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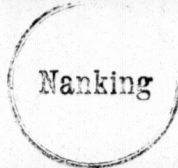
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TRANSFER

December 24, 1924.

Dr. William A. Riley,
Department of Biology,
Minnesota State University,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Dr. Riley,

We have learned of your deep interest in the teaching of Science in China and that you might consider favorably the proposition of spending your sabbatic year in Nanking.

The University of Nanking desires a man of large experience in teaching and organization of Science teaching to spend the school year, 1925-26. We should want him:

(a) To do some teaching in his own department as a demonstration course in Science teaching.

(b) To visit the classes of the professors and assistants in Chemistry, Physics and Biology and to counsel with them in the organization and development of their courses and departments.

(c) To give lectures in Science teaching and Methods which could be attended by the faculties of Ginling College (for women) and Southeastern University (Government National University) and our own men.

We hope that your sabbatic leave from the Minnesota University would continue your salary, but we realize that additional expense would be involved in making the journey. The University will meet expense of travel for yourself and Mrs. Riley by direct route to Nanking from Minneapolis and return. The University will provide living rooms or rooms for housekeeping. We realize that even if your sabbatic allowance continues your salary for the time you are in Nanking, extra expense would be involved and we should like to take up in correspondence with you the amount to be agreed upon to cover the extra expense. *if you should be*

disposed to consider a sabbatic year
We understand that you would like to take your daughter with you. The responsibility of her going and expense

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#2 Dr. William A. Riley,

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of travel the University could not incur, but would recognize this as an item which you might have to consider under the necessary supplemental salary allowance.

It would be extremely desirable that you visit other colleges and Universities to become acquainted with the work they are doing. Such a journey or visitation should be made at about the close of the first semester so that the observation and knowledge gained could be made more available and effective in the second semester. The expense of such a journey, to be determined and agreed upon with President A. J. Bowen, would be met by the University.

You have doubtless learned from Dr. J. Horton Daniels, who is studying with you, of the aims, purpose and spirit of the University, and we have learned of your own great interest, Christian conviction and sympathy with the missionary purpose and ideals of our work.

We hope that we can early agree upon the basis of supplemental salary grant that would be needed and that all arrangements can be made satisfactory to you for your coming to us by the opening of the fall term of 1925. This would involve sailing not later than the middle of August.

Dr. Daniels could give you data of the cost of living in Nanking. You would find that money purchases far more in food and clothing than in the U.S., and very much more in service. We recognize that a man visiting for one year could not manage on the same basis as missionaries do, but we would like to make an arrangement that would not be too much out of sympathy with the missionary basis.

We believe that you could render a very fine and large service to the University and to men in other schools by such a visit.

Awaiting your word,

Very sincerely yours,

Vice-President.

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NANKING

January 5, 1925.

MEMORANDUM IN REGARD TO TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE
of
PROFESSORS AND INSTRUCTORS IN SCIENCE AND IN AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

You will find a complete list of instructors and officers of administration in the Announcements of 1923-24. In the list of the staff you will find Mr. John Theron Illick in the Department of Biology. Mr. Illick recently spent two years in special study at Princeton under Dr. Conklin and completed his work for the doctor's degree. He returned to Nanking last August and is deeply interested in plans for the Department of Biology. Fortunately there will be some funds for that purpose. Mr. Illick will welcome your counsel in plans for the department.

Mr. C. S. Gibbs has been carrying on research and field work as indicated in some of the Agriculture Notes. Mrs. Gibbs has also specialized in Bacteriology and is especially interested in the artistic side of drawings and illustrations.

Mr. J. Lossing Buck, B.S. of Cornell is at present with Mrs. Buck spending a furlough year of special study at Cornell University for the Master's degree in Rural Economics and Farm Management. Mr. Buck was Acting Dean of the Agriculture & Forestry Department during the absence of John H. Reisner in America. He has done special research work in the study of rural economics.

Mr. J. C. Thomson was the Head of the Department of Chemistry. He had successful teaching experience at Rutgers College before going to Nanking. He has been deeply interested in the Department and is very successful in devising apparatus and equipment from China's resources. He returned to Nanking in August after a year of special study at Columbia under Dr. Thomas and has completed his work except the thesis, the research for which he can carry on better at Nanking. for the doctor's degree.

Mr. Ernest Victor Jones came to the University of Nanking from Soochow University where he had very successful experience in the Department of Chemistry. Mr. Jones is particularly interested in the improvement of the teaching.

Mr. L. H. Caldwell came directly to the Univer-

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versity from the instructorship at Yale. He had had the responsibility for the Department of Physics since Mr. Roys was compelled to withdraw from the work for health reasons about five years since. Mr. Caldwell will especially appreciate your cooperation and counsel in his plans for the Department.

Mr. A. N. Steward, in addition to his work of instruction in Botany, is curator of the herbarium of the College of Agriculture and Forestry, which contains 1,500 named species, 3,500 specimen sheets and 10,000 unmounted duplicates. I enclose #5 of the Agriculture Notes which contains further reference by Dean Reisner to the herbarium.

You will be interested, from the brief references in the Notes, in the work which Mr. Lowdermilk is doing in studying the sources of the Yellow River and the possibilities of Flood prevention particularly through improved afforestation. You will also be interested in the work of Mr. Rupert H. Porter in Plant Pathology and in Mr. George E. Ritchey's work in Plant Breeding.

I am enclosing report of the Hospital which gives personnel of the staff and Dr. Daniels can give you fuller information about the work of each of the men in the Hospital.

Mr. J. Lossing Buck, #2 R. F., Ithaca, N. Y. can answer more fully particular questions in regard to the laboratory and research work of the Agriculture and Forestry Department, and the exceptional work entered on by J. B. Griffing in cotton improvement and the large work being done in the Sericulture Department.

These are very brief and inadequate notes in regard to the men. The Announcements for 1923-24 is the latest and most comprehensive report of the different departments of the University's work and is exceedingly brief for it is the minimum of information designed to be sent widely in response to the inquiries of students.

Very sincerely yours,

Vice-President.

Dr. William A. Riley,
Department of Biology,
Minnesota State University,
Minneapolis, Minn.

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TRANSFER

Nanking

University Farm
St. Paul, Minnesota
January 17, 1925

Dr. Erich M. North
University of Nanking
New York Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. North:

Dr. Daniels has just told me that Dr. J. E. Williams is now on his way to China, and can be reached by letter directed to Pasadena. While I am not yet in a position to give any very definite answer to his correspondence received last week, I am nevertheless writing him so the making of other arrangements, if he does not wish to continue correspondence with me regarding the work at the University of Nanking, may not be delayed. I am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter to Dr. Williams.

I may add that at various times Dr. C. Ping, a former student of mine now head of the biological work at South Eastern University, has suggested the possibility of something being open there when I could make arrangements for sabbatic leave. It was purely a volunteer casual reference, and I do not have any idea as to whether anything would be open this year. It has occurred to me that there is a possibility of some combined arrangement, in case it should seem desirable from your viewpoint.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. H. Riley

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University of Wisconsin
607 Walnut Street
Madison, Wisconsin
January 17, 1925

Dr. Joseph W. Smith
University of Kentucky
New York Office
150 E. 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Smith:

I am sorry that I have not had time to write you more fully on this subject, but I have been so busy with my other work that I have not had time to do so. I am sorry that I have not had time to do so, but I have been so busy with my other work that I have not had time to do so. I am sorry that I have not had time to do so, but I have been so busy with my other work that I have not had time to do so.

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Sincerely yours,

Joseph W. Smith

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University Farm
St. Paul, Minnesota
January 17, 1925

Dr. J. E. Williams
c/o W. R. Wheeler
West Morland Place
Pasadena, California

Dear Dr. Williams:

I have been very greatly interested by your letter of January 5 relative to the possibility of spending my sabbatic year in Nanking. I have delayed answer because I wished to obtain some specific information regarding the adjustments that might be possible here, before writing to you.

For many years I have had a keen interest in the development of biological work in China, as well as in the general conditions of the country. I have long had in mind spending a year there at the first opportunity.

However, I have not sufficient information at present to give you a definite answer. After several conversations with the President here, who is entirely sympathetic to my plan, it still appears improbable that the regents would grant a leave of absence on half salary if I were to accept a full teaching schedule in another institution, without opportunity for some very specific investigational work in my field of parasitology or entomology. I infer from your letter that there would not be such an opportunity for the man that you are seeking.

A second difficulty is that I do not feel fitted for the amount of supervisory work which you outline. While as a zoologist I am broadly interested in the other natural sciences and have had general training in them, I am not prepared to attempt supervising work in other special fields. If I correctly interpret your letter, the man that you wish to obtain is one who is trained in educational methods.

I have been very hopeful that I might be able to figure out some way of accepting the proposition which you make, but I feel that in justice to you I should make a frank statement of my position. I have thought that as a possible alternative I might plan for a six months sabbatic which, with my vacation month, would give seven months, and attempt to combine work in some other institutions with some portion of the work which might be wanted at your institution. I do not know whether the adjustment of funds which you have available for the position you outlined would make such a thing possible.

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University Farm
St. Paul, Minnesota
January 17, 1952

Dr. J. E. Williams
c/o W. R. Wheeler
West Oakland Place
Pasadena, California

Dear Dr. Williams:

I have been very greatly interested by your letter of January 5 relative to the possibility of expanding my activities in the field of entomology. I have delayed answer because I wished to obtain some specific information regarding the arrangements that might be possible here, before writing to you.

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Dr. J. E. Williams -- 2

I am sending a copy of this to Dr. North, and if he wishes to take up any further correspondence with me I shall be very glad to discuss possible adjustments.

With sincere interest in the success of your work, and best wishes for the future, I am

Yours truly,

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Yours truly,

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January 30, 1925.

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

Dr. William A. Riley,
University Farm,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Professor Riley:

Since the receipt of your letter of January 17th with its enclosed copy of a letter to Dr. Williams of the same date, I have been checking over the matter with some of those who are particularly interested in it and who are well informed as to the situation in Nanking. It is our feeling that a visiting professor in such a relationship as you will have, ought to have more or less of a free hand. Our thought regarding your investigation in Parasitology or Entomology would be this:

It would seem to us that perhaps half of an average day might be given to one or two courses and to getting acquainted with the work being done in the various science courses in the institution and to lectures to the faculty on science teaching and methods, as indicated in Dr. Williams letter of January 5th. The balance of the time could then be given to some research in which you might be particularly interested, in which some of the Chinese staff might be of assistance to you and who might thereby, have the advantage of stimulation of working with you. I have no doubt that some opportunity could easily be made for counsel and assistance to Dr. Ping. The possibility of such adjustments as those I have indicated appears in the third paragraph of Dr. Williams' letter. It was not our thought at all, that your program at Nanking would represent a full teaching schedule, but would include quite specifically the other phases of scientific work in which you are interested.

With reference to your inquiry as to the supervisory work, it was not our thought that this would be strictly supervisory work, but counsel with the members of the scientific faculty on the broader problems of teaching the sciences. The men in the various scientific departments are fairly informed on the methods of their particular departments, but it was our feeling that their contact with one who has given attention to these problems in a broad way, would be very advantageous.

You may be familiar with the opportunities for investigational work in Parasitology and Entomology at Nanking, and with the work that is being done there now. But in case you are not, I am sending you some of the reports of the School of Agriculture & Forestry which will indicate the variety of interests and some of the problems which are being faced in this work. It is our feeling

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Dr. William A. Riley

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January 30, 1925.

that specific investigational work carried on by you while you are at Nanking would be of advantage to the University and its science departments quite as much as would direct attention to the problems involved in teaching the sciences in classroom work.

Will you not think over carefully the opportunities afforded for this investigational work, your interest in which we, of course, did not know of, at the time that Dr. Williams wrote, and let us know whether you will be able to shape, from what we suggest, a proposition that will be satisfactory to the Regents?

As Dr. Williams wrote, the program is one to a large degree for you to work out, having in mind our desire to stimulate in various ways the effective development of the scientific work at the University of Nanking.

Cordially yours,

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The University of Minnesota

Department of Agriculture
University Farm, St. Paul

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TRANSFER

DIVISION OF ENTOMOLOGY AND ECONOMIC ZOOLOGY

February 14, 1925

Dr. E. M. North
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. North:

I fear that you think that I am very negligent of my correspondence since I have allowed your letter of January 30 to go unanswered this long. I was expecting daily to be able to have a conference with Dean Coffey and then give you a more definite reply. He has been detained in Washington as a member of the President's special agricultural commission and just as he returned to the city I was unexpectedly called away for a week. I understand now that there can be no action before the meeting of the Board of Regents on February 18th but I am writing to inform you as to the present status of my plans. Although I was unable to confer with Dean Coffey I did take up the matter with others here and knowing that Dr. Daniels was to see you personally I wrote to him at Washington in care of my sister. I have only recently learned that my communication failed to reach him.

In view of the retirement of Professor Nachtrieb and adjustments that will be necessarily made between the departments of animal biology and of entomology and economic zoology it seems very improbable that I can now obtain leave of absence for longer than six months. With the one months vacation to which I am entitled this would allow me to leave here the first or the fifteenth of August and to spend the full semester at Nanking. Your letter of January 30 leads me to think that we could outline a satisfactory program of work if I could have approximately half-time on some problems of parasitology and could interest some of the native assistants in a way which would be helpful to them and also make it possible to cover more territory. I believe that would be satisfactory to the regents here.

Under such circumstances, if it seemed worth while to the college to make a financial adjustment which would cover the travelling expenses of myself and Mrs. Riley I think we could manage the rest. I presume that these expenses would be approximately \$2000.

I wish to make it clear that I do not want any adjustment which you do not consider advisable from the viewpoint of the University. Please do not feel in any way obligated by the correspondence which we have had. If, on the other hand, you think some arrangements along these lines desirable, a telegram at my expense might give me needed information for the authorities here.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Riley

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Chief of the Division.

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Department of the Interior

Division of Reclamation

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. regarding the proposed project at the site of the ...

Under the provisions of the Act of August 1, 1917, the Department of the Interior is authorized to ...

I refer to the fact that you have advised that you are not prepared to ...

John B. ...

Chief of the Division

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

February 18, 1925.

Professor William A. Riley,
University Farm.
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Professor Riley:

I have your letter of February 14th and wired you yesterday as follows:

"WE URGE YOU TO TRY FOR YEAR LEAVE OF ABSENCE WIRE HOW MUCH YOU WOULD REQUIRE FOR YEAR INCLUDING TRAVEL OUT AND BACK IF MINNESOTA MADE NO ALLOWANCE WE BELIEVE WE CAN PROVIDE ERIC M. NORTH"

We are most anxious to secure someone for the entire year, and will probably have to hold to the plan for a whole year's arrangements, rather than to any other, but we have not yet given up the hope that we may be able to make arrangements that will make it possible for you to go out for the entire year.

My telegram was intended to indicate that if it should prove possible for you to secure leave for a year under circumstances upon which the Regents would not be prepared to make arrangements for full or part salary, we should like to know what you felt would be necessary for us to provide to enable you to carry out the plan for the year's work at Nanking, if we were able to provide the necessary funds. I think we could do this, although I am by no means certain as yet; something will depend on what you find to be the necessary amount.. I shall be able to act promptly, and probably to wire you, as soon as I hear from you what your requirements would be.

If I find that our funds will permit us to cover your requirements, it would be my hope that you would then take the matter up with the Regents on the basis of a year's leave of absence without financial provision by them, unless you found that they were able to take some part of it.

Cordially yours,

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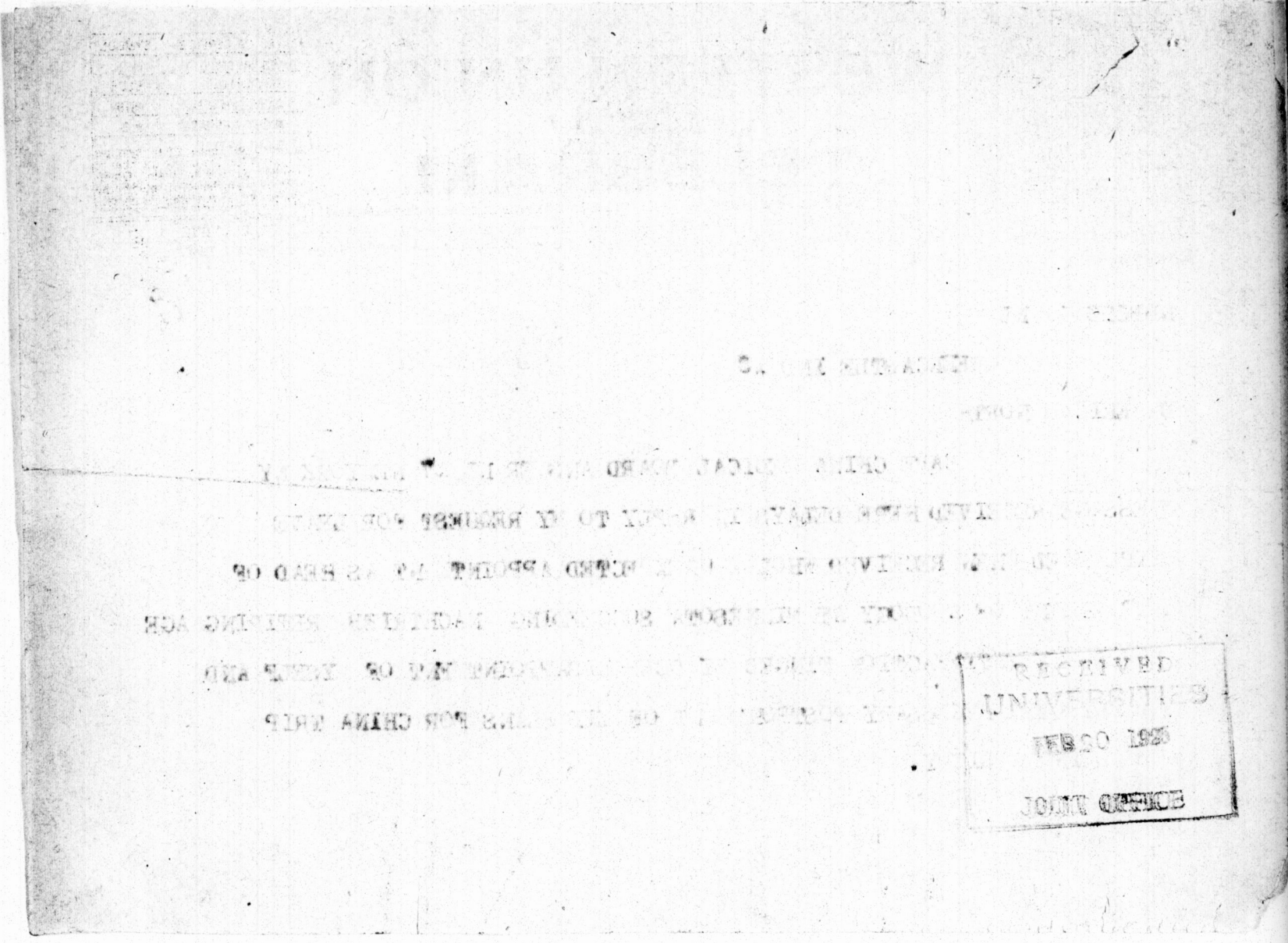
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Nanking

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

February 21, 1925.

Professor William A. Riley,
University Farm.
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Professor Riley:

Permit me to extend to you our hearty congratulations on your appointment. We are glad that if anything was to prevent you from going to Nanking it should have been something in the nature of the honor which has come to you. Your interest in the whole matter and your evident sympathy with the plans and hopes of the University have been much appreciated, and we hope that some time in the future, occasion will arise that will bring you into closer contact with it.

You understand now, so clearly the kind of service which should be rendered at the University, I should be interested to receive any suggestions you might care to make as to someone else who would be able to make the scientific and personal contribution to the work of the University which we need.

Cordially yours,

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The University of Minnesota

Department of Agriculture
University Farm, St. Paul



DIVISION OF ENTOMOLOGY AND ECONOMIC ZOOLOGY

February 24, 1925

TRANSFER

Dr. Eric M. North
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

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Dear Dr. North:

I have just returned to the University and find your note of February 21. I had intended dropping you a note today in any event.

I much appreciate your kind words and wish to assure you again that the only "fly in the ointment" is the necessary change of my plans for next year. It is my sincere hope that some of the plans can be carried out in the not distant future.

I shall be very glad to think over the matter of possible available men for this coming year and write you at an early date if I have any suggestions to make.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Riley

Chief of the Division

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The University of Minnesota
Department of Agriculture
Minneapolis, Minn.

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February 24, 1925

Dr. Eric M. North
China Union University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

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Sincerely yours,

Chief of the Division

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Return to sender

Mt. Vernon, Iowa
May 29, 1919

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Stephen J. Corey
Box 884
Cincinnati, Ohio,

Dear Mr. Corey:-

Mrs Ritchey and myself are desirous of entering the Foreign Field work at our earliest opportunity. We are both members of the Christian Church but as there is no Christian Church located in Mt. Vernon we have transferred our membership to the Methodist Church of this place.

I am a graduate of the School of Agriculture, of the University of Nebraska; of the Nebraska State Normal; and received my degree of B.S. in Agricultural Education from the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. at Ames, Iowa in 1917. I have had six years experience in teaching, two of which was in the Philippine Islands, and am now completing my second year as Instructor of Agriculture and Bacteriology in Cornell College of Mt. Vernon. Mrs Ritchey is a graduate of the Nebraska State Normal and has had considerable experience in Primary and Kindergarten work in City Schools, besides having taken several Bible courses in Cornell College.

Our chosen Fields are China and India, although we are willing to go where needed most. I desire to do Agricultural work and Mrs Ritchey prefers to work with children. Mrs Ritchey and myself are 26 and 30 years of age respectively.

Have you any positions open to missionaries of our experience and training? As I have been offered a position in Cornell College for the coming year we are anxious to complete our plans at the earliest possible date.

Yours respectfully

Geo. E. Ritchey

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June 10, 1919.

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J. E. Williams,
156 Fifth Av.,
New York.

My dear Jack:

I was in New York a little while the other day but not able to get in touch with you. I went out to Camp Merritt to have an interview with Dr. Tracy and was much pleased with him. At the time I visited him I did not know anything about the family difficulty he had had and the question was not raised. I am sorry he did not talk this over with me. I found his application on my return. I have gone over it with interest.

He told me that he had seen you and had applied for the University of Nanking. In talking over the needs on the field he asked me what fields had need of medical missionaries and I mentioned in connection with China, our hospital at Manila, which is just now without any doctor except a borrowed Baptist missionary, who can stay for a little time. He instantly said "That is where I would like to go". He stated he had a cousin who is in Government service there and that the young lady to whom he is engaged would be more likely to be willing to go to Manila than she would to any other field. He stated that her mother was objecting strongly and that he was not sure that he could get her to go at all. He also stated that if he could not, he would be willing to go out alone.

I do not want to turn him from the University of Nanking, but he seems much more anxious to go to Manila. Of course, our needs in Manila are desperate for our man has hurried home on account of the critical illness of his son, and his wife's breakdown, and will probably not return. It is a large hospital and we do not even have a native doctor to put in charge as soon as Dr. Steinmetz has to leave us. I feel keenly the need of the University of Nanking, but we have just appointed Dr. Wilmot, whom we are sending out for our Mission to locate. He is interested in the University of Nanking Hospital and if the Mission wishes for him to go there I am sure he would be glad to fill our quota there.

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Of course, we are not sure about Dr. Tracy yet. I am taking up the matter of his home conditions with Dr. Powell, of Louisville. I will keep you informed. I am mighty glad you got in touch with Tracy.

Mr. Ritchey

I have just gotten in touch with Geo. E. Ritchey, of Cornell College, Iowa. He wishes to go out as an agricultural missionary. He states that he is a graduate of the College of Agriculture of the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska State University, has received his B.S. in Agriculture, has had six years of experience in teaching, two of which were in the Philippine Islands and is now completing his second year in Cornell College. Mrs. Ritchey is a graduate of the State Normal and has experience in rural and city schools. He wants to go either to China or India. I doubt whether Theodore Macklin will go. I am wondering if this man proves to be a strong man if he could be used by the University of Nanking. We are sending out Prof. Hendricks as a scientific man, and, of course, our quota will be more than full when Mr. Bates gets to the field. It might be that this man could go to the University of Nanking under some of the other Boards or the University itself, in case he proves all right. I will make some investigations. He is a member of our church.

Affectionately yours,

S. J. Corey

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Nanking, China, March 16, 1916.

Rev. Orville Reed,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. Reed:

I thank you for your letter of January 27, with the enclosure for Mr. Baillie regarding candidates.

We have gone over the matter here with Mr. Reischer and Mr. Tsou, who are in close touch with the agricultural and forestry needs, and we all agree that we need the following men:

List A. (needed at the earliest possible date.)

1. A man expert in forestry work.
2. A man expert in agricultural work. (Mr. Griffin has been looked up by Dr. Speer and Mr. Baillie and others and is a man that we want; he is expecting to come.)
3. A person for teaching English to agricultural and forestry students - preferably a lady. (Mr. Baillie sent the credentials of a Miss Ward, who would be quite satisfactory, I am sure. Or, Mrs. Leslie Moss has a sister who is now teaching and has had several years' experience as a teacher. She might be secured. Mrs. Moss has written to her.)

List B. (needed as soon as they can be secured - that is, within a year.)

1. One other man in forestry - preferably a Chinese returned student.
2. One other man in agriculture - must be a returned student. (Mr. C. Ping, of Cornell, in the New York State College of Agriculture, known to Mr. Reischer and Mr. Tsou, would be a very suitable person.)
3. An American, trained as a veterinary surgeon and in animal husbandry; one who can look after animal husbandry and also assist in running an experimental farm. (Such a person, suitable for this post, I believe, has been mentioned from Manhattan, Kansas State Agricultural College. Probably Mr. Baillie is in touch with him.)

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March 16, 1916.

For all of these men, it is expected and understood that they will not be sent out unless their outcoming is provided and their salary guaranteed for not less than five years. It is hoped that Mr. Bailie will secure the funds immediately for the first three persons needed under List A. and that they can be sent out very soon. In view of the fact that we have no endowment for this Department and relatively little for running expenses, it is absolutely necessary that their outcoming expenses be secured and their salaries definitely guaranteed for not less than five years.

We appreciate very much indeed your good efforts in helping Mr. Bailie secure these men, and we trust that you will also help him in securing the funds to support them.

I think Mr. Bailie is quite right in saying that, when he has a definite man that he is sure will meet our needs, it is easier for him to get his support.

I should also mention that we have only about \$600 (gold) definitely pledged on the salary of Mr. Reisner for a period of four years more. We need \$600 (gold) more per annum on his salary.

With very kindest remembrances and very best wishes, believe me,

Cordially yours,

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C O P Y

Secor, Ill., June 26, 1919.

Mr. S.J. Corey,
Cincinnati, O.

Dear Mr. Corey:

There is a man at the Univ. of Ill. whom I think China needs very badly, and moreover he and his wife are willing to go providing he can do the work for which he has been trained. Dr. Elmer Roberts has his Ph.D. Degree from the Univ. of Ill. He did his research work in the department of genetics and since graduation has been giving much time to the improvement of plant and animal life. This summer he is teaching in summer school.

Dean Davenport of the Agricultural School says of him "Dr. Roberts is without doubt the best trained man in this field that the Univ. of Ill. has turned out". Dr. Roberts is a member of the Christian Church and as fine a Christian gentleman as I have ever met. The possibilities for improving animal and plant life in a great nation like China appeal to him.

There are only a few places in China where he could do his best work - for he should not be tied down to teaching all day - his work here being largely laboratory research. The places I refer to would be in the agricultural department of the Univ. of Nanking or recommended to the Chinese Government for research work.

I feel Mr. Corey, that by sending a man like Mr. Roberts to China a mission board would be making an invaluable contribution to the Chinese nation. I wonder if you would take this matter up with Mr. Williams. Write to Dean Davenport for any information you desire. Mr. S. Fisher also knows him very well.

Sincerely yours,

Minnie Vautrin.

Address: Dr. Elmer Roberts, 1008 Lincoln Av., Urbana.

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June 27, 1919.

Dr. J. E. Williams,
156 Fifth Av.,
New York.

Dear Brother Williams:

I am in receipt of your two recent letters about Dr. Tracy and Dr. Wilmot. We have been wrestling with the problem of Dr. Tracy's divorce. While he does not seem to have been in the wrong, he is divorced from his wife on the grounds of desertion and we are very doubtful about the wisdom of sending him out to the field under such circumstances. It is possible that the young lady to whom he is engaged will not go to the mission field if he should be sent. He is ready to go single in that event. However, it would be quite as difficult a situation for a single man who is divorced from his wife to go out as a missionary as for one who has passed through that experience to marry again. We are wondering what the effect of such an experience in the life of a man would have upon the Mission, and especially upon the native peoples if they should know it. I had a talk with Dr. Tracy's mother in Louisville the other day. She is a very fine lady apparently and gave me considerable insight into his life and experience. I think highly of him but this problem is a real one. What is your feeling concerning the matter?

Now with regard to Dr. Wilmot. We have definitely promised our Mission in China that we would not assign missionaries to their posts before going to the field, although in a number of cases we have designated and spoken of our desire for them to go to a specific place. In the case of Dr. Wilmot I am writing a letter to Brother Garrett concerning the needs of the Nanking hospital, of which I am enclosing a copy. Our situation is really desperate in our other two institutions out there but we appreciate deeply the need at Nanking and the special pressure which comes there because of our fellowship with the other Boards.

I have taken up the question of the Seminary with Mr. Bradshaw and am hoping to see him a little later in Boston. He is a fine, up-standing fellow. I think the only question in connection with him would be his theological outlook, but if you think he is all right along that line, I think we would be willing to risk it. I have written him a letter, of which I am enclosing a copy, which may draw him out along the real vital points in his proposed teaching.

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I believe that first of all you will need a man who is of robust faith and spiritual life to inspire those young students. I have made this point quite clear in the letter to him. I think he is uncertain in his own mind just yet as to what he ought to do.

I am very glad you have Miss Bauer for Nanking. I am sure she will be a great help to the work.

*Ritchey
Mr. & Mrs.*
Mr. and Mrs. Ritchey of Cornell, Iowa, College, are to be here tomorrow. He is the agriculture teacher concerning whom I wrote you some little time ago. Mr. Wilson saw them last week. He thinks they are both high-grade, first-class folks. Ritchey has his B.S. in Agriculture, at the State Agricultural School and has taught this subject for two years. He has also had some graduate work. So far, as we can learn we think that he would be splendid for Nanking. The question would be whether he should go out this fall or wait a year for more graduate work. What would you think? I would appreciate so much an answer to this inquiry as soon as you can send it.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

Stephens J. Cory.

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J. E. Williams,
156 Fifth Av.,
New York.

Dear Brother Williams:

Since writing the other letter Mr. and Mrs. Ritchey, of Iowa, have been here. We are greatly pleased with them. They seem to fill the bill in every particular as high-grade teachers. He took his preliminary training, equivalent to the high school course in the Agricultural Department and on the University Farm at the University of Nebraska. He then graduated from the State Normal at Peru, Nebraska, and taught several years, then he graduated with his B.S. in Agriculture from the Agricultural College of Iowa, at Ames, and he has been teaching two years in Agriculture at Cornell College, Iowa, a Methodist school.

Mrs. Ritchey lacks a year of getting her A.B. Degree, but is a graduate of Normal School and High School and has taught for a number of years. She is a trained Kindergartner and an expert in primary work. She has done considerable in the training of teachers.

We would call them A.1. Our thought is to send them out as Agricultural folks to the University of Nanking, if you approve. We would like to have them sail in September but they are not quite sure they can get ready that quick. All of the papers we have collected concerning them are fine. They are both spoken of as superior teachers, very consecrated church workers and leaders in every way. I think this is a real find for the University. What say you?

I am also sending you a copy of a letter just received from Miss Minnie Vautrin of our China Mission, concerning an agriculturist in the University of Illinois. This looks like a fine also. I do not feel we could send this man out under our Board because of our taking on Mr. and Mrs. Ritchey, but since you are in great need in that department this may be a fine for you under some other Board or the University.

Cordially yours,

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S. J. Corey

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Dr. White

J. E. Williams,
156 Fifth Av.,
New York.

Dear Dr. Williams:

A copy of your letter of the 30th ultimo has been passed to my desk because Mr. Corey is to be absent from the office for nearly a month. He perhaps will desire to reply more fully upon his return. But in the meantime I am answering as far as I can and explaining to you the delay in hearing from us.

I am glad you understand our position with reference to Dr. Wilmot and I am sure the letter written by Mr. Corey to Frank Garrett will make it possible for them to assign him to the University, if they feel the situation at other stations justifies it. In the meantime we are leaving no stone unturned to secure at least two more doctors and Mr. Corey is faithfully pursuing every suggestion that is made. We certainly appreciate your suggestion that you may turn over the names of some men which you may secure in your search and that Dr. Sloan and Dr. Atwater may also help in this respect. If you will ask them to do this we will very greatly appreciate it.

~~We have appointed the Ritcheys and have written our China Mission telling them of the qualifications they have for your work at the University. We have advised them that it is because of their qualifications for this work that they have been appointed and that doubtless the Mission will agree with us that this is the work which they should do. They may sail a little late but they are planning to get off this fall.~~

Our Executive Committee has not had opportunity to pass upon the question as to whether or not we will add to our staff at the University a fifth man for Agriculture. I feel quite sure all of our men here in the office will favor it. Our Executive Committee meets this week and we will be able to give you definite information. Personally, I am very much in favor of furnishing this fifth man. I may say, also, that the appointment of the Ritcheys is subject to the approval of the Executive Committee but I have no doubt the Committee will concur. It is fine that Mr. Griffing and Dr. Cooke are sailing this month. Surely this department of your work in Nanking is growing to splendid proportions and is full of great possibilities.

I am glad that Dr. Sloan finds it possible to come to America for a furlough. He has had a tremendously heavy load

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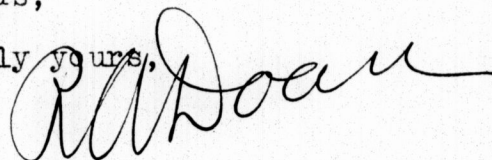
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and I hope you will not find it necessary to make use of him to too large an extent while he is at home. He ought to be given an opportunity for absolute rest for some months. Of course, this same caution applies to yourself, and I fear that we are rather thoughtless sometimes in what we require of the missionaries when they are home.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

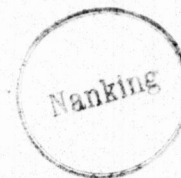


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TRANSFER

February 1, 1927.

Mr. George E. Ritchey,
Department of Plant Breeding,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear George:

I had hoped to make this a somewhat fuller letter and in answer to your fine letter of December 9th. I was in Shanghai, however, for four days last week and with China New Year tomorrow I can only send a short letter today.

Enclosed you will find a copy of my letter to Prof. Wiggins which I think you will find self-explanatory. Under the circumstances and with labor and servant difficulties which are practically sure to arise when the Nationalist Party get to Nanking and in view of the number of women and children in Nanking at the present time who have been evacuated from the interior and with the larger number that are sure to be here before very long and with all the uncertainties of the situation it did not seem at all wise for us to assume responsibility for Mrs. Wiggan's coming along. As I stated in Prof. Wiggan's letter, I do not anticipate any real danger and if a dangerous situation arises we will be able to get away without any difficulty, I feel sure. There will probably be considerable inconvenience and possibly some uneasiness and Prof. Wiggins will probably have more interesting experiences than did either Prof. Love or Prof. Myers. But so far as I can see no situation is apt to arise that would mitigate against his coming as per schedule. All plans are made for opening school as usual and a full enrollment is assured. This is one time it seems to me when everybody should stick by their jobs. It is ~~past~~ Christian grace and shows mighty little Christian courage to talk about giving up the fort at the present. Whatever changes and whatever inconveniences are brought about temporarily by the success of the Nationalist Party we can all be assured will rest much more heavily on the Chinese than on the foreigners. I am disgusted absolutely with the attitude of not a few missionaries who feel that their days in China are over. In a good many such cases, I feel they should never have begun. Our Chinese friends have every right to look to us for faith and hope and courage and ~~stand~~ with them to conserve all that has been built up by the Christian forces during these past decades. I feel quite sure that very important changes will take place along with the advent of the Nationalist Party, but I am also convinced that it is China's only present hope of going forward. There are more uncertainties in the situation than at any time that I have been in China, and particularly in the last few years. But somehow I cannot get very much excited about it and am anxious to see the Nationalist

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Party win because I believe it has in it more hope for a strong China than can be found in any other group in China today. And so please do not be discouraged about the situation. Plan definitely to return. You are more needed now than ever before. You and Carson and Middleton have all gone through enough experiences such as we are going through now to know that there is a temporariness to all of them and that our big job now is to ride out the storm and not to sink the boat. Please do not allow the people at Cornell to get discouraged. Greater things are in store for our Cornell cooperative enterprise with a strong national government than we have dreamed of. Our problem now is to keep faith; maintain our confidence and hope and good will and go forward.

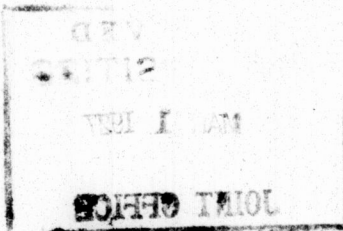
With cordial regards and best wishes to all, I am

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reisner.

P.S. I shall be very glad if you will show this letter to both Carson and Middleton.

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With special regards and best wishes to all,

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reisher.

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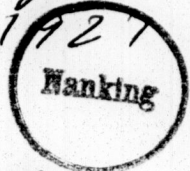
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Ithaca N.Y.

May 15, 1921



Dear Dr Bowen:

We received your letter yesterday and was glad to hear from you. We were especially glad to hear of you people getting safely out of Nanking and believe me when I say that we watched the papers for the names of our friends having gotten out with their lives. We who have been in Nanking and seen some of the actions of the soldiers, and others too, toward us can't begin to know what it really was to you who were in it and still I think we have a much more vivid picture of it than those who have never seen the country can even approach.

By buying two papers, both morning and evening as we did for a couple of weeks we got afterward turned out to be accurate information and were thus kept in close touch with what was going on. It was about ~~the~~ noon of May 25 that we got news of Dr Williams death and about ~~4:30~~ ^{4:30} ~~night~~ ^{next day} of Miss ~~being~~ shot. There were

2 or 3 days then that nothing was heard of the rest of you, then the names began to come of those arriving in Shanghai. That relieved the situation considerably from our standpoint.

I am still in Cornell finishing up the year but don't know yet what the coming year has in store for us. We haven't heard a word from Reiner except that he had landed in Shanghai and was in the hospital with flu, but on the strength of all news I've made application to Montana Agri Coll. and am enquiring in several others. I am also looking into Syracuse where I hear a position is open.

I hope Mr Bowen is well and has not suffered too much over the episode. I expect too that the girls were happy to know of your landing safely in America. Will there be any chance that we will get to see you. ~~not~~ We are anxious to have a talk with some of you. Dr Peterson stopped off here in Ithaca last week, from Thursday to Sat. afternoon

seemed good to see him. He
is the same "Pete". He was on
his way to Washington and thence
to Bowa University where he is to
be located for a time at least.

Dr Love and Dr Myers are still as
good friends of the cause as any one
and I expect no one was more disappointed
outside of the Uni. faculty than Dr Love
was. He is certainly a real friend of
our cause.

Middleton of Kaifeng and Carson
of Weihai are here with their
families. Liu Tien and Wu Wen Chen
are both here of our own boys, then
with Shen we have quite a bunch
of Nanking people.

Well I must close and we hope
to hear from you when you are
able to write.

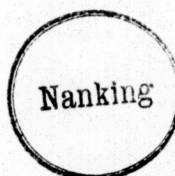
Very sincerely yours

Geo. E. Ritchey

P.S. In writing for positions do you
object to my using your name as reference
if it comes in handy?

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRONOMY

TRANSFER

Ithaca N.Y.

Mar 28. 1927

Dear Dr Bowen and others on the Uni Faculty.

I haven't words to express my sorrow in the loss of Dr Williams as a friend and my sympathy to all of you who have gone thru so much the last few days. It came to us without a word of warning as it must have to you people. I wish to be remembered to all the Nanking friends and wish them to know that we over here are thinking of you. I hope I might be able to do something from this end.

Very sincerely Geo. E. Kitchin

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April 16, 1928.

University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TRANSFER

Dear Sirs:--

I am wondering if you have any of the pamphlets, bulletins and annual reports of the College of Agriculture and Forestry of the University of Nanking on hand.

I have been a member of the faculty of the University for the past seven years, but in my traveling have lost of the copies I had. If you have some on hand which you can spare I should be very happy to obtain a copy of each pamphlet which you have.

I would also appreciate obtaining two or three extra copies of the Twelfth Annual Report of the College.

If you have other pamphlets which might be of use in any propaganda work I would also be able to use a few extra copies of them.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Geo. E. Ritchey

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