, I am writing to each of the Mission Boards cooperating in the University reporting the action adopted by the Founders with reference to registration of the property of the University in the name of the Board of Directors.

We would be grateful if you would present this communication to the Methodist Board through the proper channels, and would add such information and explanations as may be necessary to give your Board a clear and sympathetic understanding of this important action.

I enclose also a letter transmitting the action taken by the Nanking Founders with reference to the strengthening of its personnel. We would be grateful if you would also transmit this action to your Board and would see that it receives early and sympathetic consideration.

Sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Nanking

October 6, 1936

The Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Gentlemen

At a meeting of the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking held in New York City on September 24th, 1936, the following action was adopted, and I was instructed to report it to each of the Boards of Foreign Missions cooperating in the University of Nanking:-

"VOTED that the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking authorize the Board of Directors of the University to register the property, including both land and buildings, of the University of Nanking with the Chinese Government in the name of the Board of Directors, with the understanding that the Board of Directors will give the Board of Founders, representing the original donors, formal assurance of their acceptance of the trust to carry on the University in accordance with the purpose for which it was founded."

Respectfully yours,

B A GARSIDE

Secretary

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October 7, 1936

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Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking held on September 24th, 1936, consideration was given to the necessity of strengthening the personnel of the Board. At the present time there are several vacancies in the representation of the cooperating Mission Boards, and a few of these representatives have found it impossible to take a very active part in the work of the Board. The necessity for a strong and active Board of Founders is particularly great this year, because of the presence in America of President Chen and other representatives of the University staff.

After discussing this matter quite thoroughly the following action was taken:-

"VOTED to request the cooperating Mission Boards, in filling vacancies in their representation on the Board of Founders, to give special consideration to the appointment of suitably qualified lay members."

The Board of Founders, of course, is very desirous that each of the cooperating Mission Boards be fully represented at all times. It believes that there should be at least one representative, and in many instances more, from the secretariat of each cooperating board. But it also believes that it would add greatly to the strength of the Board if suitably qualified lay members who will take an active interest in the work of the Board can be secured.

Respectfully yours,

B A GARSIDE

Secretary

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Nanking

December 22, 1936

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

Gentlemen:

We have before us copy of the letter of December 18th signed by James H. Moyle, Commissioner of Customs, regarding the shipment of books from the University of Nanking covered by entry No. 741635, dated October 2, 1936.

The grounds upon which refusal to pay are based are so foreign to actual facts that we feel compelled to take the matter up further and make some explanation. The books involved in this shipment contain no advertising value whatever, and were never published for that purpose. The background of the whole enterprise is summed up in the London Art Exhibit. The British desired to have a most valuable and priceless collection of Chinese pottery and the like, and had same transported from China to London, on a British warship. At the same time the Commercial Press of Shanghai printed a catalogue of these relics, describing each one and thereby making a record of this valuable collection.

During the summer of 1935, President Y. G. Chen of the University of Nanking was voted a short sabbatical leave in the United States, and sensing this, the alumni association requested him to purchase a sufficient quantity of these catalogues to give one set to each member of the Board of Trustees in America. It was a mere gesture of appreciation for what the boards in America have done toward helping build up Christian education in the Orient. There was no resale value for them, and neither could they be sold. There was not one word of advertising in any part of the books. All of the sets have not been distributed to the Trustees as yet, and we have several on hand which we can submit for inspection if so desired.

In the spring of 1935 the Internal Revenue Department in Washington investigated the standing of the University of Nanking as regards to exemption from federal income taxation any gifts claimed as being given to a benevolent organization. At the same time investigation was made of the

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University as to application for exemption from capital stock tax. In both instances the government granted exemption to the University. Exemption was granted on May 8th for contributions made to the University by individual donors, the paragraph containing the decision being as follows:-

"Based upon the facts presented, it is held that you are entitled to exemption under the provisions of section 101(6) of the Revenue Act of 1934 and the corresponding provisions of prior revenue acts. You are not, therefore, required to file returns for 1934 and prior years and future returns will not be required so long as there is no change in your organization, your purposes or your method of operation."

On December 3, 1935, exemption was granted from capital stock tax returns as set forth in the following two paragraphs:-

"The claim for exemption from capital stock tax is sustained for the reason that the corporation has been held to be exempt from the Federal income tax under section 101 of the Revenue Act of 1934 or a similar section of a prior revenue act.

"The corporation will not be required to file capital stock tax returns for subsequent taxable years as long as its income tax status remains unchanged."

As the University was acting for the alumni in transmitting the gifts to the Board of Trustees, and as there was no infringing of the express agreement with the United States Government in acting in this capacity, we claim that the decision to levy customs upon the importation of these books to be unjust and unwarranted from the facts involved. We are requesting a review of the case at the earliest possible moment.

Very truly yours,

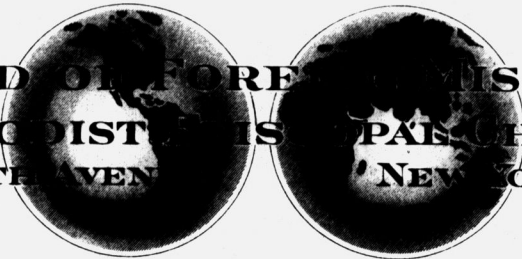
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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y.



February 15, 1937

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Dr. B.A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

My dear Garside:

I am writing to acknowledge your letter of February 8, and also the copy of "John E. Williams of Nanking" by Wheeler which has been received. I am sending a note of appreciation to Wheeler for his book.

Sincerely yours

R.E. Orin
Corresponding Secretary

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
of the
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y.

March 1, 1937

Dictated Feb. 24



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Mr. B.A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear B.A.:

Your letter of February 8th and the appreciative acknowledgement of the book, "John E. Williams of Nenking" have been delayed because of so much absence from the city. I want to send a word of sincere appreciation of this courtesy and to say that I am taking this fine book with me on a trip on which I start tonight, hoping to have opportunity enroute to read it in its entirety.

Sincerely yours,

Frank

Frank T. Cartwright
Associate Secretary

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June 16, 1937

Dr. Frank T. Cartwright
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Cartwrights

At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Founders of
the University of Nanking the following action was adopted:-

"VOTED that the Board of Founders cordially endorse the
request of the Board of Directorsto the Board
of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church
that Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Jones be returned to the
University after their furloughs as regular representa-
tives of the Methodist Church on the faculty of the
University."

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We would be grateful if you will see that this re-
quest is brought before the Methodist Board in due course. Mr.
and Mrs. Jones are very valuable members of the University staff
and we trust that nothing will interfere with their return at the
expiration of their furlough.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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BOARD OF FOUNDERS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y.

July 12th, 1937.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:-

This will acknowledge your letter of June 16th, forwarding the request of the Board of Founders that Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Jones be returned to the University of Nanking after their furlough.

Perhaps you have already learned that the Nanking Theological Seminary has, after conference with Dr. Y. G. Chen, invited Mr. Jones to join the seminary faculty. If this is approved by the resident bishop it probably will be concurred in by our Board and in that event we Methodists will probably appoint a new member on the University of Nanking faculty, at whatever time Mr. Jones' support goes in the seminary budget.

I have written to President Chen asking for an expression of his desire with regard to any new appointee.

Sincerely yours,

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Frank T. Cartwright
Associate Secretary

ALDERSGATE—MAY 24, 1738.

"THIS DAY IN THE LIFE OF JOHN WESLEY MEANT MORE TO ENGLAND
THAN ALL HER VICTORIES UNDER PITT."—LECKY, THE HISTORIAN.

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November 27, 1937

Dr. Frank T. Cartwright
Methodist Board of Foreign Missions
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Cartwright:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter from President Y. G. Chen. You will note that he is suggesting the appointment of Mr. Oliver Caldwell to succeed Mr. Francis P. Jones to complete the Methodist quota at the University of Nanking. I have discussed this proposal with Dr. William P. Fenn, who is, as you know, head of the Department of Foreign Languages at Nanking. On the whole, Dr. Fenn is favorably disposed toward President Chen's suggestion. He feels that Mr. Caldwell has done very good work in the Department of Foreign Languages at Nanking. His one qualification is that Mr. Caldwell has not had as extensive training in the teaching of the English language as might be desired. If the Methodist Board had available, or could discover, a suitable man with a higher degree of special training in the teaching of English as a language, Dr. Fenn would like to give further study to the possibility of appointing such a candidate, before giving final judgment in the case of Mr. Caldwell. I realize, however, that we are rarely able to discover suitable missionary candidates with a high degree of specialized training in the teaching of English, and if no such candidate is available from the Methodist Board, Dr. Fenn would be very glad to see Mr. Caldwell appointed.

We would be grateful for your assistance in this matter, in your dual capacity as a secretary of the Methodist Board, and also as chairman of the Candidate Committee of the Nanking Board of Founders.

Very sincerely yours,

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**BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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NEW YORK, N.Y.**

December 2, 1937

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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Garside:

Y In reply to your letter of the 27th enclosing Dr. W. G. Chen's letter of October 27th let me say that I will be more than glad to talk with Dr. Fenn with regard to the Methodist appointee to the University of Nanking. An earlier letter from Dr. Chen states that they desire our Methodist replacement to be qualified for the teaching of English and therefore we will be glad to consider Mr. Caldwell who seems to have done good work in that department already.

I am quite sure that our Board would not be inclined to accept Caldwell as a missionary in advance of his coming to this country, especially as he was looking forward to completing his academic work toward a doctor's degree. I know Oliver and have met his wife and her family. They have many excellent qualifications, but our Personnel Committee would probably be unwilling even to give consideration to such an appointment as this. They would want to meet the young people in person.

If, however, Dr. Fenn and Dr. Chen are so sure that Caldwell is the right person for this work it might be possible to arrange for the Caldwells to meet our Committee immediately on their return to this country and if they favorably impress the Committee to have them accepted and then allow them to use their year here for further academic training. Such a decision would need to be made after I have seen Dr. Fenn.

I should point out, however, that the request of Nanking Seminary for the appointment of Francis P. Jones was contingent upon the retirement of Dr. Edward James of the present Nanking Theological Seminary faculty. Dr. James, I understand, is not to retire until next year. Therefore, Mr. Jones is still considered by our Board as one of our quota in the University of Nanking.

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December 2, 1937

Please let me know when Dr. Fenn will be available here and we will try to get together to talk over the whole matter.

Cordially yours,

Frank T. Cartwright

Frank T. Cartwright
Personnel Secretary

P.S. I have made an extra copy of this letter which is enclosed, thinking that you might want to forward it to Nanking.

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