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January 10, 1928

Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
University of Nanking  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York

My dear Sir:

Your letter of January 3d received and in reply would say that I have definitely come to the conclusion after seeing the way the students treated us after educating them free of charge, that I absolutely will never do anything more for the higher education in China.

Common education yes, I am now helping and will continue to help, but for the higher education, not one cent.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Robert Dollar

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

156 FIFTH AVENUE  
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## FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

ROBERT E. SPEER  
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February 15, 1928

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TRANSFER

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

My dear Mr. Garside,

I have your kind letter of yesterday with regard to the dinner conference on the evening of February 24th. I shall be glad to keep it in mind and shall let you know if I find I can attend but I am very much afraid it will not be possible. I have had no time to make any preparations for this trip and probably shall not have until the day before sailing.

I received the other day a copy of a letter of Mr. Reisner's, dated January 19th, addressed to Dr. Bowen. It was marked as a "confidential" copy, but I am sure he would be willing to have you see this frank expression of his judgment. As you see, it supports the misgiving I expressed at one of our meetings with regard to the proposal to make these great plans here just at the time that we were promising to leave the problems of these Universities primarily in the hands of the Chinese.

I enclose herewith a copy of Mr. Reisner's letter which I am venturing to show also confidentially to Dr. Scott.

Very faithfully yours,

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University of Nanking

February 24, 1928

Dr. George T. Scott,  
Board of Foreign Missions of the  
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Scott:

We attach hereto copy of an important action (D-34) taken by the Board of Directors of the University of Nanking on November 29, 1927, in regard to the return of the foreign staff. It is unfortunate that the official information regarding this action has been considerably delayed. It arrived in our office only a few days ago.

In regard to the return of the personnel of the various boards, President Y.G. Chen recommended quotas for each of the cooperating boards and these recommendations were formally approved by the Executive-Finance Committee of the Board of Directors on January 16, 1927. The recommendations for the Presbyterian Board are as follows:

Former quota

J. E. Williams  
J. C. Thomson  
J. M. Speers, Jr.  
J. H. Reisner  
J. L. Buck  
J. H. Daniels, M.D.

Quota recommended

H. Clemens or W.R. Wheeler  
J. C. Thomson  
J. M. Speers, Jr.  
J. H. Reisner  
J. L. Buck  
J. H. Daniels, M.D.

President Chen goes on to say that the University is extremely anxious that all members of the boards' quotas be on the campus by the end of summer. Commenting on the first names on the Presbyterian quota he says: "We want Mr. Clemens to return but in case it is not possible for him to come back we would recommend Mr. W.R. Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler has written to Mr. Reisner informally with reference to his desire to return to China and I believe he has already brought the matter before the Presbyterian Board."

The question of the return of these members of the Nanking staff has already been long delayed and should be settled at the earliest possible date in order that personal plans may be completed and sailing dates arranged. We would appreciate it if you would take this matter up with the Presbyterian Board as soon as possible. If I can supply any further information I should be happy to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

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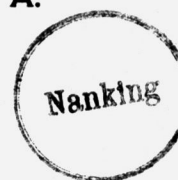
UNIVERSITY OF NANKING  
Nanking, China

ACTION TAKEN BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON NOVEMBER 29, 1927,

D-34 VOTED that, although it is difficult to foretell what the future political situation will be in Nanking, nevertheless, on the basis of the continuation or the improvement of present conditions, we feel justified in making the following recommendations and requests to the cooperating Boards:

1. That the full quota of missionaries from each Board be returned to China, for the beginning of the autumn semester 1928.
2. That in case it is unwise or inconvenient for families to proceed to Nanking, the Boards, as an emergency measure, provide residence for them in Shanghai, the teachers proceeding to their work in the University.
3. That in case of vacancies in the quota of any Board, these vacancies be filled with experienced university teachers who have heretofore been supported by general university funds.
4. That the details of personnel be worked out by the President and the Executive-Finance Committee.

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
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ASSOCIATE TREASURERSCLARENCE A. STEELE  
ASSISTANT TREASURER

March 14th, 1928.

*ack 3/15/28*Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:

I think there is no question whatever but that all Nanking University papers should be in your office and I am therefore handing you herewith the only remaining papers that I have in my office, namely:

1. An indenture made the 20th day of June, 1912, by and between the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. and the Foreign Christian Missionary Society and the University of Nanking; signed by Luther B. Wilson, George Alexander, A. McLean and Louis H. Severance, Presidents respectively.
2. Also the copy signed by Dr. McLean, President of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society.
3. *See*

I am also sending to you herewith the Seal of the University of Nanking as I think this more properly belongs in your office. I am glad to commit it to your good care.

Yours very sincerely,

Associate Treasurer.

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THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for you are

three copies of a report

Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.  
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RUSSELL CARTER  
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ASSOCIATE TREASURERS

CLARENCE A. STEELE  
ASSISTANT TREASURER

May 14th, 1928.

TRANSFER

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

In reply to your letter of May 2nd in which you passed on to us Miss Priest's careful statement as to the proceeds of the Presbyterian Board's quarterly payments for the fiscal year 1925-26 showing a balance due from the Presbyterian Board of Mexicans 639.44.

May I inquire as to whether the other cooperating Boards are now making good on this loss in exchange for these various years. The Presbyterian Board should make up this loss in exchange if the other boards are doing so, but we do not want to be the only up to date Board in this matter.

Yours very sincerely,

Associate Treasurer.

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

155 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF  
FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.  
NEW YORK

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. in relation to the proposed mission to the University of Chicago. The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. is deeply interested in the work of the University of Chicago and is desirous of promoting the Christianization of the people of that city. It is therefore pleased to learn that you are desirous of securing the services of a Christian worker to reside in the city of Chicago and to engage in the work of the University of Chicago.

Very respectfully,  
[Signature]

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University of Nanking

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May 16, 1928

Mr. Russell Carter,  
155 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Carter:

Thank you for your letter of May 14th telling us that the Presbyterian Board is willing to make up the loss in exchange on the University of Nanking payments for the fiscal year 1925-26 provided the other cooperating boards are adopting a similar policy.

You will be glad to know that the Methodists, Baptists and Disciples have all made payments covering similar items of loss in exchange. The Methodists have now met the full amount of their losses in exchange up to the current fiscal year. The Baptists and the Disciples have met all such losses except for those contained in statements I mailed them at the same time I wrote you on May 2nd. We have had no intimation that either of the two boards will be unwilling to follow the usual policy in settlement of these statements we have just sent them.

Very sincerely yours,

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University of Nanking

April 2, 1928

Dr. Geo. T. Scott,  
Board of Foreign Missions of the  
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.,  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Scott:

May we ask you to take whatever steps are necessary to bring to the attention of your Board the action taken by the special committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking on March 28, 1928 as follows:

"VOTED that it is the earnest hope of the Committee that during the next year all the cooperating Boards will maintain their quotas in the University of Nanking on the basis which has been accepted for several years, namely: - Methodist Board, Presbyterian Board North, and United Christian Missionary Society each to provide five in general University and one in Hospital; Baptist Board to provide two in School of Agriculture and Forestry; Presbyterian Board South to provide one in Hospital; and that if any vacancies in these quotas should occur during the next year, cash equivalents of \$1,300.00 will be paid in lieu of each such vacancy."

We have already sent you a copy of these minutes but are sending this more formal request to insure that this important matter is brought to the attention of the Boards at the earliest possible date.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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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

April 5, 1928

Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary  
Nanking University Trustees,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions has given careful consideration to the formal request of the Board and Trustees of the University of Nanking that the various cooperating Boards maintain their present quotas on the University staff during the next year. It is my privilege to report that the Board at its latest meeting, April 2nd, took favorable action, contingent upon an equivalent action by the Methodist Board and the Disciples Board, in full as follows:

"Consideration was given to the request of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking that 'during the next year all the cooperating Boards will maintain their quotas in the University of Nanking on the basis which has been accepted for several years', namely, each major cooperating Board 'to provide five in the general University and one in the Hospital' with lesser quotas for other Boards and 'that if any vacancy in these quotas should occur during the next year a cash equivalent of gold \$1300. will be paid in lieu of each such vacancy.' In view of the present peculiarly difficult situation at Nanking University and subject to similar action by the two other Mission Boards with major interest, the Presbyterian Board voted to respond favorably to the request for the University year ending June 30, 1929 with the understanding that the Hospital quota will be in force only when the Hospital is operating under University staff and that in the meantime if a missionary physician be in the service of the University, he will be counted on the general University quota. Record was made that Mr. James M. Speers, Jr., formerly on the University staff, is planning in accordance with Board advice to remain in America for another year of extended furlough without financial allowances from the Board."

In accordance with the terms of the action the Board is not to recognize responsibility for the hospital until it is again operated under University officers and staff.

Mr. Samuel J. Mills has been reinstated as a regular missionary of the Presbyterian Board. If he joins the University staff, I understand he will wish to do so under Presbyterian Board quota. Mr. Mills re-appointment to China is not conditioned upon the opening of Nanking University.

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April 5, 1928

as he is willing to take up other work and the Board would be happy to have him do so.

Please keep me advised as to what the University desires in this respect.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*G. T. Scott*

(George T. Scott)

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W. REGINALD WHEELER  
MISS IRENE SHEPPARD

TRANSFER

April 10, 1928

(Dictated April 6)

Mr. Wheeler

Dr. Scott  
Mrs. Roys  
Mr. Garside ✓

Dear Friends:

I was in Washington yesterday and called at the office of the Chief of the Division of Far Eastern Affairs. I was trying to secure some additional material in regard to Dr. J. E. Williams of Nanking. Dr. Stanley K. Hornbeck has just taken over the work in this office, replacing Mr. Caldwell who has been transferred to Geneva. Dr. Hornbeck, as you know, has spent some time in China, is the author of "Contemporary Politics in the Far East", and is thoroughly familiar with our mission work, having spent some months with Dr. Robert Fitch in Hangchow some years ago. He is a man about 45 years of age.

The agreement between the Nanking government and our own representatives in regard to the Nanking incident has just been published. The Nanking government agrees to make reparation for damages done to the buildings and also for life in the Nanking incident, March 24, 1927. I told Dr. Hornbeck that I was not in charge of the China correspondence of our Board, but that he would doubtless hear from Dr. Scott in regard to any claim for damages. I told him that our Board was not in favor of any damages for life, but that, although there was some difference of opinion within the Board in regard to reparation for property, the Board had voted under certain circumstances in favor of asking for such payments, and that a detailed list would doubtless be sent to him from the Board by Dr. Scott. Nanking University ought also to act if its trustees are in favor of making any claims.

Sincerely yours

*W. Reginald Wheeler*

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

156 FIFTH AVENUE  
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FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

ROBERT E. STEER  
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Nanking - Crawford McWilliams Scholarship Fund for Union Theological Seminary, Nanking. Principal of Fund Gold \$500. Interest at 5% or \$25. Gold was included in Mex. 5,000 appropriated for the Seminary for 1926-27. No special appropriation.

Henry Pearson Bake Fund for Scholarship Nanking Theological Seminary, Nanking. Principal of Fund - Gold \$920.63. 5% interest of \$46.03 was included in Mex. 5,000. appropriated for the Seminary for 1926-27. No special appropriation.

The Martin Moor Scholarship Fund for Scholarships in Hangchow College, Nanking University and Girls' School, Tripoli. Principal of Fund Gold \$2,500. Nanking University share is 1/3, the full income (5%) ~~income~~ of which has already been entered in regular appropriations for the year 1926-27 - \$41.66. No special appropriation.

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*Presbyterian Board  
Letter No. 105 of May 29, 1926  
to China Mission.*

*Entered each year as  
part of appropriation  
to Nanking Univ.*

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**TRANSFER**

University of Nanking

April 17, 1928

Dr. George T. Seett,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Seett:

We acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of your letter of April 5th communicating the action of the Presbyterian Board at its meeting on April 2nd in regard to the maintenance of its cooperation in the University of Nanking during the coming year. I will report this action to the first meeting of the Trustees or its Executive Committee.

We are all deeply grateful to the Presbyterian Board for the splendid way in which it has continued to the full its support of the University of Nanking during the last year, in spite of the financial difficulties of the Board and the extra expenses the situation in Nanking has produced. We also appreciate the large share which you personally have taken in maintaining the interest and cooperation of the Presbyterian Board.

We note what you say regarding the status of Mr. James M. Speers, Jr., and Mr. Samuel Mills. As soon as we have any information from China as to their wishes in regard to Mr. Mills we will notify you.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG-H

CC: Pres. Chen

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TRANSFER

University of Nanking

May 3, 1928

Dr. Geo. T. Scott,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Scott:

In a recent letter Dr. Bowen writes as follows:

"Mr. Reisner has grown and developed in the right direction under the stress and strain of the past year, and certainly has been carrying on most admirably. Will you not suggest (after they come home) to Dr. Speer or Geo. Scott, that their board (1) make it financially possible for him to spend a full year in real study; (2) financially possible for them - he and family - to live in moderate comfort after the terrifically hard year out there - this is especially important for Mrs. Reisner who does not share John's optimism and desire to return to China; (3) an adequate outfit allowance on return to enable them to establish a home again in Nanking. I will likely write to Dr. Scott soon re this too."

Dr. Bowen intimates that the above suggestions might be withheld until after the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Reisner but it seems to me that it would be better for them to come to the Board far enough in advance of the Reisners' arrival for you to consider their merits and initiate any measures which seem desirable.

Very sincerely yours,

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"Olathe, May 7/28

"My dear Mr. Garside,

Your letter of May 3rd has just come, and while mine the other day touched on the same matter, I want to write more explicitly in view of your letter.

(1) Will it not be possible and more satisfactory to secure the votes or judgment of the Trustees by letter than by a called meeting? I think practically all of the cooperating Boards have acted, deciding not to ask for or accept any indemnity. Each Trustee has his mind made up, and no argument for or against would alter his vote, I take it. It seems to me that there is only one course to follow, and that is the one taken by the Boards. So I believe a correspondence vote will be less embarrassing all around. Men like Mr. Severance and Mr. Swasey will never look at it as the Secretaries or the missionaries do - and they will simply have to be outvoted - and future gifts from them likely imperilled. They will, however, respect others voting according to their best judgment.

(2) If the vote is against accepting indemnities (as I feel sure it will be), it might be the best thing to cable Pres. Chen (or Reisner) somewhat as follows:

'Trustees opposed to asking for or receiving any kind of indemnities unless Chinese clearly think they should.'

Possibly the Trustees will or should refuse to receive any irrespective of Chinese (Nanking) sentiment, and if so no cable, except one of announcement would be needed. But I judge that a clear and explicit word from the Trustees to the field and to the Am. authorities is called for immediately owing to the matter of indemnities apparently being on the docket there now. I have no word of any kind as to the Nanking 'settlement causing anything but satisfaction so far as the Chinese and America is involved. What Mr. Owen refers to might be the breakdown of the British and Japanese negotiations - which likely would cause ill-feeling. A word of 'No indemnities' from our Trustees, likely would appeal to the Chinese in general, however it did to our Chinese administration or the people of Nanking. It is not unthinkable that such an attitude and pronouncement, might result in the Government making an unsolicited grant to the Univ. in effect covering a good deal of its losses.

Hoping that the above suggestions as to Trustees meeting may meet the case without a trip to New York by me at this time,

Cordially yours,

(Signed) A. J. Bowen

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TRANSFER

University of Nanking

May 17, 1928

Dr. R. E. Speer.  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Since the announcement of the agreement between the American government and the Nanking government in regard to the proposed settlement of the Nanking incident of March 24, 1927, a number of questions have been raised as to what action, if any, the Board of Trustees of the University should take on the subject of reparation for damages to property and life resulting from the disturbances of last year. I enclose herewith a quotation from a letter written by Mr. Wheeler and also copies of two letters written by Dr. Bowen.

I believe that as yet the Nanking Trustees have not in any way defined their attitude on the question of reparations or indemnities. A search of the minutes of the Board for the last year reveals one or two comments on the subject in correspondence and discussion but nothing officially representing the attitude of the Board.

What do you think of Dr. Bowen's suggestions on the subject? Do you think it would be wise to call a special meeting of either the Executive Committee or the Board of Trustees for consideration of this topic, or might the question better be taken up with the Board as suggested by correspondence, or should it be deferred until the next regular meeting of the Board which should take place sometime before the end of June? You probably will not have time to attend such a meeting before the General Assembly but we might arrange for some meeting soon after the Assembly if you felt it to be advisable.

Very sincerely yours,

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Extract from letter from Mr.W.R.Wheeler dated April 10, 1928

"The agreement between the Nanking government and our own representatives in regard to the Nanking incident has just been published. The Nanking government agrees to make reparation for damages done to the buildings and also for life in the Nanking incident, March 24, 1927. I told Dr.Hornbeck that I was not in charge of the China correspondence of our Board, but that he would doubtless hear from Dr.Scott in regard to any claim for damages. I told him that our Board was not in favor of any damages for life, but that, although there was some difference of opinion within the Board in regard to reparation for property, the Board had voted under certain circumstances in favor of asking for such payments, and that a detailed list would doubtless be sent to him from the Board by Dr.Scott. Nanking University ought also to act if its trustees are in favor of making any claims."

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Copy of letter from Dr. Bowen dated May 6, 1928

"Olathe, Kan.,  
May 6/28

My dear Mr. Garside,

I have a long letter from Dr. Gowdy and a shorter one from Pres. Stuart endorsing Dr. Gowdy's, on the matter of Indemnities, strongly deprecating the asking for or accepting of the same by Boards or Missions. I am not just sure what is back of the letter, nor am I clear that our Trustees have formally acted on the subject. I think most of the Boards have done so, all deciding not to ask for or accept any. Possibly it would be well to find out the attitude of our Board and transmit it to the State Dept. and to the Consul-General in Shanghai and to the Am. Consul at Nanking. I presume the fixing of indemnities will soon take place there, and it might be best to disclaim any "claims" before they are granted and have to be turned back.

I do not know what individuals are doing as to claims. We haven't sent ours in yet to the State Dept. In Shanghai in response to Consul Davis' request, we sent to the Consulate General, a list of our personal losses. I presume few Missions will claim or accept indemnities for their losses, as there seems to be an attitude on the part of Shanghai Y.M.C.A. and that type of "leader" against it, and on the part of many missionaries.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) A.J. Bowen"

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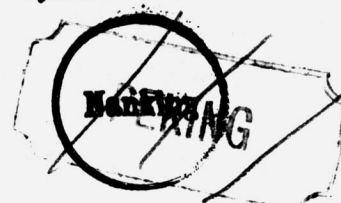
THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
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156 FIFTH AVENUE  
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June 4, 1928

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The Rev. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside,

I am very much obliged for your various notes and documents.

I have read over the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Finance Committee and of the Board of Directors of the University of Nanking and should be glad to attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committee any time that you and Dr. Scott think necessary.

I think it would be well to hold over the question of the acceptance of indemnity for consideration at such a meeting, but I think it might be well also if we could receive in advance such a meeting the opinion of Mr. Swasey and Mr. Severance in case they were not expecting to be present. Personally I am not at all clear that we should refuse to accept indemnity offered by the Chinese Government for damages and destruction, committed by Chinese armies and officers. My present inclination, although my mind is not yet fixed, is that under proper conditions the University should accept the amount actually required to cover the damages and losses inflicted upon it.

Very faithfully yours,

*Dr. Speer*

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NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

June 23, 1928

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Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary,  
Board of Trustees of Nanking University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:

We have your letter of June 22, giving the amounts both for personnel and current expenses expected from the Presbyterian Board for the University of Nanking for the new fiscal year.

The amount given for the current grant (Gold \$4,000. at a guaranteed rate of 2:1) checks with our figures. On the salary amounts, however, our figures will not agree with yours. We presume, though, that you are interested in knowing simply the number of persons that the Presbyterian Board guarantees to the University for the coming year. By referring to our Presbyterian Board action of April 2, 1928, you will note that "subject to similar action by the two other Mission Boards with major interests, the Presbyterian Board voted to respond favorably" to the University's request to provide five in the general University with a cash equivalent of Gold \$1300 for any vacancy in this quota. At the present time, we support on the University staff Mr. J. H. Reisner, Mr. J. L. Buck and Mr. J. C. Thomson with provision for two vacancies. Mr. Samuel J. Mills is returning to China this autumn and may fill one of these vacancies. We take it that the two other major cooperating Boards are providing a similar number for the general University.

Very sincerely yours,  
GEORGE T. SCOTTBy *Frances Graham*

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
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June 28, 1928

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

**TRANSFER**

My dear Mr. Garside:

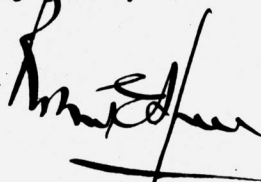
I am taking it for granted that you are preparing the letter to the Methodist Board with regard to its reduction of its contributions to the University. If Dr. Scott or I can be of any help to you in any way in connection with it, please let us know.

I assume also that you will write to Dr. Smith, but I am writing a little personal letter supplementing yours and I am taking the liberty of writing a note to Miss Priest also to guard against any feeling on her part, such as you suggested, that we do not fully appreciate her work and sympathize with her position.

I imagine we should get off as soon as possible the cablegram to the Board of Directors with regard to reparations.

Let me express again my appreciation of the most effective and satisfactory way in which you had all the business prepared for the meeting.

Very cordially yours,



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NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Nanking

June 28, 1928

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

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:

Re. Nanking University Hospital

The following action of the Presbyterian Board of June 27th regarding its relationship to the Hospital at Nanking University will be self explanatory:

"Gratification was expressed at the receipt of a cablegram stating that the Chinese Government is taking steps to return to the University of Nanking, the large Hospital plant which the Government has recently been occupying, and that the University desires the return to the field by September 1st of this year of three missionary physicians and two missionary nurses. The Board cordially approve of the return of its representative on the hospital staff, Dr. J. Horton Daniels and his family, but it is feared that ill health in Dr. Daniels' family may prevent such return in 1928. If and when the hospital is conducted under University auspices and the Board is not able to provide a missionary member of the staff, the Board agreed to pay to the University for the Hospital the customary financial equivalent for such vacancy at the rate of \$1,300 Gold per year."

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George T. Scott

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University of Nanking

June 29, 1928.

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

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Carter:

We understand that your settlement on November 26, 1927 of the amount due University of Nanking, on account of temporary financial vacancies in the Board's quota on the University staff, covered only the period to the end of the Presbyterian Board's fiscal year on March 31, 1928. We are now at the end of the University's fiscal year, which ends on June 30th, and it is important that we secure all funds due the University at this time, because at best we are going to have to close with our finances in a rather precarious condition. If, therefore, our understanding is correct, and the Presbyterian Board has not yet paid us for its financial vacancies on the Nanking quota for the quarter ending June 30th, we would be glad to have you take this matter up at your early convenience.

According to our records, the University is continuing the support of Mr. Reiser, Mr. Buck, and Mr. Thompson of the Nanking staff. This leaves two vacancies in the Presbyterian quota of five (leaving out of the reckoning for the time being the one additional member of the quota assigned to the University hospital). These two vacancies, at the rate of G\$1300. a year, would amount to G\$325. per quarter each, or G\$650. for the two. Possibly the Presbyterian Board may have continued Mrs. J.E. Williams' salary beyond March 31, 1928, and if so, it might wish to ask for some reduction from this amount on her account. You of course will know the facts in regard to Mrs. Williams, and will be in the best position to judge the equity of any question which may be involved there.

I am not at this time raising the question of whether anything is due the University for the vacancy in the hospital. I am asking the field authorities for their opinion as to what we should ask from the Boards as regards their obligation for the hospital work.

You will be glad to know that both the United Christian Missionary Society and the Baptist Board are assuming full responsibility

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Mr. Russell Carter -2.

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for their financial vacancies on the Banking quota this year. Unfortunately, the Methodist Board has fallen behind very badly, and are at the present time not contributing more than about 50% of the amount required for full cooperation. This serious and almost wholly unexpected reduction of Methodist support is great embarrassing our Banking finances at this time, but we hope that the willingness of the other three Boards to carry on will enable us to get safely over the present crisis.

Very sincerely yours,

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ASSISTANT TREASURER



June 30, 1928.

TRANSFER

ack. 6/30/28

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

In reply to your letter of yesterday may I say that I have not been able to reach Dr. Scott but I am sending you herewith check covering the two vacancies in Nanking for the quarter April 1st - June 30th at \$325. per quarter each and am deducting at least tentatively \$150. on account of salary being continued to Mrs. J. E. Williams. This is being paid to her at the rate of \$600. per year.

Perhaps others might feel that this should not be deducted but perhaps it is better to send the check forward in the lesser amount and we can make a supplementary payment if others think that this should not be deducted.

Yours very sincerely,

Associate Treasurer.

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University of Nanking

TRANSFER

June 30, 1928

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

My dear Mr. Carter,

We are profoundly grateful for your check for \$500 representing a payment on the Presbyterian Board's financial vacancies at Nanking during the quarter just ended. This is a great assistance in meeting the demands which come at the close of the fiscal year, though unfortunately there is still needed about fifty dollars more before we can close our books in good order. Both the U.C.M.S. and the Baptist Board have promised us remittances which we had hoped might be in hand before this. I trust that by Monday we will have sufficient funds in hand to settle all outstanding obligations and close our books without the necessity of making any loan at the bank.

As regards the relation of the Presbyterian Board's financial arrangements with Mrs. Williams and its financial vacancies at Nanking during the past quarter, the University will of course accept your decision. Whatever may be the decision for this quarter just past, however, we earnestly hope that the Presbyterian Board will throughout the new fiscal year beginning to morrow be able to pay us the full amount of \$1390 for each vacancy that may exist in its quota of five, exclusive of the Hospital. You are familiar with the financial situation of the University, and recognize how important this matter is.

Very sincerely yours,

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**TRANSFER**

Reparations and Action of Nanking University Board of Managers

(A prominent missionary in Shanghai wrote on July 6, 1928 in a private letter to G. T. Scott the following which is informally passed on to the Chairman and the Secretary of Nanking University Trustees).

"Mr. Lobenstine reported to us some actions taken by the Board of Directors of the Nanking University, regarding reparations. A meeting of the Administrators Association was called for yesterday afternoon to hear Mr. Lobenstine on the subject. It was felt by some of us that while the Board of Directors of course was free to express whatever opinion it chose on the subject, it would be a fact none the less that the dominating position of the University with its loss estimated at a quarter of a million would seriously influence others; that the implications of the attitude taken by the Board of Directors were the more serious element.

To many, it seems too much like a face saving device for the Chinese members of the Directorate at the expense to some extent of the American Government and Consular service. The Directors, we are given to believe, are quite willing to accept indemnity provided it does not come through diplomatic or foreign consular channels, but is given to them directly by the Chinese Nationalist Government. They admit the justice of the payment of reparations. Their whole concern practically is as to the channel through which they receive the reparations. To many it seems that they have overlooked the sense of foreign stewardship in their effort to protect the Chinese sensibilities. It is rather the few foreigners who are insisting on the course than the general demand or proposal of the Chinese themselves. It is very easy for such a group to 'linquish' the vast sum which really belongs to the Trustees in America with perhaps some protestations that they will not ask for its replacement; at least, for the time being by the American Church or public. The absurdity of it all lies in the fact that first, the essence of it is approved but their objection to it is merely the appearance, and secondly, that for the first time in history, we have a settlement between the American Government and the Nationalist Government in which there was no force employed and the whole matter was allowed to rest upon the 'honor and convenience' of the offender. The settlement was an adjustment of two governments on an equality with deferential respect for each, and upon a high plane. It would seem, consequently, that part of wisdom for all to take the Nationalist Government and its assurances at par, and continue to act as 'man to man' so to speak. What I am saying is naturally my own opinion but I am confident that the large majority of those who heard Mr. Lobenstine yesterday would align themselves with me in this general opinion."

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University of Nanking

**TRANSFER**

July 11, 1928.

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

My dear Dr. Scott:

I quote below two paragraphs from a letter dated June 4, 1928, received from Mr. M.S. Bates of the University of Nanking staff. This letter was written at the request of President Y.G. Chen.

"Dr. Chen wrote you earlier in the school year concerning our special needs in foreign staff. I have again talked over this matter with him and with Dean Liu and now present you a list drawn up in the light of our current changes in Chinese staff. Our first and most important need is for an additional foreign teacher in English, preferably one with moderate experience and one who delights in teaching the use of languages. Our needs for literature can be met with relative ease, but we must have a good teacher for our general required courses in English as a tool. If this person has especial ability in organizing the machinery for the whole department, training in special tests for language, ability and interest in offering a course in methods of teaching English, so much the better. Our second need is in education, where reasonable experience would also be advantageous, though perhaps, unfortunately, not absolutely required by Chinese standards. In four other subjects we also need help, though it is possible that some of these lacks may be met in combinations: philosophy, psychology, mathematics, chemistry. It is a consensus of opinion that a new man in religion could accomplish little at this time and might have to give up in discouragement before adjustments were complete and opportunities open. Nevertheless a foreigner could do work in philosophy of religion, psychology of religion, or ethics, especially if he were able to maintain a strong standing in the allied technical subjects.

It is our hope that foreign families may live in Nanking from September of this year, but we cannot be certain either

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of security or of reasonable pleasantness in relationships outside the University group. Of discomforts we are certain. In the case of Dr. Smyth, the beginning will be much easier because of his wife's background and experience. But in the same breath we want to express our appreciation for their willingness to come and help in these conditions, while we are pointing out that their difficulties may be greater than they can visualize."

We know you will be glad to have this information available in considering possible future appointments for the Nanking staff.

Very sincerely yours,

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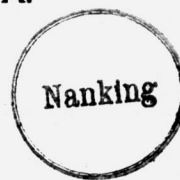
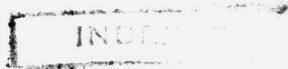


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July 12th, 1928.

**TRANSFER**

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

Dear Mr. Garside:-

I have pleasure in reporting to you that our Executive Council at its meeting yesterday voted not to consider the amount being paid to Mrs. J. E. Williams as any offset against the vacancies that the Presbyterian Board has in the University of Nanking. The \$150.00 that we sent you, therefore, covering a tentative deduction, is now officially in order and we will consider this matter as cleared for the future as well.

Very sincerely yours,

Associate Treasurer.

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

July 14, 1928



TRANSFER

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

It is a pleasure to have a chance for personal greeting with you in view of our acquaintance in Peking when you first went to China. I hear great things of your efficient work in your present capacity. I am also very glad indeed to hear of Mrs. Garside's improved health and I hope that it may not be long before you will be able to resume your work in China, which I understand is your decided wish.

I greatly regret my own inability to return to the field this year. We have been living in Princeton since June, 1927 and I have had a fine opportunity to give nearly forty lectures on China in the Theological Seminary, also to help in the Homiletical Department. Something of the same program seems to be opening up for this coming year during which I am detained by the pleasant necessity of caring for my Mother in her eighty-seventh year. Mrs. Fenn is really in no shape to return to China, at least until conditions are more settled, the prospect for which settlement appears to be growing increasingly bright.

Aside from this personal greeting, my purpose in writing this morning is simply to acknowledge on behalf of Dr. George T. Scott your letter of July 11 in regard to special need for the foreign staff at the University of Nanking. I think nothing can be done about the matter until the return of Dr. Scott from his vacation on August 6, when I will see that your letter receives his attention.

I am serving as Acting Secretary here during the summer months, expecting to complete this service about September 15. I shall hope to see something of you while we are such near neighbors; meanwhile, I send you and Mrs. Garside very cordial greetings.

Official letters during Dr. Scott's absence should be addressed to him as usual.

Cordially yours,

Courtenay H. Fenn,  
Acting Secretary.

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TRANSFER

July 16, 1928  
(Dict. July 15)

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
China Union Universities,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Garside:

Do you suppose there is any possibility that either the Nanking Hospital or Shantung University might need a well qualified specialist in eye work in the near future?

We have just had word through one of our Presbyterian ministers in Kansas of a man who has apparently a good background, including some experience with the Near East Relief during the war period.

This is just a tentative inquiry, as I do not know very much about him. But he is the type of worker who could only fit into a highly specialized place, if at all. If you think best I can write to Dr. Shields about him.

I might add that I had a good letter from Dr. Shields in regard to the Dr. Firor of Johns Hopkins, who is the man I mentioned to you as a possibility in surgery. Dr. Shields may go to see him. He is a fine man if the right place can be found for him. But we cannot do anything until the fall, when our requests from the field come in.

Very sincerely,  
/s/ E. M. Dodd

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

156 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK

July 30, 1928

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Nanking

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

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside,

I return herewith the reports attached to your letter of July 23rd which I have read with very great interest. The first of them is not, however, a report from the China Educational Association, it is the report on Religious Education, submitted to and approved by the International Missionary Council in Jerusalem. I presume that this was included because Mr. Wallace had so large a share in its preparation.

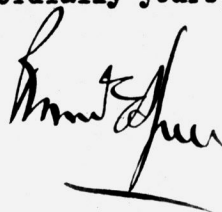
I enclose a letter from Mr. Lobenstine with regard to the meeting of the Nanking Directors <sup>the</sup> last week in June, on the subject of indemnities. Lobenstine has sent a copy of this letter to Warnshuis. Will you please return the enclosed copy to me? I judge it will be necessary for us very soon to submit this whole matter to the Board of Founders. We must wait, of course, until we receive the Minutes and formal communication from the meeting of the Directors.

I have read the Minutes of the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Field Board of Managers of the Shantung Christian University and am somewhat appalled at the outline of staff and equipment needed for 150 students in the Medical School. According to this statement, a staff of 74 is required for a student body of 150, or 1 staff member to every 2 students. No doubt a good part of the staff is accounted for by the Hospital rather than by the Medical School. I should think it would be well to make this plain in any statements or the situation might be very much misapprehended.

I have read also Dr. Reisner's letter, No. 11, dated June 19th. I judge the word "final" in the third line from the bottom of page 9, is a mistake for "first." The postscript of Mr. Reisner's letter gives the first word that I have had of the postponement of Dr. Bowen's return. The last letter which I had from Dr. Bowen himself spoke of his expecting to leave Olathe and to meet Dr. Reisner in San Francisco.

Very cordially yours,

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University of Nanking

July 31, 1928

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

My dear Dr. Speer,

We are grateful to you for sending us the letter from Mr. Lobenstine discussing the attitude of the Nanking Board of Directors on the subject of indemnities. We have made a copy of the letter, and are returning the original for your files. It seems to me that the importance of the letter justifies our sending copies to the members of the Board of Trustees when we forward copies of the minutes of the June 28th meeting of the Board of Directors, and if you have no objection we will plan to do this.

Without question you are correct in assuming that Mr. Reksner's statement at the bottom of page 9 of his Occasional Letter No. 11 should read "a first payment" rather than "a final payment". Since these letters are mimeographed in Nanking and sent to us for distribution, our office has not done any correcting or editing on them, but I suspect that in this case it would have been wise to indicate the correction.

In the case of Occasional Letter No. 11 we did, however, add a note to the postscript commenting on Dr. Bowen's delay. Our note read as follows:-

"P.S. by New York Office:- The latest word from Dr. Bowen is now that he will be able to return to Nanking this summer as originally planned. He is due to sail from San Francisco on the S.S. President Jefferson August 17th."

Obviously your copy of Occasional Letter No. 11 did not have this note attached, which may mean that your copy was sent direct to you by Mr. Reksner, or else our office failed to append the note to the copy we sent you.

Very sincerely yours,

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University of Nanking

August 10, 1928.

Mr. George E. Trull,  
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,  
155 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Trull,

I have now received from Miss Priest, the Field  
Treasurer of the University of Nanking, a reply to the inquiry  
you made of us in your letter in June as regards the status of  
the Presbyterian Board appropriation for the residence to be  
occupied by Mr. James P. Speers in Nanking.

(7/6/28) We are attaching hereto a copy of Miss Priest's  
letter, and also the blanks which we forwarded to her along with  
your inquiry. We trust that this material meets your needs. If  
anything further is desired, please feel free to call upon us  
again.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary,  
University of Nanking.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

July 6, 1928.

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
New York

My dear Mr. Garside:

In reply to your letter of June 11th in relation to the Speers House account:

In 1925 and 1926 the Presbyterian Board sent us a total amount of Gold \$5,700 00 which exchanged for Mexican \$10,515 78 for the purpose of erecting a residence for one of their representatives, Mr. James M. Speers, Jr. On account of the uncertain conditions at the time, it was decided best to postpone the construction of this residence until conditions warranted the same, and as you know, the residence has never been built. We are holding the fund at present until such time as we are able to use the money for the purpose for which it was given to us.

We shall keep you informed in relation to the use of this money, but do not feel it is wise to undertake to build the house at the present time. We shall know before many months whether Nanking will be the final capital of China, and if so, all property will greatly increase in value, and all construction work will be increasingly expensive. It seems to all of us best to wait until we know more definitely regarding some of the matters before we use the fund.

This money was a definite contribution to the University of Nanking. I find some of the various mission representatives on the field are somewhat hazy about the status of our property. In case you have the same difficulty, it should be clearly understood that all houses, and other property of every kind, belongs to the University of Nanking as incorporated and does not belong to any individual mission regardless of the donor. Of course, if the University should be discontinued the property would revert to the various missions boards, but as long as it remains in the "union work class," the property must be considered as belonging to the Board of Founders.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ELSIE M. PRIEST.

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A. *Nanking*  
156 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

August 13, 1928  
(Dictated August 8)

*ack. 8/14/28*

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

**TRANSFER**

My dear Mr. Garside.

The ad interim committee of our China Council has taken an action with regard to reparations. I enclose it herewith for your information. Will you kindly return the enclosure?

I have received president Chen's letter addressed to you and Dr. Bowen and me with regard to the University of Nanking Commencement and I presume we shall get word soon of the Directors meeting of which Mr. Lobenstine wrote in his letter of July 3rd. Then I think it would be wise probably to lay all our information before the Board of Founders by correspondence and arrange for a meeting in the fall at which we could determine our policy. I presume the representatives of the different Boards will be ready by that time to speak for the agencies which are behind them.

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Chen* I note that both the college Class Day program and the Commencement Program were begun with the Sun Yet Sun ceremonies and that apparently there were no Christian features at all. This might be natural in the case of the College Class Day but it seems a little strange in the case of the Commencement. I wonder if it would not be well for the Founders at their next meeting to consider making some thoroughly kindly inquiry as to whether the distinctive Christian character of the institution ought not to be avowed at such times.

Very cordially yours,

*Robert E. Speer 1/3*

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Dictated by Dr. Speer  
Signed in his absence.

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August 14, 1928.

Dr. Robert E. Spear,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Spear,

We have received your letter of August 13th,  
dealing with a number of University of Banking matters.

We have now received the Minutes of the Board  
of Directors' meeting of June 28th. We are just now completing  
the mimeographing of the various other information we have re-  
ceived dealing with this meeting, and either today or tomorrow  
we will send copies of all this material to the Board of Founders.  
I quite agree that we should have a meeting of the Founders as  
early in the fall as possible.

The apparent omission of any Christian features  
of the Commencement Program this year is certainly a matter worthy  
of further inquiry.

We are returning herewith the Minutes of the Ch'm  
Council which you attached to your letter.

Very cordially yours,

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Action Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions- September 17, 1928

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Further consideration was given to the losses suffered by the Board and its missionaries at Nanking and elsewhere in China; the Board had before it a covering recommendation <sup>adopted by</sup> from the Presbyterian China Council which <sup>in Shanghai</sup> ~~was adopted on the field~~ prior to the receipt thereof of Board action of June 18, 1928. The Board reiterated (1) its purpose, as expressed in its action of June 18, to present to the Department of State certified data covering the Board's actual losses in building and equipment in Nanking with request for reparation with the distinct provision that compensation is voluntarily offered by the Chinese without pressure upon the Nanking community and without injury to the Christian cause, and (2) its approval of requests, made under the provision indicated above, by individual missionaries for government compensation for their losses of personal property, <sup>such</sup> any request for such reparation to be made directly by the individual and to include any amounts advanced by the Board toward the rehabilitation of the individual's losses.

For the re-establishment of many missionaries the Board realizes that immediate assurance and early payment of partial reimbursement is required and that with such assurance a number of missionaries would be relieved of the necessity of presenting personal claims to the Chinese Government. Consequently the Board voted to assure missionaries of payment by the end of the present fiscal year (March 31, 1929) of further reimbursement as proposed in the supplementary clause of its action of July 6, 1927, viz: additional reimbursement of 50% of their losses in excess of those heretofore provided for up to a <sup>total</sup> maximum of \$1,000. Gold for a single missionary, \$2,000. Gold for a married couple and \$250. Gold for each child living on the field, these amounts being inclusive of and not

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additional to previous payments or authorized payments by the Board. In each case the reimbursement shall be on account of the loss of possessions which are considered to be essential in the life and work of the individual concerned. The Board authorized partial payments to individual missionaries from time to time as funds become available, full payment within the above limits being assured by March 31, 1929.

In any missionary deems the provision by the Board inadequate and seeks reparation from the Chinese Government, he thereby waives claim to any reimbursement from the Board except that he may retain what he has received from the Board prior to this date (September 17, 1928) with the understanding that he will later reimburse the Board from his compensation from the Government.

This action shall apply to all regular China missionaries who have suffered losses on the field in the recent disturbances, irrespective of whether or not the missionary remains in Board service.



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LOSSES AT NANKING AND ELSEWHERE IN CHINA

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Personal losses by the Board's missionaries in Nanking are not included in the above action. The Board would approve of requests made under the provision indicated above by individual missionaries for compensation for their losses of personal property. Any request for such reparation should be made directly by the individual and should include any amounts advanced by the Board toward the rehabilitation of the individual's losses. A copy of such request should be sent to the Board for information.

The Board sympathizes with the unmet needs on account of personal losses by China missionaries and would like to help toward any further necessary rehabilitation of missionaries continuing in or returning to field service. The Board will consider the actual needs of each individual missionary on the basis of information regarding such losses and the assistance from any source toward meeting them; such consideration will have in view the hope and effort expressed by the Board in the second section of its related action on July 6, 1927, as follows: 'Supplementary to the above guaranteed payments, the Board will make earnest appeal for additional funds to reimburse 50% of losses in excess of those provided for in Action 1 up to a maximum of \$1,000. gold for a single missionary, \$2,000 gold for a married couple, and \$250. gold for each child living on the field. Donors may designate their gifts for individual missionaries. In cases where losses in addition to those covered in Action 1, are not met by personal designated gifts, the Board will make every effort to meet these in the light of individual needs and of the response of the church.'

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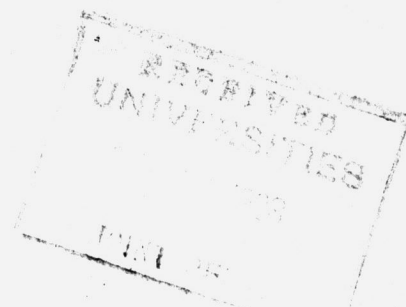
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Reparation for Losses at Nanking, China

Board Action of May 14, 1928

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions has learned with satisfaction that the American Government and the Nationalist Government of China have arranged for the settlement of the Nanking incident of March 24, 1927 by an agreement in which the Nationalist Government expresses its "profound regret at--personal injuries and material damage done to American residents,- accepts responsibility therefor,- undertakes specifically that there will be no similar violence or agitation against American lives or legitimate interests, and undertakes to make compensation in full for all personal injuries and material damage done--to American residents and their property at Nanking."

In the Nanking tragedy heavy losses were sustained: a missionary of the Board was killed, many of its missionaries suffered severely in person and in property, much property and equipment of the Board were damaged and destroyed, and important institutions and activities were wrecked or injured. For the dependent members of the bereaved family of the martyred missionary, the Reverend John E. Williams D.D., the Board has made financial provision. Toward the personal property losses by its Nanking missionaries the Board made partial grants to the extent of its ability; fuller rehabilitation of these missionaries is necessary. As to the reconstruction of buildings and the replacement of equipment the Board awaits further developments before formulating any plan.

Inquiry having been made as to the attitude of the Board toward indemnity for its Nanking losses, the Board expressed (a) its intention to file with the American Government for information a list of the Nanking losses of the Board and its missionaries, reserving to itself decision as to whether any claim shall later be made by or for the Board on account of such losses, and (b) its desire for fuller information on the proposed settlement and its purpose to take specific action in accordance with the Board's general policy as follows:

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"It has been and is the policy of the Board neither to claim nor to accept any indemnity for the life of missionaries. The Board believes that the widow and children of a missionary who has lost his life by violence in missionary service, should be provided for under the same arrangements of the Church as in the case of missionaries who died from natural causes and that in all such cases, it is the duty of the Church at home to seek to make its provision adequate to the need. Where a dependent wife or children are involved, it is the duty of the Board, as the representative of the Church, to initiate proper action, in co-operation with the Board of Ministerial Relief and to see that any necessary provision is made for their support.

"With regard to indemnity for property the Board believes that such indemnity may be valid when mission property is taken over by governments or destroyed by reason of the responsible remissness of governments, or when the circumstances are such that if it were a case of claim against the American Government, it would be recognized as right. At the same time, the Board does not lay down any general rule but believes that each case should be carefully dealt with by itself with reference to Christian principles and to the effect of any action or non-action on the missionary cause. It would deprecate and refuse any indemnity which would be levied on the innocent or on the locality where the loss occurred in any way that might injure the Christian cause, and neither Missions nor Board should ever be involved in punitive actions, for which governments alone are responsible."



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TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
SEPTEMBER 21, 1928  
SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in relation to the proposed withdrawal of the public lands in the State of Utah, and to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Very respectfully,  
J. H. ...  
Secretary of the Interior

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

October 25, 1928  
(Dictated October 23)

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

**TRANSFER**

My dear Mr. Garside:

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of a letter to President Chen. I understand that you send him copies of the minutes of our Executive Committee meetings and also of the Board of Trustees. I trust you are sending him also copies of the minutes of the various meetings and conferences on the co-ordination proposals.

In the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of October 17th will it not be well to add at the top of page 4 a statement to the effect that you are meanwhile to write out to Nanking suggesting some additions to the statement of purpose of the Board of Directors in the hope that they would be acceptable both to the Board and to the new educational minister.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer,<sub>3.</sub>

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Dictated by Dr. Speer  
Signed in his absence

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President Y. G. Chen,  
University of Nanking  
Nanking, China.

My dear President Chen:

It was a great pleasure to receive last summer your letter with regard to the work of the University, enclosing a copy of your letter of July 27th to Mr. Garside.

Mr. Garside, I know, keeps you fully informed of all that is done here and of all the transactions of the Board of Founders and the Executive Committee with regard to the University, and I think he has written you regarding the meeting of the Executive Committee held a week ago.

It must be a great satisfaction to you to have Dr. Bowen back with you. I know how happy he must be to be working again in the University which he has loved so dearly and which he has served so nobly.

We watch with greatest interest the developments in the political situation in China and shall be anxious to learn the policies of the new Minister of Education. We shall trust that these will be wise and liberal with regard to private schools and that there will be no objection on the part of the new minister to the open and sincere avowal of the Christian character and aim of our Christian schools in any statements of purpose which they are required to make. On this point, I think, Mr. Garside has written you with regard to one or two suggestions made at the last meeting of the Executive Committee with regard to the proposed statement of purpose considered by the Board of Directors at the meeting of June 28, 1928.

I think you will be interested in the latest developments of the problem of educational freedom and religion in schools in Persia. At first our missionary schools in Persia were altogether for non-Moslems, but some twenty years ago the pressure for admission of Mohammedan students grew so strong and the spirit of intolerance in the country had so increased that Moslem boys and girls began to come into the schools and during recent years their numbers in some of the schools have exceeded the numbers of the Christians or the Jews. This created no difficulty for many years as the Moslem pupils took the Bible courses and attended Chapel just as the other students. A year or two ago, however, a new Minister of Education in Persia issued regulations that threatened to abridge these liberties. He did this with no religious motive but because of political ambition and thought that the course which he was outlining would help his political program. He proposed to exclude the Bible and religious worship from the schools, at least for Mohammedan pupils and to require that the schools should provide courses in the Koran and Mohammedan law, including at least one of the Mohammedan codes which is not morally tolerable. This Minister soon dropped out of office, however, and his successors

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have dealt with the problem far more sympathetically, and at present full adjustment has been reached on the following basis:

1. The mission schools will follow the government curriculum and standards with the liberty to include educational subjects with the approval of the Minister of Education.

2. They shall be recognized and their students shall be exempt from military conscription and shall have all the privileges of students in government schools and their graduates shall have government approved diplomas and be in the same standing and have the same privileges with graduates of government schools.

3. There shall be no required teaching of the Bible to Mohammedan pupils in the regular curriculum of the schools, but all non-Moslem pupils shall be required to take the Bible and religious courses and there is no limitation on optional Bible teaching outside of the curriculum to Moslems or to any religious influence whatsoever. The schools are recognized as Christian schools and with a definite Christian purpose and interest.

4. Nothing is said with regard to Chapel service or religious exercises. These can go on just as they have been conducted in the past.

5. Courses in ethics are provided, and Biblical material or the teaching of any great sages or "prophets" may be used in this course.

You will see what freedom is allowed by these provisions; so far in advance as to what is as yet permitted in Turkey, or would have been allowed under many of the regulations put forth in China. I should think that the case of Persia, which China would not wish to have regarded as surpassing her in enlightenment and toleration, and the practices of all the American governments north and south, with the exception of Mexico and Ecuador, and perhaps one or two others, and the examples of Great Britain and Japan and India and many other lands, could be used by you in any discussions with reactionary and oppressive advocates of restrictions on the principles of religious liberty and just educational freedom.

I was very glad to read your views in your letter to Mr. Garside on the subject of co-ordination and I trust that Mr. Garside will have sent you copies of the various discussion meetings here in which you will find that others who had not known your views fully shared.

With kind regard,

Very cordially yours,

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have dealt with the problem for some years, and I am sure that the adjustment in the coming year will be a very satisfactory one.

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December 3, 1928.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
New York.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

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I was somewhat anxious when I heard from your secretary that you were not in New York. It is a real pleasure and privilege to hear from you.

In regard to the Federated University plan; as suggested at first by the Chinese Advisory Council to have one Central University near Shanghai and another center in Nanking, it would really mean a unification of all the other East China denominational colleges and universities with close connections with our university. Later this plan was given up in the Council of Higher Education and the proposal was made to have an union university for all the Senior colleges which would mean retaining 'status quo' all of the institutions but uniting the senior years in one unit. However, this latter plan has not been acceptable and instead we are going into a scheme for federation of the schools which means much closer correlation than we have had in the past. It may take some time to show definite results while each school retains freedom to build up its present work to a higher standard. This is the latest decision and development of the plan. Every institution has elected delegates to represent them on the new board of trustees and also on the senate of the federated plan. We feel that we have a very special mission as an university inasmuch as Nanking has been given a new place, and it means a new status has been created for us. We shall try to make use of this new opportunity.

I have covered the question of the aim and purpose of the University in my letter to Mr. Garside, copy of which is enclosed, but for your personal information, I wish to relate to you a recent experience in regard to the statement of purpose. Soon after our new Minister of Education came to office three of us, - President Yang of Soochow University, President Liu of Shanghai College and myself - went to the Ministry together to talk over the matter of registration and to see if we could secure any new light from the new Minister. You may be interested to know that the new Minister of Education was a school mate of mine at Columbia University and was a fellow worker in national Universities for several years in Peking. From that visit we learned that the Ministry has not, and at present is not contemplating any change in regard to the statement of purpose for private institutions. The Ministry believes that it is not the organization to outline the religious qualifications of any institution. The best they can do is to require a general educational purpose and at the same time give ample freedom for individual institutions to work out their own problems.

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We then approached the Christian leaders in the Ministry. One is Mr. Wu, Vice-minister who was formerly vice-president of Yenching University, and the other is head of the General Education Department of the Ministry, Mr. Chu, who is one of our Board of Directors. Both men are devoted Christians and anxious to work out a solution whereby our Christian institutions could receive full recognition. They feel that under the present conditions we are obliged to accept the regulations or else to be refused the privilege of registering which is the very thing that we must avoid. It might be a different problem if our institution was not in the center of the new capital and if public sentiment was not so strong in thinking that although we were working for the good of the nation that we were doing so through the medium of treaties. If none of the Christian colleges and universities are willing to register with the Government, we are afraid the situation would become very serious for the University.

We Christians in the University have discussed these problems many times and feel very strongly that we have everything to gain and nothing to lose either in an academic or a religious sense by this public recognition. We try in every way to keep the ideals of the Founders before us and to carry out the mission of the institution in the way it was started. We have no other plan or recommendation. However, we are presenting this problem very earnestly to you, and hope that you will give it favorable consideration.

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With Greetings of the Season, I am

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*ad. 12/15/28*

December 12, 1928

Dr. George T. Scott, *Presby Bd.*  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. Scott:

You are already quite familiar with the actions taken by our various University Boards of Trustees in regard to the proposals for the coordination of Christian higher education in China. In order, however, to bring this matter formally before the Presbyterian Board we quote below the actions of the Boards of the University of Nanking, Shantung Christian University and Yenching University. We request that you take whatever steps you feel will bring this program before the Presbyterian Board in the way that will cause it to receive the most thoughtful and sympathetic attention.

Action of Nanking Trustees on Nov. 14th

"T-377 VOTED that the Board of Trustees records its hearty approval of the general policy of the coordination of Christian higher education in China;  
that it refer the correlated program to the Mission Boards cooperating in the University for their information and their recommendations;  
that it request the Board of Directors of the University to make recommendations as to the place of the University of Nanking in the correlated program."

Action of Shantung Governors on Nov. 21st

"NAS-109 VOTED that the North American Section expresses its hearty approval of the general principles underlying the program for the correlation of Christian higher education in China, and records also its warm approval of the general proposal that within this program Shantung Christian University shall continue and develop still further its purpose of emphasizing the training of leaders in the fields of teaching, evangelism, medicine, nursing, and other social and religious service in the towns and smaller cities and the rural districts of China;  
that the Section requests the Field Board of Managers to make recommendations as to the place of the University in the Correlated Program and the details of its participation therein;  
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That the Section refers the Correlated Program to the various mission boards cooperating in the University for their information and for their recommendations."

Action of Yenching Trustees on Nov.16th

"T-2382 VOTED that the Board of Trustees of Yenching University record their approval in principle of the general plan for the correlation of Christian higher education in China and that the Secretary ascertain from the Board of Managers their reactions to the plan and to the details as they affect Yenching University."

You have already received copies of the illustrated booklet printed by the Committee for Christian Colleges in China and also the pamphlet giving the details of the Correlated Program as prepared by the Council of Higher Education in Shanghai last July . If you need any additional copies of either or both of these booklets for distribution among members of the Presbyterian Board preparatory to their discussion of this matter, our office will be glad to supply you. We have a rather large supply of the illustrated booklet and a much smaller quantity of the Correlated Program.

As you know, Dr.Wallace will be in America during the month of January. If it is convenient for the Presbyterian Board to discuss the Program while he is here I know he will be happy to meet with you.

Very sincerely yours,

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