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July 16th, 1914.

Mr. W. L. Abbott, 120 W. Adams St., Chicago, Ills.

Dear Mr. Abbott:-

President of the University of Manking, your check for \$50.00 to apply on Mr. Reisener's salary, Mr. Bowen writing that you have agreed to contribute this amount each year for the next five years. We assure you that we appreciate this gift upon your part for though the University was greatly in need of Mr. Reisener's expert knowledge to assist Mr. Bailey in his agricultural work, yet the Presbyterian Board had its full quota of men already at work in the University and there were no funds of the University available to cover Mr. Reisener's salary. It meant, therefore, that Mr. Bowen had to secure this on the outside or it would not have been possible to have accepted of Mr. Reisener's offer to go out to the University. He has been doing special work the past two years, preparing himself to aid Mr. Bailey in his colonization schemes, and it would have been a great pity to have lost his service. We thank you, therefore, for your aid in securing him to the University.

Yours very sincerely

Treasurer U. of N.

JNO. DV. Reisner

THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

NANKING, CHINA

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Dear Mr. Carter,

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Day before yesterday, our Shanghai paper stated that the Germans, during the last twenty-four hours, had hurled 400,000 projectiles against the Allies' defence, without effect. During the past few months, the College of Agriculture and Forestry has been quietly invading the mail of Chinese Provincial Governors, Chambers of Commerce, over 225 leading Chinese newspapers and magazines, agricultural experimental stations, etc. As a result, one among many, the seventy-year, old-style, conservative Governor of conservative and poverty-stricken Anhwei Province wrote the following letter, and from other sources we know that he did what he said:

"Your illuminating letter has been received, accompanied by your splendid articles on the "Warning Appeal for Protection against Agricultural Insect Pests and Fungus Diseases" and "Chinese Cotton," in which you have put before us true and accurate examples and have explained to us clearly and explicitly. The influence which they will have on the future agriculture of my humble province will be very great. After reading them, I am filled with great respect.

"These articles should be put before the public, that everybody may know about them and learn from them. I have already sent them to all the divisions of the province, requesting them to give orders to each district to recopy the articles and promulgate them as official announcements to the people."

The young, progressive principal of the first Provincial Agricultural School of the same province, a recent graduate in forestry of the New York State College of Agriculture and one of the finest young men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing, writes as follows:

"I read Mr. Tsou's translation of your article on Cotton with great interest. That is the kind of literature much needed in China."

These letters are only typical of other letters received from the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce, Central Government, at Peking; from Governors of Provinces; from the principals of agricultural schools; from the editors of Chinese newspapers and magazines; from missionaries and the Chinese reading public. These articles on Chinese agricultural and forestry conditions, interpreted in the light of modern, scientific knowledge, are not only creating a sympathetic public opinion but are creating a demand for changed conditions. This demand we are trying to fill by training qualified students in agriculture, forestry, and character.

Last year, the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce at Peking disbanded their own Forestry School and sent their students to us to be trained. They also gave a grant of money, and with it came official recognition. The Governors of Anhwei, Shantung, Kiangsi, Kiangsu, and Kweichow are either supporting students or have made grants of money. The Forest Fund Committee is supporting eight scholarships. There are now over forty students studying agriculture and forestry. We are doing the best we can, with our inadequate teaching staff and equipment, to deserve and maintain the confidence these people have placed in us.

Just one thing more. If you will read the following letter, which we sent to over 200 missionaries in central China, you will get a fairly good insight into Chinese agricultural conditions generally. What applies to the large lack of knowledge about Chinese fruit applies equally well to all of her agricultural products and methods, to say nothing of the educational, spiritual, and living conditions of her agricultural population.

We are undertaking a systematic improvement of native Chinese fruits and are sending out a few letters to a number of missionaries in certain parts of China to enlist their cooperation in securing some scions for grafting, or cuttings, of the fruit in their district.

"There is practically no general knowledge of the best varieties and best fruit districts of China, and the native fruit industry, with all its wonderful possibilities of development, continues to be limited by ideas and methods that have been disproven and discarded in the West for many years.

*If you are willing to assist us in this matter, will you not kindly state on the enclosed eard the kind of fruits in your district, whether or not you think you

* could secure some cuttings for us, and approximate cost of same. When we have this knowledge, we shall write more fully regarding the cuttings, which should be made now as soon as possible.

"We shall, of course, expect to meet any expense incident to the securing and mailing of the cuttings and shall be glad to share with you and the people among whom you are working the results of our labours. If we can be of any other service to you along other lines, we shall be glad to be called upon."

Our problems are not easy, but are eminently worth while. We are in a position, unique among all opportunities offered to Christian educational institutions in China, to do for this people a service that will change for the better the conditions in which "they move and live and have their being"—in agriculture—more than with many countries, the basis of their civilization and indeed their very existence.

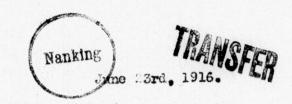
Your interest in us and our work is more appreciated than you know, even if I do not know some of you personally, perhaps; and if this letter will sustain or increase that interest, it will accomplish its purpose.

Sincerely yours,

Tohit Reiener,

P.S. By the time this letter reaches you, Mr. J. E. Williams, Vice-President of the University, and Mr. Joseph Bailie, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Forestry, will be in the U.S.A. If any one wishes to get in touch with them, they may be addressed in care of the Office of the University of Nanking, 156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

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Rev. J. H. Reisner, Nanking, China.

Dear Reisner:-

I should have written you replies to your three splendid letters that have come. I have utilized them to the full and rather than replying I have been trying by all means to get the help you need. Before taking them up in detail I should like to pass on to you whole heaps of love from Dr. and Mrs. Waters as they wish to be remembered, also from Mr. Day and Mr. Carter here.

I am sorry we have been delayed in getting a cable in you in reply to your cable. The information was in hand, the cable was intelligible on the basis of the information, but we felt it was necessary to get the action of the Board of Trustees. Replies are coming very slowly. If they are not in hand soon I shall have to get an action of the Executive Committee and cable you.

on the 6th of June-since that time I have been very busy in trying to get settled as that may seriously affect the co-operation of two or three of the Boards in the University. It involves not only the work of the men in the medical department, and you know how serious that is, but also the basis of union in the University work and possibly of the Bouthern Baptists, the Southern Methodists and Southern Presbyterians, as well as the Northern Baptists.

I am sorry that the men did not do as much for Mr. Bailie financially as they did socially. He certainly made a splendid impression everywhere, but it takes the hard cold cash to ship teachers out and pay for running. We have made arrangements for the Bowneys and they should be out by the latter part of September. They are both experiences people. She would make an excellent English teacher, and he a strong man in his line of mathematics. I hope we can have the Griffins sent out this summer too, but I have not their support as yet. I shall do my utmost for the man in Forestry.

I wish I might have gotten over a month or two earlier, as is next to impossible to do anything in July or agust. I fear I shall have to take a little time off then to get into the open and get built up a little, for I found it heavy sledding coming back this time. You may be

To Rev. J. H. Reisner, No. 2.

sure that I shall do all I can at this end so that the Agricultural and Forestry Department shall not suffer.

Thank you very much for writing me so fully. Your information has been simply invaluable for my purposes here.

With love to Mrs. Reisner and Jessie and yourself,

As ever, yours,

Q. D. Reiener

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Dear Mr. Williams:-

THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

TRANSFERANKING, CHINA

July 17, 1916

Just a short letter to let you know where we stand on the land proposition. I must say at the start that we were might glad to get the cablegram regarding the Chinese Board of Trustees. That is the only way we will be able to get any considerable area of land from the Government, and have atitle with it that will stand. And what is more vital, it gives the chinese an opportunity farkthexekinese to cooperate in an important and very dignified way where they will have responsibility and be "first Fiddlers". Our experience in this matter has again shown their willingness to accept the opprtunity.

The passing of Yuan shi kai, of course ushered in a new phase of the unstable and unsettled political conditions, and while Yuan had come to be condemned and damned for everything that went wrong, the hub of a highly frictioned and very inefficient political wheel, party frictions and political unrest has not altogether disappeared with the appearance of the new hub. Things arent developing as rapidly as was hoped, but withal sairly satisfactorily. I am englosing a clipping showing what you already know C. T. Wang has done. He is working hard to get the old parliament into running order. It is a a source of the deepest hope and gratification to sed men of his type getting into the thinkest of the fight for what they want.

The change in Government caused us some undertainity as to what we should do, whether we should put in our application now or wait a while. P. W. Kuo thought we ought to ask C.T. about it, so we have written asking his advice as to whether we should present the petition at once or delay until conditions were more stable. We have not received his answer yet. The application however is all ready to go in , and all the details that can be previously arranged have been arranged. The change in the political situation, while perhaps causing a slight delay, is greatly in our invour.

No mail, I thinkk, has been received from you since the letter written after the Board meeting. The minutes of that meeting has has not come. No mail has been received from Bailie for a long time, except a short letter to Mr. Clemons in which he said not to write him again as the letter would not hreach him before he had left for China. We are anxious to hear further from you. If the medical work falls through, no one will ver be able to say that you did not do everything in your power to keep it. You have been working against tremendous odds in the face of which, I fear most of us would have given up long ago. We hope you will be fully successful in carrying out the plans for an enlarged hospital work, and with it a wider sphere of influence for the University which the Provincial Health Assocition would seem to hold out. Bowen just said the other day, after he had been to a meeting of the I Lung Hwei, that he had never felt so much at home befor amoning the Chinese as at that meeting, that there was an unusual cordiality on the part of the Chinese members, and not the least on the part of Chu Lai chih sien seng.

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NANKING, CHINA.....

I think I wrote you that we had a good closing, in the department D.Y.Lin came up fiter the first of June and lectured to the boys for a couple of weeks and they all left in fine spirits. Our Agricultural boys are all in tact, so far as I can tell. We are expecting a good enrollment. One of the wax most satisfactory outlooks is that we shall have a number of voluntary students for the Forestry course. This is particularly encouraging in view of the fact that the whole forestry enrollment, except Chang Tung Wu and who indeed is "sent" is m de up of scholarship students. From various and sundry sources we hear of the good work and good advertising that has been done by our newspaper propoganda work. We are sending out tomorrow a request to these more than 220 newspapers to insert a small notice regarding the opening of the College of Agriculture and Forestry in the Fall.

Threis no point in worrying you with the need for more teachers. I know you realize that fully, and a letter a day from me regarding them wont get them here any sooner. We need Griffing and we need a Forester and we need them equally badly, and I dont see how we are goi going to open up school without them, which of course we will ido even if we dont get them. But we must have them. Neither Bailie nor Ostergaard can help us out with the teaching, and we must do a certain amount of that. Thats quite evident.

The last word that reached me from Kuling was that seven fat letters had arrived in the same mail to a Mrs. Williams from her husband. Well, I suspect somebody was just about seventy times seven times happier after that. I am back in Nakning, doing some work, and getting the house (west side and Hall) fixed up as a little surprise for the Girlie when we come back in the Fall. I am going back to the mountain this week sometime. Harry is coming over for lunch today. Its time he was coming along, so I'll just wish yougood luck and adieu. sincerely,

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P.S. I am enclosing a last of special gifts that I made out for Bailie I dont know whether he sent you one or not, or whether I have already given you one.

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September 18, 1916

Mr. J. H. Reisner University of Nanking Nanking, China

My dear John:

Another of your good letters just to hand this morning. The one enclosing an excerpt from C. T. Wang on the land situation, also the three good snapshots. I am very much pleased that you find yourself in hearty approval with what has been undertaken for the Hospital and the College. I hope to have definite action of the China Medical Board within two weeks. Dr. Buttrick has been called off to Oklahoma for ten days and their meetings have been delayed accordingly.

I am certainly very glad that you can report that Bertha and Jessie Henrietta are both well and that J. H. is coing splendid. "Twelve ounces gained last week and happy and well as can be." I feel sure you will become fully acclimated and that all these troubles will pass away in time. I think I wrote you in an earlier letter my congratulations upon securing Tukao of Cornell. I am certainly glad that you were able to do this. I feel sure that the Criffings will be with you before the close of this term. He has made his arrangements so he can go out. It is certainly hard that you cannot have all the men you need for the teaching work this fall. Bailie will be back with you at this time and you will find that he will be able to turn up things in China in a splendid way and now is the time to do it. We must not lose any ground in the agricultural and forestry departments. I am glad that you can appreciate with us the very crucial time for the Hospital and medical work. If we can get out of this dilemma, I feel sure we shall be able to make adequate provisions for the agricultural and forestry work. We all stand and fall together and in a unique sense none can suffer or bear his burden alone. I have not yet had the great pleasure of visiting Mrs. Reisner's family at Marlborough. I shall send the good news of your letter to her father and mother today. I have felt very impatient under the increased delay in the settlement of the medical in the uncertainty as to the time I could start back to China. However, one does not improve matters by becoming impatient and disturbed. I certainly am very glad for the splendid outlook for securing the land. C. T. is a Trojan for work and putting things through, and he is an unfailing friend of our course. So is br. Kuo. Dr. Buttrick said we had the best Chinese leaders of Chine in our enterprise. We knew that. It is pleasant to know that the men over here are also discovering it.

With very best to Bertha, Jessie Henrietta and yourself,

As ever yours,

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John H. Reisner THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING 農金南 林陵京 分大 NANKING, CHINA May 2, 1917. 科學 My dear Mr. Carter:-Will you please send a check for fifty 60) goed dallars to Seo. W. Reiswerte. McConnellaturg. Terma., and fix (5) goed dallars to Mr. F. F. Randalph 50 Vanderhill over, New york city, asking Mr. Roudolph to fut this to my credit against class contribution & "alumni Fund. Lam asking Mr. Bornen to OK. these two requests, + to how the money charged against my salary account. Thanking you, and assering you of my appreciation for attending to these item for The wick hindest regard to Mr. alex, Mister, and Mr. Word, whom I know beat, I be jourself, sinceref. John H. Reisner, Dear In Carter, This is all right. Afrowen.

May 23, 1917. Mr. J. H. Reisner, University of Nanking, Nanking, China. My dear Mr. Reisner: Our filing department calls my attention today to Mr. Fulton's letter to you of May 4th regarding the premium upon your The notice from the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. insurance. evidently get by me and went to Mr. Fulton who handles the insurance for all of our Board missionsries, hence the letter to you. I am giving Mr. Day check today covering this payment of \$16.30 and will have the charge go out to Mr. Owen, Treasurer on the field, on the next statement. Very sincerely yours, Assistant Treasurer RC:M

June 1, 1917.

Mr. John H. Reisner, University of Manking, Manking, China.

My dear Mr. Reisner:

Your letter of May 2d has just been received and I have had pleasure in sending to Geo. W. Reisner & Co. \$50.00, and to Mr. F. F. Randolph, New York City, \$5.00 as per your request.

Assuring you of our pleasure in complying with such request, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

RC . M

Treasurer

June 21, 1917.

Mr. John H. Reisner, University of Nanking, Nanking, China.

My dear Mr. Reisner:

I am enclosing you a duplicate of a letter just sent to Messrs. Ginn & Company which is self-explanatory.

It is evident from their correspondence that they feel that "Duggar's Fungous Diseases of Plants" was ordered in duplicate by you by mistake. It seems that one order was filled through Macmillan & Co., and the other was an order sent direct to Ginn & Co. Messrs. Ginn & Co. wrote under date of October 25th:

"On October 19th we filled an order for Mr.

John H. Reisner of the University of Nanking,
China, for eight copies of Duggar's Fungous
Diseases of Plants. We find now that on October
20th our Order Department filled a second order
for a similar quantity of the same book which was
been forwarded to them by Messrs. Macmillan & Co.
and which called for "Duggar's Plant Pathology."

"We fear, however, that some mistake has been made, since we doubt whether Mr. Reisner wishes 16 copies of Duggar's Fungous Diseases of Plants. We rather think that instead of "Duggar's Plant Pathology" Mr. Reisner probably intended to order "Duggar's Plant Physiology," which is on the list of Messrs. Macmillan & Co."

You probably have a copy of your order to Macmillan & Co. and can see whether the order was sent in for "Duggar's Plant Physiology", and if not, whether you would expect that they would report the discrepancy before filling the order with "Duggar's Fungous Diseases of Plants" and so guard against transportation charges on the wrong books.

I will appreciate your advice in the matter.

Very sincerely yours.

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Treasurer



John H. Reisner Dear Mr. Carter Region Letter of June 71, 1917.

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September 18, 1917.

Mr. Howard Richards, Silver Bay, Lake George, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Richards:

It is indeed a great pleasure to acknowledge, in behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Nanking University, your check for \$500.00 in payment of your pledge of this amount toward the salary of a teacher in the Agricultural Department of Nanking University associated with Prof. Bailie.

Mr. Bailie up to this time has been greatly disappointed in that he has not been able to secure the desired reinforcements for his Department, and I know that your gift will bring great encouragement to him and that it will give him the opportunity to develop the work of his Department, a work that has been most highly and appreciatively spoken of not only by the officers of the University but by the Chinese officials.

Very sincerely yours,

RC:M

Treasurer

