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January 28, 1930

Mr. A. G. Daniells, Secy.,
General Conference
Seventh Day Adventists,
Takoma Park Station,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Daniells:

You will no doubt recollect the arrangements made by the University of Nanking about ten years ago to secure additional funds for constructing further dormitory and class room facilities for the Nanking Language School. At that time the enrolment of the Language School greatly exceeded the Language School accommodations and many Language School students were housed throughout the city of Nanking. To meet this situation the University adopted a plan whereby the Mission Boards sending students to the Nanking Language School were charged an increased fee for rental, the surplus of this rental fee being set aside to provide a Language School Property Fund. Between 1920 and the time the Language School was closed in 1927 the surplus in the Language School Property Fund was sufficient to construct one additional dormitory and a class room and administration building, and to leave a small unexpended surplus. This unexpended surplus with accrued interest now amounts to Mex. \$18,455.66.

As you know, the Language School is now closed. The buildings are being cared for by the University of Nanking and are being temporarily used for dormitory purposes. If and when the Language School is reopened the property will be in good condition and will be at once available.

Even though the Language School is reopened with an enrolment equal to that of previous years, it is unlikely that further dormitory accommodations will be required for some years to come. It seems, therefore, that it is highly improbable that the present surplus of Mex. \$18,455.66 in the Language School Property Fund will at any time in the near future be required for new Language School Buildings. Just at this time the University of Nanking is in the most urgent need of additional residences. The Board of Directors of the University of Nanking is, therefore, requesting that Mex. \$15,000 of this Language School Property Fund be used for the construction of additional residences and that the balance of Mex. \$3,455.66 be placed in the bank at interest, the income to be used for maintenance of the Language School property.

The Nanking Board of Founders, after making a careful study of the actions taken both on the field and in the West during the years 1920-1927, has voted to request all the principal Mission Boards which formerly sent students to the Nanking Language School to approve the use of Mex. \$15,000 of this balance in the Language School Property Fund for the construction of additional residences on the University of Nanking campus; with the understanding that if and when the Language School is reopened these residences will be made available for the Language School staff.

I believe that this request of the Board of Founders will not meet with any serious objection on the part of any of the Mission Boards which formerly sent students to the Nanking Language School and thereby shared in the creation of the Language School Property Fund. As you know, in addition to their use of the Language School property, the students and staff of the Language School made more or less use of the other portions of the University of Nanking campus, particularly during the years before 1920 when the buildings erected for the exclusive use of the Language School were quite inadequate to meet the needs of that school. The Founders are very anxious, however, to maintain the letter, as well as the spirit, of their understanding with the various Mission Boards which formerly sent students to the Language School.

I do not know whether you will consider it necessary to bring this request officially before the General Conference or whether you consider that your personal opinion, or a decision reached after informal conferences with other Secretaries of your Conference will be sufficient. Since we must receive replies from eight or ten Mission Boards before taking any action on this request of the Board of Directors, and since additional residences at Nanking are extremely urgent, we hope that each of the Mission Boards interested will find it possible to give us a prompt reply.

If there is any further information you need before reaching a decision on this request will you please let me know?

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Secretary and Asst. Treasurer,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of January 28 addressed to Mr. A. G. Daniells, as secretary of our Board, has been referred to this office. It was taken up by our Executive Committee a day or two ago. Fortunately we were able to present your letter to our treasurer for the Far Eastern Division and get his counsel before taking action. Mr. Barrows, our treasurer for the Far East, is in this country on furlough.

Our Board has taken action acquiescing in the plan as outlined in your letter for the use of the surplus of the Nanking Language School Building Fund, it being the understanding that should the Language School be started at some time in the future the buildings which are now being erected shall be available for use by the Language School. This, as I understand it, is the proposition which you have placed before us and the understanding on which the various boards are being asked to agree to the plan now proposed.

We believe that the action of our Executive Committee will open the way for you to do as you desire so far as we are concerned.

Very sincerely yours,

H. M. Cobban
Assistant Treasurer.

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