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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
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*Copy for Mr. Carson* December 8, 1928

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Mr. A. L. Carson,  
George Junior Republic,  
Freeville, New York

Dear Mr. Carson:

Thank you for your fully appreciated letter of December 2.

It is very gratifying to know that the prospect for the return of yourself and Mrs. Carson to China appears to be brighter than it was when we last hear from you.

Since receiving your letter I have given a good deal of thought and have conferred with several others about the suggestion, which has come to me first in your letter, of the possibility of your relation to the Shantung University, if the University should decide to place emphasis upon education for rural leadership. Whether or not the University will undertake such a program will not be decided for some time to come and if the University should enter this field I would not know whether its plans would call for work of the type for which you are especially qualified. If the University should request your services and, if you were anxious to accept an invitation, I suppose that the Mission would be willing to make the transfer if there were then a vacancy in our Presbyterian quota on the University staff. As you know, the Board would be happy to have you anywhere on the field that the Mission in consultation with you felt you could render the largest service.

We have been earnestly hoping that you would return to Weihsien which Station has suffered so severely in the loss of missionaries and where you have rendered and, in the future could render, highly constructive service of a kind greatly needed in that important center and large area. Dr. and Mrs. Ewers have withdrawn from the work and Dr. and Mrs. Murray will probably be detained in this country by family conditions for a year beyond their regular furlough. However, in the meantime Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Chalfant are at Weihsien and good foreign medical care is therefore available. I believe Mr. Wells has spoken with you or written to you about the deep desire of the China Council and of the Mission for your return to Weihsien. What would you think of re-entering the work there and then if later the possibility of service at the University came up it could be considered in the light of circumstances at the time.

You will see how anxious we are to have you and Mrs. Carson return to the field where you will be equipped for even more valuable service than you were before.

I have made inquiry of our Travel Department regarding the possibility of your securing a clergy certificate and am advised that our office cannot secure a certificate for you while you are receiving salary from another organization. Possibly the staff of the George Junior Republic is recognized as qualifying for certificates by the Eastern Clergy Bureau.

In order that this matter may be frankly before our Presbyterian China Council, I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Ralph C. Wells, Chairman of the

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Council who has recently attended the meeting of the Shantung Mission.

We will be very glad to see you when you are in New York during Christmas week. I will probably be in the office regularly except for occasion Committee meetings; I suggest that you telephone- Watkins 8191 - before coming any considerable distance to see me.

With warmest personal regards to Mrs. Carson and yourself, I am

Sincerely yours,

(G. T. S.)

George T. Scott

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March 15, 1929

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Mr. Hunter*

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Mr. A. L. Carson,  
George Junior Republic,  
Freeville, New York

Dear Mr. Carson:

Thank you for your fine letter of March 9 relative to your return to China in the year 1930 and to your study in the meantime at Cornell University.

It is gratifying to know that the obstacles to the return to China of Mrs. Carson and yourself seem to be gradually disappearing for we hope very much that the way will open for your return to the field.

In regard to your serving at Cheeloo, from the tone of your letter to me I would assume that Mr. Hunter in his letter to you must have given you rather definite expectation of the way being open for you to join the Cheeloo staff. Would it not be well for you to be certain of such an opening, supported by the approval of the Shantung Mission, prior to your undertaking any very definite changes in your program in the United States with a view to service at Cheeloo? Of course my ignorance of rural studies in general may lead me to think there is a greater shift than there really is in the revised schedule as outlined in your letter. The thought I am trying to express is that I would not want you to undertake special preparation for Cheeloo which might not be good preparation for other forms or places of work unless or until you are practically assured of a Cheeloo appointment. Perhaps your Ph. D. at Cornell might be secured by one more year of residence inasmuch as you have already secured the privilege of writing your Doctor's thesis in China and of completing your degree in absentia and have official consent to substitute Chinese for French for the language requirement. If one more year of residence at Cornell will complete your work, presumably that year would begin this coming fall and that would give us all plenty of time to know whether or not your Cornell course should be especially adapted to the new program at Cheeloo. Furthermore, you of course realize that Cheeloo has not yet definitely accepted a rural program nor outlined what it shall be if and when accepted.

You ask for my personal opinion about the proposal and as to whether there are any serious obstacles from the standpoint of the Board. You know that the Station and Mission would like very much to have you back at Weihsien and yet we realize there is some question as to the advisability of this. If you cannot return to Weihsien, there is no obstacle at this end of the line that I know of which would prevent your appointment to the Cheeloo staff as a representative of our Presbyterian Board; at the China end, the question would depend upon the attitude of the faculty and the Field Board of Managers and, if they desired you to join the Cheeloo staff, presumably the Shantung Mission should concur in your assignment to such work. The Mission cooperates in the University and assigns some of its members to the work there.

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Mr. Carson

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March 13, 1929

Inasmuch as you made a personal visit of inquiry at Cornell after your letter to me and as your investigation there may have modified your plans, I am not at this time writing to Dean Mann nor asking Dr. Paul Monroe or others to write in regard to a fellowship for you. I shall be very happy to write and to ask Dr. Monroe and Mr. Reiser to write as soon as you let me know your plans and that you would like to have your application for fellowship supported by such letters. I understand that if the letters are written subsequent to March 15 they should be mailed to you rather than to Dean Mann.

Trusting that everything eventuates satisfactorily, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(G. T. S.)

George T. Scott.

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Trusting that everything will be satisfactory, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(S. P. S.)  
 George F. Scott

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Ithaca, N.Y.

R. D. #3.

May 7, 1929.

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
Somewhere in New York,  
around 150 Fifth Avenue.

Honorable sir,

It is my intent to grace your town with my presence on the tenth of this month of May, or, in other words on Friday of this week. I am on my way to a meeting of a new foundation for Agricultural Missions - if it gets going, and nothing stops it. I shall be glad to hear your reaction to the whole idea, but more of that anon. Also I would like to hear the latest dope on your university in Shantung, and especially what you think of my going there to do Rural Extension work, filling the vacancy left by Mr. Parker. The Dean (Winter) wrote to me about it some time ago.

Hope you and the family are well. Bobby had pneumonia at the blankety blank G. I. Republic, but we are mighty grateful to say that he is all right now.  
Sincerely,  
A. S. Carson.

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W. D. # 8  
May 1, 1929

Mr. B. P. Stewart  
Member in Charge  
Shantung

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Ithaca, N. Y.  
R. D. #3  
May 25, 1929.

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Mr. B. A. Gausids,  
150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

My dear Gausids,

You may recall that during our very pleasant visit at your home a few weeks ago the conversation turned upon a certain prominent ex-agricultural college president who is now abroad, and whose name has been mentioned in connection with establishing rural extension work at the U.S. From what I can learn at Cornell it seems that this man has had some administrative difficulties in several instances, especially as regards keeping within the budget approved by the State Legislature. Otherwise, his professional standing is unimpaired, and his personal character, of course, is unquestioned.

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If he were available for a year at Cheloo I would think he would be extremely well qualified for the service. The very enthusiasm and wide interest which may have gotten him in trouble, would be of great value there. Then, of course, he has previous experience in China, and an outstanding reputation in rural sociology, in addition to college experience, and personality.

It would be a splendid thing if missionary work could arrange to make permanent use of the contributions of such a man.

I also found out that Professor Felton's ~~Sabbatical~~ year is due by June, 1930. He is a very practical organizer, and a fine type of man, personally. It is my impression that he would be available for service abroad. He was formerly in the Near East on a short term, and was also connected with the Methodist Home Mission Board, and is deeply interested in mission work. Right now he is giving considerable time to the Agricultural Mission Foundation.

The meeting of the executive committee of this body has been postponed until next Wednesday so that Dean Mann of Cornell can attend. At a meeting recently here he expressed a deep interest, and a desire to serve in any capacity, provided there were prospects of really doing anything.

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Dr. Scott has passed on the information from Dr. Johnson that the mission "emphatically desires our return," but that our location seems to be connected in some way with the decision of the mission regarding the Shantung Agricultural and Industrial School at Yihai, at the June mission meeting. I have replied to Dr. Scott's letter, but there seems little to say right now. Some of my sentiments on the whole subject you may be able to imagine, but you will keep them to yourself right now, I am sure. The poor S. A. I. S. I wonder what is going to happen to it now. Do you remember that wild trip I took to Yihai the spring before coming home, when I attended a Board meeting where its fate was supposed to be settled? I never think of that without recalling your story of the bishop with the bald head who sat in the corner of a gondola<sup>car</sup> and was used as a step ladder by all passengers.

We certainly enjoyed seeing you and the family again, and appreciated the chance to visit you in New York.

With best wishes to all of you,

Sincerely yours,  
A. L. Carson.

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Shantung Christian University

May 31, 1929.

Mr. A. L. Carson,  
R. D. #3,  
Ithaca, N. Y.

My dear Carson:

Thanks for your letter of May 25th. I am glad to have your further comments concerning "a certain prominent ex-agricultural college president".

I had a long letter from Harold Smith a few days ago. He states that he is "most terribly hoping" that you will be able to join the University staff next year. It is obvious that the University is heartily agreed upon extending the invitation to you and if any formalities have not been formally complied with as yet we can depend upon the omissions being corrected in the very near future. I am very much interested in the fact that the Shantung Mission is still thinking of you in connection with the Shantung Agricultural and Industrial School at Yihaien. I thought that proposition had been cleared up several years ago.

Professor Felton was in the office one day last week and I had an extremely interesting talk with him. I found him keenly interested in the work in China and in your own contribution to that work. In an informal way I sounded out the possibility of his spending his next sabbatical year at Cheelee and found him quite responsive to the idea. My first impression is that he could make an extremely valuable contribution to the rural program at Cheelee and I hope that the necessary arrangements for his spending a year on the campus could be made. We must, however, be careful at one point. The interest of Cornell has thus far been centered primarily at Nanking and we must rigidly avoid any appearance of disturbing this relationship. If Cornell is able to continue and still further develop its interest in the work at Nanking and can at the same time give a certain amount of thought to rural work in other college centers in China, we would all welcome such an extension of their interest. But I have no sympathy whatever with the development of rivalry between our China colleges in such a matter as this.

I am keenly interested in the work of the Agricultural Mission Foundation and hope you will keep me in touch with developments.

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Mr. A. L. Carson

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Mother and Margaret join me in sending good wishes. They very much enjoyed meeting you and Mrs. Carson again and have not yet recovered from their amazement at the way Ruth has grown to be quite a young lady.

Very cordially yours,

*B. A. Carnde*

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THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF CHINA

SHANGHAI, CHINA.

June 19, 1929

Dr. A. L. Warnshuis,  
International Missionary Council,  
419 Fourth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of May 20 with a copy of an outline prepared by Professor Hulsizer. I have shown this to Chang Fu-liang, and his comment is as follows:

"The whole proposal is too theoretical, too expensive and too foreign. It calls for at least 12 specialists to experiment in this one experiment; presumably they will do teaching at Cheeloo as well. Give me a young married couple, or even two young men rurally-minded, service-alert and willing to bear hardships. With the active cooperation and guidance of the University professors (both Cheeloo and Nanking) they will more likely succeed in launching out a comprehensive program, which the people will likely be able to continue after an initial period of a few years. The two persons suggested above are to be the school teacher and religious worker who will utilize the extension work and workers of the medical, agricultural, normal, theological schools, etc."

We shall need here to keep matters quite simple, but I think that Hulsizer is right when he wishes to have all aspects of the rural program faced simultaneously and not piecemeal. It seems to me that that is the central aspect of Thomas Jesse Jones' report to Jerusalem. So far, in China most of our rural experiments seem to deal with one or two aspects only of a community centered program, rather than with the varied interests that every community has.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Ed. Lobenstine

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Ithaca, N. Y.

R. F. O. # 3.

June 23, 1929.

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Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

My dear Garside:-

We were glad to receive your letter of May 31st, and right now may I extend our hearty invitations to the whole Garside <sup>family</sup> to visit us some time this summer? Mrs. Carson and I have had it on our minds a number of times since our return from your city. About all we have to offer is country and hospitality but there is lots of both. We have about ten rooms, and several beds not in use, and it would do us much good to see you here. Perhaps the family could get away for a longer time than you could, but personally I would like to see you in Ithaca. Please think this over seriously.

My duties at the L. J. P. are about concluded, and I have been digging into a pile of

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correspondence relating to agricultural missions, which Felton threw at my head before he went to North Carolina two weeks ago. Perhaps I may find a doctor's thesis in it eventually. My interest in the direction of research along this line is stimulated by the fact that the Agricultural Mission Foundation movement was bumped pretty hard by the demand for more definite information. That in itself, I would say, was a sign of progress. If we can Marshall our forces and material during the summer there are hopes of real progress in the autumn. Just what part I shall take in it is hard to say. I am going ahead now, with the idea somehow of carrying on at Cornell.

This brings me to several requests from your office. Do you suppose you could send me copies of the Coordinated Program, and of "Christian Colleges in China". Do you have a supply of University of Nanking literature? I would like very much to have a copy of their latest report, and of Bulletin No. 15, "A Glimpse at Rural Needs and the Rural Church in China", issued November 1926.

Among the correspondence referred to above I found a letter from Stanley of Cheloo, who seemed much interested in rural work.

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Is he a new addition to the staff? I liked the tone of his letter, and was interested in knowing about him. Is there anyone else there specifically and officially assigned to rural work?

I appreciate very much the attitude of Smith and others at the University toward our joining the staff, but have a feeling that the mission may be planning to introduce complications, that should appear during this mission meeting.

Glad you had a chance to meet Felton. He is a fine fellow, and thoroughly interested in missions. As a rural organizer in this country, he has been outstanding. The work in China would call for a different approach, but I believe he would grasp the problems and make a very valuable contribution. The point you mention of avoiding competition with Nanking is a good one to remember, but can rather easily be attained by keeping in close touch with Reischer, and the other men at Nanking as your program develops. Did I tell you that Reischer wrote to me about Felton when a group of us first landed in Cornell from China? A man going out would logically divide his time among a group of institutions, with headquarters at one, as Dr. Love is doing.

Most cordially yours,  
A. D. Carson.

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Shantung Christian University

July 1, 1929.

Mr. A. L. Carson,  
R.F.D. #3,  
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Carson:

Glad to have your letter of June 23rd. At this time we are sending you under separate cover the various material you requested. We have also sent one or two other agricultural bulletins in which you will be interested. We have practically exhausted our supply of Nanking Bulletins Nos. 12 and 15 so we would appreciate it if you would return these two bulletins when you have finished with them. The rest you may keep.

Glad to know you have about finished up your work at the George Junior Republic and are once more digging into agricultural study and research. I hope you succeed in keeping the Agricultural Mission Foundation movement stimulated into real activity during the next year.

Stanley is one of the newer additions to the Cheeloo staff. His position is that of Assistant Professor of the Rural Church in the School of Theology. You are already familiar with the work that Lo Shi-chih has been doing in the School of Theology for several years along lines of rural extension work. There are as yet no new men in the School of Arts and Science who have been definitely assigned to rural work. Lautenschlager is taking an active interest in this field and you know Smith has long been very definitely interested in it. I have not yet heard what our Shantung mission is planning to do to you, but I sincerely hope it will not introduce any new complications.

The Garside family very much appreciates the cordial invitation from Mrs. Carson and yourself to share your country and your hospitality during the summer. I am afraid, however, that we will not be able to take advantage of your offer this year. On Tuesday of next week I am taking Margaret and Jean up to Mountain Rest, which is a mountain summer resort for poor missionaries. They will be there during the month of July and then during the month of August the whole family will probably be living in Cassat's house on the Vassar campus at Poughkeepsie. The Cassats will be away during that

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Mr. A. L. Carson

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month so we will be their guests in absentia, so to speak. We hope, however, that you will keep us in mind again next summer if you are still similarly situated and equally hospitable. I hope by next summer, however, that you will be starting back to China and taking us along with you.

Very sincerely yours,

*B. A. Carside*

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Shantung Christian University

July 9, 1929

Mr. A. L. Carson,  
R. F. D. #3,  
Ithaca, N.Y.

Dear Carson:

I have received a letter from Hunter written on June 8 in which he states:-

"I have not yet written to Mr. Carson in reply to his letter and am waiting for the final action of the Presbyterian Mission at their annual meeting to be held here the first week of July.

"Mr. Carson's appointment has come before both the Arts' Faculty and the Senate, the Senate minute reading as follows,-

VOTED; To invite Mr. A. L. Carson to join the staff of the School of Arts and Science in the Department of Education and to request the American Presbyterian Mission to assign him to the place on their quota made vacant by Mr. Parker's resignation, beginning with the year 1930-31.

"I did not want to do anything before the action of Mission Meeting especially so as there seems to be a call for Mr. Carson from the Yih sien station. Of course we shall do all we can to secure Mr. Carson and I think on this point Dr. C. F. Johnson's help may be depended on. From your letter and Mr. Carson's letter, it seems to us that his appointment will greatly strengthen our work especially from the viewpoint of the correlated programme and the Rural programme."

This makes it quite clear that the University is heartily working for your appointment. I trust that the action of the Shantung Mission this month will approve the University's proposal.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

*B. A. Casside*

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Ithaca, N.Y.  
R.F.D.No.3.  
August 19, 1929.

*per attached*

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C.

My dear Garside:

Would it be too much trouble for you to give me some information as to when I might expect to find you in your office during the course of the next month?

It looks as if I may have to take a trip to the city some of these days, and want to plan it so as to be able to see you.

Dr. Lee wrote to me in a letter recently received inviting us to the University. I have not given it a great deal of thought because the action of the Shantung Mission may be unfavorable. It is not at all clear to me just what they think they want me to do. He spoke of my teaching Economics and Sociology. While I have some interests in that direction, I am not prepared for full time work in such a field, and could not secure the preparation without serious sacrifices. I am rolling up such a burden of debt that I scarcely dare think of the future. My common sense tells me I was a darn fool not to resign when I first came home, secured as much preparation as possible, and gone back to teaching Agriculture, somewhere in this country. Yet, if everybody was strictly sensible, I wonder where we would be.

My present concern is this study of agricultural missions which I have started for the Agricultural Missions Foundation. It is progressing, and there is still considerable interest in the idea in agricultural college circles. Whether it will reach the place this fall of a financial campaign, or not, is more than I can tell.

A man by the name of Allen was here last week, representing the agricultural work of the Near East Relief. He was looking for a man to do extension work in Greece. It rather interested me for a while, but he needs a single man. I told him about the rather important man from New Jersey whom Dr. Monroe suggested for Cheloo. You showed me some correspondence about him when I was last at the office. I do not remember his name, but Allen may ask you about him. You will enjoy meeting Allen, I am sure. His office is right across the street from you.

Sincerely yours,

*Arthur L. Carson*

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*Handwritten:* *W. B. Garrison*

1130 Ave. C, N.Y.C.  
August 19, 1928

Mr. B. A. Garfield,  
150 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C.

My dear Garfield:  
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Sincerely yours,

*Handwritten signature:* *W. B. Garrison*

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Ithaca, N.Y.  
R.F.D.No.3.  
August 29, 1929.

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Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Garside:

Since writing to you a few weeks ago, I have received an advance notice from Dr. Scott, of the official approval by the Shantung Mission and the China Council for us to go to the University. The official minutes had not yet arrived, but this information is doubtless final. I am glad to have it cleared up, and we shall make a serious effort to go to Tsinan in 1930. There are times when I do not see how it can be done. It looks now as if we would be several thousand dollars in debt by next spring, over and above all assets. It would be absolutely impossible for us to carry that on a missionary's salary, and I am tired of asking the Board for help. However, I have not quite given up hope, although there is no definite way out yet.

Right now I am more concerned about the exact status which is proposed for us at the University, and just how much there would be for us to do. As I think I mentioned in my previous letter, I am not especially interested in the proposition to teach Sociology and Economics, largely because of <sup>lack of</sup> specialized preparation in that field. I still hope to pay a visit to your village, but do not know when it can be managed. I feel the need of a personal confab with you- or with someone who knows something.

Changing the subject, do you suppose there would be some way of securing information through your office about agricultural missionaries at Lingnan, or other independent Christian Universities. I am enclosing a form which is suggestive of the kind of information desired. I could send copies of this form and pay for the clerical work involved if arrangements could be made to have the material copied.

Any suggestions you may have in this matter will be highly appreciated.

Cordially yours,

Arthur R. Carson.

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Shantung Christian University

September 3, 1929

Mr. Arthur L. Carson,  
R.F.D. 3,  
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Carson:

I have returned to the office today after a month of loafing in Cassat's house on the Vassar Campus at Poughkeepsie. Having gotten out of the habit of working, it is quite a struggle to get back in the harness.

I find on my desk your letters of August 19 and 29 and am glad to note that you expect to be in New York soon. I will be in the office every day now and will be mighty glad to see you whenever you can come in.

It is mighty good to know that official approval of your appointment to Shantung Christian University is now being taken by the Presbyterian Mission. We will certainly count on your being at the University by the fall of 1930.

I presume that the reason Dr. Li has spoken of your teaching economics and sociology lies in the fact that the University asks the Presbyterian Board to appoint you on the Cheeloo staff to fill the place left vacant by Mr. Parker's resignation. Since Parker was in the Department of Sociology and Economics it would be natural to think of his successor as working in the same field. I am sure, however, that Dr. Li agrees with the conviction widely held both here at home and on the field that your greatest contribution to the University can be given in some part of the field of rural work. Just what portion of this large field you will wish to till is a question on which you will no doubt wish to consult and correspond further. It is likely that at best the University will not be able to cultivate the whole field for a good many years to come, and the best we can do will be to select the most fertile spots first and extend our operations as rapidly as we can. I shall be writing to Dr. Li this week and will mention again that your primary interest is in the rural field rather than the Department of Sociology and Economics.

I am sorry that you are troubled by financial problems and sincerely hope that some solution to them will soon be found. When you come to New York I hope we will have an opportunity to talk these matters over more fully.

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I have not as yet heard from Allen of the Near East Relief. Since he is looking for a single man to do extension work in Greece he would probably not be interested in Hulsizer who is married but, I believe, has no children. Incidentally, you will be interested in a letter Dr. Warnshuis received from Lobenstein and passed on to me. On his own initiative Dr. Warnshuis sent Lobenstein an outline prepared by Hulsizer and Lobenstein passed this on to Chang Fu-liang.

I will get in touch with Miss Powers of the Lingnan office to see what information we can secure about the agricultural missionaries on their staff. She does not return to the office until tomorrow so I will not attempt at this time to make any promises as to the quantity or completeness of the information we can secure. I will write on this question in a few days.

The Garside family has now moved over to Elizabeth and I have joined the army of Jersey commuters. The amount of time required to get to the office is not much greater than was needed to come down from Washington Heights. We have succeeded fairly well in getting away from the noise and dust of Manhattan and I hope our young daughter will have a little more room to expand. While we were in Poughkeepsie she succeeded pretty well in utilizing the four or five acre space around the Casnat house so it is likely to prove difficult getting her condensed in a city lot. Margaret is hoping that she may start her to kindergarten tomorrow.

With best wishes to the family, I am

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

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Ithaca, N. Y.  
R.F.D.Box No. 3  
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Dr. George T. Scott,  
156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

My dear Dr. Scott:

On several occasions I have referred to the proposed Agricultural Missions Foundations. It has seemed to me that this was an extremely significant and greatly needed movement, so much so that I have gone ahead with plans to work out my major research problem around the subject of agricultural missions, with the incidental aim of supplying this Foundation movement with some of the material and stimulus necessary for its continued development. At the very important meeting held in Dean Mann's office at Cornell on Monday of this week some interesting actions were taken. I am referring now to the organization of the Executive Committee, which also involved much in the clarification of aims, and immediate procedure. I need not enlarge on this for Dr. Warnshuis was at the meeting and will doubtless confer with you about the whole matter.

It was felt that not too much should be settled in detail before the definite and complete organization of the Executive Committee, nor should much be done in the way of passing on obligations. On the other hand there seemed to be a desire that I should press on with this study during the process of organization, and that any means which should make this possible would be a contribution to the cause. Having no resources available, the suggestion was made that Dr. Warnshuis take up with the Presbyterian Board the possibility of their granting us some support during the year while I am completing my work at Cornell, with the thought that I could render some valuable service at the same time to the cause of agricultural missions. Personally, I am not very anxious to be under further obligations to the Board, but two facts are before us, the one being my keen desire to make this contribution to the development of agricultural missions, and the other the necessity of finding some financial relief somewhere if we are going to be free to return to China in 1930.

Now, I can imagine the reaction of the Board will have reference to both of these points, but that they will be especially interested in the prospects of our future service in China. My correspondence to date may not have been very helpful on that point, but the matter has hung fire so long and so much has been happening to us recently, that we have postponed any decisive thinking until after we received your letter telling of the action of the mission and China Council in approving our transfer to Cheeloo, which presents a definite call upon which we have been putting considerable thought and prayer. Conversation with Dr. Warnshuis and correspondence from Mr. Garside have helped to clear up some of my misgivings about our possible position in the University. The letter from Dr. Li indicated that we might be supposed to occupy the teaching position in the Department of Sociology left vacant by Mr. Parker's resignation. While I am greatly interested in Sociology I feel it would be a mistake to try to fit permanently into such a specialized position, and might result in real disappointment at the University. If, however, as I have been given to understand, the primary purpose in securing my services is to fit in some way perhaps not yet clear into this new rural program of the

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University, the matter stands in a quite different light. Personally, I am not interested in a cut and dried position set up here, but rather in a clear understanding that the University feels committed to a rural program, and that my contribution should be somewhere in that field.

Aside from the everpresent problem of our children and our special problem of Mrs. Carson's hearing, there remains the obstacle of financial obligations, and that of our responsibility to our parents. The latter have rested heavily upon us in ways that it would take too long to explain, but they seem to be clearing up. The invalid sister who was dependent upon my mother, which threw a direct burden upon my brother and myself, has recently passed on beyond suffering. I am glad that we did what we could to help make her last few years easier. My brother is now sailing from China, and we expect to see him here in a few weeks. If we go back to the mission field, it really means that he will practically have to assume the responsibility of our mother's future care. While she is quite active and able to look after herself now, the future must be considered. Both my mother and brother were in China during the days when missionary morale was low. Furthermore, they were familiar with the situation at Weihsien when some very un-Christian things were done. I am thinking now of such actions as the one which drove Miss Rankin from the station. No matter how much she may have failed to adjust herself to certain conditions, the way her case was handled after Mr. Wells left the station was unnecessarily crude. My mother, of course, was there for some months after we left for our furlough, and saw a good many things which are best forgotten. As I have said, there was a time when missionary morale among some people seemed to fail utterly. The bearing of this on our present problem is that my brother has been quite outspoken against our return. That does not influence me much, but does mean that I must have a chance to go over it with him before we definitely commit ourselves. I think his reaction to the present development will be entirely different, and that we can work that out in the course of the next few months. I am going so much into detail that I can only add that the other problem caused by the illness of Mrs. Carson's mother also seems to be adjusting itself, but we must have a chance to break the news to them with some care, and to work out a few adjustments.

There seems to be every prospect of these matters clearing up before very long. We have been putting more earnest effort and perhaps more real sacrifice into it than may appear. If the Agricultural Missions Foundation movement had not served to precipitate matters you would probably not have heard from me until it is cleared up. As it is I felt that some statement of position was in order. I shall be very glad to have you share this letter with Mr. Garside, or anyone else interested.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Arthur L. Carson.

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Shantung Christian University

December 6, 1929

Mr. Arthur L. Carson,  
Department of Rural Education,  
Cornell University,  
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Carson:

Dr. Warnshuis suggested a fortnight or so ago that we might secure Professor Felton for special work at Cheeloo during his sabbatical year in 1930-31. This is along the line you and I discussed briefly several weeks ago. I am interested to note that Dr. Warnshuis seems quite enthusiastic about the proposal.

Would it be possible for you to discuss with Professor Felton, in a tentative way at least, the possibility of his spending his sabbatical year at Cheeloo? Can you also obtain approximate figures as to what would be the cost involved? Will you also send me as definite suggestions as you can as to the work you think Professor Felton would be able to accomplish at Cheeloo? I have not as yet brought the proposal to the attention of the Board of Governors but will be glad to take it up with them as soon as I can obtain such information as I outline above. As yet I have no idea where any funds for Professor Felton's expenses might be obtained, but I would be glad to start out on a search for such funds if there seems any likelihood of obtaining his services.

With all good wishes for the approaching Christmas season, I am

Very cordially yours,

*B. A. Casside*

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Rural Education Department,  
Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.  
December 11, 1929.

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

My dear Garside:

Your letter arrived Saturday, and it happened that I had a chance to see Professor Felton that same day. I wonder if you know that Buck and others have been discussing with him the possibility of spending his sabbatical year at Nanking. He has asked me several times for information about that plan, and I had ventured to suggest that he should consider giving some time to Chelso and possibly Canton, as well. All this, of course, involves the question you have raised - among others - as to just what Professor Felton's contribution would be. His speciality is rural social organization. If he could become acquainted quickly enough with the local situation he might be able to give some practical help in matters of organization of the rural church and mission. He is gifted with a quick and practical sense of what is the best thing to be done under the circumstances, and he usually gets something done. Certainly, he should be used in connection with rural life conferences of any kind.

You can see as well as I certain dangers in trying to accomplish things too rapidly on the mission field. Therefore, to give him time to become acquainted, as well as for the intrinsic value of the courses for the Chinese students, it would seem that Professor Felton should teach several regular college courses. He has suggested that he would like to give one on the Rural Church, and another on Rural Life, which would be essentially Rural Sociology. In fact, if you put him down to teach "Rural Sociology" he would have no difficulty in supplying valuable content. As soon as possible, however, I am sure he would want to get out on the field, and you would have to allow some time for such activities.

One reason for sending Professor Felton out at this time is his keen interest in rural missions, and his value as a publicity man, both among missionaries and Chinese leaders, and here in America after his return.

I am sure that he is interested in the project, but it is not definite enough yet for him to think very decisively. For one thing he wishes to take his family along. They have four children, ranging from four year

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old Bobby to Mary, who is in high school. They are all in good health, and the family would be quite an asset to a mission compound in any normal times. Mrs. Felton, herself, could render some very valuable service. She holds a master's degree from Cornell in the newly organized department of Child Guidance, and is now teaching extension courses in the Ithaca High School. She is also somewhat of an expert in religious education, and a very fine person with whom to work.

As to finances, you would have to consider travelling expenses, and some kind of salary for at least part of the year. He will receive half salary from Cornell. I am sure that he is not expecting to make any thing out of the trip, in fact, he has said that he would be quite willing to come back poorer than he went out. From that I gather that he would be willing to make some sacrifices elsewhere in order to have his family along. It would be disastrous, however, for him to return, feeling dissatisfied with the financial terms under which he had been working. It might help you to know what his salary is at Cornell. I would say at a guess that it would be around \$3500, possibly more. Cornell does not pay high salaries, but extension specialists usually receive more than resident teachers.

I hope this will be of some help to you. The most important thing would be for you and Buck to get together on the matter. You can be sure that Professor Felton would be interested, although I am inclined to think that he is also considering other propositions. He remarked something about knowing more about it a month from now. If the trip can be financed, and China is quiet enough to venture out with a new family, I hope that he goes to China.

Harold Smith wrote me a fine letter, saying he is coming to Cornell for the school for furloughed missionaries in February. Do you know of any others who should be urged to attend? It is an unique move for Cornell to offer such a course, or group of courses, and really means that the whole resources of the agricultural college is thrown open to missionaries, in whatever lines they may be interested. Whether it is repeated or not depends much upon the response missionaries make this first time. Why do you not plan to come yourself? You might be able to do more for the China Union Universities here than in your office. We want to show some of these people that the missionary enterprise possesses a brain as well good intentions. Therefore the need of assembling all the brainy young secretaries available. Think it over seriously.

Very cordially yours,

Arthur H. Carson

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Rural Education Department,  
Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.  
January 11, 1930.

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Garside:

The other day I had a visit with Dr. Love who has just returned from China. Among other things, he told me about the plan to organize a North China Agricultural Institute at Peking. He was present at the meeting, and has what appears to me, to be very important convictions on the project. Since it directly affects the work of at least three of the Christian Universities in China, I feel strongly that you and Dr. Love should get together as soon as possible. While you may naturally not agree with all of his ideas, his opinion and first hand information is too valuable to lose. The project concerns the use of the surplus famine funds originally assigned to Yenching. While those funds are administered by a body on the field I am sure that your office will be concerned in the plan as now drawn up.

This is another reason why you should attend, at least part of the sessions, the Cornell School for Missionaries in February. The men here interested are going ahead with their preparations, but the response to date from missionaries has not been very encouraging. It will be rather unfortunate if there is not sufficient enrolment at this school to justify the trouble the College is taking. I really think that you would find it worth your time to spend a week or so here, and you would be able to add much to the group.

I have not heard from you since I wrote about Professor Felton. When I saw him a few days ago, he was questioning very seriously whether he could contribute enough to justify the expense to the University at Nanking. It is true that his present work is so specifically aimed at American conditions that the amount of direct transfer would be limited. Perhaps the most valuable part of a visit would be what he could do for missions after his return to this country. As he says, that may be true but it does not seem right to ask the University of Nanking to finance such service. He would, of course, add much in the way of interest and morale while on the field, but I suppose, with Dr. Butterfield's visit, that might be overdone by visiting specialists. Perhaps you have already come to some conclusion in the matter. Otherwise that is still another reason for coming to Cornell.

Cordially yours,

*Arthur H. Carson*

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Shantung Christian University

January 15, 1930

Mr. Arthur L. Carson,  
Rural Education Department  
Cornell University,  
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Carson:

Thanks for your letters of December and January 11.

I apologize for not sending an earlier reply to your letter of December 11. A week or two after receiving this letter I had an opportunity to discuss briefly with Mr. Buck the tentative plans the University of Nanking has made for having Professor Felton spend his sabbatical year in China with headquarters at Nanking. Mr. Buck stated that he was sincerely desirous of having Professor Felton come to Nanking next year but he had not as yet made very much progress in his plans because no funds for Professor Felton's expenses had so far been secured. At the present time Professor Buck is seeking to interest Professor Duggan in a plan for visiting professorships at Nanking and hopes that Professor Duggan may be able to enlist support for this plan. I am afraid, however, that no definite action is likely to be taken by Professor Duggan early enough to help us in planning for Professor Felton's services next year.

The University of Nanking also has a certain amount of money available in connection with the Land Utilization Project, but I am not sure that this money could rightly be used to support Professor Felton; or that any money is available from this source for Professor Felton even though his work comes within the proper scope of the project. Professor Buck told me that as soon as he got back to Nanking he intended to take up with President Y.G. Chen a discussion of whether it will be possible for the University to provide Professor Felton's support. I understand that if this support can be found the University will at once issue a formal invitation. It will, however, be about two months before such a reply can reach us from Nanking unless the University sends us a cable.

Will Professor Felton find it necessary to make a decision before Mr. Buck can get letters to us after his conferences with President Chen? If so, would you suggest that I cable Nanking reporting the situation and ask for advice by cable?

If the prospects for Professor Felton's going to Nanking do not materialize do you think we should try to secure him for a year at Cheeloo? As I have already said to Mr. Buck and you, I feel that Nanking has a prior claim on the interest of Cornell and that the other colleges in China should not take any actions that would diffuse this interest in

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a way that might sooner or later be detrimental to Nanking. I believe, however, that Nanking and Cheeloo will need to cooperate very closely both on the field and here in America and that it might be advantageous rather than detrimental to have an occasional Cornell man spend a year at Cheeloo if the necessary arrangements could be made.

As I stated before, there is not in sight as yet any Cheeloo funds for providing Professor Felton's expenses. If, however, he is definitely interested in the work at Cheeloo, and if you feel that a year spent there would be of value to the University, it may be possible for us to unearth somewhere three or four thousand dollars to cover his support. Please let me have your opinion on these various possibilities.

I sincerely appreciate your invitation to come to Cornell for the special course for missionaries to be held during February and March. I only wish I could see my way clear to be present for a part of the course at least. For the present, however, I am forced to confine my agricultural pursuits to the task of digging out of the landslide of work piled up here in the office. The best I could hope to accomplish would be to go to Ithaca for a day or two if there are any special meetings or conferences I should attend. Dr. Felton has sent me two cordial letters inviting me to come to Cornell for this short course. I am today writing him, but I should appreciate it if you would also extend to him, as you have opportunity, my sincere regrets that I cannot possibly get away to attend this important experiment in missionary preparation.

Please let me know if there are likely to be any particularly important meetings or conferences at Cornell during the short course which it would be of value for me to attend. When you and Smith get together you may wish to plan something along these lines.

Margaret and I very much appreciate the kindly letter of sympathy you and Mrs. Carson sent us. Sorry that for the present you are quarantined for whooping cough. The job of raising youngsters is not always a bed of roses, is it?

Very cordially yours,

*B. A. Garfield*

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Ithaca, N.Y.  
R.F.D.No.3,  
January 21, 1930.

TRANSFER

Mr. B.A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Garside:

Perhaps by this time you have heard from Professor Felton regarding his plans for next year. He has had the misfortune to fall on the icy pavements while at Albany, and is now there in the hospital suffering from several fractured ribs.

The last time I saw him he was in a rather doubtful mood about just what he could contribute, if he went to China. I think he was facing the question very fairly. Coming from the special work he has been doing here, there is a real doubt as to how much transfer there would be. I told him that it had seemed to me that his special contribution would be in the line of raising morale, and interest in rural work, and secondly, in what he would bring back with him to help the cause here. It is doubtful if many people can make as direct and helpful contribution in as short a time as Dr. Love has been able to do. On the other hand, it might be a very valuable thing for Professor Felton to go to either Nanking or Cheloo for a year.

Frankly, I do not know what to say about the choice between the two institutions. As you say, Nanking should be the first choice as regards agricultural specialists. I had even suggested that a man's time might be divided between the two places. In consideration of the fact that Professor Felton may have made other plans altogether in the meantime, I shall not attempt further comment until we hear from him.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have just written to Mr. Hunter at Cheloo. Please return this, if you will, when you have looked it over, for it is my only copy.

I hope you will be able to get up here for a few days at least, during the School for Missionaries, and shall remember your suggestion that you be informed of any special meetings. I have not heard anything recently about the plans, but they are doubtless progressing satisfactorily. I shall know more about that later.

Very cordially yours,

A. S. Carson

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R.F.D. No. 3,  
January 21, 1930

TRANSFER

Mr. J. Walter Hunter,  
Shantung Christian University,  
Tsinan, Shantung, China.

My dear Mr. Hunter:

Before me is the letter from Dr. Li, written last July, in which a formal invitation is extended to join the staff of the College of Arts and Science. Recently, a newspaper report has reached us that Dr. Li has resigned from the University. I sincerely hope that this is not so, and that you will be able to transmit this reply to Dr. Li, as President of the University. In case, however, there is any truth to this rumor, it may be necessary to turn it over to whoever is likely to be interested.

If I have not already made this clear, I may say frankly, that I feel honored by this invitation from the College of Arts and Science, and have been greatly impressed by the opportunity for rural work in Shantung. How much I have to contribute, is, of course, another question. Dr. Li mentioned in his letter that the desire was to have me work in the divisions of Rural Sociology and Rural Economy. I am greatly interested in these subjects, but my training along these lines has not been very direct. My major field at Cornell has been in Rural Education, and for various reasons, I have not been able to do as much as I had hoped in other lines since we first corresponded a year ago. However, I have received the impression that the rural program of the University was still in formation, and that adjustments might be made.

Perhaps a more immediate consideration is that serious doubts have arisen whether we shall be able to return to China at all. I have delayed this reply altogether too long, but I had hoped that we might be able to make a more definite statement. I shall spare you a recital of the details, but a good many things have happened since we first corresponded, among them several cases of rather serious illness in the family, and I am now facing certain obligations, financial and other wise, which may hold us here indefinitely. I am writing now with a good deal of perplexity and hesitation, but it seems clear that the University should be informed of the situation. I apologize for not writing sooner. There may very conceivably be opportunities to secure other and better qualified candidates. We stand ready to give a definite decision one way or the other whenever you feel this should be done. In the meantime, I shall try to carry on work at Cornell, and it is still within the realm of possibility that the way may open later for us to return to China. I

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have recently accepted part time employment at Cornell until next August. Beyond that we have not yet made any arrangements other than to consider the invitation from Cheeloo. Of course, before very long, if we are not going back to China, I shall have to look for a more permanent position here.

I fear this is not a very satisfactory letter. Certainly it has been difficult to write. Our hearts are in the work in China, and I have counted the possibility of a location at the University as a real opportunity. We shall keep the way open as long as possible, but feel that you know something of the difficulties confronting us.

Through Dr. Stanley, and others, we have heard something of the troubled times through which the University seems to be passing. Not knowing much about the details, I shall not attempt to comment, except to express my sympathy.

A letter has just arrived from Harold Smith, stating that he expects to be at Cornell in a few weeks for the special School for Missionaries. I am looking forward to hearing more about developments in Shantung from him.

I was pleased to hear that Dr. Pauls Fugh had joined the staff in Rural Education. He is still remembered at Cornell. Dr. Love has told me that Dr. C.C. Chen is also at Cheeloo. Please greet him for me. We were lab partners here two years ago.

There is a great deal of interest in rural Missions at present in this country, and it is not impossible that some real support may be secured for this work, beyond the usual mission resources. At least, the discussions have tended in that direction.

Very sincerely yours,

A. L. Carson

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January 23, 1930

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Dear Garside:

Sometime ago I drew up a chart showing the work of the University of Nanking, intending to use it my thesis as a type of a central institution. I showed it to Reisner, who made the request that separate copies be made for his use, giving me the enclosed order upon your office. Recently a second request came that the charts be sent to him before he leaves America. This I have done, sending them with Professor Myers who sails on the same boat as Reisner.

In a separate cover there is being mailed a copy of the chart for whatever use you may wish to make of it personally. It is not, of course available for use in any published form until the Institute have passed on the whole report, and selected what they wish to use. I shall welcome any criticisms of this chart, for it would not be a very serious matter to change it, if there are any errors.

You will note that Reisner asked for blue prints. It will not be difficult to make these if he prefers them to the photostatic copy, but most people seem to prefer the latter, which has the additional advantage to me that the size can be reduced for use in a thesis. He also asks for the original drawing. You understand that a tracing is required for making a blue print. This would require several hours work. What we did was to ink in the pencil drawing and use that for the photostat. This india-ink drawing I shall undertake to deliver to you if you wish it. Of course, it would be about as easy to make copies from the one which is being mailed to you.

I am venturing to send the bill for inking in and lettering the drawing to you, together with the bill from the photographer. Part of this is legitimately <sup>a</sup> personal charge

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Your letter of a few weeks ago was appreciated. Let us hear how Mrs. Garside is faring. As for yourself, I suppose you are busy and husky as ever.

I wish I could set a date when I shall be through here. Everybody keeps asking me that, but I fear I can not move much faster. There are some things which can not be hurried, without losing more time in the end. You may be sure that I shall waste no time. I have the first draft of the thesis about half done. After I finish marking examination papers next week, I shall be through at Cornell, and shall give my undivided attention, I hope, to winding up affairs. It will go fairly rapidly if there are not too many other things. Being entirely without a salary after next week I shall have to finish soon- or be finished.

If I run very far into the spring, it will be a bad time to take the children back to China, but I suppose we had better worry about one thing at a time.

Will you be able to come up for the Cornell Missionary School this year? Mr. Hadley was here not long ago from our Board. He seemed to be swamped with applications. Several likely candidates have been talking with me about foreign service. One young man by the name of Salisbury was here this morning. He would like to go to Nanking for Extension work. If there is no opening there, might there be something at Cheeloo? It seemed to me that he suggested possibilities, although I am not ready to commit myself, not because of my doubts about his rating, but rather on account of the situation at Cheeloo.

Tisinger is finishing course work this term. I think he would like to get back to China, but his Board seems to have no way of sending him. Do you suppose the Presbyterians could do anything? You know my opinion of him, but I do not want to stir up anything else unless there is a chance of it going through. The worst feature is that he, like the rest of us, is burdened with college debts. If you see any opening for him, let us know it for he will probably locate somewhere very soon.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur F. Carson

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Shantung Christian University

January 24, 1930

Mr. A. L. Carson,  
R.F.D.No.3,  
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Carson:

Thanks for your letter of January 21. Mighty sorry to hear that Professor Felton had such a serious fall and hope that the fractured ribs will soon mend.

Smith writes me that he is leaving for New York on January 30 and will be hurrying on to Cornell after one day in New York City. I presume, therefore, that he will be reaching your lovely campus about the sixth or seventh of February. I should be glad to get Smith's judgment on the proposals we have been making concerning the plans for Professor Felton next year. I suppose there is no harm in letting the matter stand until Smith arrives here in the East, particularly since Professor Felton is safely tucked away in a hospital for the time being.

I have read with a great deal of interest your letter to J.W. I am returning the copy herewith. All that I have said in the past as to our anxiety for you to go out to Cheeloo this year still stands. As soon as Smith gets to Cornell I hope the two of you will have an opportunity to talk over these plans and difficulties at great length. We are still hoping that your difficulties will in some way solve themselves before next summer so as to open the way for your return to the field.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours

*B. A. Casside*

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February 22, 1930.

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
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TRANSFER

Dear Garside:

For several years the Presbyterian Board have been carrying some items against my account under the new pension plan. I have never understood what it was all about, but appreciated the fact that some one had arranged for these charges, probably in order that I could renew my connections with the pension plan without a break. A short time ago a letter arrived from Mr. Carter, calling my attention to these items, and requesting that some definite action be taken before the auditors had completed their work for this season.

The circumstance referred to made some decision necessary, and with a good deal of regret I replied that I could see no other course except to announce our resignation from the Board. I have not yet sent any formal resignation to Dr. Scott, but feel that it should be done very soon, in justice to all concerned.

Mr. Smith and I had a good conference the other day. Despite his evident sincerity in desiring our return to China, he agrees that there seems no way of our going under the present circumstances. We are some four thousand dollars in debt, and it would be foolish to try to carry debts back to China, with two growing children and other obligations. Of course, I have some equity in the farm where we are living and some household goods. If these could be liquidated on favorable terms, it might be possible to clear off a half, or possibly more, of these debts, but that is too indefinite. Then there would be the question of setting up in housekeeping again on the field. We attempted that once out of current budget, and I would not do it again.

Of course, if it is a mere matter of dollars and cents, I suppose there would be some way of clearing it off. One old school friend has offered to help out of a small estate, but he is a poor country pastor still in Seminary, and has four children of his own. Frankly, we have come to the place where I do not believe we can stand it to ask for any more assistance. From now on, I want to carry my own load.

Professor Felton, who has been as anxious as any one to see us go back to China, says we remind him of a man starting across the country with four bad tires on his car, which is rather an apt illustration. One might add, "and with a borrowed car." It would be all right until one of the tires blew up, and then one would be in a bad position unless they had money enough to buy a new one.

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I appreciate very much - more than I can tell - the efforts you and other like Mr. Wells have made to have us return to Shantung. Perhaps we were wrong in staying here to finish up an advanced degree. All I can say is that we did what seemed to be the right thing. So much has piled up on us in the meantime that the only course seems to be to settle down somewhere in this country.

As yet we have made no special plans. I have enough of a part time salary here, that we can carry on for a while, and my first job is to complete this study of agricultural missions. That will probably be some time in the fall, if everything moves smoothly. Beyond that I have put my name on several lists, and hope that something will turn up. It is certainly high time that I begin to move if I am to be located in school work for next year.

I do not think that you or missions have heard the last of us, but the first step seems to be to make connections so that we can take care of our own load.

You may share this letter with whomever you may think will be concerned. Although it seems pretty well settled to me, I shall probably not take any formal steps toward resignation until you have time to reply.

The school at Cornell is going along nicely. I am only a visitor occasionally, and have not yet had an opportunity to know much of the reaction of the missionaries present. They are a good group, and have made a favorable impression on the campus. I wish I could write of some special meeting which you should attend, but there really seems to be nothing which stands out above the general program. If you could run up for a few days at any time in the next two weeks, it ought to repay you, and you could add a good deal to the group. This is only an experiment, and the important contribution might well be what would grow out of this experience, in the way of contacts between missions and the agricultural profession.

Very cordially yours,

Arthur L. Carson.

P.S. After sealing this a call came from Mr. Smith who had received your letter. We drove down to see him again this afternoon, and went over the various problems again with no new results, except that the decision seems more final. Perhaps we are doing wrong, but we are acting according to the best guidance we have. Thanks for your efforts, and much regret that we are disappointing you.

Sincerely yours,  
A. L. Carson.

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I appreciate very much more than I can tell - the efforts you and other like Mr. Wells have made to have us return to Shanghai. Perhaps we were wrong in staying here to finish up an advanced degree. All I can say is that we did seem to be in the right thing. So much has piled up on us in the meantime that the only course seems to be to settle down somewhere in this country.

As yet we have made no special plans. I have enough of a part time salary here. That we can carry on for a while, and my first job is to complete this study of epigraphy. I shall probably be some time in the fall, it every thing moves smoothly. Beyond that I have put my name on several lists, and hope that some thing will turn up. It is certainly high time that I begin to move if I am to be located in school work for next year.

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You may give this letter with whatever you may think will be concerned. Although it seems greatly well settled to me, I shall probably not take any formal steps toward a permanent position here.

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Very cordially yours,

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Feb. 28, 1930

Mr. B. G. Garside,  
150 Fifth Ave.  
New York City.

TRANSFER

My dear Garside:

Your telegram arrived this morning, I have just wired a reply, and hope you will excuse this hurried note to supplement it. I am writing from a bench in the student hall.

Your enthusiasm to get the carcasses back in China is worthy of a better cause. I doubt if we are worth it. However, I'll do my part. We want to go back, but things had come to the stage where some action seemed inevitable, since the prospects of a return were so uncertain, the only other alternative was to do something else. The immediate occasion was the letter from Mr. Russell Carter, of which I have already written, I do not know what it is really about, but probably it concerns some pension allowance which they have carried on for me. Fundamentally, however, the reason for decision is that I must get in line now for a location for next year if we can not go to Cheloo.

The main difficulty is financial, since these

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March 1, 1930.

Dear Carson,

We have pretty well abandoned the mails and taken to the wires this week. But I'll try to come back to the typewriter and summarize developments to date.

Your letter of February 22nd came just at a time when it seemed absolutely essential to the future of Cheeloo that we have you on the campus next fall. Two letters from Shields had just brought us the information that the Arts College has about decided to suspend operations on the old basis, and expects that when it resumes work again it will be on a thoroughly reorganized basis with the program of rural education as its center. He bemoans the fact that almost nobody is now on hand to plan such a reorganization, and emphasizes the need for re-enforcements next fall. I am enclosing a copy of Shields' letter of January 23rd, which I had mimeographed and distributed to the Governors. His letter of February 3rd was so pessimistic I didn't dare sent it out. Last week I also received a long and discouraged letter from Lautenschlager, closing with this inquiry: "Is Mr. Carson coming for sure? We just must have him for rural sociology or rural education."

We have sympathized all along with the number and seriousness of the problems that have faced you and Mrs. Carson as you have contemplated return to China. We have recognized that you have half a dozen perfectly legitimate reasons for abandoning any thought of return to China and deciding to settle down here in America. But, knowing the two of you as I do, I have been confident that the half-dozen reasons combined could not keep you here if any possible way can be found for your return. I had already had several conversations with Dr. Scott and Dr. Fenn, from which it was pretty clear that about all we could hope for from the Presbyterian Board in the way of special financial help would be in the nature of a grant for special re-outfit allowance which they occasionally make on return to the field after furlough, and which I think they will make in your case. From your letter of February 22nd it became clearer than before that further special financial help would be needed to relieve you of the burden you have been carrying for three years in your task of preparing for further service in China.

For some months I have had in the back of my mind two possible emergency measures we might try out if you found no other solutions of the financial problems, and with this in mind I sent my wire of February 26th. When I received your wire and letter yesterday I proceeded to try out the first of these emergency measures. By the middle of next week I should know whether or not the experiment will be successful. If it does not work, or is only partially successful, there is one other stunt we will

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try out as a last resort. If it is tried, I should know the result before the end of next week.

We quite realize that even though the financial problem should be somewhat relieved there are still further problems you must face. On these other personal problems there is very little we can do to help, except to assure you of our sympathetic interest. I hope, however, that if the financial difficulty can in some way be clarified solutions for the other problems can be found. It is clearly the University's job to give you a hand with the financial problems if you can manage the others.

I would be mighty glad to take a day off for a trip to Ithaca if it would help out in any way. I believe that the best time for me to make such a trip would be Saturday, March 8th. I could take the night train Friday, March 7th, and would arrive in Ithaca at the same time you and Smith did a few weeks ago. I would then come back Saturday night. Do you think this would be satisfactory. If so, where and how to I go after I get off the train in Ithaca?

Incidentally, I suppose the pension matter Mr. Carter wrote about is much the same in your case as it has been in mine. As you know, under the new Presbyterian pension plan, the sum of \$200 is paid each year as the premium of each missionary drawing a married man's salary. When a missionary is on the field or on regular furlough he pays \$50 dollars of this annual premium out of his salary and the Board pays the remaining \$150 out of its general funds. For those of us who are still nominally connected with the Presbyterian Board but not receiving support from them permission has been granted for the Pension Plan to continue our policies but we are of course responsible for the entire \$200 per year. I have continued carrying my pension along, for if I get back to the mission field later the value of the pension at retirement will be materially larger because of the fact that the policy has not been discontinued for a time; and even if I don't go back the policy, counting the years of service I spent in China, is more valuable than I could get from a commercial company at the same price. If at any time I drop out of religious work, or wish to discontinue the policy, the Board will return all I have paid in with accrued interest at 4%. I do not know just how your case stands, but I presume Mr. Carter has been carrying on your payments for you. With your eight and a half years of service your policy is now becoming quite valuable and it would be to your interest to keep it in force whether or not you return to China. But if you do not wish to keep it in force, at least during these years you are in America, I should think (though of this I am not positive) that Mr. Carter could ask the Pension Board to credit to the Presbyterian Board as applicable to its current premiums due whatever he has paid in on your account, with accrued interest, so as to relieve you of any liability in the matter. If I could help you ought by going into the matter for you, I will be glad to do so. Thus far I have said nothing to anyone in the Presbyterian Board about your pension.

With warmest of good wishes to the household of Carson,

I am,

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Cordially,

*B. A. Caside*

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Shantung Christian University

March 4, 1930

Mr. A. L. Carson,  
R.F.D.#3,  
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Carson:

I have your wire suggesting that I come to Ithaca on Thursday or Friday of this week rather than Saturday.

If I could accomplish more by coming on Thursday or Friday rather than Saturday I am very anxious to go at the earlier time. It will, however, be extremely difficult for me to get away before Saturday. Both on Thursday and on Friday I have some important meetings which I should not miss. Also I am afraid it will be the end of the week before I can hope to have any very definite results from the experiments concerning which I wrote you on Saturday.

I will not make a definite decision until tomorrow morning. If I find I can come up to Ithaca tomorrow, Wednesday, night so as to spend Thursday with you I will send you a wire tomorrow. If I find I can go up Thursday night so as to spend Friday with you I will send you a wire either tomorrow or early Thursday morning. I should certainly like to be in Ithaca at the same time as Dr. Warnshuis and should be glad to get there before the missionaries who have been attending the special course at Cornell begin scattering.

No matter what day I may come I will plan to take the 11:50 P.M. train on the Lehigh Valley, arriving in Ithaca at 7:38 A.M.

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Very cordially yours,

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Shantung Christian University

March 13, 1930

Mr. H. P. Lair,  
Mr. Harold Smith  
Mr. Arthur L. Carson,

Dear Lair, Smith and Carson:

I am enclosing herewith a tentative draft of a statement setting forth my ideas of what Cheeloo should do under the such talked of "ruralized program".

I wish that all three of you would write out your own opinions on this subject. I am anxious to compare your viewpoints to see how far we agree and how far there is a difference of opinion. I would also appreciate your criticisms of what I have drafted.

It would be very valuable if we could have your wisdom on this matter before the Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 18. We are hoping that at least two of you can be present at the Executive Committee meeting.

Very cordially yours,

*B. A. Carside*

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*See "Ruralized Program for Cheeloo".*

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Shantung Christian University

March 14, 1930

Mr. Harold Smith  
Mr. A. L. Carson.

Dear Smith and Carson:

Yesterday I received a letter from Dr. Wernshuis in which he writes as follows:

"Recalling our discussions at Cornell last week, we should like to have you give some careful thought to the question of what help the Agricultural Missions Foundation might give to Shantung Christian University during the next year or two. If we can frame a well thought out proposition, it might be one of the ways in which we can most successfully organize this Foundation. I talked with Dean Mann about the whole question at some length. I had plenty of time to do that as we came back to New York on the same train on Friday. The idea of giving assistance to Cheeloo appealed to him very much. If we could get the approval of a small informal group of some project that you and Smith and others might draft, we might see whether we could obtain the funds for it and in that way launch the Foundation. Don't awaken any hopes, but simply try to think thru the statement of a project."

Possibly Dr. Wernshuis has already sent similar suggestions to both of you. I would suggest that each of you two rural experts would frame a well thought out proposition which we could use as the basis for our presentation to the Agricultural Missions Foundation. I am hoping to see Smith at the Executive Committee meeting next week but do not have much hope of enticing Carson to our city in the immediate future.

I hope that Carson will have an opportunity to talk over with Dr. Love, Dr. Myers and Dr. Felton the proposition he works out so we may have the advantage of the suggestions these men will be able to make.

We should have this material in hand as soon as possible so as to take advantage of this opportunity.

Cordially

B. A. Garside

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Mr. B. A. Garside,  
150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Dear Garside:

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Your letter of March 14th, addressed to Smith, Lair, and myself, has just arrived. I have not had time to do more than look over the material which you enclosed, but shall send off my first impressions, in order that it may reach you promptly.

The missionary school has left me with so much work to clean up, that I have had no time to write out, or even to think out anything relating to the rural program at Cheloo. I did write to Mr. Hunter at Tsinan, along the line which we had discussed, trying to be as cheerful as possible, and at the same time urging the importance of carrying on the work of the College of Arts and Sciences.

It would be possible for me to come to New York for the meeting next week, but I am wondering if I can not do as much working here, and seeing you, and possible Smith, during the first week in April, when we have a vacation at Cornell.

Now, as to your various enclosures:

The suggestion from Dr. Warnshuis is fraught with possibilities, and we must labor to take advantage of it, not merely for Cheloo but for the wider work, as well. We are having dinner with the Feltons tomorrow, and I shall take your letter along, and also see Dr. Love and the others as soon as possible. Perhaps they have already heard from Dr. Warnshuis.

Your statement of ideas regarding the ruralized program at Cheloo strikes me as extremely well thought out, and sound in its main points. I do not see that any of the "rural experts" will be able to add much to it, until they get on the job. I am heartily in sympathy with the idea of preserving essentially what they have there, and adding to it a rural application, and development along certain lines. I would also stress, what you seem to have pretty well in mind, the advisability of not seeming to shut other doors to students or to force them into certain lines. Without having any formal Junior College organization it would seem as if we could carry on some limited pre-professional work, which would pave the way for local students who might not find all they wanted at Cheloo. I realize too much general work has been done, but that may one reason for not cutting it off too abruptly. Much of the success of the new program will depend - as in any mission program - upon the spirit and good-feeling which it can arouse.

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For this reason, I hesitate about stating too bradly that the Schools of Medicine and Theology should be ruralized. I would rather say that they should undertake to make a special contribution along these lines of rural leadership. If we can really get something going of value, there is not much doubt about arousing enthusiasm for it, especially if it leads into fields of vocational opportunity. That was Mr. Well's policy at Weihsien, and I think the results, meagre as they were, would show that even the most conservative missionary or Chinese would get back of a rural program when they saw it in action.

This is to say in other words, that the success of the rural work at Cheloo depends primarily upon getting a group there who would be able to make a real impact upon the University program. They ought to have some moderate financial backing and official sanction, so that they will not have to beg and pull wires, and carry on propaganda in order to have a chance from their own associates to show what they are talking about. This, it seems to me, is just where this Agricultural Missions Foundation should come in - to start such work off on the right footing. Of course, it would be a terrible mistake to impose something from above. That will depend much upon the personnel of the men chosen to do the work. I do not think it is out of place here to mention again the fact that educators like Tisinger are available, if they felt there was a real place for them, and the necessary arrangements could be made about their appointment. I mention Tisinger because he, as well as Middleton, and others, are acquainted with each other. It would be worth while to consider carefully the means to get together a group who would give good indications of starting off well together in the harness.

This is a side remark, but on your first page you speak of Yenching and Lingnan "carrying on a smaller amount of work in the same field". The work at Lingnan is well established and of a very high order, as well of considerable variety. As we know, Yenching's greatest development has certainly been in other lines, and I would hesitate to put the two institutions in the same class as far as agriculture is concerned, not even for reasons of diplomacy. Of course, South China is a field by itself, but they might be able to help more than we have realized in a general program. Knowing them personally, I feel they really deserve more recognition that they have received.

I would stress the Plant Improvement work, in connection with the Cornell -Nanking program as of immediate importance, and cooperation with government agriculturists, and extension work in the rural middle schools as important points in the ultimate program, in addition to what you have mentioned.

Without trespassing on another page, I shall send these scattered remarks for what they are worth.

Cordially yours,

Arthur L. Carson.

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This is a side remark, but on your last page you speak of something and "carrying on a similar amount of work in the same field". The work at Michigan is well established and of a very high order, as well as considerable variety. As we know, Michigan's program is a very important one in the same field as far as agricultural education is concerned, not even for reasons of efficiency. Of course, South Ohio is a field by itself, but they might be able to help more than we have realized in a general program. Knowing them personally, I feel they really deserve a recognition that they have received.

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150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

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TRANSFER

Dear Garside:

Since writing to you last Saturday, I have doing some thinking about the rural program at Cheloo, and what may be more important, have talked it over with Dr. Love and Professor Felton. I gave them your letter to read, first. Like myself, neither of them could find much to criticize. You seem to have pretty well summed up the situation, as much as it can be done at this distance. Of course, when we refer to the work done at Nanking in scientific agriculture and forestry, we must not forget that Nanking has also done a great deal in the line of extension work, and some normal training courses.

Dr. Love says that the important thing is to get a group out there as soon as possible, who will work out things on the field, with the backing of the home base. I really wish that I could start there early in the summer- if we are able to go. More about that later. Unfortunately perhaps, it is probably necessary to take some action here in order to keep things going in the right direction.

Professor Felton, who has been around over the country a great deal, suggests that we might learn much from a visit to Peabody College for Teachers. You may know about their work. It is concentrated normal training with some agriculture, and seems to have done a great work in the South. He also suggested Berea College, Tuskegee, and Hampton. I would like very much to visit all four of these if we go to China. Perhaps we could drive the old Studebaker that way on our way to the West Coast, but to continue the more immediate question, it would seem that the educational work, with special emphasis upon rural teaching, would be the field for Cheloo to hit hardest. Felton used a good phrase about Peabody- a remark by a student that there is an "oughtness about the place." Everybody feels they ought to do something about it. At the same time, I believe that rural service can be made attractive enough and filled with enough interest professionally, that there will be a lot of "want to" about it. I still keep thinking that we should have Tisinger at Cheloo rather than Nanking. I think that Reisner has written to him, but I am sure Reisner would see the matter in the broader light. The big problem might be whether Tisinger could keep his connections with his mission board. If the proposed merger of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches should take place, that would be easy.

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Even if I can be free of work this summer, it is going to keep me hustling to finish up by autumn. I shall know more about that later.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur L. Carson

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Even if I cannot find a suitable assistant, it is going to be me hustling to finish up by autumn. I shall now more about that later.

Sincerely yours,

*Arthur D. Stewart*

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Shantung Christian University

March 21, 1930

Mr. A. L. Carson,  
Rural Education Department,  
Cornell University,  
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Carson:

Since I returned from Ithaca my correspondence with you has been limited to joint letters addressed to two or more Cheelocites. I should have written you a more personal letter before this if only to express my warm appreciation for the hospitality of the Carson household during the day I was in Ithaca. Please present to Mrs. Carson and your mother my expressions of gratitude and my apologies for not having sent them sooner.

We had a meeting of the Executive Committee of the North American Section on March 18. Both Lair and Smith found it possible to attend. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the minutes.

The Committee was greatly gratified to learn of the hopeful prospects for getting you out to Cheeloo this fall. Much of the discussion concerning the work of the Arts College under the correlated program was based on the assumption that you would be at the University to help out.

Practically the entire time of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of recent developments at the University. The Committee was frankly disturbed over the closing of the Arts College this spring, and the very vague prospects for the future. The four actions they took are unusually vigorous for our placid Governors. As yet we have not learned what the attitude of the British Section is but should be having some response from them within the near future.

I talked with Smith as to the procedure we should follow in working out a project along the lines suggested by Dr. Warnshuis. Smith agreed that we should ask you to take the initiative in working out such a proposition. You have been giving a great deal of time and thought to this special field during the last few years and also have the advantage of being able to consult with the other leaders in this work there at Cornell. Won't you work out a proposition for us, discuss it with Dr. Love and the other men there at Cornell, and then bring it down to New York with you during the first week in April when you are having a brief vacation. This is an extremely important matter and both Smith and I will be glad to help

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out in any way we can but we look to you for instructions.

Thanks for your comments on the tentative draft of our statement as to the ruralized program for Cheeloo. You will note that the Executive Committee appointed a special sub-committee to draft such a statement as this as to the future policy of the work at Cheeloo. I know the other two members of this Committee will have some very definite ideas of their own, so by the time such a statement is put in final form it may be considerably modified.

Let us know when we can hope to see you here in New York.

Very cordially yours,

*B.A. Garside*

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Shantung Christian University

March 24, 1930

Mr. A. L. Carson,  
New York State College of Agriculture,  
Cornell University,  
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Carson:

Your letter of March 20 arrived just after I had written an acknowledgment of your letter of March 15.

I am glad that you had the opportunity of talking over with Dr. Love and Professor Felton the first draft of "The Ruralized Program at Cheeloo". I quite appreciate the necessity of revising this draft so as to give full credit to the work already being done at Nanking and the other centers. I believe that when I was in Ithaca I mentioned to you briefly the possibility that we might be able to persuade Mr. Reisner to spend all, or at least half, of the year 1930-31 at Cheeloo helping with the initiation of the University's ruralized program. During the last fortnight I have had additional encouragement as to the possibility of such an arrangement. Dr. Dodd tells me that he hopes the Reisners can get out to China during the coming summer; and that while Reisner's health would probably be fairly satisfactory in Nanking, Dr. Dodd feels he would undoubtedly get on much better in the more favorable Shantung climate. I have reason to believe that Reisner is keenly interested in helping with the initiation of the ruralized program at Cheeloo though naturally he is anxious that his personal attitude in the matter be kept confidential so as to avoid placing him in a false light in the eyes of his colleagues at Nanking or in the eyes of those interested in the correlated program at other centers. I am at this time writing Dr. Shields suggesting that the field authorities of the University take formal steps in the direction of inviting Reisner to spend all, or at least the major part of 1930-31 on the Cheeloo campus. I hope that Shields will be able to send us a cable on this matter in time for consideration by the North American Section of the Cheeloo Governors on April 25.

It is gratifying to know that your plans for getting out to Cheeloo are progressing. We keenly appreciate the problems Mrs. Carson faces in considering the responsibilities of family ties. I hope, however, that she may find some reasonably satisfactory solution of these difficulties. Since the furlough regulations of our Presbyterian Board allow a six months furlough with travel both ways at the end of five years, or a furlough of nine months at the end of six years, I am sure that you could both feel that in going out to China at this time you would not in any way commit yourselves to absence from America for a minimum of seven years. There

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should be no difficulty in your getting back to the United States at the end of five or six years if conditions should arise necessitating an earlier return. Also, while the formal furlough regulations of the Presbyterian Board sound rather severe, the Board usually stretches a number of points in the direction of liberality when special conditions necessitate return to America before a full term of service has elapsed.

It would certainly be fine if you could so arrange your plans as to get to the Cheeloo campus well in advance of the date for the formal opening of the autumn semester. Many things should be done in advance of the date for the opening, and can be satisfactorily done only by someone who is on the campus and is intimately acquainted with the situation and the needs.

Shortly after I returned from Ithaca I had luncheon with Mr. Russell Carter and talked over in a general way the status of your Presbyterian pension fund obligations. He did not give me detailed information as to just what financial obligations are involved but told me that he would write you immediately giving this information in detail. I hope that you have already heard from him and that he has given you the facts you need. If the matter is still not clear please let me know and I will be glad to help in any way I can.

Please feel free also to let us know when you will need to avail yourself of Mr. Cochran's and Dr. Milliken's offer to assist. Both of them have stated that they will be willing to make their assistance available at any time you may require it.

I am interested in Professor Felton's suggestion as to the value of a visit to the Peabody College for Teachers although I must confess I have very little detailed information as to the work this college is doing. If you could find time to visit Peabody and also such other institutions as Berea, Tuskegee, and Hampton, it would be all to the good. It is a little hard to see, however, how you can find much time for such visitations if you are to finish up your doctorate, see a little of the home folks, particularly Mrs. Carson's family, and get out to Cheeloo in time for the opening of work in the autumn.

We are hoping that you will be able to get to New York within the next fortnight as intimated in your letter of March 15.

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Very cordially yours,

*B. A. Garside*

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Dear Garside:

Your letter has been received, also one from Mr. Lautenschlager. There is nothing especially new in the latter, and we shall discuss the former when I see you next week. My plan is to be at Institute Tuesday for a conference, probably arriving in the city Tuesday morning.

Tisinger was out to see me last night, and I am wondering if there is anything to do to help him make a definite decision. It seems to me now that he certainly ought to go to China for University work in rural education- if any of us have a place there. I am ready to drop any immediate thought of his going to Tsinan, especially in light of the prospects regarding Reisner. It would be better to concentrate efforts in getting Tisinger to Nanking, where the chances are apparently better. The biggest question comes regarding his Board, the Reformed Church in the United States. They are anxious for him to go back to Huping (Yochow) for agricultural work. For various good reasons he feels his place is in educational work of an advanced nature rather than agriculture, which his training and interests have lead away from. Perhaps this does not sound very good, but if you get acquainted with Tisinger I am sure you will share the enthusiasm we all feel regarding him. He does not make a great impression, but he is right there with the goods! Would there be any chance of his Board putting a representative at Nanking? They have enjoyed a lot of help from Nanking, and it would not be an illogical move. Failing that, would there be any chance of his going under some other board?

His problem is complicated somewhat as ours has been, because of indebtedness, a total of some \$2000. Too bad- all the good men get in debt, isn't it? If he went under his Board, and they felt happy about it, there seems to be indications that they would help him out of this. I wish we could offer to share the aid which you have secured for us. There may be possibilities in that direction, but I hardly feel safe in suggesting it now.

The reason for haste regarding Tisinger's case is that he has an offer of the principal ship of his home high school, and is seriously considering it. He is supposed to make application this week. My own feeling is that he ought to stay here this summer, finish up his work except for a thesis, line that up in advance if possible, and then go out to Nanking.

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His field would be Rural School Administration and Supervision, with a minor in Rural Sociology, and he would develop the research facilities which our Christian education has so lacked. At the same time he would be a tower of strength to the University, and to the whole cause of Christian education. He would work in very nicely with Buck's work in Economics. I wish he could be at Cheloo, but I would rather see him at Nanking than lost to the work, as will doubtless happen if he goes to teaching, in Virginia.

He has had a letter from Reisner. I am trying to keep him from doing anything rash, until things regarding China have a chance to develop. Think this over in your spare time- and be ready to tell me if you see any chances of speeding things up.

Changing the subject, and coming to the Carsons and their problems, I have been thinking since your letter came of the suggestion that we might be able to draw on some this promised financial help. My first impression was to leave it go until we were further along. Now, however, it appeals to me that getting some of these obligations cleared off earlier, might help to clear things up in the direction of China, which seems to be the object of the whole scheme. Specifically, I owe Edith's sister the sum of \$400 with interest for about nine months. It might be a good thing, from a psychological standpoint, to pay that up. People always feel better with money in their fist, and it might cheer her up a lot. None of the family ever pay her back, and she might believe in fairness and everything else, if I actually paid her in advance. Then I owe my own mother \$100, which I borrowed a year ago. This must be paid, and some of the same arguments apply. Altogether, there are about a thousand in debts which it would help to clear up immediately. If we can make any arrangements to that effect, while I am in New York, I would, of course, expect to cover the amount with a note, or notes, with the understanding that these would be returned when we were started for China.

I must meet Edith down town in five minutes- hence the haste.

Sincerely,

Arthur L. Cannon

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Sincerely,

*Robert L. Carson*

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I must rest this down for the five minutes - hence the haste.

Sincerely,

*Arthur L. Carter*

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