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The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

January 3, 1923

Dr. Eric M. North
Mr. L. B. Moss
Secretaries of the Nanking University Trustees
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

My dear Dr. North and Mr. Moss,

The Presbyterian China Council, representing our eight Missions in China, at its latest annual meeting, October 1922, requested that the China Council might be furnished with a copy of important, general correspondence going from a Union Board or Committee at the home base to a Union Institution in China in which our Presbyterian Missions cooperate. The request of the Council concludes with the following sentence:-

"Familiarity with this correspondence would assist the Council to maintain that sympathetic relation of the Missions with these Institutions which might otherwise be lost."

While fully aware that some inconvenience might be occasioned in sending to the China Council a copy of circular material such as general letters addressed to the field and minutes with official actions, nevertheless I believe that a Union Institution, like Nanking University, would be directly benefited by the resultant closer touch with the Presbyterian China Council whose influence in the conduct of our Presbyterian work is becoming increasingly important. If mimeographed copies of circular material are sent in quantity to one address in China, it might seem desirable for the Secretary there to supply the China Council with a copy. Copies of such general material as it may be advisable to send in the way suggested should be addressed to Dr. J. Walter Lowrie, Chairman of the Presbyterian China Council, 20 Museum Road, Shanghai, China.

Perhaps you can suggest a better way of bringing about the result desired. If this request is granted to one denomination, presumably it should be granted to any other cooperating denomination that may make it.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

George T. Scott
George T. Scott.

Secretary for Higher Education.

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of the
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156 Fifth Avenue

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

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January 11, 1923

Rev. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

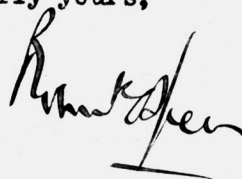
My dear Eric:

Your note of January 4th has been received. As soon as we had Mr. Banton's report on the legal agreement I had a clean copy made of the paper embodying all our suggestions and sent this down to White and Case. Mr. Munroe has been away but I had word yesterday from White and Case that they would like to take the matter up all in conference as soon as Mr. Munroe comes back within a week or so. I am writing to Mr. Munroe, expressing the hope that we can get together soon and that we may find some way of giving the Universities liberty to go ahead. If we have to wait until the Committee of five in China has set up and approved the budget, it will be a long while before we can get under way. At the same time, it may be that we shall find ourselves compelled to wait. I will let you know as soon as I hear anything further.

I enclose a copy of a letter which I have just sent to Dr. Bowen, confirming the cablegram which went some time ago. I am sorry not to have been able to send the confirmation earlier but I was hoping that Mr. Carter would be able to get back soon.

Very cordially yours,

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CHINA UNION UNIVERSITIES



FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

SHANTUNG CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
PEKING UNIVERSITY

CENTRAL OFFICE

150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

Cable Address
Nanfushan, New York

Telephone
Chelsea 2130

Executive Secretary
LESLIE B. MOSS

TRANSFER

January 25, 1923.

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

My dear Mr. Carter:

With regard to the appropriation of the Presbyterian Board for the expense of the Hospital at the University of Nanking for the calendar year 1922, may I point out that Doctor J. Horton Daniels, who is now the Presbyterian representative on the hospital staff, began his services there September 1, 1922.

I believe under the arrangement that the Boards agree to supply salary at the rate of Gold \$1,200 per year during the time of a vacancy upon the staff. My understanding would be that the Presbyterian Board would reimburse the hospital to the extent of \$800.00 for the year 1922. If this is correct I would appreciate a settlement of this matter as soon as possible. There are several hospital bills for Nanking outstanding which ought to be paid, and this would enable us to settle them.

Most cordially yours

Leslie B. Moss

*No salary drawn by Mr. J. Horton Sloan since Aug 1/21 from Nanking University
August 1/21 to March 31/22 (8 months)
April 1/22 to Aug 31/22 (5 months)*

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January 29, 1923.

Mr. George Scott,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Scott,

I want to thank you very much for the privilege and pleasure of hearing Julean Arnold on Saturday and the fellowship of the luncheon.

Miss Moffet writes me that you are receiving now the regular Station minutes and the minutes of the Cooperative Committee. I am glad that that plan is established so that they will come regularly.

I am very glad to read the letter to the Kiangnan Mission and the China Council. I thought you would be interested in some of these letter from the Field, - one from Sam Cochran and his reaction upon further developments, one from Miss Moffet enclosing action of the Station, also one from Sam Mills and Mr. Ruland. Quite a batch of reading so I have marked the things that I thought you would be more interested in.

I should be very much interested in the plans for development in Hangchow in their relation to the University of Nanking. While we have our full quota of staff at Nanking compared with the other Societies, ~~but~~ when the extent of work carried on at Nanking is considered, the quota is a very conservative one compared with what is being done by our Board in Peking or Tsinan. Judging also by the difficulty of access of approach to individual giving in the other cooperative Societies, the more just, equitable and efficient plan for increasing the staff and support of the University is to make a horizontal increase of the cooperative Societies for support and staff by annual grants. It will be important that the whole situation be borne in mind in plans for development in parts of the Field.

Mr. Ruland rejoices in the fact that Hubujai is now at the top of the list. If he were to look back over history and see how long it was near the top of the list without receiving any grant, he might not be so hopeful. I sincerely hope, however, that we can find the funds to make the development at Hubujai possible. We have our fair proportion of students in the University now. We could even have a larger proportion with Hubujai.

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January 29, 1923.

These reports from Nanking are very encouraging. There is a fine spirit in the Station and the work is being carried on with great hope and courage and is being manifestly blessed of God.

Very sincerely yours,

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TRANSFER

January 31, 1923.

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

My dear Mr. Speer:-

This is to convey to you officially the request of the Trustees of the University of Banking. At the meeting of the Executive Committee held Jan. 10, last the following action was taken:-

Voted; that the secretary be instructed (1) to inquire whether the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society has funds which it can assign to cover one-fourth of this deficit, and (2) to inquire whether the Presbyterian Board and the Methodist Episcopal Board will approve the application of the \$10,000 Famine Funds, which each gave to the Agricultural School for endowment, to meeting of this deficit; and that if they so approve, the Treasurer be authorized to apply as much of these funds as as may be necessary to wipe out this deficit.

(the deficit referred to is that on the Agriculture Dept. of Mex\$ 34, 508.95)

I am writing to the other Boards on this matter and anticipate their early action.

Faithfully yours,

Assistant Secretary
University of Banking.

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**The Board of Foreign Missions
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

February 2, 1923

Rev. John E. Williams, D.D.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Williams:

Thank you for yours of Jan. 29th with the various enclosures which are returned to you herewith. I read these all with great interest last night and I am very happy to get these new and bright side-lights from various angles on different issues now to the front on the field. The Secretaries wish that missionaries would write as freely and frankly to them as they do to one another, it would help the cause a great deal. Of course we appreciate the facts that make such writing difficult.

Regarding increased support for Nanking University I believe you are quite right in your thought that this should come through "a horizontal lifting of annual grants and of staff quotas by the constituent Boards."

Again thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

George T. Scott

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

February 3, 1923.

Dr. John E. Williams
Nanking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Williams,

Thank you for yours of February 2nd with enclosure on the housing situation.

Your proposition that the contributions of the Boards to fulfill their constitutional capital obligations should not be credited for their obligation for providing residences for their staff members is, I believe, in theory quite justifiable unless it was otherwise understood in the beginning when these contributions were made. The fact that some of the initial capital funds were actually put in the building of the residences makes me think that the Trustees and the Boards may at that time have understood that these capital funds could be used to relieve that Boards of their responsibility for residences in so far as initial capital funds were so used.

This point would have to be decided by those who handled the situation at the beginning, or, I believe, would have to be decided now by the Trustees and accepted by the Boards. Perhaps it has been so decided. If so, I should be glad to be informed.

I take it from your statement of April 1, 1922, that from Presbyterian funds a total of five residences have been erected for the University, including the hospital, and that since the initial contribution of the Presbyterian Board, with which three residences were erected, there have been erected from Presbyterian funds two residences, one for our member of the hospital staff and one for one other. Is this correct?

Sincerely yours

George T. Scott
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

TRANSFER

February 7, 1923

Dr. Eric M. North
Secretary of the
Trustees of Nanking University

Dear Dr. North:

Re. Funds of Nanking University

This is to advise you that the Presbyterian Board at its meeting on Monday, February 5th, 1923, took favorable action upon the request of the University of Nanking to transfer in-so-far as desired its \$10,000. gift for the agricultural school's endowment to the deficit of that school. The minute adopted by the Board is as follows:

"It was voted to assent to the request of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking for permission to use the \$10,000. transferred to the University by the Board from the balance of the China Famine Funds in its hands, to meet the deficit on the School of Agriculture and Forestry so far as it might be necessary to draw upon the \$10,000. for this purpose."

Sincerely yours,

George T. Scott

George T. Scott

Secretary for Higher Education

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The Board of Foreign Missions
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~~150 Fifth Avenue~~
New York

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

February 16, 1923

Mr. L. B. Moss,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Moss:

I am glad to report the following actions taken by our Board at its last meeting with reference to the Famine Endowment Fund and the enlargement of the membership of the Nanking Board of Trustees:

"It was voted to assent to the request of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking for permission to use the \$10,000. transferred to the University by the Board from the balance of the China Famine Fund in its hands, to meet the deficit on the School of Agriculture and Forestry so far as it might be necessary to draw upon the \$10,000. for this purpose."

"It was voted to accede to the request of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking for the approval of the Presbyterian Board of the request of the Trustees to the Board of Regents for the amendment of the charter of the University of Nanking, making it possible for the Board of Trustees to elect additional members not to exceed in number one-half of the Trustees elected by the cooperating Boards."

I am reporting to White and Case that the revised draft of the Trust Agreement is satisfactory. I hope it may soon be possible now to execute it and to make it possible for the University to go forward with the plans contemplated.

Very faithfully yours,

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Robert K. Speer

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February 20, 1923

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

Dear George,

I thought I had replied formally to your letter of February 3 in regard to residences, but discover that my reply was by telephone, so in order that we may both have record of understanding with regard to residences, I am writing you.

The proposition of housing the staff will be up before the Trustees again and again until there is a more adequate solution of the problem. My general statement was drawn up at the request of Dr. North and Mr. Cory in an effort to arrive at a fair solution of our problem. In your statement,—"The fact that some of the initial capital funds were actually put in the building of the residences makes me think that the Trustees and the Boards may at that time have understood that these capital funds could be used to relieve the Boards of their responsibility for residences in so far as initial capital funds were so used" your inference is perfectly legitimate from the premises. There was no clear definition as to residences. The original agreement called only for a lump sum of \$40,000 value either in property or cash. The allotment of some of these funds to the providing of residences was done by regular action of the Board of Managers and sanctioned by the Board of Trustees, so there was not stated or implied any further claim against the Boards for funds for residences.

At the bottom of the statement ^{page 2} I say, "It should be guarded, however, that the University is not claiming this as a definite obligation on the part of the cooperative Societies in their original agreement, etc." Mr. Cory suggested that this statement would be better if it were added "there was definitely no further obligations and the University was left with the housing problem".

In presenting to the cooperative Societies any claim of obligation in the original agreement by implication or otherwise for additional residences, the response

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February 20, 1923.

will be a clear and emphatic repudiation of any obligation. I mention this because of the practical difficulty in that line which was aggravated by some of the members of the Missions building houses with their own money, which led to a good deal of irritation since the University had to take over these houses at a greater cost.

I think your second inference is fairly taken that "this point would have to be decided by those who handled the situation at the beginning, or, I believe, would have to be decided now by the Trustees and accepted by the Boards. Perhaps it has been so decided. If so, I should be glad to be informed." It has not been decided formally. The statement that I submitted was a plea for a decision. The parliamentary position of that report now is that it was referred to a sub-committee consisting of Mr. Speer and Mr. A. E. Cory. Mr. Cory's absence from New York has prevented a meeting of that Committee. I do not know whether Mr. Speer has gone over the statement and do not know what his response would be to the plan proposed. Mr. Cory, I am sure, would be prepared to face the problem de novo on a basis of present needs. If it referred back to the past to Settlemyer's house, he would immediately become very nervous and excited. The original agreement of union was a basis for the beginning of cooperative effort and was as far as we could go at that time. It made no provision for the development of the University or a progressive increase of support from the cooperative Societies. We expected that actual successful experience in union would command the confidence of the cooperative Boards and that they would face responsibilities for development in union as they necessarily have to face responsibilities in their own denominational work.

A recent letter which has just come from Dr. Bowen to Mr. Moss has some interesting data, indicating the support given to the University by these cooperative Societies and the backing to their own denominational enterprises in East China. Four Boards are supporting in the University of Nanking seventeen representatives, - sixteen men and one women. Two Boards - the Baptist, North and South, are supporting in the Shanghai College twenty-five men. One Board, Methodist, South, is supporting in Soochow thirteen men. Two Boards are supporting in Hangchow ten men. Four Boards contribute to the University of Nanking \$27,000 Mexican annually for current expenses. The Northern and Southern Baptist Boards contribute in addition to the support of twenty-five representatives in Shanghai \$30,400 Mexican per year.

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February 20, 1923.

I give these facts not as implying any criticism of the cooperative Boards in meeting imperative needs for the development of institutions for which they are directly responsible, but only as indicating that in not taking on additional responsibility for the University of Nanking they are expecting the impossible from the University to carry on the developing work without additional support. The housing situation is desperate and the problem of any development seems desperate. However, I may add that this does not indicate my feeling at present, for I believe that the real facts of the situation are becoming more fully known to the cooperative Boards and there is, as you have indicated, a readiness to know the facts and to meet their full share.

Our Board has always maintained that attitude. Our problem is to get the other Missions first and the other Boards to maintain the same and to undertake larger support for the University.

Your understanding of my statement as regards the building of houses, in the final paragraph, is correct. To carry out the plan in full our Board should provide four additional residences. The one granted is a splendid help.

Very cordially yours,

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The Board of Foreign Missions
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

February 21, 1923.

Dr. Eric M. North,
Secretary of Nanking University Trustees,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:-

It is a pleasure to advise you of the appropriation yesterday, February 19th, of \$6000. Gold by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions for the erection of a residence for a representative of this Board on the staff at Nanking University. This money is available for the trustees of the University at their call.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

George T. Scott
GEORGE T. SCOTT.

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

New York February 26, 1923.

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

Re: Nanking University Residences.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I thank you for your fully appreciated letter of February 20th regarding the housing problem at Nanking University.

I read the statement with interest and gather that the policy is even less settled than I had feared. The principle involved is, I believe, one which is not difficult to decide one way or the other, and for the sake of a mutual understanding I believe it should be decided soon.

As far as our Presbyterian residences are concerned, I believe that money from Presbyterian sources have provided for a total of six residences at the University including the one for the hospital. Of this total of six residences three, I take it, were erected out of the guaranteed \$40,000. Grant, and two others were erected out of later and additional appropriations, and one other, the sixth, has just been provided by \$6000. Appropriation by the Presbyterian Board on February 19th.

You stated that the matter has now been submitted to a Sub-Committee of Mr. Speer and Mr. Cory, and consequently I am placing in the hands of Mr. Speer, your letter to me of February 2nd with its enclosed "Statement on the Housing Situation of April 21st, 1922", your letter to me of February, and copy of this, my acknowledgment in reply.

I have read with interest your paragraph comparing the number of staff members reported from the denominational funds for the colleges in your East China Area. Comparisons of course can seldom be exact. One difficulty in your comparison of Shanghai Baptist College will be that the latter has a School of Theology, which naturally demands a larger Mission staff and support. For instance, if Nanking University included a Nanking Theological Seminary, your Board-supported staff would immediately be greatly

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increased. The comparison with Hengchow College, which teaches in the Vernacular, also must be somewhat discounted, because a Vernacular institution cannot secure the same large student income as can an English speaking institution. If one were to compare this University with Shantung University, both of the above differences namely, Theology and Vernacular, would register in addition to medical education, which calls for such large outside support.

Of course all of our colleges are getting extremely meagre support from the home base, but the China Educational Commission nevertheless believes that the Middle School Field is even more neglected and impoverished.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

George T. Scott
George T. Scott.

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The Board of Foreign Missions
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156 Fifth Avenue
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

March 14, 1923.

Rev. John E. Williams, D. D.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Williams:

In regard to the March 20th engagement you have consented to take for Mr. Locke, here are the particulars as far as I have them:

The Union Missionary Training Institute of Brooklyn, (525 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn) asked for a missionary from China to speak on two consecutive Tuesdays in March to the students, and describe to them as nearly as he can, in popular language, the native religions with which he comes in contact in China. Mr. Locke chose his own dates, March 20th and March 27th. The hour is 9:30. I am not able to get from Mr. Locke any instructions he received or should have received from Dean M. T. Shelford, so I am writing Dr. Shelford today, advising him that you have kindly consented to take Mr. Locke's place on Tuesday morning, March 20th at 9:30 o'clock and asking him to communicate with you and tell you how to reach the School and anything else you ought to know before going over. You will probably hear from Dean Shelford in a few days.

Very sincerely yours,

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(Miss) Margaret C. Carter

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March 23, 1923.

Mr. William P. Schell,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Schell,

Your letter in regard to General Assembly and the June Conference to hand.

Since Mrs. Williams and I are living in New York it may be possible for us to attend the sessions of the June Conference. I think Mrs. Williams will plan to be present. Of course, living at home we would not need to be entertained in any way specially.

I wanted some time to talk over the matter of the Assembly of whether there would be any opportunity of representing Christian education in China at the Assembly, of whether it would be desirable in point of view of the Board for me to attend the Assembly. I had in mind to talk this over with you some time when in the office.

Very sincerely,

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**The Board of Foreign Missions
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

March 22, 1923

Rev. John E. Williams, D.D.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Williams:

Just to make sure that you are formally advised of the Board's action of March 19th I report it to you as follows:

"The Rev. John E. Williams was appointed at the Board's expense to represent the Board at a Conference of the International Association of Agricultural Missions to be held in Washington on May 5th, 1923. This Conference will take up the whole question of the service which they may render to agricultural work both on the home and foreign field."

Sincerely yours,



George T. Scott.

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March 23, 1923.

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

My dear Mr. Speer:

Dr. Williams mentioned the other day that it perhaps was not clear to you that copies of the letter which Mr. Bowen wrote you regarding the needs of the University of Nanking had been sent to the various members of the Board of Trustees. President Bowen sent home sufficient mimeographed copies for distribution to each of the members of the boards, in addition to copies of the minutes of the Board of Managers, and these were mailed to them by this office immediately upon receipt. I have also sent copies to Dr. J. T. Proctor and Dr. E. C. Lobenstine, who are members of the Board of Managers now in this country.

The proposals made by Mr. Bowen in his letter are certainly not extravagant so far as the needs of the situation are concerned. From my very intimate acquaintance with the situation at Nanking I know that if the work is to be kept at good college standard the addition of these men is essential. The requirements as they point out are minimum, and if they were really to handle the situation in a way satisfactory to themselves they would feel that the additions ought to be much larger.

This whole question of meeting the needs of our universities in China is so large that I feel increasingly that it ought to be approached as one problem, rather than as several individual problems of the individual schools. President Stuart of Peking has just been talking to me about the desire of some of the schools to unite in a single financial campaign, and about the possibility of the institutions which are now supported by the various boards being administered by one board of trustees. There are many difficulties in the way of such a plan of course, but the results so far on a competitive basis are far from satisfactory. This problem will perhaps need to be taken into consideration when we take up the discussion of the requests that Mr. Bowen has made for additional funds at Nanking.

Very sincerely yours,

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March 26, 1923.

Mr. George Scott,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Scott,

Your letter of March 22 enclosing
minute of the Board, March 19, to hand.

Thank you very much for the noti-
fication. I shall hope to learn fully of the
program and how I can fit into the deliberations.
I shall seek an opportunity at the same time of
seeing Mr. Swingle and others at the Agricultural
Department, who can aid me in the work.

Very sincerely yours,

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March 27, 1923.

Dr. Orville Reed,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Doctor Reed,

In regard to Rev. E. Percy Jones, who applied to the Presbyterian Board on March 22, I met Mr. Jones the evening before and had some visit with him. He impressed me as a man of vigorous health and excellent school records, energetic and determined to go to the field for educational work, whether in Middle Schools or Higher Education.

I was a bit puzzled at his readiness to go under other Boards and withdraw from the Church of England in Canada, and asked him why he would care to make such a move. The next morning he brought the correspondence which indicated that his appointment with the Anglican Church of Canada was postponed because the Bishop of the diocese where he was working was also a member of the Executive Committee of the Foreign Board, and the Bishop did not wish to have him withdraw from the work in the diocese until some time later. Mr. Jones felt that his life work was being postponed without adequate reasons, so he resigned from the parish, withdrew from the diocese and came to New York prepared to apply to any evangelical Board that would give him an opportunity in the work he could do in China. His experience in France during the war, he said, was largely responsible for his new attitude toward the Anglican Church and its more pronounced ecclesiastical control.

I believe he will make good on the field. Of course, your correspondence will develop any other difficulty such as may be lurking in the situation in Canada. He is an earnest volunteer and wants to put in his life in more effective personal work with the Chinese, and feels that he has been led distinctly of God in his present hopes and plans.

Very cordially yours,

JEW:LB

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Please return
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March 27, 1923.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Mr. Reisner has handed me a copy of his letter to you of March 25, and I am writing just a word to say that I agree entirely with Mr. Reisner's suggestion, namely, that the \$20,000 gold which the Presbyterian and the Methodist Boards generously gave for endowment for the Agricultural Department from famine funds be used, together with such funds as the Baptists may eventually grant of their funds, to liquidate our indebtedness. It seems to me that this will be a very legitimate use of these funds and, at the same time, a wise use, although it will absorb potential endowment. I am sure that the debt is proving a serious hindrance to Dr. Williams. It is both difficult to raise and it makes it more difficult to get additional funds or endowment, which we must have if we are to continue as we are running at present. So, it would seem to me a wise and constructive use of this fund to use it to clear off indebtedness, both to the hospital and to the bank and all other possible indebtedness. It is very generous of Mr. Reisner to suggest this, since the endowment is for support of agriculture work, but he has the whole work of the institution in mind, as well as that of the Agriculture and Forestry Department.

We shall be very glad indeed if Mr. Owen can be back and we can know how our expenditures under the new budget are actually totalling up. With the present force we have in the treasurer's office it is impossible to check up as we desire, and as we had hoped.

With very kindest remembrances,

Cordially yours,

A. J. Bowen

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April 6, 1923.

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

Dear Mr. Scott,

If Miss Moffet has not sent you in duplicate these reports of the Executive Committee of the Kiangan Mission, you will be interested in them, and also in her letter which gives considerable Nanking news.

If you are interested in further information about the old Orphanage Property, I could give you quite a little. We ought to have A-I real estate man sell it, for with the demand of housing in Nanking a good dealer would sell it to a Chinese official at a very good figure. It is not well located for our purposes, or well built for residence purposes.

The reports of development of Fu Dung and Hubugiai and other phases of the evangelistic work are most encouraging.

You doubtless have in mind that the Thomsons are coming on furlough this Summer, and will recall that he was awarded a Fellowship by the China Medical Board. They have done very fine work in the University and have identified themselves very thoroughly with all the work of the Station. He was a most acceptable and helpful chairman of Station meetings. His work in building up the Chemistry Department has been not only thorough but a conspicuous success in China. He is losing the sight of one eye and the other eye is suffering sympathetically. They are both meeting this accident with finest fortitude, as was to be expected. I think a letter of appreciation and sympathy from you would be very welcome to them.

Very cordially yours,

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April 27, 1923.

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

My dear Mr. Speer:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the University of Nanking, held April 19th, (a copy of the minutes is herewith enclosed) the following actions were taken, which I desire to bring to your attention officially:

"E-149 - VOTED: to pass on to the mission boards mentioned the requests of the Board of Managers and of Mr. Bowen for additions to the staff, with all the light which can be supplied by any facts available, expressing the conviction of the trustees that the need for these additional members of the staff is very urgent."

"E-150 - VOTED: that in view of the large number of missionaries that the university is supporting, and the resulting inability of the university to house the newly appointed representatives of the boards, we request that when the boards appoint their new members they also make provision for housing them."

These actions were taken in response to the requests of the Board of Managers (outlined on page 4 of the minutes) and of Mr. Bowen in his letter of January 29, 1923 to Dr. Speer. A copy of Mr. Bowen's letter has been sent you previously, but I enclose herewith a very brief resume of his points and the page of comparative statistics, which shows something of the relative costs of mission universities and colleges in China.

It should be remembered that these requests are the very minimum essential for passable work this fall. President Bowen does not in any sense feel that it will provide for any expansion, but simply enable them to hold the work at present capacity. He has tried in his letter to set forth the matter as comprehensively and carefully as possible. With great care and detail he goes into the reasons for the requested additions to the staff.

The fact is patent that no increase in staff has been provided for by the mission boards in the Arts and Science department since the beginning of the union. The university has been under the necessity of employing some 18 additional foreign teachers and 7 returned students to carry on the work demanded of it. This has so far taxed the capacity of the finances that it is utterly impossible

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to make provision for necessary classes. Thus they are seeking relief from the burden for this coming fall.

You will note that they have this year a total of 403 students in the Colleges of which number 354 are in the Junior College and the Senior College of Arts and Sciences, for which the additional teachers are asked.

The request of the Board of Managers and of President Bowen is that your Board appoint two additional members to the University faculty for the Junior College and the Senior College of Arts and Sciences, to be matched by two appointees from each of the other two fully-cooperating boards. If your board preferred to take over the support of men now on the faculty, that would be accepted, I am sure.

To this, the Trustees add the request that when new members are appointed provision should be made for housing them.

The trustees feel that the need as set forth by President Bowen is very urgent, and they commend it to the careful consideration of your board.

Very faithfully yours,

Enclosures

Assistant Secretary,
University of Nanking.

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The Board of Foreign Missions
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May 1, 1923

The Rev. Leslie B. Moss,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Moss:

I have just received copy from Mr. Reisner of a letter addressed by him to Dr. North and Eric North and Mr. Carter and me with regard to the use of the Famine balance from the Boards toward the cancellation of the deficit. No doubt Dr. North will have already shown you this letter. Is any other action by the Trustees or the Executive Committee necessary, or have the actions already taken covered the application of these full amounts toward the deficit?

Very cordially yours,

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May 5, 1923.

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

My dear Mr. Speer:

The answer to your question with regard to the actions taken covering the application of the Agricultural Endowment Funds toward the deficit, depends upon an interpretation of the actions taken by the Presbyterian and Methodist Boards, I think. The action which you quoted to me in your letter of February 16th gives assent to the request of the trustees to use the \$10,000 transferred to the university by the board from the balance of the China Famine Fund in its hand "to meet the deficit on the School of Agriculture and Forestry so far as it might be necessary to draw upon the \$10,000 for this purpose" - and from a letter from Dr. Frank Mason North on February 20th, in which he says, "I assume that if from other sources amounts could be supplied on this deficit, the amount necessary to be taken from the endowment fund will be correspondingly reduced."

It would seem to me that if the balance of the endowment fund is to be used toward clearing off the deficit, it will be necessary for the trustees to take some further action, requesting the mission boards to release what remains of the funds transferred to the university for this purpose. As you know, the Baptist Board has agreed to provide sufficient funds to clear off one-quarter of the amount of the deficit assigned to the College of Agriculture and Forestry. The transaction is not yet complete, but the balance remaining from the \$20,000 transfer to the university by the Presbyterian and the Methodist Boards will be approximately \$6,000 gold.

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

My dear Dr. Speer:

Dr. Williams has told me that you are willing to write the letter to the various boards transmitting to them the actions of the Executive Committee of the Nanking Trustees and of the Board of Managers of the University. I am therefore enclosing herewith three complete sets of the following papers:

- (1) The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees, of April 19, 1923;
- (2) A resume' of Mr. Bowen's arguments for the proposed increase in faculty;
- (3) The comparative statistics of colleges in East China gathered in January, 1923; (this was sent home by President Bowen);
- (4) Extracts from the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers of the University, January 19, 1923 (this includes the actions which the trustees voted to forward to the various mission boards);
- (5) Comparative figures for China Universities and Colleges, compiled May, 1923.

In regard to this last, I may say that I have tried to make the comparisons on as nearly an even basis as possible. Where they appear to depart from the basis of the others, I have indicated it by foot-notes. I have also given at the bottom of the page the sources of the figures used. I hope that these figures will be of some benefit as they are studied by the various persons interested.

I certainly will appreciate it very greatly if you are willing to transmit these papers with the actions of the trustees to the various boards. It will come with far greater weight from you than it would from the Secretary, and I sincerely hope that some means of relieving the situation at Nanking may be found.

Faithfully yours,

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Assistant Secretary,
University of Nanking.

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May 22, 1923.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Speer:

It is with heavy heart that we have to write to you today and report to you the very sad death of Mr. Keen, Dean of our Language School. He was taken down with typhoid fever about two weeks ago and moved to the foreign hospital. The fever was being fairly satisfactorily controlled when about a week ago complications set in - kidney trouble with some diabetes. Saturday night he had a bad spell and again Sunday morning, then pneumonia developed and his heart gave out, so with all these complications there was very little hope and he passed away about nine o'clock Sunday evening, May 20. He was in no pain to speak of and was conscious until practically the end. The funeral was held yesterday in Sage Chapel. The Language School had decorated the chapel most beautifully and there was a very large gathering of friends, both Chinese and foreign.

Mrs. Keen is holding up very bravely indeed. It is a little harder for Mother Keen and it is an extremely heavy loss not only to the University and to the Language School but to the whole community, because Mr. Keen was identified with so many of the vital interests of the community. He was active in all of the Union Church activities and in the many musical events, and through his contacts with the Language School was in close touch with most of the outside foreigners here in the city, and in very helpful contact with them; so we all feel the loss tremendously and have no idea just what we shall do as yet regarding the future of the Language School. Fortunately Miss Leyda has been there all year and has been handling almost entirely the correspondence work, which is a heavy burden in itself, as there are some two hundred students scattered about taking the correspondence courses. We are also fortunate in the two head teachers, who have been there for years, very capable men, so that for the rest of this term Miss Leyda and the head teachers will be able to carry on very satisfactorily, but we shall need to consider a director or dean for the fall and it will be quite impossible to find a man with just the qualifications and happy combinations that Mr. Keen had for this position.

Mrs. Keen, of course, has not as yet made plans for the future, but I think she is planning to spend the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey, who have been very close friends and espe-

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cially so these last two weeks. Mother Keen will, I think, be returning home in the very near future.

As soon as we have anything definite to recommend we shall probably be writing you again regarding the Language School for the fall. In the meantime I think that you can announce to the cooperating boards that we shall carry the Language School on as usual, opening the first of October. If Miss Leyda can be loaned to us for another year, and with Miss Smith as secretary with one year's language study as she has had, if worst comes to the worst they could carry on fairly well, I think, but it will be necessary, I am sure, to get a man who has had experience in China to take the deanship of the school. We might, however, be able to get along for a few months with our present force.

Very cordially yours,

A. Bowen

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The Rev. Leslie B. Moss,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Moss:

I received your letter of May 8th with the accompanying papers. As I explained to Dr. Williams, I think we ought to try to meet all possible objections in advance instead of answering them after they are made, and I am inclined to think we could do this in some particulars if we would set forth in our first statement the facts about the Theological Seminary and the Hospital and the Language School at Nanking. By stating these facts I think we can very greatly strengthen our case and can also avoid the risk of having some red herrings drawn across the trail. Dr. Williams said that you would be glad to compile this information also and let me have it. It should show the facts as to students, teachers or doctors, and Board appropriations and tuitions or fees.

In the case of the appropriations which you have entered on your table for Peking, Shantung and Fukien, do the amounts include China Medical Board grants or only Board grants? If the latter, can you tell me the China Medical Board grants also for pre-medical work and for Medical School in Peking, Shantung, Fukien, West China?

Could you not get the Board appropriations and College tuitions for St. John's, and are there not some China Medical Board grants for St. John's also?

Still another item that would strengthen our statement would be the number of employed returned students. How many of these are supported by Board appropriations and how many by field resources?

Referring to your letter of May 5th, my understanding is from Mr. Reisner that the portion of the University deficit properly chargeable to the School of Agriculture and Forestry is such as would warrant us in applying to the deficit the full amount of \$10,000. each from the Presbyterian and Methodist Boards from their China Famine Fund balances. Is this not correct? If you have no such letter from Mr. Reisner, I should be glad to have his letter to me looked up which, as I remember it, justifies this view.

Very cordially yours,

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Robert E. Speer
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May 25, 1923.

Mr. Dwight H. Day, Treasurer,
Presbyterian Board,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Mr. Day:

There is a small item of loss in exchange on the appropriation for the Presbyterian Board to the University of Nanking for the six months January 1st till June 30, 1923. The custom in the past has been for the exchange to be figured in at the time the check is paid, but we notice that for the second quarter no item for exchange was included in the check, which was for \$1,187.50.

We would appreciate it very greatly if this matter could be taken care of, so that we can close our books in good order on June 30th. Our information from Nanking to date gives us to understand that the rate of exchange obtained on drafts drawn out there has been 1.838.

Very sincerely yours,

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150 Fifth Avenue,
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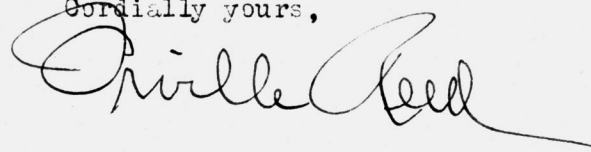
My dear Dr. Williams,

In your absence I have been conferring with Mrs. Williams and on her authority I am commandeering you for the June Conference and have put you down to speak on Thursday, June 7th at 10:25 on "Agriculture and Other Specialized Work." We feel that you are in close touch with the work of the Agricultural Department of Hankin University and can give the young people a general idea of the agricultural missionary problem. "Other Specialized Work" includes the architect, printer, treasurer, etc. I am sure you will do this for us.

I am sending this memorandum so that you may find it immediately on your return to the office.

With kind regards

Cordially yours,



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June 4, 1923.

Dr. Orville Reed,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Doctor Reed,

I am enclosing copy of letter to Mr. Benedict in reply to his letter to me. I could not make it more enthusiastic in view of our limitations at Nanking and the importance of our securing experienced, tried-out men as teachers, and the importance, too, of our using Chinese graduates as far as possible, if we can secure them with the positive missionary purpose. That has been our most difficult point in regard to that class of men. We expect, however, to overcome that in a degree through the arrangements we now have with the Board of Regents at Albany, whereby we can grant the degrees of Master of Arts and Master of Science and we hope to put men on Fellowship for those degrees and require teaching along with their study. In this way we hope to have a constant number of men preparing for post-graduate work, who at the same time will be doing actual teaching and will be our best assistants.

The Missions to a degree and the Government schools to a much larger degree need men thoroughly trained in China, to take up positions as leaders in education. We believe we can train men in China much more thoroughly in technical subjects than the training they are receiving in the Universities in the United States, although we cannot afford, naturally, the range of travel and observation made possible through residence in the United States.

Of course, there will be opportunity in engaging more men in connection with the Famine Fund. There, too, however, we shall be careful to select men with special training and with earnest missionary purpose, who will fit in with regular team work on the faculty. The only use we could make of men who have just completed their College course is for short term teachers in positions as assistants.

Sincerely yours,

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June 6, 1923.

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

My dear Mr. Scott:

I am going to take the liberty of bringing to your attention Mr. Burgoyne Griffing, a Presbyterian, who is a graduate of Washburn College, with a master's degree from Kansas University, and who has been teaching in Des Moines University for some time. His specialty is physics. His brother has been in Nanking carrying on the special investigation work in cotton for several years, and has proven himself a splendid man on the university staff. I take the liberty of mentioning Mr. Griffing's name to you believing that if the Presbyterian Board sees its way clear to appointing an additional man on the university staff, in accordance with the request of the Board of Managers, that Mr. Griffing would be an excellent man to be considered in this connection. I am sure from statements we have received from Nanking, that the filling of this position in physics with Mr. Griffing would be a very acceptable appointment. Of course I do not want in any way to try to influence the action of the Presbyterian Board, but thought it might be of advantage to you to have this information in hand in case any action could be taken.

Most cordially yours,

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June 14, 1923.

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

Dear Mr. Scott,

I enclose herewith copy of my letter to Professor Latourette and his reply in regard to Mr. Djang, in accordance with our conversation over the telephone this afternoon.

Mr. Djang was very happy over his examination for ordination last Monday or Tuesday in the Rochester Presbytery. He was highly praised for the way he answered all questions, and the examiners expressed the wish that American students might be able to answer so clearly. Since he is already ordained by the Rochester Presbytery there is no question about his standing in the Church.

I believe Mr. Djang will make a very valuable worker in the Church in China. He has done very effective evangelistic work that met with the most hearty appreciation of all members of our Station, as well as the Chinese with whom he worked. The most conservative members of our Station, as Mr. Drummond and Mr. Gray, who might be timid in using such men, were most enthusiastic in their appreciation of Mr. Djang and his work.

Please return the letters when you have finished.

Very cordially yours,

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DWIGHT H. DAY
TREASURER
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ASSOCIATE TREASURER

June 20, 1923

Dr. Eric M. North
~~Mr. Leslie B. Moss~~
Secretaries of the Trustees of
Nanking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. North and Mr. Moss:

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Sincerely yours,

George T. Scott

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Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Spear

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July 10, 1923.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Speer:

We are sending you the minutes of the joint meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees of the Board of Managers, held June 25 and 26. We had five separate sessions and had a very good meeting indeed. We are very glad that Mr. Doan could be present at some of the sessions. We have appreciated his visit here very much.

You will note that Mr. Owen reports that the deficit has been reduced to something like \$47,000, though the exact figure cannot be ascertained accurately till we have the statement from Mr. Moss taking us up to June 30. Dr. Williams' campaign expenses may increase the deficit somewhat.

The actions MEF-53 to 56 were in adjustment of minor matters that had been in question, growing out of the action of last year, to the effect that all credit balances of all departments should be put into the deficit. It was thought in regard to these particular items that the actions taken would be more just and equitable.

We are sending you also the budget for 1923-4, which has been worked out by Mr. Owen and Miss Priest with the cooperation of the heads of departments in a more careful and accurate manner, I think, than any budget we have hitherto presented, since all of the figures, practically, have been arrived at from actual accounts of the past six months or the past year. Even so, it was felt that there would naturally be adjustments after the opening of the fall term, so actions MEF-59 and 60 were taken to cover this and any other contingent financial matters that might come up. It was felt that a small committee who was intimately acquainted with the budget as it has been worked out and as it is operating would be of great service to Mr. Owen and to myself.

Actions MEF-61-to 64, having to do with the Department of Business Administration, are clear, I think. There has been a growing feeling, I am sure, on the part of all of us here that we have not been well advised in trying to conduct a Department of Business Administration here in Nanking, not that there is lack

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of interest on the part of the students, but rather that it does not seem quite^{to} harmonize with our ideals and our aims. In the first place, in harmony with the understanding of the Educational Commission and of the other colleges in East China, we are not free to develop a senior college of business administration. We therefore take students through two years of the Junior College and then drop them. This means that practically all of them drop out of the institution and go to other schools and they are not with us long enough to do the kind of work we desire to do with them, and we are not primarily interested in training in an inadequate way a few, or a large number for that matter, young men purely for business enterprises.

Then, Boston University is now owing us something like \$3,000 Mexican on Mr. Akerstrom's salary, so we felt that the only course by which we could justify ourselves was to give the second year work in 1923-4, so that the young men who have taken the one year could complete their course with us and we could then close out the department.

Since then apparently Mr. Akerstrom has aided us in settling the matter, for we noticed in the last number of the Nanking Church Bulletin, published here by Dr. Price, that he has taken a position with the School of Business Administration of Southeastern University, located in Shanghai. I have written Mr. Akerstrom, who has gone to Shanghai, to ascertain whether or not this is the case. He has not consulted with me about the matter but we are not at all feeling badly that he has left us - if that be the case - as it would be only a year longer that we could hope to keep him and his salary is far in arrears, and the added year would not be of any particular credit to us. This being the case it would seem to me very advisable for Dr. Williams to take these actions and all the correspondence that he has on the subject, and more that I will give him as soon as I hear from Mr. Akerstrom, and go to Boston University and see if their support cannot be transferred to some other department - the College of Arts and Science would be my first choice, and Education would be the second - that is, ^{for them} cooperate in something that we are now doing and which is in entire harmony with the ideals and plans of the institution, that is, training men for Christian service. A member of the faculty of Boston University Theological School, Professor H. C. Wark, spent several days with us and we went into the matter very fully and he had an interview or two with Mr. Akerstrom and he concurs quite fully in all that we have done. He will be reaching Boston early in September and if Dr. Williams could go there about that time and in consultation and cooperation with Dr. Wark take up the whole matter with the Boston University Nanking Association, I think their interest and financial support could be transferred to another department. I am not writing

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direct to Boston as I think it would be better for Dr. Williams to go there in person and thus make matters more clear than we can by correspondence.

It should be said that Mrs. Akerstrom has been quite unhappy here in Nanking and I think has made it rather difficult for Mr. Akerstrom. He has taught his classes faithfully and put in a great deal of time on them, I think. In addition, of course, he has carried the burden of the treasurer's office during Mr. Owen's furlough without any diminution of his teaching schedule. The students are well satisfied with his work, but I think the Dean of the Junior College is far from being satisfied in this respect, that Mr. Akerstrom, being entirely new to China has not been able to adapt his teaching of business and commercial matters to Chinese conditions and has rather been teaching the same subjects and using the same material that American students are getting. This perhaps is no criticism of Mr. Akerstrom but rather of our limitations in general. I shall report to you and to Dr. Williams as soon as I hear from Mr. Akerstrom about his leaving us or not.

Action MEF-65, regarding classes in Education, was taken largely in this form to 'save the face' of the only Chinese teacher, Mr. T. T. Hu, who was giving all of his time to education - that is, all of the time that he was giving to the University. His work was quite unsatisfactory, as he was teaching outside in two or three other places. The classes that he was conducting were very small and uneconomical and so we took this action in order to drop him, chiefly, and those classes, secondarily. He has taken a position with an import and export company at Tsingtao.

We are very much in hopes that the Presbyterian and Methodist Boards will see their way clear to make the entire amount of the \$20,000 gold endowment for the College of Agriculture and Forestry available for our deficit. We have still a rather formidable balance against our chemistry and biological department and it was our conviction that it would be quite legitimate to use the entire amount of this endowment on the debt. We are sure that the deficit, even though it is being reduced hopefully, is an embarrassment to Dr. Williams and to the Trustees, and the sooner it can be wiped off entirely the better, so we trust that the two Boards will be able to approve of this suggestion (MEF-66).

In regard to action MEF-67, you will recall that during the first six months of this year we made a saving through our budget of \$10,000 to apply on deficit. The question was before us, of course, of making at least an additional \$10,000 saving on our 1923-4 budget, but it was felt that since we are obligated to carry the expenses of the Promotional Office from current funds, amounting to \$16,000, it was felt that we could not possibly carry that and also budget \$10,000 or so on the deficit. Since we

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do not feel able to do this, we took action MEF68, which means that all of the surplus that Mr. Small gains from his building operations for others will apply on our current budget rather than being set aside as a fund with which to build an additional residence. You know that Mr. Small is making an appropriate charge for each department or each organization for which he does work. The sericulture building, for example, paid a certain percentage on his expenses; the Hospital is doing the same, and a certain charge, somewhat larger, is made for work done for outside organizations, so Mr. Small is able to make very considerably more than his salary and we feel that just as soon as we can we should like that surplus to apply on building a house for him and Mrs. Small. We are paying \$960 a year rent for Mr. Small.

Action MEF-70 may not be clear without a word of explanation. As you perhaps know, the Women's Auxiliary, an organization of the faculty ladies working together to help on our deficit, purchased a nunnery within our territory that we have been trying to secure for many years. They have not only purchased it but are paying for the remodeling of the place, making it suitable for a foreign family to live in it, but since the building now stands where the general plan of the University calls for a boulevard, it seemed best to the Building and Property Committee to move it to another site, so that the building would not interfere with future plans when it is erected in its modified form. The ladies felt that they could not carry this, so we have included it in the budget.

The other actions up to MEF-76 will be clear, I think, and Mr. Owen's letter, together with action MEF-76 will bring before the Trustees a matter that has, I judge, been before them, according to your last minutes, and which has been causing considerable difficulty here on the field. We have a very good committee working on it and at our next regular meeting of the Board of Managers we shall no doubt have definite recommendations. The 1923-4 budget is not affected so we have ample time in which to work out something satisfactory to the men here and, I trust, to the Board of Trustees at home. The same applies to the cost of the education of children of University-supported members of the staff.

Actions MEF-82, 83 and 84 came up in connection with the following of Arnett's system of accounting, from the feeling that the Hospital should be charged a proportionate share of overhead. It had never been done before, and since Dr. Williams' work in America, in times past as well as this time, is partially given for hospital matters, it was felt that it would be best to include an item covering their approximate share of this overhead and promotion work and that has been included in the budget, \$4,000. Details of just how this particular item, \$4,000, was arrived at Mr. Owen has not yet told me but he will be writing me from Peitaiho in a few days. The same scale or basis has been applied to the overhead for the Model School, Middle School, and all other departments. It had never been applied in this way before, especially to the Middle School and to the Model School, but it has appealed to

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all of us as only fair and just.

In regard to the Language School, we are quite confident that Miss Leyda can carry on for a half-year or so. She has a very efficient staff and is herself a very excellent administrator. We are hoping that the Baptists may have some one whom they can recommend for the deanship, as this would probably make a little easier the problem of their carrying on the salary. Should we have to secure some one else, then the problem would emerge as to whether or not the Baptist Board would continue cooperation in the University in that department. We have nothing definite yet to report, but Mr. Cressy is cooperating and consulting with one or two men.

We commend the budget to you for very careful study and, if possible, approval. We are happy to say that so far as we can judge from all of the accounts we have here, we are living within our budget for the first six months of 1923. There are accounts that Mr. Moss will be sending forward for June and July that we have not yet received, that may alter a very favorable outlook, but so far as expenditures are concerned we are living within the budget. Owing to heavy inroads on our general funds there in New York it may be possible that we shall be a little short on some items of income, but we all feel considerably hopeful over the situation. Of course the Trustees must keep in mind that we have been running at the absolute minimum - we cannot say of efficiency, because we have been running below efficiency and it will be imperative to secure additional equipment both in the way of furnishings and equipment in physics, chemistry and biology very shortly if the men are to give certain courses and do the work that they wish done. They have all been very cheerful and have cooperated splendidly in every respect, but we cannot strain their good nature too long by withholding practically all chances of new and advanced courses that they are keen to give.

Very cordially yours,

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Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
Secy., Nanking University Trustees,
150-Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Moss:

Re: Nanking University Staff-Affiliated Missionaries,
Presbyterian Board.

As a matter of information and record, I wish to advise you that certain permanent members of the Nanking University staff, who are members of the Presbyterian Mission but supported by the University and not by the Presbyterian Board, were appointed as affiliated missionaries of the Presbyterian Board at its last meeting on July 16, 1924, the Board action being as follows:-

"In accordance with the recommendation of the Kiangnan Mission and of the China Council and with the written application of the individuals concerned, the Board appointed as Affiliated Missionaries the following permanent members of the staff of the University of Nanking: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clemons, Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Porter and Miss Elise M. Priest."

Yours very sincerely,

George T. Scott.

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

August 3rd, 1923.

Dr. John E. Williams,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Williams:

Re Property Listing for Nanking University
Hospital.

In accordance with my interview with you August 1st, I have arranged with Miss Elliott, of the Specific Object Department, for the addition of \$7500. Gold to the supplementary list of the Board's property askings, which are about to be published. The item for \$2200 Gold for Chinese residence will remain in the supplementary list. The items in the special list, for Language School and for two Chinese residences, will stand unchanged as you and I agreed.

The amount of \$7500. Gold for the hospital is, I take it, not less than our Presbyterian share of the amount which is needed from the Board of Trustees to assure the Trustees of the additional appropriation by the China Medical Board.

It might be recorded that this matter was referred to you and to me with power by the Executive Council August 1st.

Sincerely yours,

George T. Scott

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August 4, 1923.

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

Dear Mr. Scott,

RE PROPERTY LISTING FOR NANKING UNIVERSITY

HOSPITAL.

I am very pleased to have your letter of August 3, confirming our interview of August 1. I am very pleased that the arrangement can be made as you have indicated.

Cordially yours,

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August 31st, 1923.

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

Dear Mr. Moss:-

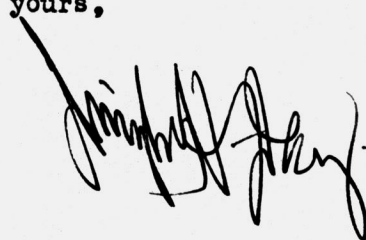
As you are aware, I believe I have assumed responsibility for \$550.00 gold toward the salary of Mr. L. J. Owen of Nanking University each year.

However, when the Board granted salaries at the rate of two for one, I agreed to provide the Mexicans 1,100.00 each year.

I would like now to make a payment on account of the present year and if you will fix the rate for, say, one-quarter of Mexicans 1,100.00, namely, Mexicans 275.00, I will provide the gold amount at this time. Will you kindly tell me to what date your books show payments have been made on this account.

With many thanks for your attention, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



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September 15, 1923.

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

Dear Mr. Scott,

I have spoken to you several times about the two Chinese students, Mr. Djang Fang and Mr. Wang Chuen-yung. Mr. Wang has been approached by the Hunan Mission and Mrs. Lingle especially, to take the leadership with her in their Academy at Changsha. They have arranged for his salary but have not been able to arrange for his travel back, which would involve about \$500.00. I shall do what I can to help out on that. Since the use of such men seems to be a departure in the policy of our Missions and will naturally involve a great deal of tact and experiment in fitting them in along side of men with much less training, I want you to know the temper of the man, so I am sending you a letter recently received from Mr. Wang, which is of a very personal character.

I believe Mr. Wang will do thoroughly good work at Hunan and I believe he can work in so as to be more valuable, if he fits in rightly, than one of the foreign missionaries. His mother was the first Christian baptized in Nanking and his brothers have been engaged in direct Christian work in the Hospital and the School, so Wang's life has been interwoven with the whole development of Nanking Station.

I realize keenly the problem of adjustment of returned students, with so many years of foreign training and foreign thinking, into the work of our Stations and Missions. I believe, however, that the experiment should be made and am gratified that now the Missions of the China Council are taking actions in that direction.

Very cordially yours,

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September 25, 1923.

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

Dear Dr. Scott,

Enclosed herewith is a copy of letter to Dr. Kennedy. Both Dr. Brown and Dr. Speer went over the first draft and made most important suggestions for its improvement. I have tried to state the facts without combating Dr. Kennedy and hope that he will print the whole in the columns of "The Presbyterian" in the interest of the real facts.

"The Presbyterian" in all honesty ought to move over and say that it is the organ of the China Inland Missions with the definite aim of securing from Presbyterians the largest support for that work, and in order to do that it finds it necessary to condemn the educational work of our Church. I have written with some misgivings because we have been carrying on a very positive evangelistic effort in the University throughout the years with every class. While at the same time we have the status and registration with the Government for our work. The extreme leaders of the student movement would be inclined to fight to the limit our policy, and if we give wide publicity to what we are doing we may get no support from the leaders of The Presbyterian, and we may arouse a great deal of opposition in China to what we are doing.

Dr. Kennedy and the people of The Presbyterian seem to be so completely and utterly ignorant of the real conditions in China and the work that it would be hard to do anything to make the work intelligible to them.

Yours sincerely,

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September 19, 1923.

Mr. Dwight H. Day,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Mr. Day:

On my return from vacation I found upon my desk your letter of August 31st with regard to the payment on account of Mr. Owen's salary. I find that your last payment was made up to and including December 31, 1922.

The present rate of exchange as quoted to me by the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation yesterday is approximately .52. This would mean that \$275.00 Mexican could be bought for \$143.00 gold. I am sorry that my absence from the city caused a delay in the reply to your letter, and hope that this is the information which you desire.

Very sincerely yours,

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September 20, 1923.

Dr. John E. Williams
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Williams,

Thank you for yours of the fifteenth, which reached me yesterday, speaking of Mr. Wang Chuen-yung and enclosing a letter from Mr. Wang to you, which I am returning to you herewith.

It is gratifying to know of the fine spirit of men like Mr. Djang Fang and Mr. Wang, which spirit will go a long way in helping to make possible and agreeable the necessary adjustments of which you speak in gearing the Chinese of such competence into the Christian operations of China.

I trust that the experiment of Mr. Wang in the Changsha Girls' School works out satisfactorily in every way. You, of course, realize that the Board expects a Mission to have direct relations and responsibility with a national worker.

Inasmuch as Mr. Wang is going to a Girls' School, I am passing your letter on to Mrs. Roys for information.

Trusting that these two men always prove worthy of the training that Nanking Seminary has given them, I am

Very sincerely yours

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Sept ember 21, 1923.

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

Dear Dr. Scott,

Your letter in regard to Mr. Wang Chuen-yung received this morning.

I am gratified to know of your interest in these men and of your hope of what they can accomplish in China. At the close of your letter you add, "Trusting that these two men always prove worthy of the training that Nanking Seminary has given them". I wish both of them had been trained in Nanking Seminary. As a matter of fact neither of them were trained in the Seminary. Not because we did not want them to be trained there or that the Seminary did not want them, but because the energies of the teachers in the Seminary were occupied mainly in training men who had only a Grammar School or Middle School preparation. This was true up till 1920 when those classes which constituted the larger bulk of the students were transferred, and the faculty of the Seminary are now giving their attention mainly to training men who have the Junior College preparation, or the Senior College. Both men are really demonstrations of the futility of the Southern Presbyterian emphasis and aims in education. They were wanting a Moody Institute rather than a School, that would require with the deepest emphasis on the spiritual, ~~to~~ thorough discipline and training.

I am very hopeful of the better plan being worked out in the Seminary and of the larger results which will follow.

I am deeply interested in what you write of the policy of the Board,—"You, of course, realize that the Board expects a Mission to have direct relations and responsibility with a national worker." I did not realize that that had been defined as a policy, but had understood that it was a working basis. I believe it is a wise policy. The crux of the problem will still remain - how to finance men of this sort with their requirements for larger salaries? The personal adjustment of workers will be a problem of no mean order. If individuals in the Missions have to carry the problem of the financing, it introduces another element that adds greatly to the complications because the one who undertakes to find the

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finances will not only have that problem but will be a convenient person to be responsible for any problem or failure that emerges in personal adjustments.

There is real need of more action and progress on the part of our Missions in finding a place and supporting the more highly trained men in the work, while facing frankly the difficulties and problems in connection with such a movement.

Very cordially yours,

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September 24, 1923.

Rev. David S. Kennedy, D.D.,
Editor, "The Presbyterian",
Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Doctor Kennedy,

After reading in "The Presbyterian" of August 23 on page 16, what is written under the title, "A Voice from China", I am impelled to write to you under the conviction that you and the readers of "The Presbyterian" would rejoice in cheering news of the advance of the cause of Christ when that news is true, as well as in sad news reporting the defeat of the cause of Christ, particularly when the sad news is condemnation without foundation in fact.

Among a large number of missionary acquaintances and colleagues, I do not find anyone who knows Mr. B. S. Ding. This is not significant, save of the probability that Mr. Ding does not know many of the missionaries whom he groups together and condemns wholesale. I doubt whether his acquaintance among Chinese is wider, although he assumes to represent all.

The Christian Standard's condemnation of the responsible elected leaders of the Christian Church is well-known to the brotherhood of that Church. Its wholesale condemnation, however, of the responsible appointed missionary leaders and administrators of all the churches will be a surprise even to the membership of the Christian Church long made familiar with its diatribes against their own Church leaders.

To those who know the facts these two quotations are their own sufficient answers.

There are, however, many among the readers of "The Presbyterian" who are deeply interested in the work of the missionaries of our Church, who are not in a position to know the facts and who may be deeply disturbed by these statements, and who may further conclude if there is no protest the reason must be that those who know cannot fully answer. Not only is there no foundation of facts for these indiscriminate condemnations but the real facts are of such an entirely different character that they would not only not be discouraging to those who have a real interest in the fulfilment of the Master's last command, but are full of the greatest encouragement and assurance.

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You may recall my own efforts in America in 1908-09, enlisting the interest of Presbyterians in contributing their quota toward the plan of the University of Nanking,- a union of three denominations which was then being proposed. I make this personal reference simply to indicate that I have been in close touch with the enterprise from the time that missionaries in Nanking of the different denominations began to plan for its organization and development. The University of Nanking was consummated in January, 1910, as a union institution.

The purpose and motives that dominated the group of missionaries who were at that time planning for the union were, first, that they might train more effectively leaders for the evangelistic, educational and medical work being carried on by the Missions and give a thorough scientific training under Christian auspices to the youth of China, who would seek such training in a Christian institution.

The second motive was that in union they could come nearer to fulfilling the spirit and word of the Master as expressed in the seventeenth chapter of John,-"That they all may be one that the world may believe". There was a clear realization that in union there would be added strength in support, in staff, in equipment and in spirit for the work. This strength can be measured outwardly by the number of students and teachers who are in the University and the influence that the University has exerted in China.

Deeper and more significant, however, to the men who were planning the work was the faith that through union they could attain more closely and fully to the mind and spirit of our Lord and Master, as expressed in His prayer the night before the crucifixion. As we look back over the development of the work we thank God with deeper assurance and confidence for the way He has led us.

The University of Nanking has in union and cooperation at this time five different denominations,- the Methodists, North, Disciples or Christian Church and the Presbyterians, North, who were the original parties in the development of the Union; also the Northern Baptist Mission and Church who joined later through the Medical School, and are now participating in the Missionary Training School and the College of Agriculture and Forestry; and the Southern Presbyterian Church and Mission who continue their cooperation in the University Hospital and in the Union Theological Seminary at Nanking.

In 1910 when the three Schools - the Methodists, Presbyterians and Christian - were combined we had an enrollment of 33 students in College and in round numbers, 400 in the preparatory departments. Now the enrollment of the University in the Colleges is over 430, and in the preparatory and other courses is over 700. The enrollment in all departments of Chinese students for last year would be over 1100, not including the enrollment of the Missionary Training School which included 150 young missionaries.

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The University now grants the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science conjointly with the Board of Regents at Albany, and has been authorized to grant the degrees of Master of Arts and Master of Science. Last Fall the University could admit into the Colleges less than one out of three of the students who had taken the preliminary courses and had applied for entrance.

The success of the union in its appeal to the best Chinese is demonstrated beyond question. Its success in its appeal to the missionary body is demonstrated by the fact that from all over China they are sending their students for training and are appealing to the University for Christian teachers for their Schools.

The deeper question, however, which may concern the more earnest readers of "The Presbyterian" who by their faith and prayer are supporting this enterprise, as well as the responsible leaders of the institution, is whether the University is succeeding in presenting Christ to the students and winning young men to faith and byalty to Him and His supreme claims.

The students of our Middle and Preparatory Schools are drawn more largely from the vicinity of Nanking; consequently a large proportion enter as Christians, having been influenced by the Christian work of the churches and their homes. The students entering the Colleges of Arts and Science, and Agriculture and Forestry, however, are drawn from every province of China and from Korea and the Straits Settlement where there were no Christian preparatory Schools to fit them for entrance, so that 79% come from other than Mission Schools, from Government and other independent Schools where they have had no formal teaching of Christianity. In order to enable these students to have early in their course the most thorough teaching of the Bible, the University provided in the first year of College five periods a week of fifty minutes each day for Bible study. The students study the text, prepare outlines of the books. The first term was given to the study of the Old Testament, the second term to the life of Christ and the Gospels, and the third term to the Acts and Epistles and the early Church.

With the change of the curriculum providing for two semesters instead of three terms, the plan was modified and the work was distributed through the first two years of College, having three full periods a week in the first and second years of the regular daily work. In addition all students have one hour on Sunday morning of special required Bible study. After four years of study, the Bible classes were optional with the seniors but they elected to continue the study. I know of no School of our Church or of any of the Christian churches in the United States that is giving anything like the amount of

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time and attention to thorough study of the Bible that is being given by the University of Nanking. All students, whether in preparatory or College, are required to attend Chapel each morning and regular services on Sunday.

Such requirements may indicate the purpose and desire of the faculty but would not indicate adequately the response of the students. I am enclosing herewith a report of the results of evangelistic work among the students in the Spring term of 1923 in the Colleges and Middle School. This is one of the regular reports of the work. To summarize, in these special meetings 22 students in the Colleges of Agriculture and Forestry, and Arts and Science, made decisions to become Christians and in the preparatory school 34 more, making 56 in all. In addition there were 26 who decided to become Christians through faculty interviews, and who have been united with the Church; besides 12 others at meetings not included in the special meetings, - a total of 38 decisions of College men and 37 of Middle School men. The total making decisions during the year was 175, out of a total student body of 1100. It would be exceedingly difficult for anyone in America not familiar with the currents of thought in China to realize in any degree what it means for young men from the influential families of China to face the opposition of the great family solidarity in China and become identified with the Christian Church.

The students enter the Colleges, as indicated above, 79% from Government Schools where they have learned little of Christianity and 80% of all the students entering are non-Christians, nevertheless through the influence of the Bible teaching, the services, and above all, the prayer and personal work of the faculty and students by the last two years of College from 60 to 70% of the men are avowed Christians. The missionaries of the churches engaged in the work of the University of Nanking have gone there in obedience to the last command of Christ and they aim to carry on their work in a spirit inspired by the new commandment which the Master gave, "That ye love one another as I have loved you", and the spirit that has prompted union efforts is the spirit of the Master's great vicarious prayer, "That they all may be one that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me". Can any good come out of union? Come and see. Know the truth and the truth will make you free from fears bred of false reports.

Sincerely yours,

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Vice-President.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

Results of Evangelistic Work Among Students - Spring Term 1923

	Arts & Sci.	Agr. & For.	Junior	Total for Colleges	Middle School	Model School	Total for Kan Hoya	Totals
NON-CHRISTIAN BOYS WHO DECIDED FOR FIRST TIME TO BECOME CHRISTIANS								
Decisions made in special meetings	1	1	20	22	9	25	54	56
DECISIONS OF BELIEVERS TO BECOME CHURCH MEMBERS								
By faculty interviews	1	7	18	26 (already introduced to pastors in the city)				
By special meetings (not included in above)	0	0	12	12 (arrangements already made for four to join churches)				
Totals	1	7	30	38	9	25	57	75
					all different from above		same as above except one	
DECISIONS REFERRED ON CARDS JUNE 3, 1923								
I. By non-church members:								
1. To be Christians (new decisions)	3	8	37	48	(26 of these had previously signified their desire to be Christians; 22 new decisions)			
2. To become church members	0	1	17	18				
3. To choose life work according to God's will				46				
II. By church members:								
1. To seek a deeper spiritual life				53				
2. To choose life work according to God's will				45				
3. To enter the Christian ministry				15 (7)	- not yet followed up; some old decisions			
Total making decisions (counting none twice) 175								
Total number of decisions (some making two or three decisions) 225								

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September 27, 1923.

Dr. John E. Williams
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Williams,

Thank you for yours of the 25th, with its enclosure of a copy of your admirable letter of September 24th to Dr. Kennedy in rejoinder to the false and misleading statements which appeared in an August number of "The Presbyterian". I have read the letter with the fullest appreciation and personal benefit and wish to express to you my personal gratitude for the admirable way in which you have presented constructively the great Christian service being rendered by Nanking University.

I understand from your letter that Mr. Speer and Dr. Brown have seen your Kennedy letter and I am therefore passing it on to Mrs. Roys, who, I am sure, will wish to see it.

Sincerely yours

George J. Scott
George J. Scott.

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October 2, 1923.

Dr. T. H. P. Sailer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Sailer,

I should have written earlier to acknowledge receipt of your outline, "The Enlarged Ideals of Twentieth Century Education". I have read and reread the outline and marked it for further reference.

You have rendered a real service to our missionaries in education through such an outline. Your review of education in India and the Junior College development at home and in the missionary fields came into my hands in China when we were right in the midst of serious consideration of those problems for the University of Nanking and East China, and I felt under a real debt to you then for the service.

Our daughter, Faith, is studying now in Teachers College. She is expecting to go back to Ming-deh in Nanking to teach. She has taken a post-graduate course in English and will take some work in History, but her main work is specializing in music. She has taken a year's work under Dr. Hall in choral work and will now be continuing her work under Dr. Mason, and also a special course in sight singing. She is doing special work under Mr. Spier in the City in voice, and has been greatly encouraged in the development of her voice by her teacher and others. What she has in mind particularly is to be able to drill the Chinese in choral work. She will be in and out of Teachers College and I shall appreciate greatly any help or counsel you can give her in her work.

Very cordially yours,

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

October 8, 1923

The Rev. John E. Williams, D.D.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Williams:

I am grateful to you for telling me that you have heard of some concern as to the reason why, in the revised edition of my book "The Why and How of Foreign Missions", I omitted a reference in the first edition to the efforts that the missionaries and the Board made to retain the Bible in mission schools in Japan in 1899. The fact simply is that the Missionary Education Movement, under whose auspices the book was published, asked me in the new edition to add considerable new matter and to do this without increasing the size of the book, so that its practicability as a mission study class book would not be lessened. I therefore had to cut out much material which, in other circumstances, I would have retained. The illustration referred to was a part of the material that was thus deleted solely in the interest of space.

I was the more ready to omit this particular illustration because I had recently used it in a fuller form in another book, and I therefore did not deem it necessary to repeat it. The omission was not caused by any change of conviction or policy whatever. I stand, and the Board stands, exactly where we did originally.

If any one is interested in my personal opinions he may find them in my book, "Unity and Missions", where on pages 59-60 I define my attitude toward unevangelical rationalism, and on pages 109-139 I give at some length my understanding of the "accepted essentials of Christianity". The eleventh edition of my book "The Foreign Missionary" is now in press and the passages on pages 13sq., 29sq., and 177sq. stand unchanged.

I am so busy with the work which the Board, with the approval of the General Assembly, has laid upon me that I seldom feel disposed to take time to reply to personal criticisms; but as you are an old and valued friend who had no thought of criticism but who simply wished to be in a position to answer an inquiry, I am very glad indeed to write you this letter.

Affectionately yours,

Arthur Brown

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October 11, 1923.

Dr. William P. Schell,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Schell,

I want to acknowledge your full and detailed letter of October 5, in regard to campaign plans. I should be very gratified if I can be of real service in connection with the Board's campaign for property or for deficit.

There does not seem to be much chance of positive operation for the University. Does the list of cities where the joint campaigns are to be put on - Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, Detroit, St. Paul, Minneapolis, etc. preclude my making visits to Cleveland and Chicago and places where I have already connections and friends and whose interest has already been expressed in the University? I have really done no campaigning within the Presbyterian Churches, that is as campaigning, since I have come back. I have spoken where invited to and found in the few places where I have tried, the field was entirely worked over and pre-empted by the Peking campaign. I still understand that I am going to have some opportunity this fall and winter to at least be able to claim something for residences and for the \$27,000 gold, the conditional offer toward our Hospital by the C.M.B. on a basis of fifty-fifty.

Very sincerely yours,

JEW:LB

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October 13, 1922.

The Rev. John Williams, D.D.,
c/o. Rev. George T. Scott, D.D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Williams:

A recent number of The Continent says that
Dr. Wang Chung Huei, the new Premier of China, is a
Christian, and that his predecessor, Dr. W. W. Yen, is
also a Christian.

Are these statements correct?

Cordially yours,

A. J. Brown
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October 24, 1922.

A reply in full to the above letter was dictated in
in Dr. Brown's office on October 20, 1922.

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October 15, 1923.

Dr. Arthur J. Brown,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Brown,

I am very pleased to receive your letter of October 8 with its clear and convincing statement of the reason why a reference in the first edition of "The Why and How of Foreign Missions" to the efforts that the missionaries and the Board made to retain the Bible in Mission Schools in Japan in 1899 was omitted in a later edition. Your position on such issues has been made so clear in all administration and in your publications that it would occur to nobody to raise the question if he had not already developed a morbid and unreasonable attitude.

I am hoping that the letter I wrote to "The Presbyterian" will appear in its columns so as to clear up the mis-statements, if such a thing were possible. I shall see that your letter comes to Dr. Kennedy's attention as soon as the other appears.

Ever affectionately yours,

JEW:LB

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October 16, 1923

Mr. George T. Scott,
Mr. George H. Trull,

156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Friends:

I am sending herewith copy of
Mr. L. Twinen's letter to me. My letter to
him was written hurriedly in longhand, so I
reserved no copy. Within a week or so the
mail should be bringing us full accounts of
his last illness and death, which we shall
promptly forward to the father.

He was doing a very fine work
in the University.

Very sincerely yours,

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October 30, 1923.

Dr. John E. Williams
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Williams,

Friday of this week at half after two o'clock we are to have a conference with Professor Robert Dick Wilson and Professor Paul Martin of Princeton Seminary, the Rev. Dr. Daniel Russell, Pastor of Rutgers Church, New York, and Mr. Eugene Wood, of the University of Pennsylvania, regarding their impressions of missionaries during their recent visits to Asia.

I have received some private intimations that doctrinal questions regarding Nanking University are likely to arise. I write therefore to invite you to be present at this conference so that you can deal in accordance with your knowledge of the situation with any questions of this type.

Cordially yours

A. J. Brown
Arthur J. Brown.

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December 3, 1923.

The Rev. J. E. Williams, D.D.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Williams:

I do not wish to send anything to the Editor of the "Presbyterian", but as I understand that you are to write him anyway I have no objection to your sending him a copy of the letter that I wrote you some time ago. If you do not have an extra copy of it I will ask one of my stenographers to make one.

Cordially yours,

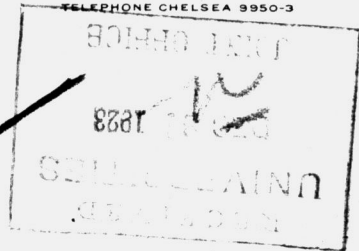
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December 28th, 1923
Dictated December 19th.

TRANSFER

Mr. L. B. Moss,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.



My dear Mr. Moss,

Dr. Williams will have reported to you I presume his correspondence and our conversation with regard to Miss Cora Chace, one of our nurses in the University Hospital. Action was finally taken by our Board at its meeting on December 3rd as follows, after conference with Dr. Williams:

"Miss Cora Chace, who was appointed a missionary of the Board in 1918, but subsequently transferred to the University of Nanking, as an affiliated missionery of the Kiangan Mission, having requested to be transferred to the regular work of the Kiangan Mission, with a view to her sharing in the medical and evangelistic work if possible at Shou Chou Station, and the Executive Council having already conferred with Dr. Williams, Vice President of the University of Nanking, who, while anxious to have Miss Chace return to her work in the University Hospital will cordially assent to her transfer, it was voted, subject to the approval of the China Council, to transfer Miss Chace from her affiliated membership to full membership in the Kiangan Mission, with the understanding that the University of Nanking would be responsible for one-half of the home allowance of Miss Chace, now on furlough, and the Board for the other half, the Westminster Guild standing ready to provide Miss Chace's support. It was further voted to provide \$100. from the Furlough Study Grant, to be charged to the Furlough Relief Fund."

I am reporting this to you for your files.

Very faithfully yours,

Robert B. Speer

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