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February 2, 1915

The Rev. Ed F. Cook
810 Broadway
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Dr. Cook:

Herewith is a copy of the Minutes of the recent meetings of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking held at Garden City January 13-14, 1915. You will note that the first session of the Board considered the relation of the University of Nanking to the proposed new college for women, namely, Ginling College, especially the relation of Ginling College to the Board of Trustees.

You will note on page 4 of the Minutes that the Conference voted unanimously on a proposal which should be presented to the Boards cooperating in the University of Nanking.

I am therefore referring this item to you and may I ask that you present the matter to your Board, reviewing the Minutes as fully as possible? Please report to me the sentiment of your Board regarding this important matter.

Please note also the action with reference to the Trustees of the Theological School as it will affect the Board of Trustees of the University.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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February 8, 1915.

Nanking

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

Dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

Your letter of February 2nd enclosing minutes of recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking, received. I shall be glad to refer to my board at its next meeting the section to which you refer, with the request that same be considered and acted upon. I shall be glad to report the attitude of our Board immediately after our next meeting, which is May 11th.

I was much pleased with my visit to Nanking, and delighted with the work of the University. It is a great enterprise with a great future. I am sorry that I did not get back to the United States to attend the Garden City Conference of board secretaries and the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Nanking University. It is certainly great to have a little share in the work of advancing the Kingdom in the Orient in these days.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours cordially,

C/S

Ed. F. Cook

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February 11, 1915

Dr. Ed F. Cook
810 Broadway
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Dr. Cook:

Thank you for your letter of February 8th. It is good to hear from you again and to get the good words which you have brought from your trip to the Orient. I was sorry indeed that you could not be present at the Conference of Board secretaries this year. It was a great meeting.

I shall look forward to seeing you before many months and hope that you can tell me more about your visit to Nanking.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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TRANSFER



December 14th, 1915

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

Re: Relation of Ginling College to
the University of Nanking.

Gentlemen:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking held at Garden City, L.I. January 13-14, 1915, there were present representatives of the various Women's Boards interested in the Union Woman's College, in Nanking, known as Ginling College. At that meeting the relationship of the College to the University was discussed freely. The Trustees had before them the proposed Constitution of Ginling College and the recommendation of the Board of Control of the College that the Mission Boards be requested to authorize the Board of Trustees of the University (with such additions which has seemed advisable) to serve as Trustees of Ginling College. After their conference with the representatives of the Women's Boards present, it was unanimously voted to express to the co-operating Boards the judgment of the meeting that it would be better for the Board of Trustees, re-organized to include representatives of the Woman's Board if necessary, to undertake the functions of a Board of Trustees for Ginling College rather than to organize a separate Advisory Council or separate Board of Trustees.

This action was brought before the Board of Control of Ginling College at its meeting on November 27th, 1915 when the following action was taken:

"After full conference it was unanimously voted to state to the co-operating boards and to the Board of Control that it was the sentiment of this conference of the representatives of the co-operating boards and the Board of Trustees that instead of having a separate advisory it would be preferable

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that the Board of Trustees of Nanking University should be so organized as to provide for an adequate representation of women and that the administration of the college under this unified Board of Trustees would be better than the proposed division of functions between a Board of Trustees and an Advisory Council."

At the regular meeting of the Board of Managers of the University of Nanking on October 2nd, 1915, at which were present Mr. Speer, President of the Board of Trustees, Bishop Bashford and others, the matter was again discussed and the following action was taken:

"THAT the Board of Managers express themselves in hearty accord with the proposition to make the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking also the Board of Trustees of the Ginling College, with such additions of women on the Board as should be determined by the Trustees."

In accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the University of Nanking, I now lay before you this recommendation, that, as a co-operating Board in the University of Nanking, you give your assent to the election to the Board of Trustees, women representing the Boards which are interested in Ginling College. The basis of such representation will be worked out in conference with the Boards concerned. In order to meet the requirements of our Charter, the Co-operating Boards must take formal action in this matter and transcribe to me the action for our files.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the University, I express the hope that the above recommendation may have your early and favorable consideration.

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary.

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December 16th, 1915

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

My dear Dr. Cook:

We regret to report that there were not present on December 10th a quorum of members of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking. The members who came enjoyed an informal discussion of various problems in connection with the University as reported by Mr. Speer and growing out of his recent visit to Nanking.

In view of the urgent business to be transacted at what should be our annual meeting, the members present decided to call the next meeting of the Board for January 14th, 2 P.M. in the Assembly Room of the Board of Foreign Missions, 8th floor, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The enclosed docket will give you a list of the important topics for discussion at that meeting. You will note that the meeting is set for the day following the close of the Foreign Missions Conference at Garden City with the hope that all the members can attend.

Will you please let me know whether we can count on your presence on Friday afternoon, January 14th.

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary.

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December 18, 1915.

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

Dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

Your communication in reference to Gingling College and its relation to the University of Nanking, I have read with deep interest. It is an occasion of gratification to me that such an adjustment has been proposed, and the consummation of the plan will meet our hearty approval.

Yours cordially,

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TRANSFER

Nanking

December 23, 1915.

Rev. E. F. Cook,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Cook:

Thank you for your letter of December 18th regarding the relation of Ginling College to the University of Nanking. In this letter you expressed your personal approval. I suppose by that you are going to bring it to the regular meeting of your Board and will send me the official action, or do you mean your letter of the 18th to convey such action?

Yours very sincerely,

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Secretary.

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January 4th, 1916.

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

Gentlemen:-

I am just in receipt of your draft for \$2,500.00, being the balance of the \$5,000.00, your agreed share in the equipment of the Nanking Medical School, this to be transmitted to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society as a part of the balance due them for the Kuleo property which they kindly put at the disposal of the University. I wonder whether it is in order for me to raise the question with you as to whether the interest on this \$2,500.00 for the year 1915 has been paid by you directly to the Treasurer of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. A year ago you kindly sent me \$300.00, covering the interest on the \$5,000.00 for the year and my understanding was that your agreement was that you would pay the interest on whatever amount might be outstanding until such time as it was convenient for you to pay in full the \$5,000.00 due from your society. It may be that you have paid this directly or that it was overlooked in the transmission of the \$2,500.00, or that such was not your understanding. I rather think, however, that Dr. McLean's understanding was that the interest would be paid upon the outstanding amount by the two Societies that to date had not found it convenient to pay in their full quota.

Awaiting your kind advice and thanking you for the remittance
of this \$2,500.00, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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January 7, 1916.



Handwritten notes and stamps

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

Dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

I find it necessary to forego the proposed trip to New York and Garden City on account of extraordinary demands in my office which must be met before I leave about the middle of the month for Cuba and Panama.

Having been detained for several days last week from the office on account of illness in my family, I have been unable to reach several matters that I had hoped to clear out of the way.

I am advising you because I acknowledged notice of meeting of the board of trustees of the University of Nanking and promised to be present. Our General Secretary, Doctor W. W. Pinson, will be in New York and Garden City during the next week, and I have asked him to represent me in the meeting of the board of trustees. I judge this will be permissible. I hope the meeting will be in every way satisfactory.

Assuring you of my deep and abiding interest in the work of the institution and regretting exceedingly my inability to be present, I remain,

Yours cordially,

Ed F Cook

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January 10, 1916.

Rev. E. F. Cook, D.D.,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Cook:

We are sorry indeed that you cannot be with us at our various meetings this week. I shall present your regrets and we shall be glad to welcome your General Secretary, Dr. Pinson. I am directing a letter to him at Garden City regarding this matter, in order that he may feel a double welcome for the Friday afternoon meeting.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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Secretary.

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Ed F. Cook

Nanking, China, Jan. 7, 1916.

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

My dear Dr. Cook:

I regret very much indeed that your letter of Sept. 30 got misplaced and only came to light a few days ago.

In regard to the payments by your Board toward the Hospital property at Nanking, you paid, through Dr. Fearn, some time in 1913, \$2,000 to our Medical School. This, I believe, was before the Hospital property had been turned over and was paid on the original basis of co-operation of the seven missions in the Medical School. That basis, as I understand, was the support of one physician, an annual grant of \$300 (gold) and a grant for property of \$2,000 (gold). I believe your mission was the first to pay this amount. Some time after that, in 1914, the other basis was arrived at, of \$5,000, and the Christian Mission Hospital property was purchased. The way the matter would seem to lie now, therefore, would be as follows:- The Christian Mission Society was to receive \$27,000 (gold) for the Hospital property. The total valuation was \$32,000; deducting their share of \$5,000, the other co-operating missions were to pay \$27,000. The Northern Methodist Mission has paid its \$5,000; the Northern Presbyterian has paid its \$5,000; the Northern Baptist Mission has paid its \$5,000. There is still due, from the Southern Baptist Mission, \$5,000; from the Southern Presbyterian Mission, \$5,000; and from your Mission, \$3,000.

Inasmuch as the \$2,000 paid in 1913 by your Treasurer ^{for the Hospital} here has been used for property improvement and other expenses, the plan, as I understood it, was to turn over to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society the above-named amounts, which would cover the \$27,000, with \$1,000 surplus, which would be paid to the Medical School here. Therefore it would seem best to us that you pay your \$2,500 for 1915 directly to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society to apply on the purchase price of the Hospital. The \$500 due in 1916 could also be paid to them. The Southern Baptist and the Southern Presbyterian Missions will pay their portions in due time, in the meantime paying interest.

It will probably be best to pay this \$2,500 that you have appropriated for 1915 to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society through the Treasurer of our Board of Trustees, Mr. Russell Carter, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and in that way a record of it will be kept in our Treasurer's office.

Hoping that this will make the matter clear, believe me,

Very cordially yours

A. J. B.

P. S. I am sending a copy of this to Mr. C. W. Flopper and also to Mr. Carter.

A. J. B.

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Nanking

January 10, 1916.

Rev. W. W. Pinson,
Garden City Hotel,
Garden City, L.I.

My dear Dr. Pinson:

Dr. Cook has written me that he will be unable to be in New York and Garden City this week and consequently will not be present at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking which occurs on Friday afternoon of this week. He has asked that you represent him and I am writing this note to assure you that you will be very welcome.

The meeting will be held at 2 o'clock in the Assembly Room of the Board of Foreign Missions, 8th floor, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, on Friday afternoon.

This hour may necessitate your getting away from Garden City very promptly, even a few minutes before the close of the session. The 11.45 train from Garden City will bring you here at 12.26 with time for lunch before 2 o'clock. The 1.12 gets here at 1.54 which would necessitate lunch before leaving Garden City and a twenty or twenty-five minute allowance to reach this building after you have arrived in New York.

Yours very sincerely,

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Secretary.

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January 11, 1916.

Mr. Russell Carter,
156 5th Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 4th is received. Your understanding of the transaction involving our share of the moneys due the Foreign Christian Missionary Society for property turned over to the Nanking Medical School, is correct according to our interpretation. The interest on deferred payments for 1916 was paid to Mr. C. W. Plopper on September 15, 1915, this amount being due September 30th. Mr. Plopper acknowledged receipt of same on October 5th.

I note with surprise your postscript. Drafts of the Board of Missions are current in all the world at face value. I have been the executive secretary of the Foreign Department for five years, and this is the first instance in which exchange has been charged in any country on our drafts, as far as I have been advised. If you will take this matter up with your bank I think this extraordinary charge will be adjusted. If not, we will make good to the extent of cost to us had we remitted by New York exchange, namely, \$1.00 per thousand, or \$2.50 on the \$2,500.00 sent you. If you had notified us before the collection of the draft or had returned the original draft to us, we most certainly could have furnished you with the \$2,500.00 without the exorbitant cost you report.

Hoping that you can adjust the matter with your bank and that we may hear from you promptly, I am,

Yours cordially,

c/s

Ed. F. Cook

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January 13th, 1916

Rev. Edward F. Cook,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Cook:

In reply to your letter of January 11th, may I say that the exchange which the New York bank charged upon your Nashville draft is the usual charge which all New York banks, clearing through the Clearing House, make for the collection of out of town checks. This charge is not one peculiar to the drafts of your Board of course, but simply the customary charge for the collection of out of town drafts. I am sorry, as I said in my previous letter, that I did not notice that your check was drawn upon a local bank. I had but a few minutes before banking hours closed and evidently did not examine it closely. The following day I received the \$5,000 from the Presbyterian Board South, drawn likewise upon a Nashville Bank and was obliged to return this to them for the same reason and received from them promptly a New York draft. I should, of course, have done the same with yours. We are not accustomed to return such drafts when they are in small amounts but pay the collection charges ourselves but on these larger amounts it does not seem right that there should be this loss.

Thanking ~~you~~ for your kind offer to adjust this matter,

Yours very sincerely,

Treasurer

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January 14, 1916.



UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

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

Dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

Your letter of December 23rd is received. In my communication of December 18th concerning Ginling College I expressed my personal approval of the plan. Same will be submitted to the Board for consideration and action. I will report as soon as this action is taken.

Yours cordially,

c/s

Ed F Cook

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January 15, 1916

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Mr. Russell Carter, Treasurer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

As per my letter of recent date in regard to charge for collection of our draft for \$2500.00, I am enclosing herewith draft for \$2,50 which would have been the charge for purchase of New York Exchange for this amount..

Regretting that you were subjected to the expense of collection, I am

Yours very truly,

Ed. H. Cook

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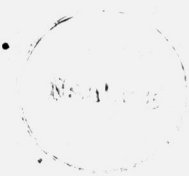
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March 13, 1916.



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

Dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

I have just returned from Panama and Cuba, and find your letter of February 14th containing copy of minutes of the last meeting of the board of trustees of University of Nanking. I beg to thank you for same. I shall give this paper careful reading. I expect to be in New York on March 23d to attend meeting of Committee on Reference and Counsel. I hope we may have opportunity for a brief conference concerning matters at Nanking.

Yours cordially,

E. F. Cook

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March 15, 1916.

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

My dear Dr. Cook:

Just a further word regarding the minutes and especially the letters which were sent to you regarding the Medical Schools in the University of Nanking. Mr. Speer desires me to send a special caution to all of the Trustees regarding the confidential character of these letters.

We shall be glad to see you on March 23rd. Please come to see us if you are to be here any length of time.

Yours very sincerely,

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Secretary.

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TRANSFER

Nanking

March 23, 1916.

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

My dear Dr. Cook:

On January 14th you wrote me that my letter of December 18th concerning Ginling College would be submitted to your Board for consideration and action.

My correspondence does not indicate that you have sent me a formal report of any action which your Board has taken on this matter. Before we can go ahead with the legal aspects of this matter, our charter requires that we must have notice from all the constituent Boards of formal affirmative action.

Can you let me have this at an early date or let me know when your Board will act on it?

Yours very sincerely,

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Secretary.

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March 21
Nanking

March 21, 1916.

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

My dear Dr. Cook:

I have consulted with Mr. Carter this morning, with reference to the payments of your Board on account of your appropriation for the Medical School of the University of Nanking. After receiving President Bowen's letter to you under date of January 7th, the matter, as stated by Dr. Bowen, seems to be in agreement with our understanding of the case here; that is, there is yet due from your Board \$500.00 on this amount.

If you will take into account that Dr. Bowen did not know of the payment of \$2500.00 by you in January when he wrote his letter of January 7th, you will readily see that his letter is an explanation and does not infer at all that the \$2000.00 paid by you originally is not to apply on this account. On the second page of his letter, the \$2500.00 referred to as due in 1915, is the amount you have already paid. There is, therefore, due, as Dr. Bowen says, \$500.00 in 1916.

With this explanation is not the matter clear to you?

Yours very sincerely,

RED-AHT

Secretary.

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May 10, 1916.

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

Dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

I beg to forward you copy of action taken by the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at its annual session just closed. This meets exactly your requirements in the case of the revision of the charter.

Yours cordially,

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May 29, 1916.

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

My dear Dr. Cook:

Many thanks to you for your letter
of May 10th, forwarding the action taken by your
Mission Board regarding Ginling College. I
shall be glad to report this to the next meeting
of our Board of Trustees.

With kindest personal regards

Yours very sincerely,

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Secretary.

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Extract from minutes of annual meeting of
Board of Missions, M. E. Church,
South.
May, 1916.

It was voted that approval be given to the
proposal that the board of trustees of the University
of Nanking be enlarged so as to include representatives of
the woman's societies cooperating in the maintenance of
Ginling College.

It was further voted that Miss Mabel Head be
named as the representative of the Methodist Episcopal
Church, South.

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April 10, 1916.

over

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

Dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

Miss Head, who represents the Woman's Department of our work in foreign missions, advises me that the enclosed is copy of the recommendations of the Woman's Council which were approved by vote of the Board of Missions. This will answer in definite terms your inquiry of March 23d.

Yours cordially,

C/S (Enc)

Ed Hook

162. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

EXTENSION OF WORK, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

REPORT No. 1—CHINA.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following:

Whereas the Council last year indorsed the movement for Union Woman's College for Central China, located at Nanking, and deferred action until the basis of union could be decided; and whereas we now learn that each board entering the union is expected to contribute \$10,000, furnish two members of the Board of Control, and have a representative in the faculty; your committee recommends:

1. That \$10,000 be appropriated to this college.
2. That the Council indorse the nomination of Misses Pyle and Richardson by a special committee appointed by the China Conference as our representatives on the Board of Control.
3. That the appointment of our member of the faculty be deferred until next year.

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April 21, 1916.

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

My dear Dr. Cook:

It does not seem to me that the resolution which you forwarded in your letter of April 2nd and which I am returning herewith covers the case regarding the relation of Ginling College to the Board of Trustees.

What we must have as a resolution is a resolution by your Board in due form stating that you approve of the plan to have the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking to act as the holding Trustees of the property and funds of Ginling College, and that you approve of the enlargement of the Board of Trustees of the University to include representatives of the Women's Boards now concerned in Ginling College.

It might help you to have a copy of the Baptist resolution in this connection. I enclose it.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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Secretary.

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- 150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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

My dear Dr. Cook:-

It occurred to me the other day during our University of Nanking Board meeting, to write you a possible source of information concerning a nurse superintendent for the hospital at Nanking. Should it finally work out that your Board is to take on the support of the nurse.

Miss Charlotte Aikens, 722 Sheridan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, is a retired nurse, a Methodist, the author of several standard books on nursing and is at present the editor of the leading nurses magazine in this country. Miss Aikens herself would be the very finest person to do that work in Nanking, although she might be too old to send out as a missionary. She can, however, put you in touch with some good person for this position.

Very sincerely yours,

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November 21, 1916.

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Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,
150 5th Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

I beg to thank you for your letter of November 16th relative to the trained nurse for Nanking. If our Board should take favorable action in this matter we shall be glad to correspond with Miss Charlotte Akin. We have several good nurses on our list of applicants, but none who has yet been accepted, and we shall give the matter full and careful consideration when the Board by favorable action opens the way.

Yours cordially,

C/S

*Dictated but not personally
read nor signed by Dr. Cook.*

Ed. F. Cook

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December 26, 1916.

Rev. Ed F. Cook,
610 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Mr. Cook:

The Foreign Christian Missionary Society has been most lenient in looking to the cooperating societies for the \$5,000 due from each for the Kuleo property at Nanking taken over from the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. Your Board with others for the last two years has generously paid interest to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society on the balance still due to them on this account. Your Society is owing to the small balance of \$500, and in your letter of September 30th, 1915, you stated:

"The remaining \$500 to round out the \$5,000 is appropriated for 1916 and will be paid as early as practicable after the appropriations for 1916 are available."

We have not bothered you before as the Foreign Christian Missionary Society have said nothing to us, but we have just received a letter from Mr. Flopper asking if it is not possible for them now to have the balance due on this property. If, therefore, it is convenient for you now to remit them this remaining \$500, we shall be very glad indeed in turn to pass it on to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation in the matter,

Very sincerely yours,

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Assistant Treasurer

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November 27, 1916.

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TRANSMITTED

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

Dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

Notice of the expiration of the term of years
of our representative as a member of the board of trustees
of the University of Nanking was received and presented to
the Executive Committee at its session this morning. I
append below action of the committee:

"Doctor Ed F. Cook was re-elected for another
term of three years to represent the Methodist
Episcopal Church, South, on the board of trustees
of the University of Nanking."

I am glad to be continued in this important and
delightful service.

Yours cordially,

C/S

Ed F. Cook

*Dictated but not personally
read nor signed by Dr. Cook.*

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J. B. Fear
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH
CHINA MISSION

TREASURER'S OFFICE

10 WOOSUNG ROAD
SHANGHAI

14th. Dec. 1916.

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
Nanking.

Dear Doctor:-

Yours of the 12th. to hand. In reply I would like to say that the amounts which I have sent you each month for the Union Medical College are from ~~the~~ January through October and are to cover these month.

During our Mission meeting in October when the question of the Union Medical School was up for discussion I was instructed to pay nothing more into this fund. This is the reason nothing was sent you for November.

Trusting this answers your question, I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,

J. B. Fear

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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
ED F. COOK, SECRETARY

April 25, 1917.

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,
150 5th Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

As I am to retire from my present position in the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the May meeting of the Board, I am writing to tender my resignation as a member of the board of trustees of the University of Nanking. In so doing I beg to express appreciation of fellowship with the members of the board which it has been my privilege to enjoy for several years. I wish also to assure you of a deep and abiding interest in the work of the University. I regret exceedingly the circumstances which make me feel that it is best to retire from my present relationship with the Board of Missions.

Wishing you the greatest possible success in your new work and wishing for the University continued prosperity, I am,

Yours cordially,

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

My dear Dr. Cook:-

Let me acknowledge your letter of April 25
tendering your resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees
of the University of Nanking. It will be read at the next
meeting of the Board.

In the meantime, I take it that the Board will elect
your successor and report to me.

With kindest regards

Very sincerely yours,

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OFFICE OF THE
GENERAL SECRETARY

May 17, 1917.,

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

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

I am now able to answer your letter of May 4.

We have elected Dr. E.H. Rawlings as our representa-
tive on the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking.
Dr. Rawlings was elected at the recent meeting of the Board
of Missions as the successor to Dr. Cook in the Foreign De-
partment.

Sincerely yours,

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September 12th, 1918

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

Dear Mr. Pinson:-

Your telegram is just received. I was very sorry to learn that you would not be able to attend the meeting of the Trustees of the University on the morning of Thursday, the 19th inst. I am very desirous of having an opportunity of talking over with you the situation in China, and especially the plans of the Missions for the advanced Theological course at Nanking. Dr. Kline and your people at Soochow University are entering into those plans most heartily and the outlook for securing the men needed for the staff is very encouraging.

Anticipating the pleasure of a conference with you on some of your trips to New York, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Vice-President.

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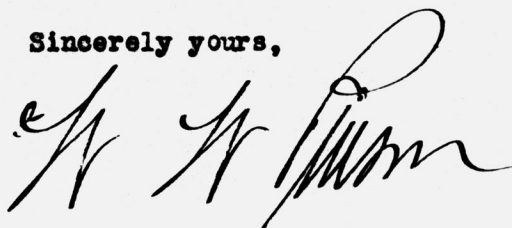
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Mr. J. E. Williams,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Brother:

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to attend the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Nanking University on December 6th. I would most gladly attend if it were possible. I trust the meeting will be a successful one, and that the record will show gratifying progress for this great institution.

Sincerely yours,



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December 13, 1918.

Dr. W. W. Pinson,

810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Pinson:

It is a matter of great ^{regret} to me and to the members of our Board of Trustees that our meeting of December 6th did not come at a time when you could be present. I hope that the next meeting of our Trustees can be arranged when it will be practicable for you to attend. Could you let me know any dates during January or February when you will be coming to New York? I hope we can appoint the next meeting at a time when you and Dr. Chester, who have the longest way to travel, can attend.

Within a few days I hope to have full copy of the minutes of the meeting of December 6th. Most time was given to a discussion of our deficits of 1917 and 18 owing to war exchange. The budgets of the University have always been prepared on the basis of an exchange of two for one. The very adverse war exchange created an acute financial problem for us. The unanimous action of the Trustees to ask the co-operating Boards to supplement their grants for those two years, provided a Mexican two for one equivalent for the gold grants.

Hon. C. T. Wang was present at the meeting of the Trustees, and spoke in a most illuminating way of political conditions in China. He dwelt upon the strategic importance of Nanking and spoke very appreciatively of the work of the University in creating democratic ideals and in helping provide the right leaders of the democracy of China.

I should like sometime to talk over with you the resolutions passed by the Trustees in their meeting of September 19th, as follows:

"After full discussion resolutions were adopted as follows:

The action of the Board of Managers of the Nanking School of Theology with regard to the strengthening of the school was presented as follows:

'In view of the early departure of the Rev. J.E. Williams, D.D. to the United States, the Faculty hereby recommends that the Board of Managers request and authorize Dr. Williams to act as financial representative of the Seminary in endeavoring to secure the following immediate needs:

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(1) Four additional foreign professors, their salaries and residences.

(2) The salary and residence for T. T. Lew, whose name is hereby proposed with a view to election to the Faculty.

(3) Residence for four Chinese Professors.

(4) The amount of Gold \$2,500 from each of the five constituent Boards toward annual expenses.

(5) A dormitory (G. \$15,000.) and professor's residence from the Southern Methodist Board, in accordance with the estimates included in their Centennial Fund.'

It was recognized that the relationship of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking to the Nanking School of Theology is confined to property interests, the Trustees having agreed at the request of the Board of Managers of the School of Theology to act as a corporation in America to hold any title and to transmit any funds. It did not seem appropriate, accordingly, for the Trustees to do any more than to express their hearty approval of the desire of the Board of Managers of the School of Theology to make adequate provision for the theological training needed by the Churches and the Missions. In view of the request of the Board of Managers for Dr. Williams' assistance, however, the Trustees cordially consented to his giving aid in whatever way he could that would not interfere with his immediate responsibility as the representative of the University, and Dr. Williams was requested to report to the Trustees for their information the results of such conferences as he might have with the Boards cooperating in the School of Theology.

Dr. Williams reported that the Foreign Christian Missionary Society had taken action in approval of the plan recommended; also that the Presbyterian Board had expressed its approval."

If we can carry out the plans unanimously approved by the Managers of the Seminary in China and all the co-operating Missions we shall be meeting one of the most strategic needs of the Christian Church in China. Dr. Kline was deeply interested in these plans and assured us that all your people in Soo Chow were in hearty accord and ready to make them effective by sending their best young men into the advanced Seminary course. Dr. Cheng Ching-Yi, Secretary of the Continuation Committee, and pre-eminent as a Christian leader in China, has advised his brother to come to Nanking from Peking to study, rather than to go abroad, as Nanking afforded the best opportunities to him for his preparation for the ministry. I should like an opportunity at an early date to talk over the whole program with you.

With cordial regards,
Sincerely yours,

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Dr. J.E. Williams,

156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Doctor Williams:

Your letter of the 13th, addressed to Dr. Pinson, is received in his absence in New York. He was to arrive in your city this morning, and will be at the Prince George Hotel until Saturday, the 21st, when he, in accompany with Bishop James Atkins, will sail for France. They expect to be away for six weeks. I am sure Dr. Pinson would be glad indeed to talk with you concerning the important matters mentioned in your communication.

Cordially,



Assistant to General Secretary.

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January 10, 1919.

Dr. E. H. Rawlings,
310 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Rawlings:

In the absence of Dr. Pinson, who I understand has already gone to France, I am sending to you the Minutes of the last meeting of the Trustees of the University of Nanking, together with a brief resumé of the remarks made by Mr. C. T. Wang at the meeting. Mr. Wang's remarks are the more significant now that he has been appointed as Peace Envoy to Paris and, representing both the North and the South, will have great influence in the deliberations on all questions concerning China. The fact that he is a man of such positive Christian conviction will also be of great importance for missionary interests in China.

You will be interested in all the matters that came up before the Trustees. There is one matter especially of business that will require attention, that is, the action of the Trustees requesting the co-operating Boards to pay their regular grants for current expense of the University on the basis of two silver dollars for one of gold. You will note on the bottom of page 3 and the top of page 4 the request of the Board of Managers, and the action taken by the Board of Trustees, as follows:

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

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

The only point on which this would concern your Board is the grant on the medical, and in order that the request for relief on back deficits should be made equitable with all the Boards on the basis of actual exchanges, Mr. Carter worked out the average rate at 1.21 Mex. for the dollar

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Dr. E. H. Rawlings.

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gold for 1917. The average of the Presbyterian Board for buying Mexican for 1918 was at .84 gold for the Mexican dollar. The University was compelled to ask this because it was working under the same conditions as the different Boards and their Missions, paying all its foreign salaries at two for one, and estimating its budget on the basis of two for one.

We appreciate very much the grant continued by your Society for the support of a doctor or nurse on the hospital staff.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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January 21st, 1919.

Mr. W. M. Cassetty, Jr.,
810 Broadway - P. O. Box 218,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Mr. Cassetty:

I have pleasure, in behalf of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking, of acknowledging the draft of your Board for \$1,000. received by Mr. Speer, this \$1,000. being sent in lieu of Dr. Manget's salary for the year 1918 in connection with the hospital at Nanking.

It has been a great joy to the trustees here and the Board of Managers on the field that your Board of Missions has extended this generous provision for the medical work at Nanking. They have had heavy burdens to carry financially this year or two and a large additional expenditure has been called for from the co-operating Boards in order to carry the work at Nanking without serious deficit.

I understand from Mr. Speer that the additional \$200. will be sent for the same purpose sometime later in the calendar year.

Very sincerely yours,

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Treasurer

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NASHVILLE, TENN.

January 23, 1919.

Returned to

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

My dear Dr. Williams:

Your note of January 10th enclosing minutes of the last meeting of the Trustees of the University of Nanking, has been received.

Concerning deficits on exchange, we are equalizing in our regular appropriations in China at the rate of two for one, and are ready to do the same in our special grants. This, of course, upon the understanding that other boards participating do the same. I take it they all do.

We shall be glad, therefore, to take care of the two thousand dollars on the basis of \$1.21 Mex. for a dollar gold.

Cordially yours,

E. H. Rawlings

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January 23, 1919.

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Mr. Russell Carter, Treasurer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Carter:

I am handing you herewith copy of letter just written to Doctor J. E. Williams concerning equalization on account of exchange on our appropriation for the medical department of Nanking University.

Kindly let me know if other boards participating are making up the deficits at the rate of two silver dollars for one gold. If they are, we shall be very glad to take care of our appropriation on that basis.

Cordially yours,

E. H. Rawlings

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Mr. J. E. Williams,
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January 27th, 1919.

Rev. E. H. Rawlings,
810 Broadway - P.O. Box 218,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Mr. Rawlings:

It is indeed good of you to agree to make good the loss in exchange on gold appropriations for the University of Nanking if the other Boards are doing likewise. I have pleasure in reporting to you that the Methodist Board and our own Board have already paid over the loss on exchange the last year and the other co-operating Boards have agreed to do likewise. I know that the managers of the University will be greatly pleased with your willingness to care for your appropriation on the basis of two Mexican dollars for one gold.

I am remitting to the field as fast as funds come into my hands and shall be very glad to forward this exchange loss whenever it is convenient to you to forward it.

Very sincerely yours,

RC:M

Treasurer

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February 7, 1919.

Dr. E. H. Rawlings, D.D.,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Rawlings:

Your letter of January 23rd just received. We appreciate very much the readiness of your Board to equalize its appropriation to the University of Nanking at the rate of two for one, beginning from April 1, 1917; that is, that you will take care, as you suggested, of the \$2,000 gold on the basis of \$1.21 Mex. per dollar gold. All the cooperating Boards have taken this action and it is going to mean a very great relief to the University.

Under separate cover I am mailing you a couple of copies of the prospectus of the Language School at Nanking. Some of your missionaries may prefer to learn Mandarin at the beginning of their missionary experience, and I am sure you will be interested in the curriculum showing what is being done. I am also enclosing kodak of the new Language School Building. The University has invested in the last two years \$30,000 additional in very radical and effective modifications of the old Normal School Building and in the erection of this dormitory, which will house very comfortably 24 single women, providing an additional storage room for baggage, reception rooms, dining room, kitchen, etc.

You will be pleased to know that the request of the Trustees for additional grants towards two residences for doctors, which at the present rate of exchange amount to \$9,000 gold, are being met by the Methodist Board North, which has just sent in its check, and the Board of the Foreign Christian Mission Society.

Very cordially yours,

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February 13th, 1919.

Rev. E. H. Rawlings, D. D.,
810 Broadway - P.O. Box 218,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Rawlings:

Your business manager kindly writes that your Board is equalizing on the field on all items of your appropriations to China, including the appropriations to Nanking University. It certainly will make no difference to the University as to whether your payments are made directly on the field or thru the Treasurer in New York, and if it is more convenient to you to make good this exchange on the field it will be perfectly agreeable to us, of course. Inasmuch as the payment itself is being made thru us, and when our draft covering this payment is sold on the field and the Treasurer realizes upon it and reports to us the rate obtaining at that time, we supposed you would wish to make good the loss also on the two for one rate thru us. All the other Boards have been doing so and that is the reason for our referring the matter to you.

Inasmuch as you indicate your preference in the matter, we are reporting to Mr. Owen, Treasurer of the University on the field, that your remittance covering exchange will not come thru us but will be paid thru Dr. Cline, your Treasurer on the field.

Very sincerely yours,

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Treasurer

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Dr. W. F. Pinson

July 31st, 1919

Dr. W. F. Pinson
Secretary, Southern Baptist Board
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Dr. Pinson:

It was a matter of regret to the trustees that you could not be present at their meeting on the 17th of June. The Minutes of this meeting have been mailed to you. I am writing to call your attention especially to a couple of actions in that meeting, and to recall to your attention the actions taken by the Trustees in their meeting of September 19th, 1918. On page 4 of the Minutes the following are recorded:

"Mr. Williams read excerpts from letters from President Bowen and Dean Risner of the Agriculture and Forestry Department, reporting the extraordinary developments of these departments; the interest of the Chinese in these developments and their co-operation.

"Mr. Williams reported that Mr. J. B. Griffing had been selected by Mr. Walter T. Swingle of the Agriculture Department, at Washington, as the man best equipped for developing cotton culture at the University. Mr. Griffing's support was to be provided by funds being contributed by the Cotton Guild in China. It was voted to empower the Candidate Committee to appoint Mr. Griffing as a member of the University Staff.

"Mr. Williams reported that Dr. O. C. Cook of the Department of Agriculture at Washington and first expert in cotton, is sailing with Mr. Griffing by the steamship "Hankin" on July 17th.

"President Bowen's appeal for an additional man from each of the co-operating Boards upon the staff of the University for the Agriculture and Forestry Departments was read, and after full discussion of the developments in these departments and the extraordinary opportunity open to the University in this line it was voted to direct the Chairman and Mr. Williams to formulate a statement and recommendations for presentation to the co-operating Boards, that they appoint each an additional man for these departments."

Owing to the difficulty of getting together, Mr. Speer and I divided the representation of the work, he writing to the Baptist Society and the Methodist Board, and I writing to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, and to your Society. I wish your mission and your Board would come in on this department of the University work with a man of your own assignment. The agricultural and forestry work of the University up until now has been carried without special funds from America designated for the purpose other than the salary of Mr. Joseph Baillie, who was the organizer of the department and its dean up until he turned over the responsibility to Mr. J. H. Reisner. Your missionaries will be familiar with the work done in the department. It has grown in a marvelous way. I believe no educational effort undertaken by missionary societies either severally or unitedly has met with so large a response and degree of co-operation from the Chinese people, the officials and gentry. You will note from the statement in the catalogue beginning page 29, the course of study, and the range

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work undertaken. This has been increased considerably since the catalogue was issued. Mr. Julian Arnold, Commercial Attache of the American Legation at Peking, has especially mentioned the work the University is doing in its departments in his reports to the Government, and in his public utterances. Dr. O. C. Cook, one of the first experts in cotton culture, in the employ of the Government at Washington, sailed for China on the 17th of July, and will make Nanking his headquarters for investigations in China. The Cotton Guild of China are contributing the support of Mr. J. B. Griffing, whom the Agricultural Department at Washington recommend as the best man within their knowledge for the development of that line of work in connection with the University. You will be interested to know that the Presbyterian North has taken the support of an additional man in this department, and so has the Foreign Christian Missionary Society and the Methodist Board North, and the Northern Baptist Board will do likewise. It is possible through that department of the University greatly to strengthen the influence and effectiveness of the evangelistic work throughout the country districts. I hope your Society will consider favorably the assignment of a man to this department.

I would recall to your attention the action of the Trustees at their meeting on the 19th of September, as follows:-

"After full discussion, resolutions were adopted as follows:

"The action of the Board of Managers of the Nanking School of Theology with regard to the strengthening of the school was presented as follows:

"In view of the early departure of the Rev. J. E. Williams, D.D., to the United States, the Faculty hereby recommends that the Board of Managers request and authorize Dr. Williams to act as financial representative of the Seminary in endeavoring to secure the following immediate needs:

- (1) Four additional foreign professors, their salaries and residences.
- (2) The salary and residence for T. T. Lew, whose name is hereby proposed with a view to election to the faculty.
- (3) Residence for four Chinese professors.
- (4) The amount of Gold \$2,500 from each of the five constituent Boards toward annual expenses. (or \$4,000 Mex.)
- (5) A dormitory (G. \$15,000) and professor's residence from the Southern Methodist Board, in accordance with the estimates included in their Centennial Fund.

"It was recognized that the relationship of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking to the Nanking School of Theology is confined to property interests, the Trustees having agreed at the request of the Board of Managers of the School of Theology to act as a corporation in America to hold any title and to transmit any funds. It did not seem appropriate, accordingly, for the Trustees to do any more than to express their hearty approval of the desire of the Board of Managers of the School of Theology to make adequate provision for the theological training needed by the Churches and the Missions. In view of the request of the Board of Managers for Dr. Williams' assistance, however, the Trustees cordially consented to his giving aid in whatever way he could that would not interfere with his immediate responsibility as the representative of the University, and Dr. Williams was requested to report to the trustees for their information the results of such conferences as he might have with the Boards co-operating in the School of Theology.

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"Dr. Williams reported that the Foreign Christian Missionary Society had taken action in approval of the plan recommended; also that the Presbyterian Board had expressed its approval."

We heard with great joy of the large success of the Centenary Drive of your Church and recall that the \$15,000 for dormitory was listed within that Drive. One of your missionaries told me that the policy of your Board was to make the appropriations for the buildings in China on a basis of two Mexicans for each one dollar, gold. I am writing to inquire whether provision was made for the addition of one professor to Mr. Ritter on the theological seminary staff. You might prefer to have assigned by the mission one of the men on the field for this work, or to have another man sent out from the United States. The men and the work in the theological seminary are disturbed by the call of Dr. J. L. Stewart to the Presidency of Peking University. They are, however, recovering from that radical move, as you will note by the enclosed copy of a letter from Dr. Rowe. President J. C. Garritt, who was so desperately ill in New York for a time, is now much better, and recovering his strength, although it will be difficult for a man with the spine at his age to be able to do the work he was doing formerly in China.

I should covet an opportunity of talking over these matters with you more fully, at any time you are in New York.

The trustees will be greatly interested in the decisions of your Board upon this plan of enlarged co-operation in the University.

With cordial regards,

Very sincerely,

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September 4, 1919.

Mr. W. T. Rawleigh,
Freeport,
Illinois.

My dear Mr. Rawleigh:-

Professor Guy W. Servis advises us of your generous gift of \$100. for a lantern for the University of Nanking.

He thinks you will be interested in the last bulletin of the University and we have pleasure, therefore, in sending you this, and other literature regarding the University, under separate cover.

They now have a large building program under way at Nanking, Mr. John L. Severance and his sister, Mrs. Prentiss, of Cleveland, having given them \$50,000. for an Administration Building, and other friends of the University having provided a new Chapel. Mr. Swasey gave them a Science Building and Mrs. McCormick a Dormitory, so they are coming to be somewhat settled in their building, for which they have been waiting so long.

President Bowen writes that they are expecting a very large enrolment this fall, so that there will have to be still further provision made for the increased number of students. It has been a heavy financial problem for President Bowen and Vice President Williams these past two or three years, because the American dollar has been producing only about one-half of the Mexican dollars that it does in normal times and they have had to carry the current work of the University on the appropriations that are made by the five co-operating denominations.

There has been a fine spirit, always, in the University. The personnel is of the very highest, and it is one of the outstanding examples of union educational work.

Thanking you in behalf of the University,

Very sincerely yours,

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December 18, 1919

Mr J. D. Hamilton, Treas.
Methodist E. Board South
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr Hamilton:

Will you kindly advise me relative to the \$1200 which you were contributing to the hospital at Nanking that your field treasurer had authority to make this appropriation good at the two for one rate. I so reported this matter to Mr Owen, treasurer on the field of the Nanking University and I have just received the following reply from him:

" I have just received your letter of yesterday's date, regarding a contribution to the University from the Southern Methodist Board. I have forwarded the letter to Dr E. H. Rawlings, one of our Foreign Secretaries who is now in Korea, or Japan, asking him to instruct me. I have no knowledge whatever of this and am entirely without instructions. I had supposed that this financial connection with the University had ceased some time ago. I have been official treasurer of our mission for two or three years and I do not seem to have had any instructions whatever about anything of this kind. I had supposed this connection stopped entirely with the stopping of the medical department.

I have referred the whole matter to Dr Rawlings and in reasonable course of time I am sure will hear from him. I am sorry not to be able to give you more definite information."

I wrote Dr Cline, the field treasurer of the M.E. Board South quoting in part your letter of February 13th and asking him to advise me if he had any information concerning the matter. To-day I have received the following letter from him:

"The Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, has kindly agreed to make good the loss on its contribution of \$1200 a year for Dr Manget's salary. They now write us, however, that their Board is equalizing on all items of their appropriations to China, including their appropriations to Nanking University thru their Treasurer on the field, Dr Cline, and that it would be more convenient to them to follow this method with reference to Nanking. We are replying to the Southern Methodist Board that it will be perfectly satisfactory to us to have them handle it in this way and that we will therefore look to you (Mr Owen) to take this matter up on the field and see that you secure the equivalent of Dr Manget's salary at the two for one rate. It may be that they have made this good to you last year as well. If so, we should be glad to have you report it to us so that we may make corresponding report to the Board of Trustees here."

Mr Owen reports that the \$1200 gold netted \$1422.89 Mex. To make up the two for one would therefore require the additional amount of \$977.11 Mex.

Will you be good enough to take the matter up and see whether a letter was written, as you had supposed, to the field authorizing them to make this good to

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the University.

Thanking you for your cooperation in the matter,

Very sincerely yours,

~~Associate Treasurer~~

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E. H. RAWLINGS } SECRETARIES
W. B. BEAUCHAMP }

March 21, 1921.

Mr. Russell Carter, Treasurer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Carter:

Your letter of March 7th to Mr. J. D. Hamilton, Treasurer,
has been referred to our office for attention.

If you will refer to your files you will find a letter
from Doctor E. H. Rawlings, Foreign Secretary, to you under date of
July 8th, 1920, which covers the point raised in your letter. Recently,
however, our Mission in China as taken the following action:

"Correspondence with the Nanking Hospital was read
and it was voted that the Mission discontinue the payment
of \$1200 annually for this purpose."

Regretting that our Board will not be able to continue
this appropriation to the Hospital, and with best of good wishes,

Cordially yours,

W. M. Cassetty Jr.
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Business Manager.

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April 2, 1921

Mr. W. M. Cassetty, Jr., Business Manager,
Board of Missions of the M. E. Church South,
810 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Mr. Cassetty:-

I am afraid that your letter of March 21st has not quite met the question that I raised in my letter of March 7th. I understood that you are not continuing the payment of \$1200 to Hanking Hospital. The question that I raised was as to whether you had made good the 2 for 1 rate on your \$1200 when you were making this payment. I quoted from a letter of your Dr. Eline, Field Treasurer, stating that your Board had agreed to make good the loss on its contribution of \$1200 a year for Dr. Manget's salary and that they write that the Board is equalizing on all items of their appropriations to China, including their appropriation to Hanking University, through Dr. Gline. The question was as to whether a letter had been sent, supposed, to the field authorizing them to make good this exchange to the University. That is the only point. Exchange hit the University pretty hard, the cooperating Boards made good and they understood that your Board would as well.

If it has not been done will you be good enough to see that the necessary authority is sent to the field, if you are adjusting exchange items through your Field Treasurer.

Yours very truly,

Treasurer

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Extra Copy for Mr. Scott

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TRANSFER

NANKING

November 14th, 1921.

Rev. W. W. Pinson, D. D.,
and
Rev. E. H. Rawlings, D. D.,
310 Broadway,
Nashville, Tenn.

TRANSFER

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of the Minutes of the latest meeting of the Nanking University Trustees. I write to you now with particular reference to Minute No. 14 at the bottom of page 3.

Your letters stating that your Mission had voted to withdraw from the University, and that therefore by implication the Southern Methodist Board withdrew, were presented to the Trustees' meeting and received by the Trustees with expressions of profound regret. It goes without saying that the other Boards which continue their association in the University are very sorry to lose the Southern Methodist Board from their number, but we bid you a hearty Godspeed as you turn your efforts and obligations into similar channels elsewhere, all of which will flow into the same river of God.

see in Pinson letter re: am work.

You will note in the same Minute that the Secretary was instructed to write to you in the hope that your relationship with the Board of Trustees might not be entirely severed, especially in view of the fact that the Southern Methodist Board cooperates in the Nanking Theological Seminary, of which the Board of Trustees of the University is the administrative homebase. It is hoped that your Board will elect a "corresponding member of the Board". I would suggest that you elect a corresponding member of the Board and an alternate so that there will thus be more frequent opportunity of a representative of the Southern Methodist body present at the meetings of the Trustees.

The next meeting of the Board is called for Tuesday, December 20th, 1921, at 10 A.M., at the office of Dr. Frank Mason North, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, at which time we hope a representative of your Board may be present.

Very sincerely yours,

GTS:M
Encl.

Acting Secretary

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Ans'd _____

November 19, 1921.



Dr. George T. Scott,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Doctor:

I have yours of recent date in re: meeting
of Nanking University trustees on December 20th.

It appears now that I will not be able to be
present. I am sorry for I feel a deep and abiding
interest in Nanking University and regret the neces-
sity of our withdrawing from any part of this great
program.

I am noting the fact that we are requested to
elect a corresponding member of the Board of Trustees
in relation to the Theological Seminary.

Cordially yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN'S WORK
MABEL K. HOWELL, SECRETARY
ORIENTAL FIELDS

July 7, 1924.

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Moss:

I have your letter of June the 20th and in reply am asking that you send me a copy of the proposed new by-laws for the University of Nanking. I have somehow misplaced the other copy and need a new one.

I am greatly distressed that the failure of the Boards to add to the faculty of the University has made necessary this program which you enclose for the development of the University. We have had such a serious experience in Kwansai Gakuin in Kobe due to the fact that the classes were too large and the missionaries too few. The result has been that it is has been difficult to hold to any kind of real missionary program. I had rather have a small institution with a strong evangelical fervor in its studentbody than a large university with no opportunity for personal evangelistic work. I think as mission boards we must not fail to carry out our real evangelical purpose.

Yours sincerely,

Mabel K Howell

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