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February 2, 1938

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

Dear Cartwrights

Your letter of December 2nd, discussing the possibility of Oliver J. Caldwell's appointment by the Methodist Board as one of their quota on the staff of the University of Nanking has been forwarded to President Chen. We have suggested that he talk the matter over with Mr. Caldwell before Caldwell starts for America next summer, and that then the University send some formal request which we can lay before the Methodist Board.

I have just received a letter from Caldwell, in which we find the following paragraph,<sup>12</sup>

"I expect to go home next June for a year. We hope to return on a long-term appointment. In the meantime, I am looking for a job for 1938-39. I have already made several applications, and should appreciate it if you vouch for my standing here in case you should receive any inquiries. Also, you might be able to give me some advice regarding the best way to go about securing the kind of position I want. My first choice would be a fellowship which would allow me to study and to prepare some manuscripts for publication. Is there any university with church affiliations which would be willing to consider my application? My second choice would be an assistantship, and my third any full-time job which would allow me to work in my leisure on the material I have in hand. I should be grateful for any advice you might care to give."

I wonder if you have any suggestions for a fellowship or an assistantship, such as Caldwell has in mind?

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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

February 21, 1938

Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell  
C/o Bishop R.A. Ward  
Chengtu, West China.

Dear Oliver:

Your letter of January 1 made pretty good time in getting to this country. Yesterday I was able to go up to the office of Mr. Garside and to talk over with him various phases of that letter. Let me answer it at this time.

First of all, let me reply to one section about which I did not consult with Mr. Garside. That is: "the possibility of applying for the position formerly filled by Mr. Jones." That question had been raised by someone else within fairly recent weeks, therefore, it was not a surprise to me. I believe you put your finger upon one of the fundamental problems in your statement that "the most important is the matter of salary." We realize that our basic salary is low and it is quite probable that you would not be justified in making the sacrifices entailed in applying for an appointment as a Methodist missionary. The present scale is \$950 for a married missionary with \$95.00 additional for a child up to five years of age. This is 10% of the basic salary. This would be considerably less than the \$1320 which is allowed by the University for a married couple.

Another drawback to such an appointment would lie in the fact that appointments as regular missionaries to University faculties are preferably made among those who hold either a M.A. or a Doctor's degree in the subject which the missionary is expected to teach. This would entail for you at least a year of additional study with consequent heavy expense.

Now as to the matters about which I talked with Garside:

(1) A possible teaching fellowship. The experience of both of us leads to a categorical reply that it is too late even to be considered for such a fellowship in the academic year of 1938-39. Nominations for fellowships are usually presented to the colleges in the autumn. They are considered early in January and the appointments have already been made. There are universities which I believe would give very sympathetic consideration to an application from one who had had such wide international experience as you have had. In view of this fact, - that you are coming home this spring, I believe that far better progress can be made after you come than now. Of course, if we had had this matter before us last autumn, it might have been possible to secure favorable action but at this late date the only chance for an appointment would come through the illness or death of someone already under appointment. We may hear of something of that sort during these spring and summer months.

(2) Both in the work of the Associated Boards for Christian

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Mr. O.J. Caldwell

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February 21, 1938

Colleges and in the work of our own Church, there are frequent opportunities for one to speak concerning the place of Christian education in China. There will be very little opportunity of that sort before autumn. Such openings slacken in number about the first of May. There are chances through the summer at Epworth League Institutes but there is no remuneration in these. The institutes take care of living expenses only.

As far as can now be seen the making of such addresses as suggested by you would not be a paying proposition. I mean by that that neither the Board nor the University office has anyone on salary for that sort of work. Our own Methodist Board uses missionaries on furlough just as was done in the case of your father when he was last in this country. There is a bare possibility that there may be an opening in a related field where a man of your qualifications and experience might be placed on salary for cultivational work. By the time you reach this country a decision will be made as to whether or not such a worker or workers will be called. If the decision is yes, your name will be laid before the appropriate committee.

I envy you the experiences you are having in China these days even though many of them have been unpleasant, some of them dangerous. You are where things are happening, where a nation is in flux and where, in my judgment, a man can give some of the most effective service to be found anywhere on the face of this globe. God bless you, Oliver, and keep you well. Your letter is the first intimation that the wife and baby were home. I am sending her a note of greeting in care of her father.

Cordially yours,

*Frank T. Cartwright*  
Frank T. Cartwright  
Associate Secretary

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✓ Copy to: Mr. Garside

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

March 29, 1938

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

Dear B.A.:

I fear I have overlooked notifying you of a recently received letter from Dr. J.T. Illick the significant paragraphs of which read as follows:

"The official offer of an associate professorship in zoology came from Syracuse this week to begin in the Fall of 1938. I accepted. For them it is considered a permanent tenure.

"Even though we felt sure of the impossibility of a return to Nanking this Fall, it was a very difficult decision to make. Nevertheless, under the circumstances, we feel we did the right thing. It will take care of us for next year."

And in another part of the letter: "It has been wonderful to have seen young Chinese men give their lives to Christ. Conditions may develop that we can return in the future. The present one ambition of our children is to get back to China."

I am writing to Dr. Chen asking his advice concerning replacement.

Very sincerely yours,

*Frank*

Frank T. Cartwright  
Associate Secretary

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

COPY FOR MR. C.A. EVANS

May 10, 1938.

Mr. Glenn V. Fuller,  
Shanghai, China.

CHINA CLIPPER

Dear Glenn:

In order to get a request to you at the earliest possible moment I am sending it by Clipper realizing that it is impossible in this way to reach the three bishops. Will you please see that the significant portion of this letter is brought to their attention. It is possible that you are having a committee meeting within the next few days, following the receipt of this letter, because I believe Bishop Hammaker is due back in Shanghai at approximately that time.

At the meeting of the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking held last week, careful consideration was given to the very serious predicament in which the University Hospital finds itself. There was reported a probable deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30th of \$54,000 Mex. According to the official letter they are expecting to raise approximately one-half of that amount from sources in China.

The Board of Founders, through its officers, has urgently requested that the Methodists assume one-third of this amount that has to be raised outside of China. This is on the theory that the Methodists, Presbyterians and Disciples are the three organizations co-operating in the hospital. At current exchange the amount needed to meet this obligation is \$2,300. U.S. currency, and the Board of Founders has not only requested but urged that our Church provide that amount.

We are forwarding this request to you at once with the cordial endorsement of the Secretaries here at "150". We realize that we should not allocate funds here in this country inasmuch as we have forwarded to your committee in China the \$38,000 within the past few weeks. Allocation should be on the field. Therefore, we gladly forward to you the request of the Board of Founders in the confident expectation that your Committee will sympathetically consider this request along with the probable similar requests from other hospitals as well as the actual need for the feeding and care of refugees.

In view of the great and widely publicized service rendered by the Nanking Hospital, we feel that a recognition of that institution's need is not only strategic from the standpoint of the American donors but is also participation in a Christlike service to suffering folks.

Cordially yours,

/Signed/ Frank T. Cartwright

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

June 7, 1938

*ack'd 6/9/38*

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

Dear B.A.:

The attached memorandum from Dr. Vaughan certainly is a poser. You and I have had some conversation about it over the telephone but I forward this formal document for your information.

What next? Shall we, as a Methodist Board, simply take action extending the furlough of Dr. and Mrs. Steward on medical grounds and then notify President Chen of this situation? Or should we first consult with him and then take the action? Please return the memorandum as it is the only copy which I have.

Very sincerely yours,

*Frank.*

Frank T. Cartwright  
Associate Secretary

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June 9, 1938

Dr. Frank T. Cartwright  
Methodist Board  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Cartwright:

Your letter of June 7th addressed to Mr. Garside and enclosing memorandum regarding A. N. Steward and family is at hand.

At the meeting of the University of Nanking Executive Committee held on May 20th, it was voted that your Board be urged to return Dr. A. N. Steward to China as soon as feasible. Subsequently, Dr. Ehnes reported something of the findings outlined by Dr. Vaughan. We are not, therefore, surprised at the turn of events.

There seems to be no reason for delaying action upon extending the Steward furlough. In the light of Dr. Vaughan's statement, which is being returned herewith, certainly we would not desire them to return to China before January 1st. Presumably it will cripple the teaching staff somewhat, and President Chen should be notified as soon as possible.

We will report this situation to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
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150 FIFTH AVENUE  
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August 4, 1938

*Feb 9 1938*

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

Dear B.A.:

In a letter written from Bishop R. L. Ward of Chenctu, West China, dated May 21st, there is a paragraph which I believe should be passed to you and to the Board of Trustees of the University. Bishop Ward is one of our most experienced China hands, having been a missionary there for several terms of service and in addition having served in Secretarial capacities here in the Board of Foreign Missions and also in our inter-board relationship. This tribute to President Chen and Miss Priest carries, therefore, a much heavier than usual weight with me.

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"That mention of Nanking University tempts me to many more pages for this letter, but I must not yield. As you may know, the Board of Founders and the Board of Directors, by correspondence vote, recently established an Emergency Executive Committee here for the University during the period of evacuation from Nanking, and I was named as one of its members. This has again given me a little more touch with its current business though, because of war conditions, I had been quite closely associated with some of its affairs during recent months. The Emergency Executive Committee had another meeting last week to consider a number of items including the budget for the ensuing year. I came away from that meeting with almost an awed admiration for the intimately detailed care with which President Chen and the treasurer, Miss Priest, together with the deans conduct the financial affairs of the University. I do not recall having seen a more carefully administered institution with as wise and genuine a Christian spirit in its major direction."

Very sincerely yours,

*Frank T. Cartwright*

Frank T. Cartwright  
Associate Secretary

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ASSOCIATED BOARDS  
FOR  
CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York

August 10, 1938

Trustees  
University of Nanking

Dear Friends:

The Methodist Board of Foreign Missions has very kindly handed us a paragraph from a letter written by Bishop R. A. Ward of Chungtu, West China, dated May 21st. Bishop Ward is one of the most experienced China hands, having been a missionary there for several terms of service, and in addition having served in secretarial capacities in the New York board room and in the interboard relationship.

The following tribute to President Chen and Miss Priest, therefore, is of especial significance:-

"The mention of Nanking University tempts me to many more pages for this letter, but I must not yield. As you may know, the Board of Founders and the Board of Directors, by correspondence vote, recently established an Emergency Executive Committee here for the University during the period of evacuation from Nanking, and I was named as one of its members. This has again given me a little more touch with its current business though, because of war conditions, I had been quite closely associated with some of its affairs during recent months. The Emergency Executive Committee had another meeting last week to consider a number of items including the budget for the ensuing year. I came away from that meeting with almost an awed admiration for the intimately detailed care with which President Chen and the treasurer, Miss Priest, together with the deans conduct the financial affairs of the University. I do not recall having seen a more carefully administered institution with as wise and genuine a Christian spirit in its major direction."

Very truly yours,



Assistant Secretary

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September 6, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. B.A.GARSDIE

A letter just today received from Dr. Albert N. Steward (letter dated Sept. 2, 1938) has the following paragraph in which we believe you will be interested:

"Unless there is some objection, I should like to go to Shanghai, and stop off long enough to try to get to Nanking to bring out some of my teaching notes and books from my office at the University. Then I shall plan to travel by way of Indo-China to Yunnanfu and on by bus to Chengtu, unless the University people urge me to travel by air. I prefer not to make the trip by air, for I would like to take more luggage than can be carried that way."

Frank T. Cartwright

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September 8, 1938

Dr. Frank T. Cartwright,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Cartwright:

In accordance with our conversations last week I sent the University of Nanking a cable stating that we had been unable to find a satisfactory single person for English but had a particularly choice couple available if they could possibly stand a married salary. They have cabled back as follows:-

MARRIED SALARY IMPOSSIBLE. ADEQUATE TEMPORARY  
STAFF AVAILABLE.

This seems to close definitely this particular possibility that we might get the Maurers out to China on the University of Nanking budget. At the same time the message seems to stress that the University's primary need in the English is for long-term appointees, rather than for temporary appointees for the immediate present.

We hope that the Methodist Board can give these young people very serious consideration. I am returning their papers. Mr. Murer telephoned a day or so ago, and stated that he would await further word from us.

Sincerely,

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April 5, 1939

Dr. Frank T. Cartwright  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Cartwright:

I have just received a letter from the treasurer of the University of Nanking asking us to communicate with co-operating boards supplying staff members where vacancies exist.

Attention is called to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Illick, a Methodist Board appointee. It is stated that US\$1300 is the amount which should be paid for a vacancy covering a year and that this amount should be paid to us and forwarded to the field treasurer.

In view of the foregoing, it might be well to clarify the situation regarding the Methodist Board appointees on the staff of the University of Nanking.

To that end, if you will give us a complete statement, we will forward same to the university treasurer.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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

April 25, 1939

*OK 4/28/39*

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

Dear Evans:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 5th about which we talked briefly a week or more ago. In our conversation I stated that for a considerable period of time our Board had not been able to make cash payments in lieu of missionaries on the staffs of the Christian Colleges in China. As I recall the conversation, you were going to look up some of the facts and correspondence in connection with this. This letter will be held for final answer until I have heard from you.

Very sincerely yours,

*Frank T. Cartwright*  
Frank T. Cartwright  
Associate Secretary

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April 28, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Cartwright:

Your letter of April 25th brings to mind an omission which I should have followed up. After our conversation, I immediately studied our accounts and found that over the past ten years the Methodist Board has not been paying for vacancies. In turning back, however, to previous minutes of the Board I found that it was definitely understood that all cooperating mission boards would supply cash in lieu of missionary staff.

I should have reported this to you at once, but when I checked with your office you were not there, and having taken one step in the performance of a function I presume my mind dismissed the subject entirely. Anyway it has given me an opportunity to check still further and I find under date of March 3, 1934 at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Banking the following minute:-

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

In view of the foregoing which has been accepted by the other three cooperating boards, it would seem that the Methodist Board has a like obligation.

I am quite sure likewise that the field understands the situation, as stated above, as on two different occasions now our attention has been called to this discrepancy.

With sincerest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

CAE/S

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

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July 11, 1940

*ack 7/15/40*

The University of Nanking,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City

Gentlemen:

Letters from Mr. Evans regarding Methodist missionary participation in the University of Nanking were reported at a recent meeting of our Secretarial group. I was authorized to reply "that we regret that we have been unable to keep up these payments and will give this sympathetic consideration in preparing the appropriations for the next fiscal year."

This sounds as if this were a mere "report of progress". The sentiment of the staff, however, was quite clearcut that in the new Board to be organized this next month, this agreement entered into so long ago should be called to their attention with a recommendation that it be kept until such time as by formal action it should be cancelled.

Sincerely yours,

*Frank T. Cartwright*

Frank T. Cartwright  
Associate Secretary

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October 23, 1940

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*11/28/40 by  
Gibson's office*

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

Dear Frank:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards on October 4, action E-1129 requested the officers of the Associated Boards to find out whether any help could be secured from the funds of the Nanking Theological Seminary for the item mentioned in vote E-1127, Section (c), as follows:-

"Research through the Institute for Research in Religion in China, with a view to promoting and correlating further studies in this field in the Christian colleges and by all others concerned under their leadership."

Can you get this information for us, or advise us as to how to go about securing the information to fulfill the request of the Executive Committee?

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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November 19, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Cartwright:

In the enclosed minutes of the meeting of the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking, you will find under action BF-1135 the appointment of the committee to study the situation regarding Western staff members. Dr. Spears felt that this matter, being so intimately related to the work of the Mission Boards, should be considered by a committee made up of people who are thoroughly familiar with the viewpoint of the Boards concerned.

I do not need to tell you how important a question this is, requiring as it does very careful handling. It is hoped that this committee can give early attention to the study required.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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December 20, 1940

Dr. Frank S. Cartwright  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Cartwright:

The enclosed pamphlet and letter have been used as the basis of a general appeal to the University of Nanking mailing list. We should very much appreciate your criticisms.

Our promotional program seems to be progressing smoothly. One of our most urgent needs is for a larger mailing list. We are sending you separately ten additional copies of the pamphlet, which we hope you will distribute among your friends; we would like to add the recipients to our list.

This autumn we have secured seven reels of 16 mm motion picture films from the Department of Visual Education. These films have received excellent critical notice from experts in America. Copies are now being made, and soon will be ready for distribution. They depict many phases of life, work, art, and scenery in Free China, and in Eastern Tibet. Please let us know if you care to arrange a showing for your friends. This should be an ideal way to win new supporters for the University.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell  
Field Representative

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