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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

March 14th, 1910.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT.

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

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer,

I acknowledge the receipt of your note of March 9th, with the copy of the minutes of the informal conference of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking. I understand that we will be called together again as soon as you have replies from the attorneys of the three boards with regard to the question of incorporation. I assume that you have already communicated with Mr. Stiger of our board.

What is the status as to the action of the informal conference with regard to the proposed expenditure of funds on the plant suggested by the meeting of the Board of Managers of December 21st? Is the action taken by the conference final, and has it been reported to Nanking, or is it held in abeyance for consideration at a regular meeting of the Board when it is incorporated, or will it be valid when approved by the representatives of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society?

We received the same day that your note came a letter from Dr. McLean, in which he asked when it would be convenient for the trustees to meet and where, and whether one representative from the Foreign Christian Missionary Society would suffice. Perhaps you will have heard from him also, in reply to your note forwarding the minutes of the conference.

Anticipating the greatest pleasure in the fellowship and cooperation of the Board of Trustees, I am,

Very faithfully yours,

Dictated March 12th.

W. E. Stiger

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PASTOR'S STUDY.
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
ELIZABETH, N. J.

TRANSFER
March 15th 1910

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT.

REC'D MAR 16 1910

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My dear Diffendorfer;

I had hoped to have called upon you yesterday when I was in the Building but was unable to do so. I write therefore to say that the report which you sent of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Nanking University came duly to hand. IN every respect I pronounce it a model report. As to the correctness or wisdom of the business transacted I have no need to speak; but as to the clearness fulness and charm of the way the report of the meeting was made I have only words of praise. Evidently the Secretary is the right man in the right place. I am glad I know you

Sincerely

Eben. B. Cobb

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156 Fifth Avenue

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April Fifteenth
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My dear Mr. Speer,

I call your attention to the following paragraph from the minutes of the first regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking. I refer this action to you in order that you may lay it before the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

"It was voted that the Board of Trustees approve the following action of the Informal Conference, and the Secretary was instructed to lay the matter before the three co-operating Mission Boards to secure if possible favorable action on the request:

' It is the sense of this conference that the titles of all the property and funds of the University of Nanking, acquired from the different Mission Boards or Societies, and subsequently acquired from whatever source, should be vested absolutely in this Board of Trustees "

We shall be very glad to receive a statement of the action taken by your Board in order that I may file it in the records of the University.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

of the

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Robt. E. Speer,
New York City.

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

April 25th, 1910.

Nanking

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT.

REC'D APR 27 1910

ANS'D.....

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer,

I have pleasure in reporting the following action taken by our Board at its meeting on Monday last:-

It was voted to accede to the request of the Board of Trustees all of the University of Nanking to the effect "that the titles of all the property and funds of the University of Nanking acquired from the different Mission Boards and Societies, and subsequently acquired from whatever source, should be vested absolutely in the Board of Trustees."

There is nothing further that we can do until the Board of Trustees is formally incorporated, at which time we shall be glad to transfer formally the title to the piece of property which we have put into the union, or in case our Mission decides to retain that for other purposes, to turn over the equivalent in funds. The balance of our contribution is in large part already in the hands of the Board of Directors on the field and is being used, I believe, for the general purposes of the University.

How far have we been able to progress in the matter of incorporation since our committee meeting?

Very sincerely yours,

R. E. Diffendorfer

Dictated April 21st.

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Sept: 20, 1910.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156, Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Speer:-

You are now back and in the thick of the Fall work. We want to congratulate you upon the distinction conferred by the Edinburgh University. We all rejoice in your receiving this recognition from such a time honored institution but we feel that Edinburgh receives as much honor as she gives. I shall continue to address you as "Mr" Speer, that being to me your nobler title.

I have written an acknowledgement of your last letter of March 30th but I did not write a full reply to your questions in regard to finances. It is not easy for me to work out a statement that will square with the estimates, the appropriation and what we actually need. I shall first state what we are obligated for in the University. Besides the \$40,000 Gold either in cash or property we have undertaken \$2,400 Gold annually. I know this is not in accord with the action of the Board taken upon my last report when at home. By that action we recognize that we did not have the right to undertake this responsibility but conditions had changed rapidly while I was away and it seemed to us here the only wise and right thing to do was to undertake our share of \$2,400 Gold annually. Dr. Garritt has been paying into the University upon that basis. He wrote you under date of May 1st "I take for granted that as the Board has definitely allowed us to enter the University union we are to draw for the full amount of G\$2400 for the year's current expenses, at least the amount in excess of the Mex. \$1300 which appears on the appropriations being made a matter of special appropriation by the Board. It goes without saying that we could not take care of that great sum, say G\$1900 inside our ordinary ~~expenditures~~ appropriations. We have to expect that as a special addition to ordinary amounts. I suppose that the Board is more nearly in a position to stand good for that amount than for years, and am disappointed that the amount was not inserted from column 4, it being a definite case of importance to which the Board as well as the station is committed".

I hope the Board will find it possible to grant the amount of \$2400 this year, this \$2400 to include the former appropriation of \$1308 Mex plus \$340 Gold. By action of the Board of Managers the annual revenue is to be paid in in gold at the current rate of exchange, this being thought the simpler

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g. 2. more equitable way for each one of the missions. A fur-

ther question arises as to scholarships. Under date of June 15th Dr. Walsey wrote me that the Treasurer had received for scholarships the following amounts:- New York Wesleyan Church \$30; Mr. Miles Hart \$45; Mr. A. W. Paul \$30; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Workman \$45; Miss Emma Forsythe \$60; Mrs. Kate Sewell \$30; Syracuse South Church \$120. While at home I tried to secure these scholarships toward the regular revenue and they were to count as part of our share of the regular revenue. The Methodist Mission receives \$1,000 Gold annually in scholarships which is expended by their mission in addition to the \$2400 Gold contributed. The Disciples Mission have also a fund of about \$500 Mex outside of their annual grant. It would greatly help our Mission to provide for the children of its poorer Christian parents if it could use some of this scholarship funds. If these scholarships are lumped in the \$2400, it will not be easy for us to assign students to the care of individual donors and furthermore a scholarship fund is not a very certain dependence. These contributors mentioned expect to give the sum of \$30 a year individually with the exception of Mr. Paul. It is asking a good deal of the Board I know to make a clear grant of \$2400 Gold a year and then permit these scholarships to go as an addition. My only justification in asking for it is not for the work done but the opportunity there is for doing even greater work.

We have a plan of an educational society in connection with the University which will be composed of the Chinese leaders and missionaries; this society to have oversight of all students on scholarships, to determine the amount they are to be granted and the conditions upon which it is granted and the term of years within which as much as possible shall be returned to the fund. Many of the students upon graduation are able to secure lucrative employment and should return any aid given them during their course.

We had a very pleasant mission meeting this year in Kuling, the most eventful, I think, I have ever attended in China. There was such a spirit of mutual confidence and trust in every question that was up for discussion. I am enclosing a slip of a list of special objects and order of new property and missionaries. The following action in regard to the Theological Seminary was passed by an unanimous vote: "The Kiangnan Mission is in thorough sympathy with the present day tendency toward union of different denominations in various forms of missionary work. We believe that there are no insurmountable obstacles in the union of different denominations in the teaching of Theological Seminaries. We believe that the time is ripe for union with the Christian Mission and Methodist Mission in the work of our seminary and instruct our Directors to take what steps are necessary to consummate such a union and further appoint Mr. Williams and Mr. Lobenstine to co-operate with them in attaining this result." When this resolution came before the North Kiangsu Mission of the Southern Church it was lost by a vote of 9 to 7. Dr. White, Dr. Sweet and Miss Palmer, of

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the Bible Teachers' Training School visited Kuling. Dr. Sweet's lectures showed wide reading, thorough grasp of the subject, and a very pleasant way of presenting the truth. The conference and the lectures resulted in stimulating the spirit of union in a new line, that of Bible Teaching and the training of the ministry. Dr. White's work at Mokanshan met with even more enthusiastic reception. A meeting is being called in Shanghai on Friday of this week to consider a plan of establishing a Union Bible School at some centre in China. It is very possible that it will be decided to locate the school in Nanking and if our Theological Seminary could be merged in such a school it would help to solve this problem of Theological Training which seems to be with us more acute than any other in the whole scheme of union. The Disciples and Methodists Missions were ready to unite with us on any grounds. Dr. Davis and those whom he represents of the Southern Mission are opposed to union or even cooperation in Bible teaching. Something must be done to solve the problem. I have great hope that Dr. White's scheme will lead to the right solution.

The Union Medical School is beginning this fall with Dr. Shields of the Southern Mission and Dr. Brown of the Baptist Mission on the ground. They have just approached us with the proposal that we allow them to take over the Kuleo property for the medical college. Such a proposal I think will meet with general approval from each of the three missions

The Kuleo property, with the addition of the new dormitory completed this fall, is now a complete plant, but does not permit of much larger development for us but for the Union Medical School it is located conveniently near Dr. Macklin's Hospital and with the ground within and around would make an admirable plant for the purpose of a medical college. With the funds realized from that property we could move across the road on the high ground and lay out our scheme for future developments continuing to utilize the present buildings until new buildings are ready to be occupied. I mention this as a matter just up for consideration. It offers such a splendid solution of our property problem in that section; at the same time locating the medical school where it will be conveniently near the hospital and our advanced college work.

I am enclosing minutes of the last two meetings of the Executive Committee and another meeting of the Board of Managers is called for Friday of this week when the assignment of departments and the special work of the teachers will be considered, also the question of a union church and the whole question of church services in connection with the University. Mr. Bowen has expressed the desire that I have the oversight of the direct Christian work of the students, being free from some of my classes in order to direct them in their personal work for the students of the Government schools and evangelistic

effort in the chapels in the city. Mr. Brookman may have spoken to you of a plan for pressing the work among students of the Government Schools in Nanking. He has been desirous that I should be given more time for this work and, as you know, I have always had this work upon my heart and feel convinced that very much might be done in influencing this body of promising young men and our college students could be led to engage in this work in a way that would develop very greatly their own Christian character and make them more efficient Christian workers when they leave the school.

You will notice on our list of new property that the redemption of Huhugiai is to be at the top of the list. The appropriation of land and buildings at Fu Dong is placed sixth on the list. The whole mission feels strongly the importance of developing the large preaching hall and an institutional work at that centre. It is one of the most important centres in the whole of the city and the advanced students of the college and seminary will be utilized in a telling way in doing effective preaching and personal work with the large crowds that are gathering at that centre. You will see the importance of our having another man immediately in the work of the University and I hope before long a fourth man to engage in the teaching work.

The union is working perfectly in fact more smoothly, I believe, than any one of the separate schools ran alone. Personal element is better adjusted in the larger union with a larger field of better work than it was in the separate works of the three missions. The influence we are ~~exerting~~ exerting on the city is certainly very much greater than in the old regime. There is a marked improvement in the discipline of the students. We have less ~~difficultly~~ difficulty in questions of discipline for the students all say that if they do not obey regulations and give up on their work they will be expelled and there is no place else to go. We now have over 400 in the classes within the first two weeks of the term. Just now the new buildings are being finished in good style. The enlargement of the dormitory at the Kuleo has turned out to be one of the most attractive buildings of the group, good in appearance and splendid in its appointments.

I am enclosing you a couple of little snapshots of Dr. Sweet and Dr. White with the Chinese students who attended the Summer conference in Kuling. It is taken on the verandah of our little bungalow. We were able to arrange for 19 of the students to attend this course of lectures. These men were able to take the work directly in English and were among the big men of our Yangtze Valley schools. Ding Li Wei was the main leader in our Summer conference. He is a splendid man. I enjoyed very much the pleasure of being with him and seeing much of him. God is using him greatly in stirring up the young men in the schools and colleges in giving up their lives to

Christian service. He is engaged for a few months this Fall to visit the schools and colleges with one of the Y. M. C. A. secretaries. He will be with us in Nanking in October in a special series of meetings in the University and at the Christian Headquarters.

The attendance at the National Exposition has not been as large as was hoped for although the buildings and all the arrangements were completed nearly on time and in a way far surpassing any of our expectations. Our Headquarters building has, however, served its purpose and good work has been done in connection with it. We have secured over \$7,000 Mex towards building and expenses, more than \$3,000 of which has been contributed by the Chinese. Mr. Ho Yang of Tientsin, a man of Taotai rank, who has been baptised by Pastor Ding Li wei last Spring, was here during the last week of August and spoke four or five times at the Headquarters building. He was so pleased with the building and arrangements and the work done that he said he would contribute \$4,000 Mex toward the permanent support of a Union Christian Church on that site. It had been my hope this would be a Union Christian Church but I did not feel quite sure of support after the time of the Exposition so that such a gift is very Providential. The work has served to unite our Chinese Christians more thoroughly than ever and the prospects of doing team work are one of the largest assets for the future.

Mrs. Williams and the girlies and the little boy are still in Kuling. They are all well. Little John Richard is growing vigorously and is no end of joy to his big sisters and his fond parents. They will come down next week. Mrs. Leaman is drawing very near to the end of her journey. She has fought a good fight, has shown an unquenchable spirit and in her last days has the fondest love of all the Chinese Christians of this city as well as all the missionary community. They are still in Kuling and she will hardly be able to return to Nanking. All of the other members of our station are quite well. Miss Dresser's building and the Bible Women's Training School is now under roof. Dr. Beebe remarked that it was the best built building in point of workmanship and woodwork of any in Nanking, Miss Dresser having the good will of a Christian carpenter in the work.

With most cordial regards to Mrs. Speer and yourself.

Very sincerely,

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November 7th, 1910.

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

TRANSFER

Nanking

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer;

I feel very uneasy at the slow progress we are making toward the incorporation of the Board of Trustees of the Nanking Union University. It seems to me that our Committee ought to be able to reach a conclusion and make a report this month, at the latest, to the full Board, and that we ought to take steps immediately then to secure incorporation.

Will you see Mr. Bantan, or do you expect to be away from the city, in which case I should be glad to take the matter up with him.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

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Nanking

November Tenth
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My dear Mr. Speer,

In order to secure the incorporation of the Board of Trustees of the new University of Nanking, it may be necessary to present some legal document showing the willingness and the grounds on which the three co-operating Missions have agreed to enter into this union project. As it now stands there is nothing to indicate this agreement other than the minutes on the books of three different missionary societies.

It may be necessary to draw up one single document and have it signed by the officers of the three Boards. To this end will you please send to me an exact copy of the minute with reference to the co-operation of your Board in this union project? I will then lay the matter before the attorneys here in New York and some document will be drawn up which can be sent to the three co-operating Boards and criticised or amended and later signed.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

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November 18th, 1910.

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

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer;

I enclose, herewith, a copy of the more important actions of our Board with reference to union in Nanking. I shall try to send you, within a day or two, a brief statement of the purposes of the University.

Mr. Morris of China was in this morning, and I asked him about the names of the streets, but he could not recall them. I will see if we can find any map that gives the names of the streets.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer.
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Enclosure.

P.S. - I have been unable to find any map such as Mr. Speer's suggests that we might have. I shall look further, however, and will let you know if I succeed in finding one.

Grace A. Barth,

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT.

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Actions of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church
in the U. S. A.
regarding Union Educational Work in Nanking University.

March 19/06

It was voted to approve a basis of Union in Educational Work between the Foreign Christian Missions in China and the Nanking Mission with the understanding that any financial responsibility involved on the part of the Board would be cared for by the Nanking Mission within the limits of its appropriations.

Nov. 19/06.

The China Committee reported that with the Council and the Rev. E. C. Lobenstine it had carefully considered a plan of Union Educational Work in Nanking between the Missions of the Disciples, Northern Methodists and the Board, and the Committee was prepared to recommend heartily the approval of the principle and plan of union, but it was not yet able to see when the money necessary to enable the Board to provide its share of the equipment and endowment could be obtained and desired that this aspect of the question should be laid over for further consideration. The report was adopted.

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Sept. 16/07

The question of the proposed Union University in Nanking was again considered, and it was stated to the Board that the Methodist Board had reported the readiness of its Mission to join the union scheme on condition that after the three hundred thousand dollars' equipment and endowment was provided, the University might put in the field, a financial agent of its own: that Dr. Stuart should be the first President of the University, and that the three bodies uniting should at once provide either in cash or property the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.)

It was voted to reply to the Methodist Board that the attitude of the Board toward this project, was still as cordial and favorable as when it was first broached, but that the Board was unable to meet the financial condition imposed. It was prepared, however, to authorize Mr. Williams and Mr. Cochran of the Kiangan Mission, now at home on furlough, to use their best efforts to secure the amount needed from individuals, and the Board was prepared at any time to enter the Union without reserve whenever it should be able to contribute its proper proportion of the equipment and endowment. The Board hoped that the matter might be held open until each of the three parties to the union was in a position to fulfill its part.

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June 7, 1909.

A further statement in regard to the Union Christian College at Nanking was made by the Secretary in charge. Since the matter was last presented to the Board, some additional gifts had been received and the salary of a missionary teacher had been pledged for five years, and from a statement that had been prepared and submitted to the Executive Council by the Rev. J. E. Williams, it appeared that about \$21,000. was already in sight, leaving a balance of, approximately, \$9,000. to be raised for buildings in order to inaugurate the union enterprise. In addition, \$340. would be needed annually for running expenses. And Mr. Williams now asked that the Board make this additional annual appropriation of \$340. to the School; and, further, grant the credit of the Board in borrowing the remaining \$9,000. until that amount could be raised. It was voted that the Board agree to the appropriations of the above \$340. to be inserted in the estimates for the next fiscal year; and also that it grant its credit for borrowing the remaining \$9,000., paying the interest on the same at 5% on condition that some individual or individuals can be secured who will guarantee that such portion of the \$9,000. as shall remain unprovided at the end of five years shall be paid to the Board by such party or parties to discharge this indebtedness; it being understood, also, that Mr. Williams shall return to his station in China as provided in the action of the Board on April 19th.

Also, it was voted to refer to the Executive Council with power, further conference with the Boards of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Christian Church, and in consultation with the Committee on Finance to take whatever steps may be necessary in order to carry into effect the union enterprise.

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June 23/09.

A letter was read from Mr. L. H. Severance agreeing to make good to the Board \$8,500. or any part thereof that remains unprovided at the end of five years, on account of the advance of a like sum by the Board in order to effect the union at Nanking. The Board, through the Secretaries and furloughed missionaries, is to try and raise the amount without delay.

The Committee accepted the letter as a sufficient guaranty, and voted to make the advance in accordance with the action already adopted by the Board.

Feb. 7, 1910.

The Board appointed as its representatives on the Board of Trustees of the Nanking Christian University, Nanking, China, Mr. Robert E. Speer, Mr. Louis H. Severance and Dr. E. B. Cobb.

Feb. 21, 1910.

An appropriation was made of the balance of the \$30,000. for Nanking University Union, amounting to \$26,290. upon approval of the Trustees.

April 18, 1910.

It was voted to accede to the request of the Board of Trustees of the University of Banking to the effect "that all the titles of all the property and funds of the University of Banking acquired from the different Mission Boards and Societies and subsequently acquired from whatever source should be vested absolutely in the Board of Trustees."

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Nov. 7, 1910.

It was voted to appropriate the sum of \$1419.08 to the Kiang-an Mission to make up the balance of the Board's annual subsidy to the Nanking Union University, the Board having provided in the appropriation for the year the sum of \$1308. Mex. plus \$340. gold for the purpose, on the terms of union, calling for an annual payment of \$2400. gold from each of the three co-operating agencies. For the present year it was voted that the special scholarship fund raised by Mr. Williams when he was home on furlough should be regarded as a part of the \$2400.

(Letter J. E. Williams, Sept. 20th, 1910.)

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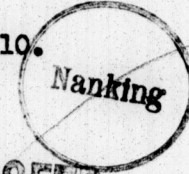
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November 26th, 1910.



TRANSFER

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

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer;

I am glad you have found the paper giving the names of the streets. It is fine to see the way in which the University people look after their business.

As to the statement of aims and purposes, I doubt whether we could do better than to quote from the Constitution of the University. I enclose, herewith, a statement making use of the language of the Constitution.

I hope that we can push the matter of incorporation through this year, so as to start out with a duly legalized Board and a fresh organization next year.

Very cordially yours,

Enclosure.

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TRANSFER

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

December 22nd, 1910.

The Rev. J.D. Williams,

Nanking, CHINA.

My dear Mr. Williams:

I have just written a long letter to the Mission and sent copies to the Station Secretaries, but as we have several duplicate copies and you have a large station in Nanking, I am enclosing one, herewith. There are many points in it about which I wish there were opportunity to talk with you. Indeed, some of the questions open up unlimited field for discussion. This whole problem of how to use most wisely Mr. Kennedy's Bequest is a problem calling for the wisest thought and the most earnest prayer. I sent to Mr. Garritt a copy of the letter which we sent to the Board in December, outlining our proposals. He will be glad to let you see this.

I want now to acknowledge the receipt of your good letter of last June 14th, which Dr. Fulton acknowledged in the general Mission letter. I would say that I have talked over the foreign mission question with both Walters and Thomas, and we had a definite proposal to lay before Walters just a few days ago, but he has settled down in the home pastorate for the present at least. Thomas is still in Union Seminary, as you know. He has been assisting Dr. Van Dyke in the Brick Church. I have discussed the relative claims of city Missions and the foreign field with him. I don't know how he will finally decide. He is married now. That may affect his decision. I hope that you men on the field who know him will keep after him.

I do thank you for your characteristically good and helpful letter of September 20th. I wish that it might have been possible to furnish the scholarship fund of which you wrote, as an extra to the amount granted by the Board, but the Board does not feel that it should go too fast in taking on added liabilities now, and felt that the special appropriation that it was adding to Kiang-an went as far

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as it was wise for it to go. I do hope that next year it may be possible to make a substantial advance, but it is too soon as yet to determine what can be done.

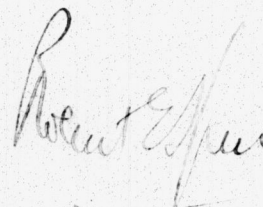
We all rejoice that the educational union is progressing so splendidly. I regret that through the illness of the legal member of our Board of Trustees here, our incorporation has been delayed. The fact that the Disciples' headquarters are in Cincinnati has accounted for some delays, also, as papers have had to be sent to and fro, and also one of the members of the Board of Trustees appointed by the Disciples Board is now out of the country. We are hoping, however, that in spite of all the delays, we may get our incorporation soon from the regents.

I rejoice with you and Mrs. Williams and the little girls in the birth of John Richard, and trust that he may grow up to carry forward his father's work.

Will you please thank Mrs. Williams for her good letter of October 21st, sending the copy of the Nanking Station Report ?

With warm regards to her and the children, I am

Very affectionately yours,



Dictated Dec. 20th.

Enclosure.

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RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees recognizes its responsibility to do as a united and independent Board all that it can to promote interest in the University and to secure equipment and endowment funds for it, and that, at the same time, the Board feels that each of the missionary organizations represented in the University should regard it as its own institution and carry it as part of its educational enterprise, with the same sense of responsibility as before the union.

In pursuance of its own mission as a union Board, the Trustees voted to approve the effort to secure an equipment of \$186,500.00 for land and buildings, as follows:-

- 1. Three residences for the three new teachers at \$3500.....\$10,500
- 2. Model Training School..... 15,000
- 3. Land..... 20,000
- 4. Central Building..... 35,000
- 5. Chapel..... 6,000
- 6. Science Hall..... 20,000
- 7. Dormitory to accommodate 200 students 20,000
- 8. Library, special..... 30,000
- 9. For water and lighting plant 10,000
- 10. Second Science Hall..... 20,000

and \$300,000.00 for endowment for the University, these amounts to be increased later by whatever may be needed for the medical and other graduate schools which may be added; and Mr. Williams was authorized to go forward at once, with the Board's approval, to raise as much as possible of the funds required for the University as herein indicated.

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Nanking, China.

27th February, 1911.

Dr. Robt. E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK.

My dear Mr. Speers,

Your last letter giving the very encouraging news of the action of our Board in regard to the development of the work in our Mission received some time since. All Missionaries, I think, must be rejoicing in the prospects of the advance and most aggressive work in all directions. I know there is a very hopeful spirit among all the workers in our Mission here in Nanking.

Mr. Tom Carter was down from Hwai Yuen in connection with the famine relief. He said he would hardly know Nanking as the same place he was in three years ago, not only because of the development of all kinds of work, but because of the very different spirit manifest among the workers. The push and confidence of the Missionaries was very marked.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of President's Bowen's last Report to the Board of Managers, together with the minutes of the last meeting. You will notice on page 6 of the minutes, the action, which the Board of Managers took, asking me to go Home. I wish it were possible to have an hours talk with you over this whole question, for I do not know what to plan in regard to the matter. I hope you will take time to write me your impression in regard to the action of what I should do under the circumstances.

I have work blocked out for this Term that will occupy my

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堂 thought, and it is work that is very pleasant to me in connection with the organization of the Chinese teaching. I am also teaching daily two classes in Bible in Chinese, besides the regular religious work, I am preaching twice each Sunday to the University students. I am enjoying having more work in Chinese.

Last evening I began a series of Sunday evening lectures on great Christian Leaders, speaking first on Wesley and his influence in England. It was pleasing to have the Chapel fairly well crowded, this has not been usual for our evening meetings. I hope through these talks to be able to influence the better class of students, who have not yet been led to take a stand for Christ.

If things were in shape for a campaign in the Fall at Home, and the Board of Trustees could plan for special efforts to secure a revenue for the University, it might be worth while for me to go over to the States for five or six months to help in that work, taking the time off the Fall term's work and planning to be back in China before February, for the opening of the first half year, of course, I shall make no plans until I have heard from you and Mr. Severance and our own Board in regard to the matter. I am not at all eager for a period of separation from Mrs. Williams and the children, nor for any time of separation from the work in China when it is possible to do so much. If it were clearly the line of duty and the way of rendering the larger service, we would be willing to make the arrangements.

Mr. Lobenstien was down to-day again trying to arrange to hurry food stuffs down to Hwai Yuen. There is now money for relief, but it is so hard to get the food stuffs forwarded into the regions where the greatest need is.

Poor China! what with the Plague, and the Famine, and the

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consciousness of Western Powers ready to take advantage of every moment of weakness, her plight is very pitiable.

Mrs. Williams joins me in sending regards to Mrs. Speer and yourself.

Mr. John Berkin,

Very sincerely Yours,

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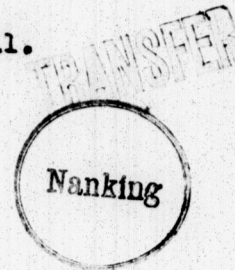
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Aug. 29th, 1911.



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

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer,

Your kind note of August 18th, with the enclosed copy of President Bowen's letter, has been received. It is good to get such encouraging word from Nanking. I understand that Bishop Lewis has come back deeply in favor of unity and cooperation in our educational work in China, and that we may look for his hearty support.

I have been wondering whether our charter in its present form will make it easy for us or possible to add to our Board representatives of other Boards, in order to meet such a situation as has arisen in connection with the Medical School and as will arise when other denominations wish to join in the University work. Are we free, under this charter, to enlarge our number at any time and to add the representatives of other Boards?

I have drafted a set of By-Laws. Will you kindly send me the names of the other members of the Committee on By-Laws, that I may send them copies of the tentative draft?

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Aug. 28th.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert K. Speer".

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Sept. 15th, 1911

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

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer,

We have received the following inquiry from the Rev. Sylvester Jones of the American Friends' Mission in Gibara, Cuba.

The Friends Mission here has under consideration a union in higher educational work with another denomination. We wish to learn from those who have had experience in a successful way in such union efforts. I believe the Presbyterian Board is interested in a union effort in the Shantung Christian University with the English Baptists. Would you be willing to give us the benefit of your experience?

Could you furnish us with a copy of your plan, including such articles of agreement as you may have and any other information that will be illuminating on the subject?

Dr. Brown is answering it with reference to the Shantung University. I have told Mr. Jones I would ask you to send him information regarding the University of Nanking. I think you have duplicate copies of some of the printed pamphlets, which will give him the information he wishes.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept. 11th.

Robert S. Speer

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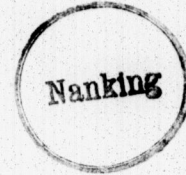
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Sept. 28th, 1911.

Miss Charlotte E. Schoenig,
Missionary Education Movement,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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My dear Miss Schoenig,

I have to leave for the Rocky Mountains on the morning of October 9th, so that I could not attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking at any time between October 9th and October 22nd. If Bishop Lewis can positively meet with the Board on October 12th, I would suggest your sending a note to all the members of the Board, asking whether it would be convenient for them to attend the meeting on that day. This is on condition that Bishop Lewis cannot be in New York later. If he expects to be in New York at some later date, then I would suggest postponing the meeting in order that Mr. Williams of Nanking, who will soon be starting home, may meet the Board at the same time.

Bishop Lewis was to have been in New York to-day for a conference with our Board, but writes that he is kept away by the illness of his wife. It would be well for you, before making any definite engagement with the trustees, to ascertain from Bishop Lewis whether he can be positive of being here at any particular date in the near future.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer

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