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Resent May 20.

April fifth,
1912.

Dr. W. W. Pinson,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Pinson:-

In sending the enclosed communication, I must offer an apology for its delay. It should have been sent to you early in February. Enforced absence from my office and inability to consult with several people in the preparation of the documents has delayed the matter.

I was in conversation here yesterday with Dr. Cook and tried to get him in touch with Mr. Williams. If you are to be in New York during the meeting of the Committee on the Home Base, it might be possible for us to arrange an informal conference with some of the members of our Board in which we could go over the whole matter. Dr. Cook thought that it would be desirable for Mr. Williams to be present at a session of your Board at its meeting in May.

Personally, I hope that you will look upon this matter with favor. Our campaign for endowment is going on firely. We have raised over \$100,000 of the amount and a number of large gifts are still pending.

There are strong men on our Board of Trustees and they are willing to give time, energy, and money to the enterprise. It looks now as if Nanking is to be made the center for that region of a great Christian University, one that is not on paper or projected, but one whose roots are already established.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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Resent May 20.

April fifth,
1912.

Board of Missions,
Methodist Episcopal Church, South,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

Gentlemen:-

As Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the University of Ranking, I desire to lay before you the following action of the Board of Trustees unanimously adopted at their regular meeting on January 27, 1912. The minute as entered in the books of the Board is as follows:

"After some discussion as to the possibility of other Mission Boards entering the work of the Union University at Ranking, it was voted to invite the Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Methodist Church to enter the Union as now established by the Board of Trustees and directed that the Secretary should lay before them this invitation and the conditions imposed by the constitution, namely, that the Board provide \$40,000 in gold for property and equipment, \$3,000 in gold, annually for current expenses, and the support in the Institution of four foreign members of the faculty."

In presenting this resolution to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Board of Trustees beg to call to your attention the following items for consideration, all of which have a direct bearing upon the possible future relations which your Board will have to this educational project in China.

1. The present educational opportunity in China.

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2. The necessity of strengthening the existing Institutions.

3. The feeling toward unity on behalf of all the religious agencies at work in the empire and its actual realization in many instances.

4. The history and growth of the Union University at Hanking.

5. The administration of the present Union University, its American Board of Trustees and its incorporation under the laws of the state of New York.

6. The arrangement for the granting of degrees at the University from the Board of Regents of the University of New York.

7. The present campaign for endowment and equipment for the Institution at Hanking.

8. The possibility of the establishment of a Medical Department which shall unify all the medical work now being done by Christian Institutions in Hanking and vicinity.

9. The special advantages to Scotch College and to the University of Hanking if a union could be effected.

These and other items are ably set forth in the attached documents, namely: a copy of the proposed Constitution of the University of Hanking, under which Constitution the University is now being operated; a copy of President Tower's last annual report; an envelope containing a document setting forth the plans of the present financial campaign, together with maps showing the strategic location of Hanking and the proposed scheme of the University buildings; and a statement by the Rev. J. E. Williams, Vice President of the University of Hanking who is now in America on behalf of the financial campaign, prepared at the request of the Board, setting forth his reasons why a union of forces would be of mutual advantage.

In offering this resolution the Board of Trustees again records its gratitude for the Providential leading in the establishment of

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the Union University in Hanking, and regards the successful culmination of two years of actual operation under the new plan as a basis for confidence and faith in the future of the Institution.

I may say that Mr. Williams will be in America at least until Fall and the Board has asked him to supplement this letter by a statement of the situation as he sees it at the present time. The Board might also arrange for a visit of Mr. Williams to Nashville should that be deemed desirable by your secretaries.

Under separate cover I am sending you a number of copies of President Owen's report which may be of interest to your Secretaries and Board members.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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Statement of the Rev. J. E. Williams Concerning the Advan-
tage of union work.

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(1) Because the tendency of the present time at home and especially on the mission field is toward union, this union will inevitably come sooner or later. This is the psychological moment when union educational work is not only advisable but most urgently demanded.

(2) No one mission could begin to meet the educational demands and opportunities without giving all its energies to this work, and so getting out of sympathy with the other parts of the great work of establishing the Kingdom of Christ. While by combining, no undue prominence need be given to educational work in any of the co-operating missions, and by mutual interaction both educational and evangelistic work can be done much more efficiently.

(3) By uniting with the missions at Nanking in higher educational work during the last two years of college and the University courses, the work could be more economically done than at Soochow; in addition, your men in the University would have an opportunity for influencing a larger number of the students from all parts of China. If the other missions of Soochow co-operated with the Methodist Mission in developing feeders and supporting Soochow College, more effective work could be done at Soochow, both for the Methodist and other missions, and for a smaller outlay than is now possible.

(4) By entering the union at Nanking at this time the Southern Methodist Board and Missions would have an equal voice in all the counsels for the development of the University and an equal share in any prestige and power that comes from a larger union.

(5) No additional burden of expense in men and money need be incurred by the Southern Board - only an adjustment of the forces and funds already in the field at Shanghai and Soochow - on lines which should prove more effective.

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April twenty-ninth,
1912.

The Rev. W. W. Pinson, D. D.,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Pinson:-

Thus far I have had no acknowledgment from you as to the receipt of my letter of April 5 on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the University of Marketing. Did you receive the letter and documents? If so, is there any likelihood that you would desire the presence of the Rev. J. M. Williams at your Board meeting in May? Should you desire his presence, on what date would you need him? You will understand that the Board of Trustees are not desiring to urge this matter upon you. I am writing merely because I have had no letter whatever from you and have wondered whether or not the documents could have been lost.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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May 8th, 1912.,

TRANSMITTED

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT.

REC'D MAY 11 1912

AND.....

Mr. R.E. Diffendorfer,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Brother:

Your letter of the 29th of April was received during the session of our Board. The letter you refer to of April 5th with documents we have never received. The only official communications we had in reference to the Nanking University were from our missionaries on the field, and that as to the medical and theological departments. Our Board took favorable action on the request of our missionaries for co-operation in the medical school and granted what they asked. The proposed theological or Bible school we held over for further consideration and fuller information before taking action. It is my purpose to look into these matters during a visit which I am planning to the Orient this summer.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Pinson

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TRANSFER



May 18th, 1912.

Dr. W. W. Pinson,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Pinson:-

It is with very great regret that I note in your letter of May 8th that you never received my letters of April 5th and the documents concerning the University of Nanking. I had prepared these especially for the meeting of your Board so that you would have before you the entire matter of affiliation with the University.

Herewith I am sending copies of my letters of April 5th and under separate cover I am sending the documents referred to in the letters. These are official communications from the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking.

We note the favorable action of your Board on the request of your missionaries for cooperation in the Medical School and also your postponement of the consideration of the Bible School. As these are matters which are pertinent to the Board of Trustees of the University, would you be kind enough to send me copies for perusal at our next meeting of the Board? Would you like to come to the next meeting of our Board and discuss these matters? I think I could easily arrange an invitation for you and a place on the docket. The Board meets again on May 29th at 2 P.M.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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Nanking

June 6, 1912.

Board of Missions,
Methodist Episcopal Church South,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Gentlemen;

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking on Wednesday, May 29, the following report presented by the Committee of the Board on Union Medical School, was presented and adopted;

The Committee on the Medical Department of the University having considered the fact that the invitation to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South to enter the Union University at Nanking on the basis of full representation on the Board would not probably be acted upon at once, and having knowledge that the missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in central China had acted favorably toward cooperation in the Union Medical School, and having received word that the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South is favorably inclined to this request from their missionaries, *recommend* that the following resolution be sent to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South;

"In view of the resolution of the Acting Board of Trustees of the East China Union Medical College adopted at its meeting on June 21st-22nd, a copy of which is attached hereto, and in view of the action of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking at its meeting on November 24th, 1911, a copy of which minute is attached hereto, the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking hereby invite the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South to join with the University of Nanking in conducting the East China Union Medical

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College as the Medical Department of the University of Nanking, and to this end invites the Board of Missions to appoint a representative on the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking."

The Committee recommend further that a letter be sent in the name of the Board, explaining the reasons for this action and that the Committee be authorized to assure the Board of Missions that the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking is prepared to waive the terms of admission to the University, stated in the provisional Constitution, and to admit to the Board of Trustees of the University the representative of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South on condition that it will supply one doctor for the faculty of the Medical School with a proportionate share of the expense of the Medical School, and will do what may be possible toward aiding in the property equipment.

The action of the Board of Trustees of the East China Medical College referred to above, was as follows:

On behalf of the Committee appointed to secure information concerning the organization of a permanent Board of Trustees, Dr. Beebe presented a report, recommending that the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking, with additional representatives from Missionary Societies participating in the Medical School but not in the University, should hold the properties of this Medical School.

VOTED: That the Acting Trustees of the Medical College recommend to the Home Boards of the Missionary Societies represented, that the properties of this institution be entrusted to the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking, provided that arrangements can be made whereby the Societies not now represented on that Board may secure such representation as is considered equitable, and that the direct control of the Medical College be vested in a Board of Managers, on the field, appointed by the Missions participating in the Union Medical College.

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VOTED: That, realizing the possibility of legal or other obstacles to the foregoing plan, we recommend as an alternative proposition, that a Board of Trustees consisting of two representatives from each of the participating Missionary Societies, be organized in the United States, for the purpose of holding and administering the properties of this institution, and that the direct control be vested in a Board of Managers on the field appointed by the participating Missions.

The action of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking, adopted at its meeting on November 24th, 1911, was as follows:

Concerning the proposition of the Union Medical College presented by Dr. Beebe, it was moved that it is the sense of the Board of Trustees that the East China Union Medical College be invited to become an integral part of the University of Nanking to be represented on the Board of Trustees on a basis to be mutually agreed upon and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the East China Medical College through Dr. Beebe.

The reasons for the action taken by the Board we feel are clear and convincing;

1. - The Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking is already incorporated by charter from the Board of Regents from the University of the State of New York. It would be confusing and it would seem to be unnecessary to have a second Board of Trustees.

2. - A separate Board of Trustees for the Medical School could not secure a charter from the Board of Regents of the State of New York without having \$100,000 in equipment and endowment. In the absence of sufficient equipment and endowment to meet this requirement, a second Board of Trustees of the Medical School would have to seek incorporation elsewhere than in New York, which would mean that the degrees which it could confer would be inferior to those which could be conferred by the Medical Department of the University of Nanking, which are degrees of the University of the State of New York. As part of the University, the total equipment and

endowment of the University are accepted as covering the requirement of \$100,000.

3. - It is in the highest degree desirable, both for efficiency and economy, that the educational work of the Missions in Nanking should be coordinated in the most harmonious way possible. The University, of course, requires this Medical Department in order to complete its work, and the East China Union Medical School requires affiliation with the University in order that it may do its work.

4. - The original requirements of the Constitution of the University for the admission of any new body were as follows:

A. Each Mission entering the union shall be entitled to full representation (i.e. by four members) on the Board of Managers, upon meeting the following conditions;

(1) Funds or property shall be provided of a minimum value of \$40,000 gold.

(2) Three regularly appointed missionaries who may become members of the faculty upon appointment by the Board of Managers.

(3) An annual cash guarantee, toward current expenses, of not less than \$4000 gold, until such time as these expenses together with those arising from development, etc. are so amply covered by endowment that these funds are no longer required for the maintenance and proper development of the University.

B. Any Mission which cannot meet all the conditions for full representation as stated in Clause A. of this section may secure partial representation as follows:- By providing \$10,000 gold in money or available property, one instructor and \$600 gold for current expenses, a mission may secure one representative on the Board of Managers. For \$20,000 gold, two instructors and \$1200 gold for current expenses a mission may have two representatives. For \$30,000 gold, three instructors, and \$1800 gold for current expenses, a mission may have three representatives.

The annual cash guarantee mentioned above has

since been raised to \$3,000 and the number of missionaries on the faculty from three to four. The Board of Trustees of the University feel so keenly the desirability of the union of the Medical College with the University, and are so eager to respond to the request of the Acting Board of Trustees of the Medical College on the field, that they are willing to waive these requirements of the Constitution, asking only that one doctor for the faculty of the Medical School and a proportionate share of the expense of the Medical School, with the added hope that the Board of Missions will give such help as it may be able to in our efforts to provide the necessary property, equipment, but no requirement is laid down at this point.

The Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking are putting the property needs of the Medical Department into their own scheme of necessities for which they are now seeking to secure more than one-half million dollars for equipment and endowment.

5. - The proposal which the Board of Trustees now makes to the Board of Missions invites you to assume that responsibility which your representatives in China have already reported favorably in regard to the Medical College. In accepting this proposal it is understood that your connection is through and on account of the Medical School, although the Board expresses the hope that the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South will see its way clear to participate in the work of the Union University on the full basis according to the invitation recently sent from the Board of Trustees.

Please let us know if there are any questions which we can answer.

The Board of Missions may desire to know that invitations to participate in the Medical School have already been sent to the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, the Southern Baptist Board and the Southern Presbyterian Board on the basis outlined in this letter.

~~The Southern Methodist~~ ^{the} Southern Baptist Board^s have already formally accepted and have appointed their member of the Board of Trustees. We also have assurance that favorable action will

be taken by the two other Boards. It is our hope to secure definite replies to these invitations in order that we may at one and the same time petition the Board of Regents of the University of New York for an amendment to our charter, permitting the addition to our Board of Trustees of the desired number of representatives to meet the requirements of the Medical School. We have practical assurance that such a request will be granted.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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Nanking

October first,
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The Rev. Ed. F. Cook, D. D.,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tennessee.

My dear Dr. Cook:

Mr. Speer has handed to me your letter to him of recent date regarding the cooperation of the Southern Methodist Board in our union medical project at Nanking.

As Secretary of the Board I am glad to be able to report to our Board of Trustees this favorable action of your denomination. According to the action of our Board of Trustees, this resolution on the part of your Board conveys with it the right to elect one representative of your Board to serve on our Board of Trustees. The Southern Baptists have expressed their willingness to come into this Union and have elected Joshua Lovering of Baltimore to serve on the Board.

If your Board will advise me of the appointment I will be glad to correspond with the person elected. We have an amendment to our Charter now pending which will permit us to receive additional members to our Board of Trustees with only a minimum amount of "red tape." However, there is nothing in that resolution to prevent your electing your representative at that time.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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Oct. 3, 1912.



Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Brother::

Your letter of the 1st, is at hand in regard to the election of a representative for our Board on the Board of Trustees of the Union Medical College, at Nanking. In reply I beg to say that we will take the matter up at the first opportunity and will report to you at once the name of the trustee elected.

Yours very truly,

Ed F. Cook

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October
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Dr. Ed. F. Cook,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Cook:

The first meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking after the vacation season will be held in the Foreign Mission Board Assembly Room, 8th Floor, 156 Fifth Avenue, at 10 A. M. on November 8th, 1912.

Inasmuch as your Board has voted formally to enter this union project in Nanking, would it not be well for you to send some representative to this first meeting? While our Charter is not yet amended we should be very glad to welcome such a representative to sit with the Board and enter into its discussions as fully as possible. We believe that this first meeting will be a most important one.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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November 7, 1912.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT.

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Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,
902 Fidelity Building,
Baltimore, M. D.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the communication received from you some days ago to the effect that our Board would be entitled to a representative on the Board of Trustees of Nanking University, I write to advise that the Board met on November 5th and elected the undersigned to that position. Please advise me so soon as the proper steps have been taken to give me a legal status on the Board.

Anticipating with pleasure the opportunity to serve in connection with this very important institution, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ed. Flood

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November 20, 1912.

The Rev. Ed. F. Cook, D. D.,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Cook:

Your letter of November 17th addressed to me in Baltimore concerning the University of Nanking has been forwarded to me here, and this is the first opportunity I have had to reply.

I am very glad indeed to note that you have been elected a member of the Board of Trustees to represent the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church South. You know, of course, that there is an amendment to our Charter now pending before the Board of Regents which will determine the exact method by which you will become legally a member of the Board. That amendment will be voted on the 12th of December next. After that time I will write you again regarding the necessary procedure.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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December 14, 1912.

Dr. Ed. F. Cook,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Cook:

On December 12th the Board of Regents of the State of New York amended the Charter of the University of Nanking. Herewith is a copy of the revised Charter. You will note that the way is now open for the Board of Trustees to receive the representative of your Board into the Medical School. An official letter has already gone to the three cooperating Boards in order that their permission may be secured, granting the admission of your Board to the University of Nanking. As soon as we receive reply from the three cooperating Boards we shall send you a further notice.

Rejoicing in the continued evidence of the blessing of God on this Union enterprise, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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December 23, 1912.

Dr. Ed. F. Cook,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Cook:

Herewith is a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking. There are many items in these minutes which will be of interest to you and to your Board. You will be interested in the progress that is made from time to time and in the wide outlook and hopeful progress as indicated in the work of the Board of Trustees.

Will you kindly see that all official communications from your Board to the Board of Trustees are sent to me? We are making history in the organization and promotion of this union project in Nanking. I am endeavoring, therefore, to keep all of the official papers in a condition which will make them valuable for reference in the future. It would be helpful if you could send the copies of such communications to Mr. Williams as long as he is in this country.

With kindest regards, and with the compliments of the season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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TRANSMITTED
Nanking

January 28, 1913.

The Rev. Ed. F. Cook, D. D.,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Cook:

In sending to you herewith the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking, I want to call your attention to two items.

First, will you please take this letter as the official request of the Board of Trustees to those Boards entering the Medical Department to appoint their members on our Board of Trustees at such times as will make their terms of office agree with the fiscal year of the University, namely, the calendar year? I do not know for what length of time you have appointed your representative on the Medical School. At any rate, should you not take some action if you have not already done so which would make it possible for these gentlemen to hold over until December 1913?

Second, please note the discussion which was raised at the adjourned meeting of the Board regarding the proposal to ask the Boards cooperating in the Medical Department to contribute \$3,000 in addition to the original apportionment of \$2,000 each for equipment. You will note the item in the minutes of the adjourned meeting.

Please also note that the date of our next meeting is February 25, at 10 A. M.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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TRANSFER

February 25, 1913.

Nanking
SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT.

REC'D FEB 28, 1913
ANS'D

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,
156 5th Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

I notice in your announcement of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking called for February 25th, that you mention the presence of Mr. J. C. Garritt and mention the fact that report and discussion concerning the Bible School may be expected. I regret that I cannot be present.

I am writing to ask that you be kind enough, if you can command the time, to give us as full a report concerning the status of the Bible School as is feasible. Our Board failed to act favorably concerning the proposal of union in this department through lack of information. We have not known the nature and scope of the work proposed. If the matter is likely to come up at our meeting in May I shall need much more information that has ever been put into our hands.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness, and with personal regards, I beg to remain,

Yours cordially,

Ed F. Cook

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March 6, 1913.

Dr. Ed. F. Cook,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Cook:

In reply to your letter of February 25th, regarding the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking, I may say that you will receive under separate cover, the minutes of the last meeting. You will notice that the meeting was of unusual interest on account of the presence of Dr. Garritt.

In regard to the status of the Bible School, it seems to me that the thing for you to do is to arrange with Dr. Garritt to come and speak to your Board on the matter. He is the President of the Bible School and has been its Nestor in Nanking from the very beginning. He speaks out of a good deal of experience and is very conservative in his policies and plans. He can be reached in care of Mr. Williams here in the Presbyterian Building.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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July 2, 1913.



Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,
156 5th Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

I have just returned to the office from an absence of a week, attending our General Missionary Conference at Waynesville. I find your letter of June 26th on my desk. I regret beyond expression the loss the Earthly Kingdom suffers in the death of Mr. Severance. I feel deeply grieved. I trust the Lord may raise up others to carry forward the work in which he was so much interested.

Yours cordially,

c/s

Ed. F. Cook

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October 14, 1913.

Board of Foreign Miss. of the M.E.Ch., So.,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the action of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking at its meeting on January 13, 1913, asking that the members of the Board of Trustees from the different cooperating Missions be elected at the close of the calendar year, which is the fiscal year of the University, I beg to inform you that on this basis the term of Dr. Ed. F. Cook as trustee will expire with the close of this calendar year. Will you kindly see that the reelection of Dr. Cook or the election of a successor is held at the proper time and report it to me before the beginning of the new year?

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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October 14, 1913.

Bd. of For. Miss. of the M.E. Ch., So.,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

Gentlemen:-

In order to unify and to regulate the administration of the finances of the University of Nanking, the Board of Trustees at its last meeting on July 18th in New York City, prepared the following resolution and asked the Secretary of the Board to submit it to all of the cooperating Boards and report the replies to the Board of Trustees.

IT WAS VOTED that each of the Mission Boards cooperating in the University be requested to make payment of the annual grants of \$3,000 toward the University together with special annual grants of \$300. from each society toward the Medical Department, directly to the Treasurer of the University, Mr. Russell Carter, in New York, quarterly in advance and that he remit to the Treasurer of the University in Nanking quarterly payments in advance, according to the fiscal year of the University which is the calendar year.

Will you kindly bring this matter to the attention of your Board at its next meeting and report to me any action or consideration which you take concerning it? The Treasurer's address is, Mr. Russell Carter, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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October 14, 1913.

Bd. of For. Miss. of the M.E.Ch., So.,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

Gentlemen:-

On the present cooperating basis of the different Mission Boards in the University of Nanking, those Boards having entered into the full relationship have agreed to the support of four missionaries each in the University of Nanking. Those Boards participating in the Medical School have agreed to furnish one doctor each for the work of the Medical School in Nanking.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University held July 18 in New York City, the Board discussed the possible procedure in case any Board failed to have in Nanking the full quota of missionaries according to the above agreements.

After full consideration of the whole matter, it was voted that the following resolution should be sent to all of the participating Boards. In passing this resolution, the Board of Trustees felt it would be a more equitable division of responsibility and more likely to produce a more stable administration of the work of the University if those Boards not having a full quota of missionaries on the field should pay to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees the amount of money thus represented.

The following is the resolution:

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.

Will you kindly lay this matter before your Board and report to me such action or consideration as they may see fit to take regarding it?

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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October 21, 1913.

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Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,
156 5th Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Brother:

At a meeting of our Executive Committee held on Friday, the 17th, Dr. Ed F. Cook was elected to succeed himself as trustee of the University of Nanking.

The matter of appropriations as mentioned in your letters of October 14th will have to be taken up later. This whole matter will be referred to the Board at the first meeting held by it.

Yours cordially,

P/S

Rev. W. W. Pinson Secy.

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November 3, 1913.

Dr. W. W. Pinson,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Pinson:

Let me acknowledge your letter of October 21
informing us of the election of Dr. Cook to succeed himself
as a trustee of the University of Nanking. This matter has
been reported to the Board of Trustees.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
NANKING, CHINA

January 12, 1914.

Dr. Ed. F. Cook,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Cook:

Recently Dr. Bowen was asked to prepare a report of the University of Nanking to be included in the Annual Report of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions. Dr. Bowen has written this report from an interdenominational standpoint. I have had it manifolded and am sending to you a copy in order that you may use it for publication in the report of your Society as being one of the Boards interested in the University or for use in any other publicity that you may desire. If you care to acknowledge its authorship, you might add that it has been written by the Rev. A. J. Bowen, President of the University.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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January 16, 1914.

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Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,
156 5th Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

Upon my return this morning to the office I find your letter of January 12th, and write to thank you for Dr. Bowen's report. I shall take great pleasure in making use of it with proper credit in my report to the Board in annual session next April.

While writing about Nanking University matters, let me say if the Board will appoint a regular annual meeting at a given date, it may be possible for me to attend more frequently and enter into the counsels of the Board, but when meetings are called at any old time, with a few days notice, it is utterly impossible for a man carrying my responsibilities and the volume of work which falls to my department, to jump up and travel a thousand miles to an engagement and a thousand miles back, especially as the meeting occupies but a few hours and may deal with but a few items of business.

I am much interested in this Nanking proposition and every proposal of cooperation and union similar to this which we have undertaken in the Nanking University. We are in this work in a small way as yet, but I am hoping to draw our church more fully and effectually into this cooperative scheme. A regular annual meeting in which the work of the University is reviewed and the business matters likewise brought to our attention, would not only make it possible for me to attend but would furnish me more intelligently with the information that I need to give to our Board and to our constituency concerning this splendid enterprise.

I am referring to the matter both as an explanation of my infrequent attendance and as an appeal for some definite time for the annual meeting of the Board and due notice given thereof to its members.

Rejoicing in whatever progress is being made in this enterprise, and with kindest personal regards, I beg to remain,

Yours cordially,

C/S

Ed F. Cook

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January 21, 1914.

Dr. Ed. F. Cook,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Cook:

Thank you for your letter of January 16th regarding the University of Nanking. We appreciate very much the assurances in this letter of your willingness to cooperate in the promotion of the interests of the University.

At Garden City we had a good luncheon, at which Dr. Pinson was present. He can report to you the details of the discussions, an account of which you received in the minutes sent recently.

There is just one item on which I should like to correct some misapprehension on your part and that is regarding the notices of the meetings. The last three meetings have been held on July 18, October 24, and December 22. In sending the Minutes of the meeting of July 18, there was included a notice of the meeting of October 24 and a similar notice in the Minutes of October 24th for the meeting of December 22nd.

If you will look in the Minutes of the meeting of December 22, you will observe that the next meeting of the Board is set for March 2nd.

I call this to your attention in order to correct the feeling that you evidently have that there is only a few days notice for these meetings. The fact is that I do send a reminding notice about a week before the Board meeting.

The new By-laws will provide for semi-annual meetings probably in March and November. It is hoped that they may be adopted at the next meeting.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. Speer.

July 17, 1914.

Doctor Robert E. Speer,
156 5th Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Doctor:

Referring to yours of July 14th, will say that Dr. Cook left for the East on the 15th instant. In reference to the Nanking Medical School, will say that we appropriated \$2,000.00 towards the financial expense in 1913 and also \$300.00 for running expenses. For 1914 and 1915 we have the \$300.00 continued as an annual appropriation. We have also appropriated for 1915, \$2,500.00, one-half our \$5,000.00 towards the equipment.

I am sorry we have not been able to do better than this, but it has been the best we could do under the circumstances. To use a Southern expression, "We have bit off more than we can chew", and it seems hard to bring the income to where we can handle the missionary enterprises for which we have made ourselves responsible. Gradually we are approaching more and more that delectable condition when we can make ends meet without serious suffering on the part of the cause. I would have been glad to have furnished the salary of the physician if we had found that our basis of appropriation would have allowed it, but we had to cut to such a degree that it could not be done in our last meeting.

I am willing to say on my own responsibility that our Board will be willing to pay the interest on these deferred payments for the \$5,000.00 at least, until they are liquidated. This seems to me to be only fair, and our Executive Committee will, I am sure, back me up in this promise.

The reports from the meeting in Cincinnati relative to the work in Mexico were thrilling. It seems to me to have been one of the most important meetings for a long time. Surely we are in a new era, when Christian men and women of different faiths can so nearly see eye to eye and act with unanimity where in a sense their interests clash. I rejoiced to be connected with such a band and with a work that brings such unity and cooperation, so like that for which our Lord prayed.

Yours most sincerely,

P/S

W. W. Pinson

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Mr. R. E. Diffendoffer,
156--5th Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Diffendoffer:-

My Executive Committee has ordered that I go to the Orient for at least six months. I had not been planning to go until next year. I am writing to say that I expect to visit Nanking in order to look over the Nanking University and see the work there. I feel that our share in this great enterprise is so slight that I am almost embarrassed to go as a member of the board of trustees, but I am going to be bold enough to go up and take a good look at the institution. If there are any suggestions or any counsel you would like to give, write me at Kobe, Japan, care Dr. S. E. Hagar. If I can be of any service in any way command me.

Yours cordially,

Ed F. Coors

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August 1, 1914.

Rev. Edward F. Cook, D.D.
810 Broadway
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Dr. Cook:-

Thank you for your letter of July 18th which was awaiting me upon my return from Silver Bay. We are certainly glad that you are going to have an opportunity to visit the Orient, and make such an extended visit to your missions which are so important, and in which you have so much of vital interest.

You must certainly go to Nanking. President Bowen will be at home this fall, and both he and Mr. Williams and all the others will be glad to give you every possible courtesy. The urgency with reference to Nanking, regardless of the share which your Board has in it, arises out of the fact that it is unique among all of the cooperative institutions thus far organized. It certainly has as brilliant an outlook as any of them, and is probably uniting more Boards.

I am writing both Dr. Bowen and Mr. Williams regarding your coming, and I have no other suggestions than that you should plan to spend as much time there as you can. If you could look closely into the relationship of the Theological School to the University, we would appreciate it. That is one of our most difficult problems, and one that has not yet been discussed very thoroughly in the Board.

Sincerely yours,

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October 7th, 1914.

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Mr. Speer.

Mr. Robt. E. Speer,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. Speer-

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held last week, Doctor Pinson presented a suggestion that our Board pay to the Nanking Medical School interest for the year 1914 on the \$5000 which we are under obligation to put into the scheme and for 1914 on \$2500 which will remain after the payment of the \$2500 appropriated.

Doctor Pinson requests me to write you that the interest on the \$5000 will be forwarded about January first.

Yours very truly,

Robert Pinson

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November 5th, 1914.

Mr. J. D. Hamilton, Treasurer,
Board of Missions of the Methodist
Episcopal Church, South,
610 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Hamilton:-

We believe that Mr. Speer and Mr. Diffendorfer, one, or both, have had correspondence with your Board and have secured your consent to pay interest on the \$5,000.00 which your Board is to pay the Foreign Christian Missionary Society as its pro rata in the equipment of the medical school of the University of Nanking. All of the Boards co-operating in that work but three, and one of these having paid half of the \$5,000.00, have now paid in their \$5,000.00, and these sums have been turned over to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society in payment of the Kuleo property which they turned over to the University. The Foreign Christian Missionary Society have been very lenient in this matter, but the Board of Trustees of the University at its meeting in July took up the question of the balance still due on this property and voted to at least pay interest on the outstanding amount, and Dr. McLean of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society has written me once or twice to see whether this could not be cleared and their Society receive

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To Mr. J.D.H. No. 2.

interest on the \$12,500.00 outstanding. The Board of Trustees has a meeting next Wednesday, the 11th, and I am wondering whether it would be convenient to you to send a check in payment of this interest at once in order that report might be made next week that this matter has been attended to and that the interest has been remitted to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. We certainly will appreciate it if you can bring this around.

Yours very sincerely,

Treasurer.

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610 BROADWAY, NASHVILLE, TENN

November 10th, 14.

Mr. Russell Carter, Treasurer,
Board of Trustees, Nanking University,
156 5th Ave., New York.

Dear Sir-

As requested in your letter of November 5th we take pleasure in handing you herewith our draft for \$300, interest on the \$5000 which our Board is to pay to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, as our pro-rata share in the equipment of the medical school of the University of Nanking.

Yours very truly,

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, S.

Per- *[Signature]*

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November 17, 1914

Board of Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church, South
810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Sirs:

I am very pleased to acknowledge receipt of your draft for \$300 in payment of the interest for the calendar year 1914 on the \$5,000 which your Board is to pay to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society as its pro rata share for the equipment of the medical school of Nanking University and which principal sum it has not been convenient for you to pay as yet, but interest on which you have kindly agreed to cover. May I say in explanation of the tardiness of this receipt that your letter was delayed in some way en route, reaching me only yesterday.

Thanking you in behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Cordially yours,

Treasurer

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