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November 22, 1921.

Mr. John H. Reisner,
Univ. of Nanking Office,
150 Fifth Avenue, City.

My dear Mr. Reisner:

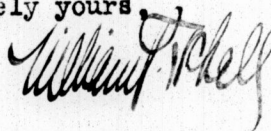
Mrs. Schell was very sorry not to be able to talk with you over the telephone yesterday morning, and she has asked me to request you to address a letter to her, outlining in detail the appeal you want to make for a residence or residences at the University of Nanking. She will then bring your letter to the attention of the Sage Legacy Committee at its next meeting and will ask the Committee to discuss the request thoroughly to see if anything can be done for you.

Mrs. Schell tells me that the residence fund of the Sage legacy is entirely exhausted and that the Committee will not be able to make any further payments for residences or any other buildings until the entire legacy has been paid over to the Committee by the executor of the estate of Mrs. Sage. Only part of the legacy has been paid to date and it may be some months before further payments can be made, in view of the fact that the American Bible Society is engaged in some negotiations with the executor as to the bequest to that Society.

Mrs. Schell also says that she does not know whether the Legacy Committee will feel that it is possible for the Committee to make any further grant to the University of Nanking at this time, inasmuch as your University has received more from the Committee to date than has any other university. The Committee, as you know, has not only granted a sum of money for the erection of the chapel at the University of Nanking, but has also given a memorial building to Ginling College, and up to the present time the Committee has not found it possible to make any grants to Hangchow Christian College or to Shantung Christian University, although a grant has been made for a memorial building at Yenching. Mrs. Schell says this does not mean that the University of Nanking will not be given sympathetic consideration, but simply that the Committee has to take into account the proportionate amounts granted to the different countries in which the Board is working, as well as to the different institutions in which we are cooperating.

Will you kindly write to Mrs. Schell, addressing her at The Devon, 70 West 55th Street?

Very sincerely yours,



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December 14, 1921

Mrs. William P. Schell
 Chairman Sage Legacy Committee
 The Devon
 70 West Fifty-fifth Street
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My dear Mrs. ^{Schell} ~~Sage~~:

I am taking this opportunity to write you in response to Mr. Schell's letter of November 22nd, with reference to the housing situation in Nanking and to ask in the hope that the Sage Legacy Committee might see its way clear to ~~grant one, two or three houses for the Presbyterian representatives in the University of Nanking who are now without houses.~~ ^{four} Nanking, as you know, has had to assume a very heavy responsibility for housing, not only new missionaries assigned to it, but a very large number of newly arrived missionaries designated to the Nanking Language School to spend their first year in study.

The Nanking community, I think, has assumed very graciously and willingly the responsibility which has been placed upon them, though they had no idea that it would assume such large proportions. Last year, in addition to our regular missionary population there were 131 Language School students taken care of and, this year, the fall enrollment is 133, being provided for as follows:

There are 22 single ladies in Meiggs Hall, the Language School dormitory, 9 Seventh Day Adventists are being cared for by their own Mission, and the remaining 102 students are housed in missionary homes as follows:

- 2 homes, 5 each, Language students
- 7 homes, 4 each, Language students
- 11 homes, 3 each, Language students
- 13 homes, 2 each, Language students
- 5 homes, 1 each, Language students

making a total of 38 homes providing shelter for 102 students, ^{missionaries,} (~~Language School students,~~) who could not be taken care of in any other way.

It should be noted however, that two new Language school dormitories are about to be provided by the Boards co-operating in the University and those using the Language School facilities. These two new dormitories, in addition to Meiggs

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Hall will accommodate about 80 people, still leaving on a basis of the Language School enrollment for the last two years more than fifty to be accommodated in the homes of Nanking. This number, however, I think may be expected to increase rather than to decrease.

So far as the situation in the University proper is concerned, we have fourteen families without homes, seven of these are living in houses that are rented from the Chinese; three couples, newly appointed, are living with other University families and three families are living in houses temporarily vacated by the regular occupants being on furlough in the United States. Of these fourteen families, ten have children. For the five Presbyterians on the University staff and one Presbyterian doctor in the hospital, ~~there are houses for only the doctor. ^{OK}~~ ~~Presbyterians have given houses for the doctor and one~~ Presbyterian faculty members, the other ~~three~~ families must keep moving about as necessity and furlough demands.

The University would greatly appreciate any help which the Sage Legacy Committee can give in providing homes for any or all of our Presbyterian families now being supported by the Presbyterian Board. These families are Mr. and Mrs. James M. Speers (1919) and two children, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson (1916) and two children, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reisner (1914) and three children. *(Mrs. Mrs. J. J. Buck (1915) and one child)*

Houses and land can be provided for about \$9000 Mexican, or \$5000 Gold, at the present rate of exchange of about 1.80.

There is one other point that should probably be noted and that is because of the geography of Nanking, situated as it is at the cross-roads of travel, north-east, south and west, we are at all times called upon to receive travellers and guests, - an obligation that we cannot easily, nor would we willingly, fail to meet.

I know of no greater need in the University at the present time, (and anything that is done to help the University will help the whole missionary cause ^{in Nanking}), than the provision for more adequate housing facilities for the University staff, ~~to have a home.~~ This situation is known personally to you and there is no reason why I should further comment on it. You, of course, appreciate fully what a home means, not only as an adjunct to our direct missionary work, particularly in a student community, but in its effect on the general efficiency and attitude of mind of the missionaries themselves.

We do very greatly appreciate the extremely generous consideration which the Sage Legacy Committee has already given

to Nanking. Sage Chapel is a joy and always will be. The Chapel at Gingling will be to them, I am sure, what Sage Chapel is to the University. We would not wish to appear selfish in requesting further grants from the Committee nor are we, and we only ask that the request that has been made for these houses may be considered in the light of all the needs that will undoubtedly be presented to you.

Very sincerely yours,

John H. Reiser

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September 19, 1922

Mr. John H. Reisner
Nanking, China

My dear Mr. Reisner:

Your letter of December 19, 1921, appealing to the Sage Legacy Committee for residences at Nanking, has been received, and while we are sympathetically interested in the object for which you ask our consideration, we regret to be obliged to state that we are unable to promise any further grants from the Sage Legacy.

When this legacy was received our Board adopted the policy of appropriating a certain portion of the amount for approved objects and retaining the balance to be invested in permanent funds, the interest only to be applicable to the work.

In pursuance of this policy the amount available for appropriation is about exhausted, and we are therefore obliged to say that we cannot consider any further requests at this time.

Cordially yours,

Emily M. Schell
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(Mrs. W. P. Schell)
Chairman of Sage Legacy Committee

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