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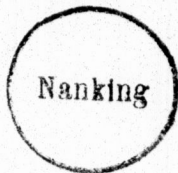
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Rachel A. S. Wheeler



3 Westmoreland Place
Pasadena, California

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I hereby subscribe five thousand dollars to the Nanking Language School building fund on condition that the entire amount is raised; this pledge to be payable ^{not sooner than} one year from date, or later when the money is needed.

(Signed) Rachel A. S. Wheeler

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December 14, 1916.

Mrs. Rachel A. S. Wheeler,
3 Westmoreland Place,
Pasadena, Cal.

My dear Mrs. Wheeler:

Your son, Rev. W. R. Wheeler, has just sent us the good news that he has succeeded in raising the balance of the \$30,000 needed for the Language School Building at Hanking, and advises us that you have most generously agreed to contribute \$5,000 of this amount. In behalf of the Board of Trustees I wish to thank you most heartily for your generous gift towards the erection of this building.

It has been a serious problem with those at Hanking to house and care for the students of the Language School and it has been a real imposition upon our good people there to have to take into their own homes those who are studying in this school. Your son has certainly done a good piece of work in securing the funds needed to erect this building. Mr. Williams and President Bowen will greatly appreciate his strong cooperation in this matter. Mr. Williams while at home had the burden of the perplexing problem arising out of the medical situation at Hanking and was not free and able to do as much in the way of raising funds as he had hoped. It has been a great help that your son has given to him and the University in this matter.

In behalf of the Board,

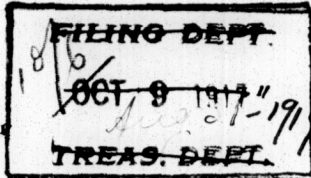
Very sincerely yours,
Treasurer

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Mrs. N.P. Wheeler

SEP 10 1917

Westmoreland Place
Pasadena, California



Treasurer of Foreign Miss. Society
Dear Sir.

Has it been decided yet whether the addition to the Hanking Language School is to be built this next winter? I promised my son W. R. Wheeler of Hangchow China, to give \$5000 towards the fund for this building, and I am quite anxious to know when it must be paid. The war is felt by us all at present and with the very high rate of exchange in China it almost prohibits any new buildings -

Please let me know
and oblige

(Mrs N.P.) Rachel A.S. Wheeler

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October 6th, 1917.

Mrs. H. P. Wheeler,
3 Westmoreland Place,
Pasadena, California.

Dear Mrs. Wheeler:-

First of all may I make a confession and that is that the \$300.00 which we received from you September 19th to forward to your son, Rev. W. R. Wheeler, is only going forward today by our Money Order. I was home in bed when your letter was received and as it raised questions regarding building at Nanking it was held against my return to the office. Unfortunately, I was in bed for a couple of weeks and have had more than I could handle since my return as Mr. Day as been acting as general religious work director in one of the Cantonments in the south. It is, however, going forward today directly to your son.

Regarding your inquiries as to the erection of the Language School Building, may I say that I have had letters from both Mr. Williams and President Bowen asking me to gather in the pledges made for the Language School Building. I think they are now practically all in but your own. In the spring Mr. Williams sent copies of the suggested re-arrangement of buildings as prepared by Mr. Small, the overseeing builder at Nanking at the direction of Mr. Keen. These plans were submitted to Mr. Fellows, who made some suggestions and drew up detailed plans along the lines of these suggestions and these were returned immediately to the field so that they might proceed with the building. They wrote in the spring:

"We must press through with the building of these buildings as early as possible. We are already having laid down several tens of thousands of city-wall brick preparatory to commencing work. It is extremely important that what Mr. Fellows can do to help us should be done quickly. Unless Mr. Fellows can take hold of these plans and give us his suggestions very soon, it would be better for our interests to have Mr. Small go ahead with the plans for Mr. Keen. The need of the dormitories and separate place for the Language School is pressing beyond words. This year we have had seventy people crowded into the homes of Nanking." It is the judgment of President

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To Mrs. H. P. Wheeler, No. 2.

Bowen and our Property Committee that it would be wiser for us to proceed with the building of the Chapel and the central building also. We have every ground for believing that the cost of materials and labor in China must increase steadily."

As a matter of fact, the Board of Trustees of Nanking University gave the Board of Managers authority to proceed with the direction of this large Administration Building which Mr. Severance and his sister are erecting, and the Chapel that Mr. Day is giving provided they are sure that the buildings could be erected within the amounts available. We cannot give you the positive information that they are proceeding with the erection of the Language School Building, but we assume from what they have written that they have need of all the funds that have been subscribed for the purpose. You may have noticed that exchange has again turned in favor of the field. The Mexican did rise as high in cost as 88¢, but it is down again to 77¢. I suppose their materials must be costing them more than in ordinary times, but our understanding is that there has not been very much increase in the cost of labor. They certainly have been most appreciative of the help that your son gave them in the securing of this Language School Building and of your own most generous gift.

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer.

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Mrs. N. P. Wheeler over

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3 Westmoreland Place
Pasadena, California

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Mr. Russell Carter
Treasurer Hankins University

Dear Sir:

Yours of Oct. 6th stating
the delay in the transmission
of my \$300 to N. P. Wheeler
in Hangchow, was received.
Enclosed find the check for
my subscription of Five Thousand
Dollars (\$5000) to the fund for
the erection of the Language
School Building in Hankins.

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I hope the building can
be soon completed. As the
dormitories are sadly needed.

Yours sincerely

Rachel A. S. Wheeler
(Mrs. M. P.)

Nov. 30th 1917.

December 8, 1917.

Mrs. N. P. Wheeler,
3 Westmoreland Place,
Pasadena, Cal.

My dear Mrs. Wheeler:

In behalf of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking, may I thank you for your check for \$5,000 covering your subscription to the Language School Building.

We were to have had a meeting of the Board of Trustees yesterday and your check would have reached me just in time to report at the Board meeting, but some of the papers from the field covering the needs of the University for the next fiscal year did not reach New York in time so that the meeting of the Board had to be postponed. We have had, however, two or three fine letters from Mr. Williams of late written in a most optimistic spirit because the enrolment of the University has been 60 per cent larger than a year ago and they all, faculty and students, are happy, having moved over into the new buildings. With this increased enrolment they are feeling the need of the new administration building and the chapel and it is very probable that they will proceed with the erection of these buildings as well as with the Language School Building. Exchange is a little more favorable, the Mexican now being $73\frac{1}{2}$ cents instead of the high rate of 88, and if they can manage to keep the total cost of these buildings within the amounts available they surely will proceed with their erection.

Thanking you most sincerely, I am,

Very truly yours,

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Treasurer

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January 30, 1919.

Mrs. W. H. Wheeler,
3 Westmoreland Place,
Pasadena, California.

My dear Mrs. Wheeler:

President Bowen has sent to me the enclosed letter for you. With it I am enclosing a couple of pictures of the new Language School Building, with a detail of the front door. We feel that the results achieved through the funds contributed for the Language School have been among the most satisfactory of anything we have attempted in building lines. About six thousand dollars gold was expended on making very radical changes in the old Normal School Building, putting in furnaces, adapting class rooms, making a very attractive reception room, in fact, completely transforming the whole building. With the balance was erected this dormitory for the ladies attending the Language School, in which separate rooms are provided for twenty-four single women, besides dining hall, reception and gues rooms, kitchen, storage, etc. There are really three full stories, although the first one is somewhat camouflaged by banking up the earth excavated for the foundation to one-half the height of the first story. There is a big, concrete retaining wall, so that the first story is lighted and dry and airy just as the others.

We do not think that in any of the buildings have we achieved a more beautiful effect than in this. Mr. Small's supervision has been of the very best. The tiles were specially designed and burnt for the University; the marble of the front door and all the stronglines and beneath the windows, as well as beneath the eaves, is of fine white marble from Gao-tsi, which Mr. Fellows, the architect, pronounced as good as the best Italian marble. Mr. Small has very ingeniously contrived to bring all the flues from the fireplaces as well as the two large furnaces into the two dragons on the roof, so that our dragons are real dragons and at times will spit forth real smoke. This isn't objectionable from the Chinese point of view since we need fires from only about two months or so of the year.

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Mrs. Wheeler.

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The Language School now has a very beautiful equipment and we are deeply grateful to you and Mr. and Mrs. Gamble, and especially to Rex for the splendid way in which he undertook to find the funds for this enterprise. I feel sure that the results will be all that he hoped for.

Mr. Meigs, for whom the building was named, was one of the earliest missionaries in Nanking - a man who believed deeply in the union enterprise and who was the first Dean of the Language School. It seemed that his name could be best associated with this part of the work to which he was so affectionately devoted.

I was delighted to receive the other day a copy of Rex's book on China and the War. It is well done, most timely and I anticipate will reach a wide circulation, and should have a great deal of influence in molding American public opinion toward China at this crucial period.

He was entirely too appreciative in mentioning my name in connection with what was wholly his own work.

Mrs. Williams would join me in most cordial regards.

Very sincerely yours,

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February 14, 1925.

Miss Rachael A. S. Wheeler, and
Rev. & Mrs. W. R. Wheeler,
3 Westmoreland Place,
Pasadena,
California.

Dear Friends:

In behalf of the University of Nanking it gives me great
pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your check in the amount of \$100.

We greatly appreciate this evidence of your interest,
which will be of material help to the University at the present time.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
University of Nanking.

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June 1, 1927.

Mrs. Rachel A. S. Wheeler,
3 Westmoreland Place,
Pasadena, California.

My dear Mrs. Wheeler:

We remember with very great gratitude your personal interest in the work of the University of Nanking - an interest in which I am sure Dr. Williams had some part - so we are taking the liberty of sending to you a copy of the special appeal which our Trustees have issued in an endeavor to meet some of the extraordinary expenses brought about by the Nanking incident. We shall be very grateful indeed if you can help us in this crisis.

You will be interested to know that our Chinese staff are carrying forward the work, especially the work of the College of Agriculture and Forestry, and the College of Arts and Science. When we left Shanghai on April 23d, it was reported that there were three hundred and fifty of the five hundred odd students back at work, and they all hope to complete the semester. We are all confident that the lives of the missionaries, the death of Dr. Williams and the gifts and prayers of a great many friends in this country have not been in vain.

With very grateful remembrances,

Cordially yours,

President.

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