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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
NANKING, CHINA

September 23, 1928.

Mr. Frank W. Price,
China Christian Educational Assn.
Shanghai.

Dear Frank:

I ~~was~~ very anxious to see you the other day when you were here, and almost succeeded when you informed me that you would see me in my office a little later. I am sorry that it was impossible but I know you were very busy for the few hours you were in Nanking.

It was with deep regret that we learned that you are not able to come to the College of Agriculture and Forestry for Rural work. I have been a bit hesitant about the proposal as I wonder if that is the most suitable work for you as your training is more general than for Rural Work. I understand that you are now working in the China Christian Educational Association and that you leave for furlough next year. I have a proposal which I wish to make quite far in advance and I hope that you will consider it.

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Hoping to hear from you very soon,

Very sincerely yours,

Y. G. Chen.

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September 22, 1938.

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China Christian Educational Assoc.
Shanghai.

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Very sincerely yours,

Y. G. Chen.

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PLEASE CONSIDER THIS LETTER CONFIDENTIAL

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

NANKING, CHINA

COPY OF LETTER FROM FRANK W. PRICE -- September 26, 1928.

Dr. Y. G. Chen,
Nanking.

Dear Y.G.:

TRANSFER

Nanking

Thank you for your letter of the 23d. I am so sorry that I missed seeing you when in Nanking last week. You were out when I called at your office, and I was on a rush later trying especially to look up all our Hangchow students who are with you, but I shall hope to see you when on a visit to Nanking in October.

I am certainly glad to hear that the registration of the University has been consummated, and I congratulate you on the position that this gives you with the Government and in leadership of Christian education in China. I hope now that you will be able to help Christian higher education in East China to realize the federated plan which will enable us to make an even more effective contribution to the cause of education. You speak of the recognition of the present religious activities which registration gives, and I agree with you that this constitutes a stirring challenge that we attain not only high educational standards but the distinctive Christian purpose and character for which the College was founded. But I can see no easy solution of this religious problem that will enable us to leave a unique Christian influence upon the students who pass in and out of our college doors. We must secure strong and radiant Christian personalities not only in the department of religious instruction but in as many other departments as we can. The University is certainly fortunate to have at its head now one who takes so upon his heart the realization of the Institution's Christian ideals, and I pray God that He may give you vision and courage for this and all phases of your important work.

I deeply appreciate the invitation which you gave me last June and the one given in your recent letter. As you know, my training and experience has been chiefly in religious education, and, while I am intensely interested in the linking up of the School of Agriculture to the needs of the rural churches and in rural Christian work, yet I do not feel that I should now leave religious education and go entirely into that field. I am helping on the N.C.C. committee on Rural Churches, and cooperating, as far as I can, with many of your men in the School of Agriculture. We had a good conference together when I was in Nanking.

What you say about the University makes a very strong appeal to me. Some of my happiest experiences in China were in connection with religious teaching, and friendships with students in Nanking University, although I gave only a small part of my time to this. I definitely hope to plan to return to Nanking after furlough in 1930 and to give my life to intensive work in this one place, for I believe, as Professor Latourette of Yale wrote me the other day, "the longer I live the surer I am that it is in this local intensive often unsung work that the foundations are laid for all that is most enduring in bringing in the Kingdom of Heaven." The invitation is still open to return to Nanking Seminary to teach in the department of religious education; that will mean the training of religious educators in Christian leadership for our schools or churches. I feel the call of this work, but I do not want to return to Nanking Seminary unless it can be reorganized on a forward looking basis and be better departmentalized in its training of different types of workers for city churches, rural churches, religious

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educators, etc. For the sake of mutual stimulus and closer cooperation in the training of rural pastors I think that the Seminary should be moved closer to the University, but I do not think that it would be wise for the University or Seminary to plan any sort of union of the two institutions at the present time. We can be closer together yet independent institutions, exchanging some professors and course credits, yet free to develop each in its own sphere. If the Seminary moves closer to the University and I am working there I should be most happy to help also in a religious department of the University by teaching and leading student groups and in any other way I can. This would free the University from the burden of my salary, as I am under the Southern Presbyterian Board. If, however, the Seminary does not reorganize progressively and cooperate unofficially with you in the ways which are now possible I would give very serious consideration to the invitation to become a whole time member of your faculty. This is all that I can say at present, and I hope that before long we may have the chance to talk together. I am certainly glad to hear that there is a chance of Robsen returning.

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With affectionate regards,

Yours as ever,

(signed) Frank W. Price.

Copy of Dr. Chen's reply to Mr. Price on October 1, 1928.

Mr. Frank W. Price,
Shanghai.

Dear Frank:

Your letter dated September 26th is very encouraging, and I am very glad to know there is a possibility of having you join our faculty. I realize there are difficulties, but we have high hopes that it may be possible for you to join the Religious Department of the University.

You will agree with us that the Religious Department of the University has a very important field in developing the life of the students, and will be increasingly significant in our connections with the political and social life of Nanking. We certainly need your help.

In order to start negotiations in plenty of time and in the proper direction, I wish to have your permission to present the matter to the Northern Presbyterian Board to ask to have you considered as one of their members in the University. I hope you will permit me to do so at once.

Of course if the Seminary has a definite program and you feel that your work should be as a member of their faculty, we would reconsider the proposition even although the matter had been already taken up with the New York Board.

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With very best wishes to you and Mrs. Price, I am

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Y. G. Chen

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TRANSFER

University of Nanking

January 22, 1930

Mr. Frank W. Price,
Yale University
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr. Price:

We have just received a letter from President Y.G. Chen raising again the question of the possibility of your appointment to the University of Nanking staff under the Northern Presbyterian Board for teaching work in religious education. President Chen writes as follows:

"We are counting on having Mr. Frank Price if this can be arranged. We understand that the Nanking Theological Seminary is not particularly anxious to secure him. Also I believe that Mr. Price is personally inclined to come to the University as I wrote you some time ago that he had told me that unless the Seminary was reorganized on a very progressive program, he would prefer to undertake some other line of religious work. I have talked the matter over in detail with his father and mother - who are in the Nanking Theological Seminary - and they are very willing to have him return to the University of Nanking. I know that Mr. Price is very favorably inclined toward the University work, but I believe it may be necessary for you to take the initiative step in trying to secure him, instead of waiting for him to make a suggestion regarding the matter. We realize that in our Christian Institutions we should have very strong religious leaders and feel that Mr. Price is the right man for the position."

Before taking up this question in a definite way with the Northern Presbyterian Board there are a number of points it would be well to clear up because I am sure that the secretaries of the Presbyterian Board would at once raise them:- (1) What is likely to be the attitude of the Southern Presbyterian Board on this proposal? We know of the excellent work you have done in China under the Southern Presbyterian Board and doubt whether they would be happy over the thought of losing you even though you returned to Christian missionary service under a related organization. (2) Do you think there would be any possibility of the Southern Presbyterian Board appointing you to this place on the University of Nanking staff and continuing to provide your support there? (3) I understand that Hangchow Christian College

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is now going forward with renewed vigor and activity, and that there is a probability of Hangchow urging you to return there. What are the prospects in this Hangchow situation? (4) What is your own personal attitude toward the proposal coming from President Chen that you accept a position on the Nanking staff under the Presbyterian Board for teaching work in Religious Education?

I know everyone would be very greatly pleased to secure you for the work at Nanking. We are anxious, however, to avoid any action that might be detrimental to any of the other Christian work in China.

Very cordially yours,

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NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

January 23, 1930

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of the 22nd reached me this morning. President Y.G. Chen talked me with many times in China about an appointment to the University of Nanking staff under the Northern Presbyterian Board for work in religious education. We have also had considerable correspondence on the matter. I have always left the invitation open because of the very strong appeal which it makes to me and the great opportunity which it offers. At the same time I have wanted to work as long as possible in connection with our own Southern Presbyterian Board with which we have many valued associations. My interest in the work of religious education in the church and in the training of church leaders in religious education has been growing and I have not been certain in my own mind whether the University would be a good base from which to help in this important task in addition to the work among the students. I can think of no group of colleagues and no fellowship in which we would be happier than in the Nanking University faculty, especially under such a Chinese leader as my very good friend Y.G. Chen. The call to Nanking comes very strongly to us, not only because of the students there and the many past contacts and associations but also because of the opportunity to continue old friendships and build new ones with returned students and others in government positions. So we have written asking our mission very definitely that we be sent to Nanking after this furlough, first for a year of rural church work in connection with the School of Agriculture's extension experiments and then in the Seminary (which has invited us back) or in general work in the city. The Mid-China Mission meets the end of this month and we should have their action in another month. I shall endeavor to answer your questions individually.

1. If we should decide to accept the University of Nanking invitation, we would resign from our Southern Board and so be free to apply to the Northern Board. We would regret breaking the ties with our Board in Nashville and with the churches in Virginia which support us. On the other hand our position on the field ~~we~~ would be easier in many ways. I have been in a minority group in our mission these years in the debates and struggles over school registration, transfer of control to Chinese, the Church of Christ, N.C.C. and such and I may as well say that there are many in the mission who look at me askance as a young fellow who should be put in his place. We would feel much freer in Nanking University but you can understand what the ties to the home church

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mean to us. Also I have hoped to further the progressive cause in our China Mission by working within. But if we should feel that Nanking University is the place for us to serve, we would present our resignation to the Southern Board.

2. No. There would be a strong sentiment among many in the Mission against supporting us on the Nanking University staff and I would not want to see the question presented. Our Southern Board did not approve Dr. Hutcheson returning as a representative of our church to the University Hospital and when he was there before, always made it clear that the Board was not thereby responsible for University policies. Also our Mission is interested now in developing Hangchow College.

3. We were two years at Hangchow College and left when the college closed temporarily on account of registration difficulties. We have received no call from the College Board to return there. When the mission sent us there from Nanking in 1926, we agreed to go with the understanding that it was just for the rest of our term. Nanking Seminary considered our going only temporary and wanted us back later. It is true that Hangchow College is making plans for expansion but I do not feel we should go there even if we were definitely invited. I have strong personal convictions that Hangchow should not attempt more than a high-grade middle school or middle school and junior college linked with an East China University scheme. The College does not have financial resources, equipment or faculty for good full college work without a big campaign for more money. And I do not think this is wise in view of the coordinated plan to which Hangchow has given its approval. I have just heard of the meeting of the Hangchow Board on December 10 in which there was a tie vote on the expansion proposals, so opinion there is divided.

4. My personal attitude toward President Chen's proposal is expressed partly in the above paragraphs. The opportunity he offers appeals more than any that we are facing now. On the other hand, I would like to wait until receiving the action of our Mid-China Mission this month before giving a final decision. If our own mission can give us the opportunity we desire we would not feel so free to break our relations and associations with it. When in Nanking before I taught two classes in the University religious department and had many other contacts with the religious life there. If we should go to the University, I hope President Chen will let me have one year first in rural work near Nanking, some contacts (perhaps through teaching one class) with the Seminary, and a chance to follow up my interest in the religious education work of the church. I believe the last would be agreeable certainly for we all want to strengthen the bonds between the Christian church and Christian higher education.

I shall write you again in about a month. Meanwhile please let me have any counsel or help you can give. Very sincerely yours,

Frank W. Price

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Dwight Hall,
Yale Station,
New Haven, Conn.
March 31, 1930.

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I intended writing you before this regarding the call to Nanking University; and although the action of our Mission came some time ago, I have still been weighing the opportunities in Nanking.

Our Mission, somewhat to our surprise, voted unanimously for us to return to Nanking Theological Seminary, and also gave us permission to spend the first year as we had requested, in the Rural Church Experiment Center near Nanking. I have written a letter back to the Seminary to inquire about its policy of reconstruction. Whether there is a chance of getting a Chinese president and a strong Chinese staff, and whether there will be freedom for the liberal teaching and experimentation which many of us feel is necessary in view of the new problems in China, I have yet to find out.

Several factors are leading us to give more serious consideration to the Seminary call just now. The vote of confidence which our Mission gave us is one reason. Another factor is the increasing restriction upon religious work in schools, which is throwing the responsibility for religious education more and more upon the home and the church. For this new challenge and opportunity we need to prepare the best leadership we can.

In many ways the Nanking University position is the more attractive one to us. The work would be exceedingly congenial and relationships very happy. However, I am coming to feel that if the Seminary will proceed in a forward looking way, that our place for the next few years is there. I shall still be happy if Y. G. Chen wants me to teach a class in the University and to help in the religious activities there. If the Seminary program does not work

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out the way we hope, I shall also feel free to talk over with President Chen the possibility of our giving full time to the University.

For the present, therefore, I ask that nothing more be done as to my transfer to the Northern Board. I am sending a copy of this letter to Y. G. Chen.

I do appreciate your wanting me and you may be sure that if the leading is clear that we should take up the University work, we shall not hesitate to ask for appointment by your board.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

Frank W. Rice

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Nanking

August 18, 1930

Mr. Frank Price,
Greenville, Virginia.

My dear Mr. Price,

Let me acknowledge receipt of your night letter asking for any detailed information I might have regarding the Swope bequest to Nanking Seminary.

I am afraid I have very little information beyond that already appearing in the papers, and which you have doubtless seen. I did, however, have an informal conversation with a certain gentleman who thought the Nanking Seminary was mentioned as having been awarded 35/200ths of the funds bequeathed. Since the estate is rumored to be about a hundred million dollars, that would yield Nanking Seminary quite a staggering sum. However, I do not vouch for the accuracy of these facts. It will undoubtedly be the part of wisdom to sit tight for a bit until the facts are known. Several years ago we had some rather sad examples of too much building of air castles when the Hall Estate bequests were first talked of. There were a lot of grandiose schemes concocted, some extremely un-Christian scrambles to get noses into the trough, and in the end some bitter disappointments.

Let me wish you a safe and speedy journey back to the field. One might ask for more peaceful times in which to work, less obstruction and interference from many quarters, and more settled policies for present and future Christian work. But nobody could ask for a greater opportunity, or a greater need.

Cordially yours,

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Greenville, Va.,
Aug. 20, 1930

Nanking

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I telegraphed you from Charlottesville, Va. last week, where I met and talked with John Reiser, asking you to send me any direct and detailed information you might have regarding the Swope (?) bequest to Nanking Theological Seminary.

If the news is true, it is certainly amazing and almost frightening. It opens up a marvelous road of opportunity in the training of Christian literature, production of Christian literature, and interpretation of the religion of Jesus for China, if the Seminary can find a forward-looking and consecrated Chinese leadership. I tremble to think what might happen if reactionary elements should get control. It is a tremendous trust and may God help us to use it wisely. I still cannot take the news in and would be glad if you could send me all the information you have.

We had expected to start for China next week but our Missions Board has postponed our sailings on account of conditions in China. It does not seem to us that the east China situation warrants any delay in our going and we are urging the Board to let us go as soon as possible.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

Frank W. Price

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Greenville, Va.,
Sept. 1, 1930

Nanking

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

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:

Thank you very much for your letter with information regarding the Swope bequest to Nanking Theological Seminary. I certainly agree with you that no publicity should be given the bequest until there is more definite information. And I do hope if the news is true that the money may be administered by a liberal, forward-looking group in the interest of theological education and training of Christian leadership all over China.

We are to sail on the Empress of Asia Sept. 18 and will go immediately to Nanking to take up our work in the Seminary there. I have promised Dr. Y. G. Chen also to help some in the religious work at the University.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Frank W. Puel

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Nanking, China



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May 29, 1931

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

The Board of Managers of Nanking Theological Seminary at its recent meeting appointed a special committee to consider the question of a Board of Trustees in America representing the cooperating mission boards. Would you kindly send me for the use of this committee a copy of the constitution of the Board of Trustees of China Union Universities and of Nanking University, also any information you can give as to how these organizations function in relation to the home Boards and the boards of managers on the field. Such information would be of help in working out plans for the Seminary Board of Trustees. To what extent does your Board of Trustees control policy? In what way does it hold property?

I am sending you a resume of the actions of the Board of Managers at its recent meeting and a little information about the President-elect of the Seminary.

With warm regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Frank W. Price

English Secretary
Board of Managers of
Nanking Theol. Seminary

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF
NANKING THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
May 20 - 22, 1931

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Sixteen members of the Board were present - eight Chinese and eight missionaries. Rev. Handel Lee presided.

It was voted to appoint a special committee of five to study the question of organization of a Board of Trustees in the U.S.A. representing the cooperating mission boards. The same committee was also asked to consider the question of coopted members on the Board and report to the Board.

The Board asked the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church to secure for the Seminary \$5000 gold for the year 1931-32 to be repaid from the Wendel legacy at current rates of interest. It also authorized the Seminary to borrow funds necessary for tearing down buildings and building walls due to the construction of the new road through the former Seminary property. The Board urged the missions cooperating to increase their support commensurate with the needs of the Seminary until such time as the income from the Wendel legacy becomes available. The Board decided to take options on three other pieces of property in Nanking in case the present site proves unsuitable after the new road is constructed.

The Board at this meeting elected the first Chinese president for the Seminary. Rev. Handel Lee, pastor of the Ku-i-lang Methodist Church, Nanking is President-elect. Dr. D. W. Richardson, now in the U.S.A. was elected Vice-President and Dr. Li Tien-lu Dean. Dr. Z. T. Kaung, pastor of Young Allen Court Memorial Church, Shanghai, was invited to teach at the Seminary for a year. Rev. Clarence A. Burch of the Christian Missionary Society, now in the U.S.A. was invited to become a member of the faculty for the fieldwork and rural church department.

The Board reendorsed the following standards:

a. For B.D. Course - three years study after full senior college graduation.

b. For diploma of Degree Course - four years study after full senior middle school graduation, with average grade of 70 or over. For Tao Hsueh Shih degree - four years study after senior middle school graduation, with average grade of 85 or over.

c. For diploma - old time middle school graduation and four years study.

d. For former students who received a Chen K'e diploma and who wish to obtain the Tao Hsueh Shih degree - one year's full resident study on the basis of senior middle school graduation and their Seminary diploma.

e. For special students, such as pastors and others duly recommended - a course approved by the faculty, for which a certificate of work shall be given.

A "Refresher Course" of one year for pastors in the field was approved.

The Board appointed a committee to study further with the faculty the question of the proposed Bible School.

The faculty committee government will continue until the new president and other officers assume office.

Dr. Z. T. Kaung is Chairman of the Board for the coming year.

REV. HANDEL LEE, PRESIDENT-ELECT OF NANKING THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

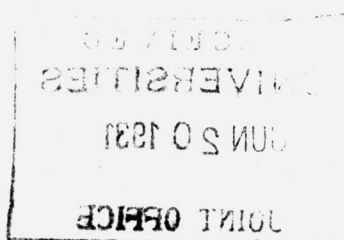
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Rev. Handel Lee was born at Kiangningchen near Nanking in 1886. He graduated from Nanking University with the degree of A.B. in 1912. He graduated from Nanking Theological Seminary in 1916.

From 1916 to 1921 Mr. Lee was pastor of the Second Street Methodist Church in Wuhu. Then he studied two years in the U.S.A., receiving the degree of S.T.B. from Boston University in 1922 and M.Th. from Drew Theological Seminary in 1923. His second year in America he was also Chinese Secretary for the Methodist Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions, succeeding Dr. William Hung.

Returning to China Mr. Lee took up the pastorate of the Ku-i-lang Methodist Church in Nanking which position he has held for eight years. The church now has a membership of 480. Since 1927 Mr. Lee has also been District Superintendent in the Central China Conference and has given much time to the fifteen churches in the district.

Mr. Lee has been Chairman of the Nanking Church Council for two years. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Christian Council.



REV. HANDEI LEE, PRESIDENT-ELECT OF NANKING THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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University of Nanking

June 25, 1951

Mr. Frank W. Price,
Nanking Theological Seminary,
Nanking, China.

My dear Mr. Price:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 29.

In accordance with your request, I am glad to enclose herewith copies of the following documents of the University of Nanking.

Constitution, University of Nanking
By-laws of Board of Directors
By-laws of Board of Founders
Contractual Agreement between Directors and Founders

I believe that from these documents you will secure such information as you need in working out the plan for your Seminary Board of Trustees. You ask two specific questions on which we might comment briefly:-

(a) To what extent does the Nanking Board of Trustees (Founders) control policy? The Founders exercise their control of University policy chiefly through their contribution toward the University budget. I would say that, as a practical matter, this control is theoretical rather than actual. The Founders have transferred practically full administrative control to the Board of Directors, and have been content to leave to them the management of the institution. Of course, the Founders reserve the right to withhold support if the Directors should deviate widely from policies which the Founders consider to be the proper ones. This would be particularly true if the Directors should embark upon any course which the Founders felt was inimical to the Christian character of the institution. Also if the University were to be carried on in such a way as to lose the sympathy and support of Christian bodies and Christian individuals here in the West, the income of the Board of Founders would be materially reduced even though they should attempt to continue making the same contributions as before. One may expect that so long as the Directors carry on the institution in a manner that is satisfactory from both an educational and a religious standpoint, there will be a minimum of interference from the Board of Founders here in the West.

(b) In what way does the Board of Founders hold property? The Founders are the legal owners of the property of the University but

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have agreed to lease this to the Directors for L.C.\$1 per year. The Directors are responsible for keeping the property in good order. Where new physical property is needed the funds required for purchase or construction may be sought either in the West or in China.

~~We are very much interested in the steps being taken to organize a Board of Trustees here in the West or in China.~~

We are very much interested in the steps being taken to organize a Board of Trustees here in the West for the Nanking Theological Seminary. We join in the warmest good wishes for the success of this undertaking.

Very cordially yours,

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Nanking, China, March, 13, 1919.

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

Dear Jack:

I have not heard from you for a long time. I do not know in fact whether I have heard from you since I wrote you my last letter in regard to the Han Si Men Church.

I take the liberty of inclosing you copy of a letter I have just written to Dr. Speer as it contained a number of things in regard to the Church Fund and some items of local happenings, in which you will perhaps be interested.

I am very anxious to finish up this matter of raising the fund before leaving next June. May I not count on your solid help? May we not count on your insuring that the \$10,000.00 in American can be raised?

It is a great investment that awaits the generosity of some donor and can you not help us find the man? I will have time to hear from you again before we leave and I hope that you will write.

When are you coming back? We certainly need you here. We have missed you much.

Malone is not well and they are going home soon. Mr. Drummond is also to go home in the summer and with the Stewart's and others going, we all the more need you back.

Will you give our best to Mrs. Williams and the girls and Dickie and lots of love to yourself. Let me hear

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you say that the \$10,000.00 is assured.

Always affectionately yours,

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Nanking, China, March 13, 1919.

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

Dear Robert:

You have received from me from time to time communications regarding the building fund of the Han Si Men Church, and I suppose you will recall in the main the contents of those letters and the burden of the appeal.

We are expecting to go on furlough next June and before that time, I am very anxious to close up this matter as Treasurer, and if possible, to get in hand the full amount needed.

The aim that we have set is \$3,000.00 from the missionaries interested, \$3,000.00 from the Chinese and \$10,000.00 from America. We already have \$2,000.00 of the missionary fund and the other \$2,000.00 promised from the Chinese fund. One Chinese, a contractor, has promised us \$1,000.00 and recently I received from Dr. Kuo, Dean of the Government College, and who has recently gone to the Peace Conference, a subscription of \$100.00. Mr. Wen who is soon to go to Hangchow as General Secretary has subscribed liberally, as have others. It will be impossible, however, to build the kind of church that is needed for the splendid work from money raised in China alone. We shall certainly need at least \$10,000.00 from America, and this amount will for some one or more than one, be a fruitful spiritual investment.

I have written strong letters, or as strong as I could, to Mr. Robert Dollar, whom I know personally and to Mr. John Wanamaker from whom I had a gleam of hope because of a circumstance that happened years ago and which I recalled to him. I am just sending duplicates of my former letters to these with follow-up letters and I have told them both that if they need additional or confirmatory information regarding the matter, that

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they refer to you. I am hoping that I shall hear from one of these, but I am writing to you to try if possible, to make sure that we secure this \$10,000.00 within the next few months. If it can not come from Mr. Dollar or Mr. Wanamaker, I hope it will come from somewhere, and will you not do your very best for us in this matter.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Jack Williams, because of this special reference to the Church. He was to try to do something for us, but we have had no definite word from him.

If the Presbyterian Church is to go forward as it ought to go forward, we just must have this larger building, and as I mentioned to you before, four mission institutions besides the local congregations, feed into this Church, and the building now is old and cramped, and there is no Presbyterian Church in the city that can accommodate all of the Presbyterians at a union gathering.

At the Union Prayer Meeting yesterday afternoon, Mr. Gray mentioned that he had baptised on last Sunday a man of a rank that he had never had the faith to hope that he should ever receive into the Church. This was General Ting, who thirty years ago, was Secretary of the American Legation in London, and who has held important official positions and belongs to one of the principal families of the community and is highly regarded. He is the finest looking Chinese old gentleman that I ever saw. This is just one instance of the expanding work.

I do not know whether you have become acquainted with a new movement here in Nanking--the formation of the Nanking Provisional Church Council--which will undertake as a single task the winning of Nanking for Christ; the bold attempt to give the gospel to every student and every coolie, to every one of every rank, to every man, woman and child in Nanking; to disseminate truth and to endeavor to win souls on a scale never attempted before, all the churches uniting in an Executive Council with an Executive Secretary, with this great object in view.

I hope it may be my privilege to see you when we are in America and I hope to talk over this movement with you. It has also do with the appeal which I am making concerning the enlargement of the Presbyterian Mother Church which is an important part of the expanding work within the city.

In the old Presbyterian Church here in last April, a Provisional General Assembly was organized. This gives

to the church an interest that will appeal to some.

As I write, Mr. Drummond is quite ill with pneumonia following influenza, but his doctor, Dr. Sloan, told us yesterday afternoon that he is holding his own which is favorable, and the crisis will come in a few days. Earnest prayer is being offered for his recovery.

Mr. Leaman is feeble, but his mind is strong and he has no ~~special~~ illness.

A large number of people are being received into the Presbyterian Churches here at every communion. One of the greatest problems is to keep up with them and to develop them into consecrated soul-winning Christians.

We are wondering if Dr. Garritt is coming back to us in the summer. We hope that he can come and that he can bring Mrs. Garritt with him, so as to insure the permanency of his staying.

We have been trying to keep things going as best we could in the Seminary and we have opened this Spring with a large number of new students. Leighton's acceptancy of the Presidency of Peking University is a great blow to the Seminary. We are planning, however, to call his brother, Warren, who is now President of Hanchow College, to take his place. We feel sure that the Board will act unanimously on that and we much hope that Warren will come. We are also anxious to get Dr. Lowrie, but we have no definite word from him yet as to whether he will accept the call to the Theological Seminary in Shantung or come to us here or be willing to stand again for the Chairmanship of the China Council.

There were some recent meetings held in the University, carefully planned out with Dr. C. Y. Cheng as the chief speaker. There was prayer and much personal work and in a quiet way, solid results seem to have been accomplished. Weigel is a very earnest fellow and he found a treasure in his new wife. His inexperience in things Chinese has been a handicap in some respects, but he is so terribly in earnest that he is now making real headway and I am sure his influence is going to be increasingly felt in the University, and between you and me and what I suppose is well known to you, the raising of the spiritual tone of the Christian student body and of many of the teachers is now one of the most serious problems before the University as it appears to many of its best friends.

We will certainly welcome Jack Williams back again.

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We had a bolt from the blue the other day in the news of the sudden transfer of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stewart to Tokio to take the place of the man there who had to leave for America on account of the health of his wife, I think it was. Their going will be a great loss to this community. They will be leaving the last of this month.

I had not intended to write you so long a letter, but having begun and remembering your interest in what is going on here, I just kept on.

In closing, I will come back to where I began in regard to the Han Si Men Church. It would give me great joy of heart to have a good word from you in regard to this great need. Of course, it is primarily a Northern Presbyterian Church and I am a Southern Presbyterian, so I am the more bold and unhampered in making this request.

With all good wishes,

Affectionately yours,

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April 8, 1919.

Rev. P.F. Price,
Nanking,
China.

Dear Frank:-

Your fine letter of March 3rd enclosing a copy of one to Mr. Spear, received this morning. Your former letters were also received and the Church Bulletins, which are read very carefully by every member of the family.

We do appreciate having these reminders of the life at Nanking, as it will help us more to keep in touch with the dear friends there.

I have not been unmindful of the Church, although my failure to write would seem to indicate so. I may tell you in confidence, Frank, that I did expect to make the case for that church to the elder Mr. Lobenstine, who at one time told me he would like to do something for the Union Church in Nanking and as you know his death occurred last fall, and the matter had never developed to the extent that he would think of providing for it in his will; so that line is closed.

I have just looked up the minutes of the meeting of the China Council's report, and I find the appropriation for the Church is #3 on the Council's list, and they did not arrive at that point this year. The New Era Drive may relieve the desperate financial stress under which the Board closed this year. The total deficits of the Presbyterian Board will amount at \$800,000- \$300,000 of this was caused by war losses, and increased cost of the Mission in Syria all equalled by the adverse changes and additional expenses of travel etc. The Churches gave as much as the year before but individual gifts were less.

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Then too, Frank, our good Southern President, who I admire very much as added such heavy rate of income tax that every American with a large income, is thinking enviously of the Chinese official who fled to Shanghai in the old days, and that policy may work out more equitable conditions in the distribution of the wealth of America. It does work out a sense of apprehension and uncertainty on the part of the people of large means here. This rule however does not apply to the Baptist or Methodist Drives for they are getting funds in large amounts. I will see if I can get things linked up here, with some special efforts in the church.

I am deeply interested in your plans for the city work in Nanking. I am sure you will make a great success of it.

We naturally feel very much concerned at the outlook for the Seminary. I think there is very little chance of Dr. Garret's return this fall and he may never be able to return to China. He has lost about 70 pounds since his return to the United States, and has had to give up all work and is under medical care in the hope they can find out the root of the trouble. With Leighton's loss to Pekin and problems and burdens multiply, I do not see how the Churches of Central China are going to grow strong without a strong leadership in the Ministry, and I do not see how that can be done without carrying out the plans which we had outlined. the Board here and the Trustees of the University are not disposed to making any change in those plans. If the Chinese Board has undertaken to establish two medical schools and support in a large part two others to teach modern medicines, in spite of the lack of interest of the Chinese students in medicines, how would it seem for the combined Boards that went to China for the purpose of establishing the Church and the Kingdom, to admit that one seminary course would be all they could contemplate for China.

We hope we shall see Frank upon his return from France. With heartiest regards to Mrs. Price and yourself in which Mrs. Williams and the children will join me, as ever yours,

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Nanking, China, May 9, 1919.

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

Dear Jack:

I was glad to receive your letter of April 8th, which has just come to hand.

I do very much hope that you can do something definite for us on the Han Si Men Church proposition. Can you not push the matter a little bit in the Board Rooms and see if we can not have this item on the Council's list paid? I know that it is hard to gwt money at home, but also the need of a church here is very, very great. We just must have this money in order to press the work as we ought to to press it, and we should have it without undue delay.

We are all distressed to hear of Dr. Garritt's failing in health, and earnestly hope and pray that he will be gaining again before long. He has passed through much trouble of late.

As you remark, we are very short-handed in the Seminary. We are hoping that Richardson will come and take Stuart's place. He had fine training to fit him for this work. We are making an earnest pull for Dr. Lowrie and he has not yet said that he will not come. I much hope that he will. I thoroughly endorse what you say in regard to pushing the work here. We just must push it for all that it is worth. I have been suggesting to Rowe that we make larger use of the University professors in the teaching of the men of the Graduate Department next year, and I think that this will be done. Moss, Marx and others will be willing to help us at least in part, and this will enable us to link up more closely with the University.

As I write today, there is a big patriotic demonstration, pro-Kiaochow and anti-Wellington Koo. The Christians are taking large part in it. They are going to the Yamen to present a formal petition.

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Rev. Dr. J. E. Williams. No. 2.

We hope to arrive in San Francisco per S.S. Nanking, China Mail Company, about the 20th of July and to spend the month of August in Lexington, Virginia, where we hope our boys can join us, and where I will have charge of the Presbyterian Church there for a month, I being their foreign representative. Drop us a line to San Francisco or Lexington and tell us of your movements.

I hope that Mrs. Williams and the little folks are well. Will you give the affectionate regards of our family to them? When will you be coming back to Nanking? Nanking needs you.

Affectionately yours,

P. Frank Price —

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