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Dr. Courtenay H. Fenn
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Fenn:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter I received some weeks ago from President Y. G. Chen at the University of Nanking discussing salary arrangements of Dr. J. Lossing Buck. I have mentioned this matter informally in conversations with representatives of the Presbyterian Board, but have not gone into the situation in any definite way.

I would appreciate an opportunity to talk this over with you, both to ascertain the situation at present and also to find out whether it would be possible to carry out the suggestions made by President Chen.

Very sincerely yours,

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
Office of the President
Nanking, China

September 16, 1935

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

Dear Dr. Garside:

As you know Dr. J. Lossing Buck has been given a leave of absence from the Presbyterian Board in order that he may serve temporarily the United States Department of the Treasury. He left China about November 15, 1934, and we understand the Board discontinued his salary from that date. The exact date may need to be checked with the Presbyterian Board office. The leave was originally for three months, but was later extended more or less indefinitely. Dr. Buck is still spending part of his time for this work and is not receiving salary from the Presbyterian Board at the present time.

I have discussed the matter with Dr. Buck, and we wish to request the Presbyterian Board to remit to the University the equivalent of his salary during this leave of absence. During recent years Dr. Buck has been receiving a single man's salary from the Board, and we would only expect a refund of this amount. In other words, we are not requesting that this be considered a vacancy of Mission representatives on our staff. Dr. Buck expects to return to the usual Board basis within the not too far distant future, but for the present the time he is able to give to the University work is limited, and we wish to be able to secure an assistant to help carry his work.

Will you please take up through the usual channels with the Presbyterian Board, and secure for us the amount that is due on this account?

Sincerely yours,

Y. G. Chen
President

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156 FIFTH AVENUE

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

My dear Dr. Garside:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from Miss Priest.

The original was accompanied by a number of documents—the auditor's report and other financial statements. Have you received copies of these? If not please let me know and I will be glad to send the ones that have come to me.

With Best Wishes for the New Year -

Very cordially yours,

Robert G. Garside

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Second mail

November 29, 1935.

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

Dear Dr. Speer:

It gives me pleasure to be able to send the annual financial report for last year. You know already that we are carrying heavy deficits, and efforts are being made to find some way to meet this shortage of funds. It seems to me that every time just after we manage to present a balanced budget something tragic like the loss of the Hoover Fund occurs and makes it a very difficult task. However, we are hoping for better days and going forward with the work. May I call your attention to pages 8 and 9 which will give you a summary of the finances for the entire year? You will be able to secure some idea of the scope of the activities from this summary, although full detailed reports are given for each division and unit.

The Board of Directors met on the 22d, and took some important actions concerning registration of land, finances and the usual routine items. We hope to have the official minutes ready to send to you by the next mail, and further details will give you the necessary information concerning the various actions.

In response to the inquiry from the Board of Founders, we have made a study of the number of Christians on our faculty and staff. Dr. Chen will send full details, but I wanted you to know as early as possible that we find that we have 71% Christians on the staff including administration, library, and the three colleges. The middle school and hospital were not included at this time, but I am making a study of the entire institution in order that we may send full information to you and the other members of the Founders. As far as I know, the only statistics that you have had in New York have been the printed statements from the China Christian Educational Association. While their report is the result of the statistics collected from the institution, the picture they give is only a small section of the whole university. They report only the figures for the two colleges of Arts and Science including 62 members of a total of 176. Our figures are an attempt to give a more complete picture. For instance, we consider the staff of the College of Agriculture quite as important as the other two colleges! Also, it is interesting to find that the staff of the College of Agriculture is 79% Christian. The figures for the administrative staff is 95% Christian. The average is 71%. You will find an action in the Board minutes reporting on this important question. I am personally very grateful to the Board of Founders for bringing it to our attention. The routine of each day crowds the larger issues at times, and it is well to stop and take account of ourselves. Every member of the administrative group is most anxious to keep the staff as predominately Christian as is possible. There are difficulties, especially in some of the specialized fields such as Chinese Poetry, etc.

There is one matter that has been on my mind for some time in relation to Dr. J. Lossing Buck. You know he has been loaned to the United States

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Treasury department and has recently requested an extension of this arrangement. The situation creates some problems as it puts a regular missionary of the Presbyterian Board on an extraordinary basis. It was suggested by a member of the Presbyterian Mission that we request Dr. Buck to remain a regular missionary of the Board and then allow the University to enter into an agreement with the Board whereby we take the full responsibility for loaning him to the United States Treasury Department. This is the request that President Chen will send to the Presbyterian mission and later through the Council to the Board. I have wished that I could take over this whole matter with you because there are various problems connected with the relationship that are difficult to express on paper. May I ask that the whole question be considered with unusual sympathy, and if it does seem contrary to the usual regulations that the Board make an exception this time in giving consideration? This is written entirely personally, but I have felt that you would understand that the personal problems should not be overlooked.

As I write the city is in darkness - I am using two candles! - as a demonstration air raid is being staged with instructions to each group as to their part and place. For three days the students have been called at odd hours for these demonstrations, but I understand that one more day will end their instruction for this period. With the clouds over North China, we have heavy hearts as we hear the guns and bombs, even although we know they are not real at this time. War is too near and we long for Peace.

Perhaps you may be interested in a report that has just been given to us by Dr. Paton of the International Missionary Council. It must not be published in any way, as any publicity might mean intense suffering to the Christians involved. Mr. Paton spent a little time in Manchuria (Manchukwo) and happened to be there at the time of the persecution of the Christians. For no adequate reason, nearly every Christian of high rank and education have been put in prison in Mukden. The Japanese officials are using two excuses - (1) that the one-cent society is a secret communistic society and all members must be jailed, and (2) that fellowship groups are dangerous and all persons attending one must be jailed. The One-Cent society is a band of earnest Christians (all Chinese of course) who have decided to give one cent each day toward a fund to help educate the children of poor Christians. In one interpretation of the word communism, it might be so considered - just as the bands of early Christians were communistic in certain aspects, but it is criminal to use this excuse to put Chinese into prison. The fellowship group plan has spread over China recently, and is one of the finest things in the Christian movement. We have a Christian fellowship group who meet every morning before school begins for fifteen minutes of prayer together. That group of students are the leaders in the school - you will find members of the fellowship group holding the responsible offices of the student clubs and organizations. Yet the Japanese considered this type of men dangerous and put them into jail in Mukden - not only into jail but subject to personal hardship and perhaps worse. One of the men happened to be a doctor in one of the hospitals, and was released. He was physically and mentally a wreck, and immediately took his family south of the wall. This is probably what the Japanese are trying to do - drive the educated Christians south of the Great Wall, out of Manchukwo. In addition to the doctors and professors, men holding the position of chief compradore for the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, or chief clerk in the few remaining business firms are included in the prisoners. The figure of the total has escaped my mind, but I believe it is around fifty who are still in prison. The missionaries and Christians who are still in Mukden have asked that care be taken to see that no publicity in the press be made of these facts as they feel sure it will mean instant death for the prisoners and possibly for them.

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I knew the National Christian Council has appealed to the National Christian Council of Japan to try to see that something is done from that side, but we have not heard anything further. Great care has been taken to keep it from the papers, and except for a brief announcement of the suppression of secret societies in Mukden we have seen no reference to it. I felt you would be interested and knew you would keep it confidentially - until such time as it appears in print, as I feel they will not be able to keep it from the world for many months. It makes us all very grave as we see Japan take over North China.

With personal wishes, and the Greetings of the Season,

Sincerely yours,

Elsie M. Priest.



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With personal wishes, and the greetings of the season,

Sincerely yours,

Miss M. Wolff.



THE NEW YORK TIMES, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1936.

**DWIGHT H. DAY DIES;
A RETIRED BANKER**

*An Independent Broker in This
City for Many Years—Was
Active in Church Work.*

Dwight Huntington Day, retired banker and prominent Presbyterian layman, who retired in 1924 as treasurer and executive officer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, died at midnight last night, after a long illness, at his home, 114 East Ninetieth Street. He was 59 years old.

The near relatives surviving are his widow, who was Clara R. Bradford at their marriage in 1906; two sons, Huntington T. of New Haven, Conn., and Theodore Dwight Day; two daughters, Mrs. Ralph I. Straus and Miss Katharine H. Day, all of this city; two sisters, Mrs. J. Ross Stevenson of Princeton, N. J., and Mrs. James Simpson of Edinburgh, Scotland, and two brothers, William E. Day of New Haven and Frederick H. Day of Indianapolis.

Mr. Day was born in Chicago, a son of Thomas C. and Katharine Huntington Day. He received his A. B. at Yale in 1899. For many years he was an independent banker and broker in this city. He had traveled widely in the Orient, and in 1915 made a trip around the world. In 1920 he visited Guatemala, in 1922 Mexico. His clubs were the University and Downtown.

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March 2, 1936
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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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Dear Mr. Garside:

I know that you will have been writing and cabling to President Chen. I am wondering if I could support you in any way by a letter. I have drafted the enclosed which I will not send until you have approved or made any changes.

I saw Ed Lobenstine on Wednesday night. He had not heard of the correspondence and said he had not known of the recent meeting of our Executive Committee. He was in full accord, however, with the decision which I reported to him.

Very cordially yours

Wm. E. Egan

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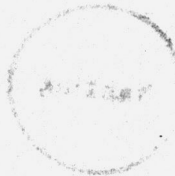
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Mr. B. A. G. G. G.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City
Dear Mr. G. G. G.:

I know that you will have been waiting for the Board of Foreign Missions to meet. I am writing to you in the hope that you will find the enclosed which I will not send until you have approved or changed the enclosed. I am writing to you in the hope that you will find the enclosed which I will not send until you have approved or changed the enclosed. I am writing to you in the hope that you will find the enclosed which I will not send until you have approved or changed the enclosed.

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February 29, 1936

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

My dear President Chen:

Your good letter of January 13 addressed to Mr. Garside and myself was duly received and we called at once a meeting of the Executive Committee of the University of Nanking to consider this most important and most difficult question of the registration of the property of the University. The Board of Founders, of course, desire to do only what is right and best but the question is very complicated for us here as it is for you on the field. Of course the Board of Founders have their responsibility to the donors of the property, to the Mission Boards and to the Churches of which these Boards are only the agents. Then there is our responsibility to the Board of Directors and to the University itself to do everything that will make your task easier and will permit you to accomplish the purpose for which the University was established. It was felt that consideration also must be given to the bearing of the University problem and our solution of it upon the similar problems relating to the other Christian universities in China. There are furthermore the political uncertainties which arise, especially the possibilities of difficulty arising from the course of Japan in relation to China. All these and other complications together with the feeling of a lack of knowing definitely all the elements of the problem, a feeling which, I judge, you also share, led the Board of Founders to ask for still further time and also for such further consideration on the field as would permit all the interested groups to consider the question and its determination.

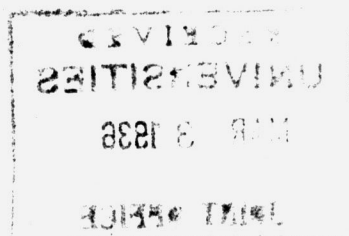
Mr. Garside will have written you fully regarding our meeting and will have sent you a cable in view of your desire to have some word before your meeting in March.

We do sympathize deeply with you in the financial difficulties of this time. We should rejoice if we could secure some annual gift that would help you in your budget and still more if we could get additional endowments that would yield increased annual income. It is not through any lack of interest but we have not been able to do this. We do want you to feel how completely you have the confidence of the Board of Founders and how deep and genuine is our sympathy with you, and our appreciation of all that you have been and are doing.

With kind regards,

Very cordially yours

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February 19, 1936

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

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With kind regards,

Very cordially yours

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March 4, 1936

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

My dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your proposed letter to President Y. G. Chen. This is certainly an admirable letter and I hope you will send it along in just the form you have drafted it. Of course we sent a copy of the minutes of our February 19th meeting of the Nanking Executive Committee, together with a covering letter, to President Chen immediately after the meeting. By forwarding this air mail we managed to get it away in time so that it should reach Nanking before the middle of March. We are, however, sending a cable also to be quite sure that the essential features of the Executive Committee action are known to the Directors when they meet this month.

There is one point in connection with these minutes which I should call to your attention. You will remember that by action EC-802 the Committee asked that you prepare suitable memorial resolutions for Mr. John L. Severance. In view of the desirability of getting these minutes off to the field as promptly as possible, I did not hold them up until you and Dr. Edwards had had time to draft the resolutions you were asked to prepare, and consequently I have not followed the matter up as I would have done otherwise. We would be grateful, however, if you would prepare such a resolution for us at your convenience. Are there any members of Mr. Severance's family to whom we should send copies of such a resolution?

You comment on the fact that Mr. Lobenstine was not able to attend the meeting of the Committee. Immediately after the date this meeting was arranged I telephoned Mr. Lobenstine's apartment in the hope that he might be able to meet with the Committee. I was informed, however, that he would be out of town until the morning of February 21st. That would have necessitated postponing the meeting until the following week if we were to have him present, and under the circumstances that hardly seemed desirable. I am glad, however, that he is in full agreement with the decision reached by the Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

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Dr. Courtenay H. Penn
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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My dear Dr. Penn:

As a matter of record let me call to your attention the following action adopted by our Nanking Executive Committee on February 19th:-

- VOTED that the request of the Board of Directors with reference to arrangements for Dr. J. Lessing Buck be called to the attention of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

As soon as you have been able to receive more definite word from the field as to the arrangements being made with Dr. Buck, we would be glad to have an opportunity to talk the matter over with you further.

Very cordially yours,

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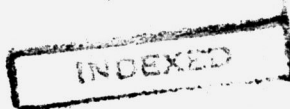
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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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156 FIFTH AVENUE

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

March 10, 1936
(Dict. Mar. 9)

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

My dear Dr. Garside:

I attach hereto as a postscript a brief minute regarding Mr. Severance for the records of the Nanking Founders. Mr. Severance left no family except his sister Mrs. Francis F. Prentiss, 1122 Hanna Building, Cleveland, Ohio, so that I think it would not be necessary to report the minutes to anyone but her.

*Letter sent
5/29/36*

Very cordially yours

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The Board of Founders of Nanking University record with deep grief the tidings of the death of Mr. John L. Severance, for many years a member of the Board. Mr. Severance and his father, Mr. L. H. Severance have been associated with the Board of Trustees and the Board of Founders since the establishment of the University. Mr. L. H. Severance was throughout his lifetime president of the Board and Mr. John Severance in addition to his membership on the Board was for many years also a member of the Finance Committee. The University owes more than can ever be told to these two generous and devoted men who entered into the administration of its affairs with keen intelligence, with unfailing appreciation of the Christian purpose of the University, and with sound judgment and their liberal cooperation. The Board would express its deep sense of loss and its sincere affection for the memory of these two, father and son, and would send the assurances of its warm sympathy to Mr. Severance's sister, Mrs. Francis F. Prentiss.

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

March 27, 1936

Dr. B. A. Garside,
150 - 5th Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Garside:

Your letter of March 7th re Dr. J. Lossing Buck was duly received, and the lack of an earlier reply is largely due to the fact that the expected recommendation from our China Council had not been received. It was received in time to present the matter to our Board Meeting on March 16th, when the following action was taken:

"The Board voted to approve the request of the Kiangnan Mission, the University of Nanking, and the China Council, and to extend the leave of absence of Dr. J. Lossing Buck for service of the United States Treasury Department from February 18, 1935 to November 30, 1936, on the basis of the original leave, granted November 19, 1934, and its extension Feb. 18, 1935, the U.S. Treasury Department to continue its full support of Dr. Buck, and his future status to be determined prior to the expiration of this extended leave. Inasmuch as Dr. Buck is a quota member of the University faculty and his absence necessitates the engagement of substitutes, the Board authorized its China treasurer to pay Dr. Buck's field salary to the University from January 1, 1936 to November 30, 1936. CC 3684."

We are rather sorry that the matter could not be completely cleared at the present time. While we value the service which Dr. Buck has rendered to the University, and may yet render to it, the present loose relation to our Board and the Kiangnan Mission is not at all satisfactory. Personally I think it would be much better if Dr. Buck should secure permanent service with some organization in China or with the U. S. Treasury Department, which would provide him with the income which he feels that he needs, and that any future service to the University might be of a volunteer character. It is quite certain that our Board cannot give him a larger salary than we give other missionaries, nor can we give him that salary for a part-time service as it would be treating him with partiality which would make trouble with other missionaries.

I hope that the whole matter may be satisfactorily cleared up by November 30th at the latest.

Cordially yours,


Courtenay H. Penn

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NEW YORK 18, N.Y.

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Very truly yours,
[Signature]

Enclosed for the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. are the following documents:
1. A copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on March 10, 1936.
2. A copy of the report of the Committee on Finance for the year ending December 31, 1935.
3. A copy of the report of the Committee on Administration for the year ending December 31, 1935.
4. A copy of the report of the Committee on Education for the year ending December 31, 1935.
5. A copy of the report of the Committee on Social Service for the year ending December 31, 1935.
6. A copy of the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions for the year ending December 31, 1935.
7. A copy of the report of the Committee on Church Extension for the year ending December 31, 1935.
8. A copy of the report of the Committee on Church Relations for the year ending December 31, 1935.
9. A copy of the report of the Committee on Church Unity for the year ending December 31, 1935.
10. A copy of the report of the Committee on Church Cooperation for the year ending December 31, 1935.

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April 15th, 1936

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Dr. B.A. Garside,
Associated Boards of Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

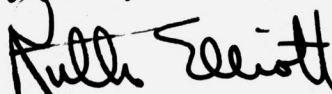
My dear Dr. Garside:

Re:- Chun Wang

Mr. Wheeler has written to Dr. Fenn about Rev. Chun Wang of Nanking University, who wishes to study at Union Seminary next year. Mr. Chun Wang wrote to Mr. Sterrett of the Board of Christian Education in Philadelphia, asking whether funds were available from that Board. Mr. Sterrett has replied explaining that that Board cannot make grants to students studying at Union. He also points out that that Board has no funds available in any case for graduate fellowships.

I have talked with Dr. McAfee and although you doubtless know all the situation, and have already exhausted any resources you know of, we have wondered if there are any individual friends of Nanking University who would be interested in helping Mr. Wang to have his graduate work. It is very difficult to find these funds, and yet it is too bad for him to miss the opportunity.

Sincerely yours,



Miss Ruth Elliott
Acting Candidate Secretary

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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185 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

April 14, 1936

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 10, 1936, regarding the proposed visit of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions to the United States.

The Board of Foreign Missions is pleased to learn of your interest in this matter and is sure that your visit will be most profitable to both organizations.

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Very truly yours,

Wm. H. ...

Secretary

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Nanking

May 6, 1936

Miss Ruth Elliott
Acting Candidate Secretary
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Miss Elliotts

Re: - Chum Wang

My apologies for my long delay in replying to your letter of April 13th. It arrived just before the beginning of our orgy of Annual Meetings. I am just now beginning to clear away the pile of correspondence which accumulated at that time.

I am very sorry to say that I do not know of any place where we would have much chance of getting even a single dollar to cover the expenses of Mr. Chum Wang at Union Theological Seminary. At the present time we have very much on our conscience several very fine graduates from our China Colleges who came to America on nothing more than a very strong faith and a very weak shoestring and who are now struggling to complete their study and to get back to the field. Our office has not been able to give very much help, for we have been having a desperate struggle trying to secure the bare minimum needed to meet the current budgets of the participating institutions.

I assume from your letter that Mr. Wang is still in Nanking. If this is true, by far the wiser course would seem to be for him to remain there until he is able to secure assurances of reasonably adequate support for his study in America. If Mr. Wheeler comes home this year he might be able to find someone who would be able and willing to assist.

I am sorry to have to send such a discouraging reply, for we do recognize that providing special training for unusually well qualified and deeply consecrated Chinese young men and women is one of our most important tasks. This was one of the topics very actively discussed at the Annual Meeting of our Associated Boards and I hope that within a few years we will find some solution. But at present it would be foolish to encourage Mr. Wang to hope that we could do anything to assist him.

Very cordially yours,

RM:MP

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Nanking

May 25, 1936

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

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My dear Dr. Speer:

You will remember that at the Annual Meeting of the Nanking Board of Founders on April 22nd the following action was taken (BF-831):-

"VOTED that if it should prove necessary for Mr. W. R. Wheeler and his family to return to America this year on health leave, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. be requested to retain Mr. Wheeler as one of the members of its quota on the Nanking staff and to allow him to devote himself to promotional work on behalf of the University."

We would be grateful if you would see that this action is brought to the attention of the Presbyterian Board in case it does prove necessary for Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler to return to America this year.

Very sincerely yours,

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

June 8, 1936

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

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

NANKING

My dear Mr. Garside:

I am sorry I was not able to attend the meeting of the Committee on Instruction of the University of Nanking. I sent a memorandum over to you, however with regard to the papers of Mrs. Wilson.

With regard to Mr. Raeburn and Mr. Hedlund, I have no sufficient information to warrant any expression of opinion. If the University in China is employing them directly and assuming all responsibility, I would hesitate to enter any demur, but I do not think from the point of view of our Board it would be satisfactory to send out men without adequate assurances as to their Christian faith and character.

Very cordially yours,

*Robert E. Speer*₃

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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NEW YORK

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. is pleased to announce that it has received from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. a grant of \$10,000 for the purpose of establishing a mission station in the city of New York.

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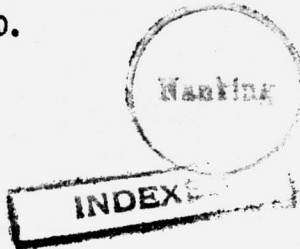
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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

June 24, 1936

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



Wb 6/29
Robert E. Spear

My dear Dr. Garside:

I enclose herewith for your information a letter just received from Dr. Patton of Shanghai. I think Dr. Decker and Mr. Cartwright ought to see it also. Will you please let me have it back when you have read it that I may share it with Dr. Scott and Dr. Fenn.

Very cordially yours,

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

519 Missions Building

Shanghai

May 25, 1936

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

My dear Robert:

As you doubtless know, my name was proposed by the Nanking Board of Founders as one of the committee which met in Nanking recently to advise the Founders as to the form of title in which the University property should stand. Unfortunately I was on the broad of my back and could not go. Stanley Smith proxied for me. I have read the action of the committee together with the interpretive statement and have talked with members of the committee. I propose now to submit to you some of my own reactions to the problem. While I am quite prepared to admit that I may not be fully conversant with certain inner problems connected with the University, I think that I am probably in as good a position as any to speak of the problem in its general aspects. Then too we have recently held two meetings of what we call the Administrators Association here in Shanghai, something like fifteen representatives of as many organizations, for consideration of the same problem, and I have had the benefit of those discussions.

It is scarcely necessary for me to point out that the issue raised in connection with the University of Nanking is one not of mere local importance. The decision made by the University will stand as a precedent. The decision of this issue will affect property matters in connection with all our institutions and the policies of most if not all of the Mission Boards inasmuch as the issue is a fundamental or basic one.

As to the necessity for re-registration of the land considered per se, it should be remarked

a). that the official attitude of the United States government is that once given a bona fide deed no further "registration", imposition of fees, or similar proceedings should be necessary, though it does not object if anyone decided to submit to such a demand of the Chinese government;

b). that it is generally conceded that the current re-registration, with consequent surveys, clearing up of irregularities, etc., is well worth while, provided the resultant deed or certificate of ownership is equally satisfactory with the one previously held.

(Just here has crept in the issue taken up by the American Embassy, through protest against the attachment of objectionable feature to the new deed to be issued.)

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It must moreover be admitted that Chinese government affairs do not always follow the path of logical consistency and that consequently there is some basis for expectancy in the hope expressed by the committee (top of page 2) that special treatment might be accorded such an institution. Old China's psychology viewed official matters as personal rather than strictly legal. Much of the old psychology doubtless carries forward into the new China.

Let me first comment more or less critically upon the resolution voted at Nanking and the explanatory statement which accompanied the resolution, after which I will try to be more constructive. Starting then with the resolution itself, I would comment that it suggests one of those trick signs which when viewed from one angle is this, for another angle is that. The resolution begs the question raised by New York. It makes no decision on the real issue. Stripped of all related feature the issue is whether these properties should stand in foreign title or in Chinese title.

1. I enclose a memorandum of a special committee of the Board of Directors of the University on which I would remark, (a), that it is a purely ex parte statement, and, (b), that it is based upon a premature assumption, namely, that the perpetual lease has been abolished and that only time leases can be had, and, (c), that it takes for granted certain things which are only under discussion.

2. The paragraph at the bottom of page 2 of the statement of the committee is misleading in that it uses the United States Embassy issue as an argument for Chinese title. In fact it is exactly the opposite. The hold up by the Embassy is wholly in the interest of the safeguarding of foreign title, the preservation of existing rights. It is true that pending re-registrations of land are being held up but that is because of the effort of the central government to impose an objectionable form of deed and deprive the holders of their rights.

3. On page 3, the top paragraph, is raised the problem of taxation. The possibility of tax must be faced, in fact, it is probably true to say that the immediate chief concern not only of the University of Nanking but of other institutions, such as the Hangchow Christian College, Union Girls' School of Hangchow, lies in the addition of a tax item to the current budget. It may even be suspected that this has loomed so large in their eyes as to blind them to the sacrifice of title security. That the government has the right to tax land whether held in foreign or Chinese title must be admitted. The argument here for Chinese title lies in the expectation of greater favor in the way of tax exemption. There is probably something in this but one should consider the price one pays in other forms for such exemption.

Offsetting this possible exemption is the liability to extraordinary taxes which in many instances have been collected far into the future for war and similar purposes.

Moreover, it should be borne in mind that to have the land held in Chinese title other than the school itself, as proposed in some cases, would still make it liable to tax as in foreign title since ownership would be other than school.

4. The paragraph at the bottom of page 3 is a bit misleading unless one recognizes clearly that the "lease" given is the perpetual lease hitherto secured through treaty and considered by all as the equivalent of sale. The treaty provision for perpetual lease still stands. The limited period lease pertains only to Chinese citizens and non-extraterritorial aliens. The "certificate of ownership" has been secured by us for other property on re-registration of a perpetual lease, and free from the objectionable features which the Nanking municipal government seeks to impose.

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The "Enforcement Regulations of the Land Law", passed by the Judicial Yuan on March 8, 1935, Sections 9, 10, 11, and 31, make clear that treaty provisions regarding perpetual lease still hold for the remaining Treaty powers, although for non-treaty aliens and all Chinese citizens the ten year lease limitation pertains.

As to the delay feature, it is well known that the hold up is with the Chinese authorities who are seeking to impose certain obnoxious features regarding sale only to the government and at the original price, etc. The Embassy is pressing hard for an early decision, certainly prior to June 30th, so that re-registration can be proceeded with.

5. The second paragraph on page 4 deals with the reasons for urgency in connection with new buildings. It should be pointed out that this essentially is not involved in the issue raised. Everyone conceded that the so-called re-registration of land now going on all over China with consequent survey and the issuance of a new deed (if free from the imposition of new and objectionable features) should be complied with promptly everywhere. It is assumed ordinarily that the titles involved would not be altered in this procedure. Consequently unless a change in the form of title is desired in connection with the re-registration the question as to foreign versus Chinese title would not ordinarily arise.

Now for something more constructive:

In the first place, I would insist that decision as to whether the property should continue to stand in foreign title or be changed to Chinese title should be made by the donor or present owners rather than by any body on the field, chiefly because a change to Chinese title means a virtual relinquishment of the property.

The Board of Founders in merely asking field advice have by implication assumed this. What then shall we advise in aid of decision? Although all the arguments pro and con on such a subject are well known to such an one as you, their recapitulation may have some little value and possibly bring out some relatively new factors.

Boiled the question is, shall we trust in the Treaty provisions or trust in the Chinese government, which?

In favor of the former (foreign title) we have the support of the American government with all the implications of western law and clearly defined procedure.

Against it we have the evident and all too successful efforts of the Chinese government to undermine and by indirect means to nullify the treaty provisions in order to constrain all to come under Chinese jurisdiction.

Logically, it is a fair presumption that ultimately, perhaps reasonably soon, the treaty provision will disappear and only the Chinese law prevail; though practically for the time being there is no reason why past reliance upon the treaty should not for a time be continued.

In favor of the latter (Chinese title) we have the ultimate alignment which brings certain immediate advantages such as

~~Favor with Chinese authorities both national and local.~~
Favor with Chinese authorities both national and local.

Facility in procedure in property matters
Probable tax and other exemption for certain insitutions.

Against the latter (the Chinese title) we have:

Probable discrimination against owners if foreigners. There are numerous indications of this, e.g., disposal of land to government only and at its original cost, etc. (Although these at present are being imposed against treaty aliens presumably in the hope of abolishing the treaties.)

Liability to special taxation, all too prevalent, and in some localities ~~far~~ into the future.

In Involvements arising from the Party form of government. An institution registered with the government lays itself open to all sorts of regulations, inspections and restrictions, e.g., the requirement of a government representative on the faculty, etc. This interference is likely in property matters as well. The government now claims the right to say whether all the land held is necessary to the purpose, forbids the rental of property for purposes of revenue under certain conditions, etc. Instead of a property title being considered legally merely as such, in China apparently property title is affected by association with the enterprise, e.g., educational property is involved in the regulations governing the educational institution.

It should, moreover, be recognized that by transfer to Chinese title, in itself a virtual relinquishment of ownership of the land, ownership of buildings erected thereon becomes involved. In Chinese law there is no deed for buildings. The owner of a building upon land of another is helpless and in case of issue can but remove this building. To transfer land title consequently means the virtual relinquishment of ownership in the buildings also.

Balancing all factors then, were I pressed for an immediate decision I feel that I would advise the continuance for some time to come at any rate of the foreign title, the perpetual lease.

However, in case the Founders should decide in favor of a Chinese title the following suggestion is submitted as affording a certain degree of security against defalcation or abuse of authority in regard to properties thus transferred. This arrangement would afford the stability to which the foreign donors are entitled, and at the same time respect the wish of the Chinese government as well as the natural desires of the Chinese directorates of these institutions, although by no means free from embarrassments concomitant with Chinese title.

a). Have the deeds transferred to the title of the institution and registered with the Chinese government as purely Chinese ownership, with consequent removal from American consular records, and

b). Have the title deeds and periodic tax receipts held by approved trustees, either a foreign organization or a body on which there would be a foreign representation of the Founders, without whose formal consent the deeds could not be used for sale, exchange or mortgage of the property.

In support of this plan is the fact that in Chinese law it is not the signature, as in the West, but the actual physical possession of the deed which

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makes for ownership and, next to the physical possession of the deed, the holding of the tax receipts as evidence of ownership.

But in doing this it must be fully recognized that foreign consular jurisdiction and protection with accompanying **advantages** are relinquished. Under Chinese title the properties will be subject wholly to Chinese law with the consequences of a Party form of government. Both of these implications should be clearly recognized both by the Founders and the Institution.

In an effort to be helpful in the making of this far-reaching decision all this is humbly submitted.

Yours cordially,

/s/ Charles E. Patton

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June 30, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

As I think you know, we have had word by cablegram that the Rev. W. R. Wheeler of the University of Nanking is returning to America with Mrs. Wheeler, because of her ill-health, sailing July 14, 1936 from Shanghai on the S.S. President Coolidge which is due in San Francisco July 29.

Since the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking recorded on its Minutes of the Annual Meeting a request for the services of Mr. Wheeler in America this coming year, the Executive Council of the Presbyterian Board, acting for the Board, at its Meeting of June 25, 1936 took the following action:

"Word having been received that Rev. W. Reginald Wheeler is coming to America on account of the health of Mrs. Wheeler, it was voted to approve the proposal of the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking that he give this coming year to promotional work in this country for the University, still retaining his place in the quota of the University staff, the Presbyterian Board providing the customary furlough salary and allowances."

Sincerely yours,

Francis Graham

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China Office.

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July 2, 1936

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

My dear Dr. Speer:

As you know, Mrs. Robert O. Wilson has recently been appointed to the University of Nanking, and is planning to sail to China to rejoin her husband, Dr. Robert O. Wilson, sometime during August.

The budget of the University of Nanking Hospital was strained about to the limit when Dr. Wilson was appointed last December on the salary of a single man. It will be extremely difficult to take care of Mrs. Wilson's outgoing travel and the increased salary of Dr. and Mrs. Wilson within the regular Hospital resources. We are planning to make a special approach, therefore, to a number of friends in and around New York who are personally interested in Dr. and Mrs. Wilson and who might be willing to assist in her outgoing expenses and support after reaching China. None of the individuals we are planning to approach are already on our Nanking list, so this may give us an opening into new fields of support.

Mr. George C. Aydelott of our Associated Boards promotional staff is available to make these personal approaches. In order for these approaches to be as productive as possible, we should provide him with letters of introduction. Would you be willing, as President of the Nanking Board of Founders to sign letters of introduction for this purpose? We attach hereto a suggested draft of such a letter, though we would of course, be glad to modify it in any way you may suggest. I attach also, a list of the individuals whom it is proposed to approach.

If you are willing to sign these letters, our office will typewrite them for you on Nanking letterhead and will bring them around for your signature. We will telephone to you about this about July 6th as we understand you will be back in your office about that time.

Very sincerely yours,

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SUGGESTED LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

My dear _____

You are, I believe, acquainted with Mrs. Robert O. Wilson, formerly Miss Marjorie Jost, whose husband, Dr. Robert O. Wilson, has recently been appointed medical missionary on the staff at the University of Nanking Hospital, Nanking, China.

It is in this connection that I am requesting the courtesy of a brief interview for Mr. George C. Aydelett, one of our American Secretaries, who will present this note of introduction.

You will be conferring a favor upon the Board of Founders if you find it agreeable to comply with this request.

Thanking you for the courtesy, I am

Yours sincerely,

Robert E. Spear, President
Board of Founders, Nanking University

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Friends to be approached for special support for Dr. & Mrs. E. O. Wilson

~~Mr. William Conway, 99 John Street, New York City~~

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Auer, 1 Grosvenor Road, Kew Gardens, L.I., N.Y.

Mr. John Auer, 1 Grosvenor Road, Kew Gardens, L.I., N.Y.

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Mr. Walter E. Kelley, Riverdale Avenue and 206th St., New York City

~~Mr. Henry Heide, 313 Hudson Street, New York City~~

Mr. Julian Heide, 280 Riverside Drive, New York City

Mr. Carl Muller, 39 Broadway (office); 31 East 56th St. (residence) N.Y.C.

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July 8, 1936

Miss Frances Graham
Board of Foreign Missions
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Miss Graham:

Thank you for your letter of June 30th calling to our attention the action taken by the Executive Council of the Presbyterian Board at its meeting on June 25th, giving its approval to the request of the Board of Founders of the University of Hanking that Mr. W. Reginald Wheeler be available for promotional work on behalf of the University during the coming year.

We will bring this action before the next meeting of the Board of Founders or its Executive Committee.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:MP

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ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Apr. 25, 36
Ack 10/14/36

Dear Dr. Farnside

Either now or at the next Board's meeting
would it not be wise to add to our report the
further understanding that the University as its distinctive
Christian character is not maintained the
equity of the Board of Trustees in the land and buildings
can be returned to the Board?

Our Presbyterian Board has such a position as
the fact that the Church equities in property should
the Board have the vote.

Yours truly

Robert E. Farnside



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October 6, 1936

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking held in New York City on September 24th, 1936, the following action was adopted, and I was instructed to report it to each of the Boards of Foreign Missions cooperating in the University of Nanking:-

"VOTED that the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking authorize the Board of Directors of the University to register the property, including both land and buildings, of the University of Nanking with the Chinese Government in the name of the Board of Directors, with the understanding that the Board of Directors will give the Board of Founders, representing the original donors, formal assurance of their acceptance of the trust to carry on the University in accordance with the purpose for which it was founded."

Respectfully yours,

BAG:MP

Secretary

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Nanking

October 7, 1936

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

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking held on September 24th, 1936, consideration was given to the necessity of strengthening the personnel of the Board. At the present time there are several vacancies in the representation of the cooperating Mission Boards, and a few of these representatives have found it impossible to take a very active part in the work of the Board. The necessity for a strong and active Board of Founders is particularly great this year, because of the presence in America of President Chen and other representatives of the University staff.

After discussing this matter quite thoroughly the following action was taken:-

"VOTED to request the cooperating Mission Boards, in filling vacancies in their representation on the Board of Founders, to give special consideration to the appointment of suitably qualified lay members."

The Board of Founders, of course, is very desirous that each of the cooperating Mission Boards be fully represented at all times. It believes that there should be at least one representative, and in many instances more, from the secretariat of each cooperating board. But it also believes that it would add greatly to the strength of the Board if suitably qualified lay members who will take an active interest in the work of the Board can be secured.

Respectfully yours,

BAG:MF

Secretary

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October 14, 1936

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

NANKING

Dear Dr. Speers

I should have acknowledged before this your note of September 25th. In this you suggest the possible desirability of adding to the action adopted by the Nanking Founders on Land Registration September 24th a provision for reversion to the Board of Founders in certain contingencies.

The minutes of the Nanking Founders were written up immediately, so as to get them off to the field on the next China mail. These minutes were therefore mimeographed and in process of distribution when your letter arrived. I believe that in any case it would be necessary to have the question of adding a revisionary clause before any change could be made in the wording of the action taken on September 24th since the phraseology of that action was worked out so carefully in the meeting itself.

I will put this matter on the agenda of the next meeting of the Board, which we should hold before Dr. Chen returns to the field about the middle of December.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MP

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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

October 16, 1936

Ack 10/20/36

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

My dear Mr. Garside:

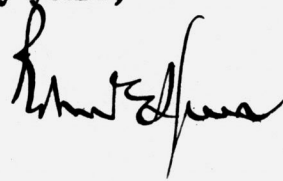
In reply to your letter of October 7th asking for suggested names for nomination as additional members of the Nanking Board of Founders in the co-opted group, the following might be considered:

Mr. Robert Finley, son of Dr. John H. Finley
Mr. William Speers, son of Mr. James Speers
Rev. Robert M. Russell, D.D., of Larchmont, N.Y.
Rev. Harold D. Nicely, of East Orange, New Jersey
Mr. Henry Fenn, son of Dr. Courtenay H. Fenn, now teaching in
the Lincoln School, N.Y. City.
Dr. Samuel Cochran, 620 West 116th Street, New York City
Mr. John Nicholson, 32 Nassau Street, New York City
Rev. Benjamin F. Farber, D.D., Pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church
New York City
Dr. Hugh Chaplin, 108 East 68th Street, New York City
Mr. Robert H. Cory, Englewood, New Jersey
Rev. Paul C. Warren, West End Presbyterian Church, New York City.

Of course these are just suggestions for the consideration
of the Committee.

Very cordially yours,

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October 20, 1936

Rev. DuBois S. Morris
449 Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Morris:

I have your letter of October 17th stating that you feel you should resign from the Hanking Board of Founders.

Since your appointment to the Hanking Board was made by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, any action on your resignation should be taken by that body. I am therefore forwarding this letter to the Presbyterian Board, together with a copy of this reply.

May I, however, add my own personal expression of regret that you feel you should retire from the Board. With your intimate and first-hand acquaintance with Hanking and both the history and development and present situation of the University, you have unusually fine qualifications for rendering a very valuable service on the Board of Founders.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MP

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Du Bois S. Morris
449 Park Ave.
New York City

October 17, 1936

Feb 10/20

Dear Mr. Garside:

I have been feeling for some time, that because of my work, which takes me away from New York so much of the time, and makes it impossible to be regular in attendance at the meetings of the Board, that I must tender my resignation. Will you kindly see that this is brought to the attention of the Board - with my sincere regrets, and also with the assurance of my continued interest in the important and splendid work which the University of Nanking is doing.

Very sincerely yours,

Du Bois S. Morris

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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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OFFICE OF SECRETARY,

October 21, 1936

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

Nanking

Appendix B
Speer, Robert C.

My dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of October 6th with regard to the registration of the title of the property of the University of Nanking was presented to our Board at its meeting on Monday and the following action was taken:

"The action of the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking with regard to the registration of the property of the University was reported to the Board as follows:

'Voted that the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking authorize the Board of Directors of the University to register the property, including both land and buildings, of the University of Nanking with the Chinese Government in the name of the Board of Directors, with the understanding that the Board of Directors will give the Board of Founders, representing the original donors, formal assurance of their acceptance of the trust to carry on the University in accordance with the purpose for which it was founded.'

"It was voted to suggest to the Board of Founders the addition of a provision to the effect that if it should be found impossible at any time to continue the University or to maintain its Christian character and influence and missionary purpose, the equity of the Board of Founders in the land and buildings of the University should be returned to the Board of Founders.

"The Ginling Board of Founders reported that it had taken action identical with that of the Board of Founders of Nanking University and it was voted to extend this action of the Board of Foreign Missions to cover the situation in Ginling, and to agree to the inclusion in the transfer of title the one piece of property held for Ginling College in the name of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

"The question was raised in the Board as to where the responsibility should reside for determining in the future whether the University was carrying on its work in accordance with the purpose for which it was founded and in maintenance of its Christian character and influence and missionary purpose, if doubt should arise. It was voted to inquire from the Board of Founders, and through it from the Board of Directors, whether this responsibility would reside in the courts in China or in the Board of Founders in its responsibility to the original donors and to the cooperating Boards."

Very cordially yours,

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OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

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October 22, 1936
(Dict. Oct. 21)

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

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

MAKING

Ack 11-13-36
Speers, Robert E.

My dear Dr. Garside:

Your note with the enclosed letter from Du Bois Morris is just received. At the meeting of our Board on Monday it was voted to appoint the Rev. T. Cuyler Speers, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of New York City, as the Board's representative in place of Mr. Severance, and the Rev. Courtenay H. Fenn as general alternate in place of Dr. Morris. We have not forgotten your suggestion with regard to strengthening the lay representation, and I trust that this can be done when Dr. Cobb, who has not been able to attend meetings for some time, is replaced.

Very cordially yours

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November 9, 1936

HANKING

Rev. T. Cuyler Speers
Central Presbyterian Church
593 Park Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Speers:

We are delighted to learn of the action of the Presbyterian Board appointing you as one of their representatives on the Board of Founders of the University of Hanking. We know that you have long had a friendly interest in the work of the University, and that you have at least a general acquaintance with what the University is doing. We will try to keep you supplied with information as to the activities of the University itself, and also as to the work of the Board of Founders.

The next meeting of the Board of Founders will be held here in New York City at 2:30 P.M., Wednesday, November 18th. We sincerely hope that you can be present. This will be probably the last opportunity the Board will have for a meeting with President Chen before he starts back to China. A docket for the meeting will be sent you within a few days.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

BAG:MP

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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Park Ave. at 60th St.
New York City

November 11, 1936

Mr. E. A. Carside
180 5th Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Carside,

Thank you for your letter of November 9th.

I know nothing about the action of the Presbyterian Board in appointing me to the Board of Founders of the University of Hanking. It may be that they wrote asking me about it, but I have not heard anything from them, and am quite in the dark as to the whole business.

I certainly wonder if I could possibly take this added task on. I happen to be something of a youngster, and on top of that I have a Church on my hands here, which is not in very good shape, and needs every ounce of my attention. I have taken on some outside things, and as a result the days are not long enough to do all the work I have to do. I am not in favor of taking on committee work of any kind that I cannot attend to decently.

I would appreciate it if you would find out from the Foreign Board what it is all about. I know nothing about it.

Yours sincerely,

THEODORE C. SPENCER

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November 13th, 1936

Dr. Robert E. Speer
The Board of Foreign Missions of
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

You will remember that on October 22nd you wrote us that the Presbyterian Board at its meeting on October 19th, had appointed the Rev. T. Cuyler Speers as the Board's representative on the Nanking Board of Founders in place of Mr. Severance.

After waiting a few days to give time for the Presbyterian Board to notify Mr. Speers of his appointment, I wrote to him expressing our gratification at his appointment. I have just received from Mr. Speers the letter of which I enclose a copy herewith. Before replying to this letter, I would be grateful for your advice. Should we continue to urge Mr. Speers to accept this position?

He would unquestionably be a very valuable man if he has the necessary interest in the work of the University of Nanking, and is able to give a fair amount of time. But, as you know, all of our Boards of Trustees already have too many members who are merely names on a list, and who never find it possible to give any real time or interest to the affairs of the institution they are supposed to represent. Mr. Speers is a very able and valuable man, and we are anxious to capture his interest and assistance, if at all possible.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:VC
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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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November 14, 1936

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

Dear Dr. Garside:

I have just received your note of yesterday with regard to Ted Speers. I was just on the point of writing to him to urge him to come to the meeting of the Founders next Wednesday. I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have just sent him.

Very cordially yours,

Robert Speers

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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The Rev. Theodore C. Speers,
Central Presbyterian Church,
Park Avenue at 64th Street,
New York City.

My dear Ted:

I am afraid that there has been a little slip here in the matter of the notification of your election by our Board at its latest meeting as one of its three representatives on the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking. Mr. Garside wrote you about this and has sent me a copy of your letter of November 11 to him, but you should, of course, have had a notification from our own Board. I presume that the responsibility is mine, as I should have made sure that such a notice went to you. The difficulty has been that in the readjustments of our officers we have not been able to arrange as yet for the permanent care of the interests of the Missions in China.

I hope very much that you will accept this appointment. It does not involve a heavy amount of work. The Board of Founders meets perhaps three or four times a year, and the meetings usually are about two hours in length.

The University of Nanking is one of the best of our Christian universities in China. It has gone further than any of the others in securing Chinese cooperation and support. The Board of Directors in China looks after the detailed administration, and only some of the larger problems and the control of our American contributions come before the Board of Founders.

Mr. Severance was President of the Board of Founders for many years, and on his death I succeeded him. Dr. Cobb and Dr. Lobenstine are the other representatives from our Board.

The next meeting of the Board of Founders will be on Wednesday afternoon, November 18, at half past 2, in Room 300 in the Methodist Building, 150 Fifth Avenue. I hope very much that it may be possible for you to come to meet with us.

With warm regard -

Your sincere friend,

RES:AMW

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November 18, 1936

The Rev. Theodore C. Spears,
Central Presbyterian Church,
Park Avenue at 84th Street,
New York City.

My dear Ted:

I am afraid that there has been a little slip here in the matter of the notification of your election by our Board at its latest meeting as one of its three representatives on the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking. Mr. Garbide wrote you about this and has sent me a copy of your letter of November 11 to him, but you should, of course, have had a notification from our own Board. I presume that the responsibility is mine, as I should have made sure that such a notice went to you. The difficulty has been that in the readjustments of our officers we have not been able to arrange as yet for the permanent care of the interests of the Mission in China.

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Dr. Garbide was President of the Board of Founders for many years, and on his death I succeeded him. Dr. Cobb and Dr. Lodenstine are the other representatives from our Board.

The next meeting of the Board of Founders will be on Wednesday afternoon, November 18, at half past 2, in Room 800 in the Methodist Building, 150 Fifth Avenue. I hope very much that it may be possible for you to come to meet with us.

With warm regard -

Your sincere friend,

RES:AMW

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MANKING

November 19, 1936

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

Dear Dr. Spear:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of a special issue of "The China Press" celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Republic of China and also of the Press. This number contains a heterogeneous assortment of articles, somewhat resembling a group of campaign speeches which Will Rogers called, "A Mammoth Rodeo of Applaudance" - but, there are also some articles of real interest. I was pleased with the fact that the Press had asked some of us missionaries to write articles for this number, and also because pictures of missionary institutions, such as the University of Nanking, Ginling College, and Shanghai University, are included without our having sent them to the paper.

Will you pass on the paper to the Library when you are through with it?

I understand that H. H. Kong, and several of his friends, now have a controlling interest in the paper.

I am also sending to you a draft of a letter of appeal to be sent to some of the University of Nanking constituencies. We have deleted names of individuals from this mailing list who ought to be seen individually. It would be nice if these letters could be sent out over your signature. If you prefer to reword the letter, that would be quite all right. If you would rather not sign the letter, please inform Dr. Garside and he will try to make some other arrangement. Dr. Garside can attend to sending out the letter, if you will send him a note concerning it.

I am leaving tonight for Cornell and points west and will not be back in New York until about December 15 when Dr. Chen sails.

I enjoyed very much sitting in with the Nanking Trustees, and all the staff appreciate your interest and support.

Affectionately yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler.

WRW/s
Enc.

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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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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

December 1, 1936

Dr. B. A. Garside,
Associated Boards,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York

ASSOCIATED
Boards

John Francis
Nanking

Dear Mr. Garside:

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, at its meeting on November 16, 1936, took the following action electing representatives on China Boards for the terms beginning in the calendar year 1937 or, in the case of replacements for resignations or for vacancy, at the present time:

"The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions elected representatives, for the respective terms of service beginning in the calendar year 1937, on American Boards of various union institutions in China, as follows: (1) Yenching University - Class of 1940, Mr. George G. Barber to succeed himself; Class of 1937, (Acting) China Secretary, to succeed Dr. Courtenay H. Fenn, resigned; (2) Hangchow College - Class of 1942, (Acting) China Secretary; (3) University of Nanking - Class of 1939, (Acting) China Secretary; Class of 1938, Mr. W. A. Eldridge to succeed Dr. E. B. Cobb, resigned; (4) Ginling College - Class of 1939, Mrs. Charles K. Roys to succeed herself; (5) Nanking Theological Seminary (for the Board of Founders now being established) - Term of two years, Dr. Robert E. Speer; Term of four years, (Acting) China Secretary; (6) Shanghai American School - Class of 1939, (Acting) China Secretary. In case of replacements for resignations or for vacancy, it is understood that the representatives now elected will take office at once."

You will probably be amused to see that, in the Class of 1937 for Yenching, we have placed the "Acting China Secretary to replace Dr. Fenn, resigned," when at the present minute Dr. Fenn is the Acting China Secretary. Dr. Wells, however, will be coming into the offices as Acting China Secretary in the near future. We wished, too, in this designation to cover the person who is Acting China Secretary for China during this period when the permanent Secretary for China has not yet been chosen, as well as the China Secretary when he takes office.

Under Nanking, we have had a letter from Mr. W. A. Eldridge ✓ accepting his election in the Class of 1938. Mr. Eldridge is one of the vice-presidents of the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company and is located at 70 Broadway. Mr. Eldridge writes as follows concerning this election: "From what you tell me of the work and the time it will take, I believe that I can take care of it with my other activities provided the meetings do not conflict too directly with business appointments. It is, therefore, a great pleasure for me to accept this appointment." When the China Office made up this minute for the Board, we were unaware that Dr. Speer had put through a minute electing

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the Rev. T. Cuyler Speers for the Class of 1939. Consequently, if Mr. Speers accepts, we have two elections for that term. This, however, can be arranged by having the (Acting) China Secretary made a General Alternate in place of Dr. Courtenay H. Fenn. Just as soon as we have definite word from Mr. Speers as to whether he accepts his election, the Board will take action, rescinding that part of our action of November 16 pertaining to the Nanking, Class of 1939, and designating the (Acting) China Secretary as General Alternate. If Mr. Speers is unable to accept the election, the election of the (Acting) China Secretary will stand.

Sincerely yours,

Frances Graham

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December 2, 1936

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

My dear Mr. Garside:

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There has been a little mix-up with regard to our Board's representation on the Nanking Board of Founders. I presume the fault is mine but wherever it resides it seems likely to work out for good. I wrote to Ted Speers with regard to his serving as one of our representatives, while Dr. Fern wrote to Mr. Eldridge. Mr. Eldridge accepts, which is a fine addition to the Board. He is one of the Vice-Presidents of the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company and his address is 70 Broadway, New York City, so that future notices could be sent to him at this address. It might be well if you or I would write him a little special note with regard to the meeting of the Board of Founders when it is called.

We have not heard from Ted Speers yet as to whether he will accept. If he does we can either arrange for him as one of our Board's representatives or choose him as one of our co-opted members.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Speers

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THE CENTENNIAL YEAR

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December 7, 1936

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

My dear Mr. Garside:

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Dr. Fenn tells me that Mr. Eldridge has accepted election as one of our Board's representatives on the Nanking Board of Founders and I have a note from Rev. Theodore Cuyler Speers stating that he will be glad to accept. If Mr. Eldridge's election fills up our quota then I would suggest that we enter Mr. Speer's name as one of the co-opted members.

Very cordially yours,

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December 7, 1936

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

My dear Mr. Garside:

I have just gone over Rex's letter of November 19th with its enclosure and return this. My only suggestion is to add at the end of the first paragraph the sentences which I have written down, which being interpreted are as follows:

2 (All who have met Dr. Chen ^W have been delighted with him - with his good sense, his courtesy, his ability and his devotion. We are proud to have part in work with him and his associates in the University of Nanking. They have made it one of the most Christian and most truly Chinese missionary institutions in China.

Very cordially yours,



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FROM:

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RE:

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November 20, 1936

Dear Mr. Blank:

As you know from the word sent to you on June 1st from Nanking, President Y. G. Chen was planning then to sail for six months in America. Dr. Chen arrived in July, and is planning to return to China about the middle of December. *He who have met Dr. Chen have been delighted with him, and his good sense, his courtesy, his ability, and his devotion. He is far more than just in appearance, but in his*

Under Dr. Chen's leadership, the University has assumed a large proportion of the current and capital cost of the Institution. Sixty-three per cent of the annual budget now comes from China - thirty-seven per cent from America. In the last year, the Chinese themselves have given and pledged funds for four new buildings. There are certain needs, however, that they cannot meet from their own resources, and we are seeking to secure from American friends a sum of \$17,000 payable before the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1937. (We are trying to secure cash or pledges for this amount before Dr. Chen sails about December 15, *association in the history of Nanking. They have made it one of the most clear and most truly Chinese institutions in China.*)

Any gift that you could give at this time would be most timely and appropriate.

Enclosed is a card on which you can indicate your preference as to pledge or payment.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer.

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December 17, 1936

Mr. Ralph C. Wells
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Wells:

I need your counsel on a matter which is not yet in form for official presentation to the Nanking Board of Founders or the Presbyterian Board, but which ought to have careful study.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from Dr. William P. Fenn, head of the Department of Foreign Languages at the University of Nanking and also a letter from Mr. Willard A. Hanna, whom Dr. Fenn discusses as a possible appointee in his department.

In the fairly near future we must face the question of what policy we are to pursue next year with regard to Mr. Wheeler's relationship to the University of Nanking, and the continuation of his appointment as a member of the Presbyterian quota on the University staff. Naturally, Dr. Fenn is anxious to keep his own department functioning as efficiently as possible, and this cannot be done with one of the staff members on indefinite leave of absence in America. I know that Mr. Wheeler is anxious also to have his plans for the future clarified as soon as this can rightly be done. And if we are to consider sending Mr. Hanna out to Nanking, processes to that end should be set in motion fairly promptly.

I will telephone over within the next day or two to see when we can find an opportunity to talk these matters over informally.

Cordially,

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

Nanking, China

October 24, 1936

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



Dear Mr. Garside:

This long-delayed letter appears likely to get off at last, but not, I fear, in time to prevent you from realizing that I am a bad correspondent.

I must thank you, first of all, for your help in securing Oliver Caldwell for the University. Your former approval of him and his wife made it possible for us to snap them up when the opportunity offered. I had been anxious to get them ever since you first sent me his record, but I could never persuade the administration to provide salary and travel for a married man. With him once out here in China, however, I finally managed to get a small married-man's salary for him. We like both him and his wife very much personally, and he is fitting into the work of the department very nicely. I hope that he may become a permanent addition to the staff.

The price which I paid for Mr. Caldwell was a promise to get along without anyone in Mr. Wheeler's place. That we are managing to do at present, but the overloading is rather serious and should not be continued another year. I am very anxious, therefore, that the Presbyterian Board appoint someone to take Mr. Wheeler's place next year, thus filling up the Presbyterian quota and strengthening the Department of Foreign Languages.

I wish, specifically, that the Board might appoint Mr. Willard Hanna to the University of Nanking. Mr. Hanna, as you may know, was a short-term missionary under the Presbyterian Board, teaching at South Gate, Shanghai. He then spent a fourth year at Hangchow Christian College. I saw a good deal of him and even went so far as to have him come to Nanking for a couple of days to become better acquainted. He expressed considerable interest in our work and in the possibility of coming to us, and I have kept in touch with him since in the hope that he might find it possible to come. As he has already been approved both by us and by the Presbyterian Board, he seems to me to be an ideal person to fill Mr. Wheeler's vacancy. Will you, therefore, kindly take up the matter with the Board with a view to getting him out here in the fall of 1937?

We are expecting still another vacancy in 1937 when Mr. Jones goes on furlough. While I doubt whether I can persuade the administration to bring anyone out from home, I should like to know of any likely people whom we might secure. In this case, either a man or a woman would do, but a married man is probably out of the question. Possibly someone willing to pay his or her own way out might be a solution. I realize, however, that such people are hard to find; but if you will let me know if you hear of anyone, I shall appreciate it very much.

I believe the Administrative Council has written you about the research project we have in mind for the Department. A copy of the request to the Carnegie Corporation goes to you either in this mail or the next.....

William P. Fenn

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November 30, 1936
196 West Norwich Ave.
Columbus, Ohio

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Could you give me information about possible vacancies for a teacher of English in Christian Colleges in China? I am particularly interested in Yenching University or St. John's.

I returned a few months ago from China where I spent the past four years. For three years I taught in the Lowrie Institute Shanghai, under the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. Last year I taught in Hangchow Christian College. I am at present doing graduate work in English at Ohio State University and am considering returning to China in 1937 or 1938. My work in China I thoroughly enjoyed and I am eager to return. I have definite offers of positions in Hangchow Christian College and the University of Nanking. But before making any decision I should like to know of possibilities in other institutions — definite openings if any, qualifications needed, other terms of contract. I should like also to know of conditions of service under the Rockefeller Foundation, which sends teachers, I believe, to Lingnan.

I am now twenty-five years of age. I was graduated from the College of Wooster in 1932 and since that time have been teaching in China. Next spring or summer I hope to receive my Master's degree from Ohio State and may possibly continue my study toward a Doctor's. But meantime I want to get in touch with universities in China, either through Mission Boards or with the universities direct. I may refer you to the New York office of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions for my record with them. I have letters from people in Shanghai and Hangchow and will send them if I make application for a definite position.

Any information you may give I shall greatly appreciate.

Sincerely yours,

Willard A. Hanna

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

Dear Dr. Garside:

I enclose herewith a letter which I have written to
Rex Wheeler. I trust that this doesn't crisscross with any
of your correspondence or conferences with him. What I try to
do is to play into your hands. Have I done this or have I
messed matters at all for you?

I trust that you and Mrs. Garside are going to have
a Happy Christmastime.

Very cordially yours,



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The Rev. W. R. Wheeler,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Rex:

Dr. Chen came in before he sailed to say goodbye and also to speak of the question of your future relation to the University of Nanking. He showed me a letter from the Administration Committee, in which Mr. Wei wrote:

"We have just found that the furloughs of Dr. Fenn and Mr. Jones in the Department of Foreign Languages are due in 1937, making necessary careful planning to provide for the Department during the year that they are away. You will remember that the Board of Founders and the Board of Directors voted to allow Mr. Wheeler to hold one of the field Presbyterian quota places for this year only. It is very important that this arrangement should not be renewed for a second year but that a professor should be on the field by September of 1937. That will mean that some arrangement will need to be made to provide for the salary of Mr. Wheeler, if he continues in the work of promotion. The Administration has approved of requesting that you take steps to apply to the Presbyterian Board to have this vacancy filled for next autumn."

Dr. Chen said that in spite of the definiteness of this action, his own regard for you was so great and his desire that everything that was right and considerate should be done was so strong, that he would be prepared to take the responsibility of approving your continuance for a second year as one of our Board's quota in the University while you went on for this second year with promotional work here in the University's interest. If, however, the Associated Boards were ready to take you on for this second year as a member of the promotional staff in the place perhaps of one of the men provided by Mr. Hedrick's organization who has never been in China, this would make it possible for our Board to comply with the desire of the Administrative Committee of the University for the appointment of someone in our quota urgently needed for the teaching work in the University.

I reported to the Executive Council this morning this conference with Dr. Chen. Dr. Courtenay Fenn spoke of the need in the University for someone in his son's department, but he and everyone, in appreciation of you and affection for you, wanted to have such action taken as would be acceptable to you and Connie and also to the best interests of the work. Dr. Schell spoke of conferences with you from which it appeared that you felt you would be able to go back to China, but the Council took the view that that would not be one of the possible alternatives and that we should contemplate one or the other of the two arrangements suggested by Dr. Chen.

It is possible that Mr. Garside has already taken the matter up with you, but, if not, would it not be well for you to talk the matter over with him

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The Rev. W. R. Wheeler - 2.

December 21, 1938

or, if you prefer, I should be very glad indeed to do so.

Don't fail to stop in when you are here. I wish that you might have been in today to share with us in a little luncheon that we had on the 13th floor in honor of Dr. Brown's 80th birthday. There was a lovely dinner party given for him two weeks ago by the Church Peace Union and the Committee on Religious and Racial Minorities. He is certainly a wonderful old man at the age of 80, and his centennial history is a remarkable piece of work.

I trust that you and the family are going to have a happy Christmastime.

Ever affectionately yours,

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Copies to:
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December 22, 1936

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

Dear Dr. Speers:

I have for acknowledgment your letters of December 2nd and December 7th. Both of these deal with the representation of the Presbyterian Board on our Nanking Board of Founders.

I understand that both Mr. W. A. Eldredge and Mr. T. C. Speers have accepted appointment as Presbyterian representatives on the Nanking Board. We are happy to welcome both these men to the Board, and I am sure that they can make a valuable contribution.

Since the appointment of these two men completes the representation of the Presbyterian Board on the Nanking Founders, I believe that the Acting China Secretary of your Board is for the time being considered a general alternate, rather than a regular member. There has been some suggestion that it might be desirable for the Nanking Board to elect either Mr. Eldredge or Mr. Speers as one of its coopted members so as to allow the Presbyterian Board to make its Acting China Secretary a regular member of its quota. I am sure that the Nanking Founders would be glad to take such an action at its next meeting - or, if desirable, the Executive Committee might take such an action without waiting for the next session of the full Board.

Very sincerely yours,

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