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Re: Soochow University

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THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF CANTON

Kukong Office  
Fung to Chung Rd.  
Hongkong Office.  
c/o Chinese Y.M.C.A.  
Bridges St.

November 15, 1943

Dr. C. A. Cartwright,  
Methodist Board of Missions  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Cartwright:

For sometime I have intended to take time to write to you giving some of my impressions of the recent developments of Soochow University. I have been acting as a member of the Board of the University and with Dr. Ng Hok Chung, of the Methodist Hospital in Kukong, I have been a member of a Field Committee conferring with Acting-President T. L. Shen.

First of all, I wish to tell you of my admiration for the leadership which Mr. T. L. Shen has given in cooperation with Professor Poon San Ming. They have faced great difficulties. First of all, they had to make the difficult decision on the question of the location of the University. It was a time of confusion with advice from many quarters. At that time we did not know what the Japanese army would try to do. Many people thought Kukong was too close to the enemy lines. The group of professors with T. L. Shen were individualists as most college professors are. You could not get them as a group to agree on anything. Shen and Poon had to take the leadership and they did. I believe their decision to stay in Kukong was the best to be made under the circumstances.

With the help of Lingnan University a start was made. There was still much confusion and uncertainty and many of the members of the teaching staff suffered from this condition. I do not know all of the troubles Shen and Poon had. I know some of them and will always admire them for the courage they had in the face of obstacles. Men with less loyalty to the University would have lost hope.

I think the most difficult time in the experience of the University since it moved to Kukong was last summer. A number of the staff had resigned to go to other positions. They were, for the most part, well trained men for their fields of work but they had been unhappy about conditions and wanted to make a change. There was trouble with the contractor who had failed to complete buildings he had promised to complete. Mr. Shen was in bad health. All in all the future for the University looked very dark to me. But when I came back to Kukong after being away for six weeks I found that new teachers, good teachers, had been secured to take the place of the staff members who had left, the trouble with the contractor had been cleared up and the University had started its autumn term with a good enrollment of students. In all my experience I do not think I have seen a better example of how courage can overcome obstacles.

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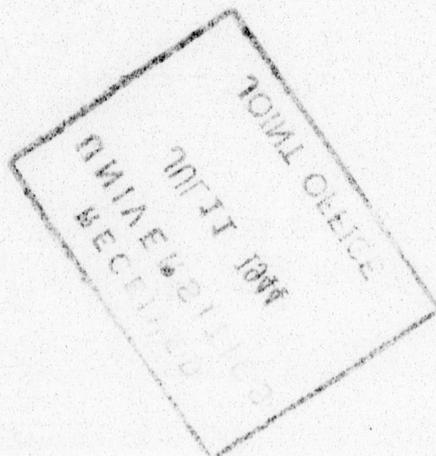
Dr. Ng Hok Chung and I heartily endorse the appeal of Mr. Shen for the \$12,000 US increase over the grant of \$25,000 US already promised for the coming year. Conditions in China are such today that adequate support from the USA is necessary if the University is to continue its work.

We are making a closer connection between the University and the English Methodist Church in this area. As you probably know the English Methodist Church is working in Kwongtung province and in Hunan province. This will enable the University to maintain its Methodist connections locally until such time as it will be possible to move back to the old campus in Soochow. When that time comes you and your associates will be happy in the thought that you have done your part in keeping Soochow University functioning during these difficult war years. With warm personal regards to you, Dr. Diffendorfer and others of your associates, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) E. H. Lockwood,

Advisory General Secretary, Yukong YMCA.



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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) H. H. Lockwood,

Advisory General Secretary, YKONG YWCA.

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COMMITTEE FOR  
CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

January 4, 1925.

Dr. W. B. Nance, President,  
Soochow University,  
Soochow, China.

My dear Dr. Nance:

Referring to your letter of December 7, and the inquiry therein, concerning "China Union University" let me say that this appears upon some of our office envelopes by a printer's error. The correct title is indicated by the letterhead as "China Union Universities Central Office".

I am sure it will be a matter of satisfaction to all to have Soochow come in to the "Permanent Committee for the Coordination and Promotion of Higher Education in China" and we hope that this will come about soon.

Cordially yours,

*Eric M. Rath*

Secretary.

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## Soochow University

Soochow, China

Office of the President

December 7, 1925.

Rev. Eric M. North,  
China Union University,  
Central Office,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. North:

I have followed with considerable interest the various committee meetings leading up to the organization of "the Permanent Committee for the Coordination and Promotion of Christian Higher Education in China." I thank you for sending me these documents from time to time. My curiosity is piqued by the title at the top of this letter, taken from the envelope of your most recent letter. I am wondering whether I have missed any communication I should have received, which reports the organization of the "China Union University." What is the relation of that institution to those ~~reported~~ <sup>represented</sup> in your "Permanent Committee?"

There are various reasons why Soochow University has not had more representation in these negotiations, which I need not detail. Allow me to say that I most heartily approve of the general idea, and trust that Soochow University may ere long have a part <sup>in</sup> any general scheme of promotion and co-operation that is worked out. Trusting that you will give me any information I have missed on the point mentioned above, I am

Yours very truly,

*W. B. Nance*

W. B. Nance, President.

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PERMANENT COMMITTEE FOR THE COORDINATION  
AND PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCA-  
TION IN CHINA

June 18, 1926.

Dr. Walter Buckner Nance, President,  
Soochow University,  
Soochow, China.

My dear Dr. Nance:

While your institution is not officially related to the Permanent  
Committee for the Coordination and Promotion of Christian Higher Education  
in China, I thought you might be interested in the account of the second  
meeting of that committee, and I am accordingly enclosing a copy of the  
minutes of that meeting for your information.

Cordially yours,

Secretary.

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Soochow University

Soochow, China

Western Adviser  
Office of the ~~President~~

COMMITTEE FOR  
CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

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December 27, 1927.

Mr. B.A. Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Sir:

I thank you for the documents sent me under dates of November 23rd and 29th. I am writing this to request you to send copies of the same, and all other relevant documents, from time time, to Dr. W.G. Cram, General Secretary Board of Missions, M.E.C.S., and Dr. O.E. Goddard, Foreign Secretary -- P.O. Box 510, Nashville, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

*W. B. Nance*

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Washington University

St. Louis, Mo.

October 21, 1923

Dear Sir:

Mr. J. B. ...  
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New York City

Dear Sir:

I thank you for the ...  
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Dear Mr. Ballou: -  
kindly send me a copy of  
the reorganization scheme for  
a single Board of Trustees  
for all the Christian Colleges  
in China? Miss Mabel Howell  
of Scarritt College, Nashville,  
Tenn., showed me her copy  
of the proposed scheme, but  
I have not received even  
that. I am here through  
July at least.

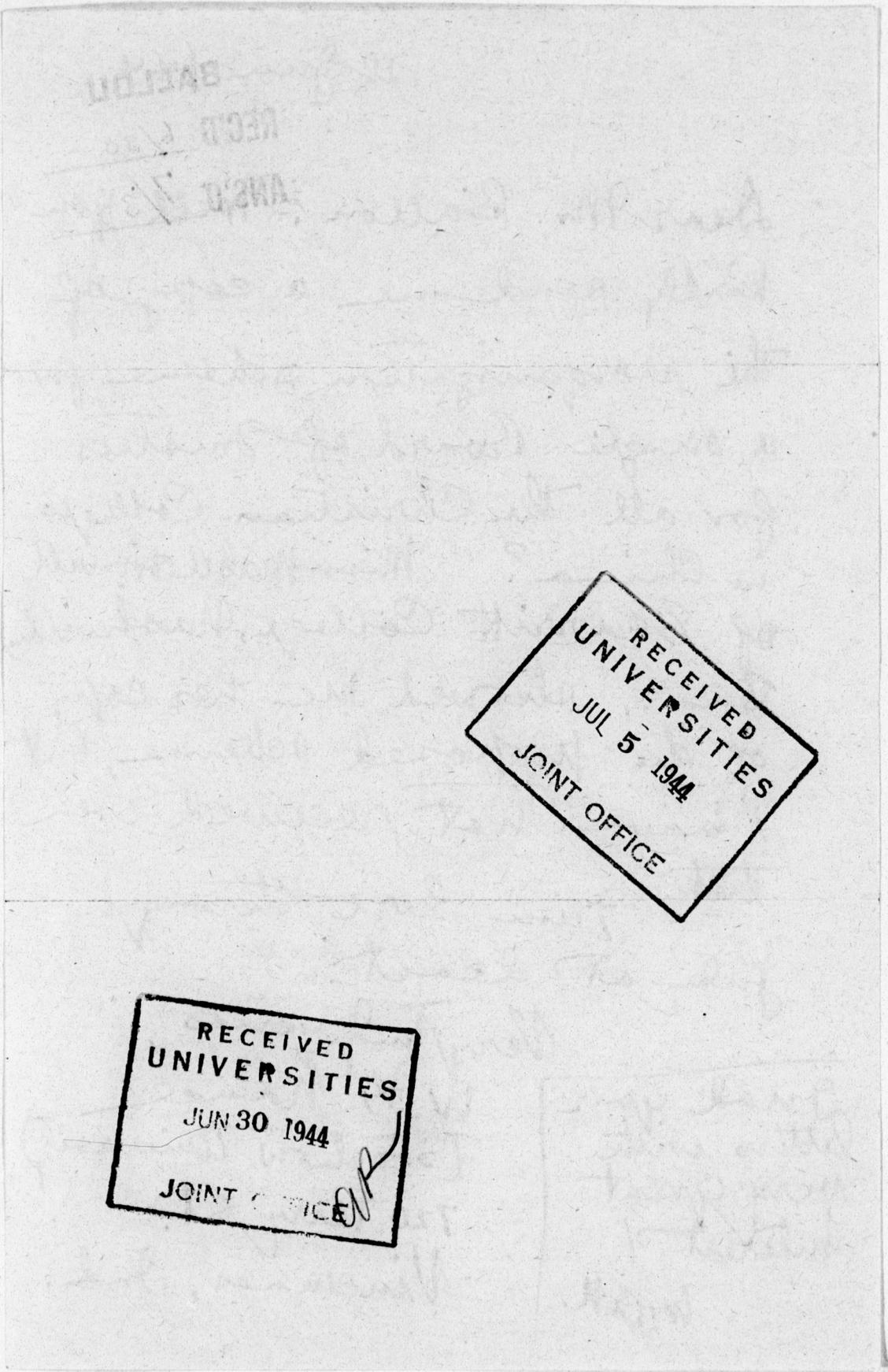
Very truly yours,

W. B. Nance  
(Soochow University)  
720 Perry St.  
Vincennes, Ind.

I read your  
letters with  
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July 3, 1944

Dr. W. B. Nance  
720 Perry Street  
Vincennes, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Nance:

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the Plan for the United Board. As I understand it these were originally sent only to the chairmen of the College Boards of Trustees and the chairmen of the constituent Mission Boards. In a number of cases from these people requests have been received for extra copies to be distributed by them. I think it was a case of those responsible for the distribution here in this office not knowing just how many copies should be sent to whom and therefore delegating the decisions to these chairmen. Probably Miss Howell got her copy in that way since our record does not show that one was sent to her direct.

Please feel free to write us for any material which you may hear of or see that does not come directly to hand. Would you like us to put your name on the list for any particular kind that you may know goes out of this office from time to time?

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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March 15, 1923.

Dr. W. W. Pinson,  
706 Church Street,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

My dear Dr. Pinson:

The Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in China in its meeting last May appointed a committee to work on the problem of publicity for Christian institutions in China in this country. Dr. Edward Hume, of Yale-in-China, is the chairman of this committee, and there has been delegated to me the task of securing such information of a general character as may be available on the various institutions, in order that we may compile a sort of speakers' handbook that will enable those who are representing any of the institutions in China to have at their disposal information regarding the whole program and work of higher education in China. To this end, I am writing you to ask if there are not in the files of your board, half a dozen copies of the catalog of Soochow University, and perhaps some other printed material which you could have sent to me for use in this connection. (If there are not so many copies available we will appreciate very much having even one copy. I hope that you can find us something to help us out in this task.

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FOREIGN DEPARTMENT—GENERAL WORK  
W. W. PINSON, SECRETARY  
ORIENTAL FIELDS

March 20, 1923.

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Brother:

Replying to yours of March 15th in re: The Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in China, I am giving instruction that the information for which you ask be furnished you, as far as we have it in hand. I fear I shall not be able to furnish you but one copy of the Socchow Annual. I am having the matter looked into, and will send you what we can get together that will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

*W. W. Pinson*

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*Soochow*

July 14, 1923.

President W.B. Nance,  
Soochow University,  
Soochow, China.

My dear Mr. Nance:

We send you herewith a complete copy of Minutes and report to date that you may be fully apprised of the proceedings in the direction of closer cooperation for promotional work in this country on behalf of Christian Higher Education in China.

The actions of the Committee have been forwarded to Dr. W.W. Pinson for your institution with the request that they be considered by your Board in this country. They will no doubt appreciate any information or comment from you which will bear on this matter.

Faithfully yours,

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The Committee on Organizing a Permanent Committee  
for the Coordination and Promotion of  
Christian Higher Education in China.

July 17, 1923.

The Board of Trustees,  
Soochow University,  
% Dr. W. W. Pinson,  
706 Church St.,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Gentlemen:

We present for the consideration of your Board the following actions taken by the Conference of representatives of Christian Colleges and Universities in China with regard to the coordination and promotion of Christian Higher Education in China.

VOTED:- that recognizing the purpose and plan for coordination in higher educational work in China as expressed in the Association of Colleges and Universities, and other cooperative agencies and councils, it is the sense of this meeting that coordination of the several Boards and agencies in this country related to the higher educational work in China for the promotion of such work in China is desirable.

VOTED:- to be the sense of this meeting that a Committee should be established representing the Christian Higher Educational Institutions in China, having Boards of Trustees or Directors in the United States and Canada or under the care of North American Mission Boards, subject to the approval of two-thirds of these Boards of Directors or Trustees and two-thirds of the Mission Boards cooperating in them, this Committee to be responsible to these Boards and to be charged with the duty of arranging for and carrying through a coordinated financial campaign and coordinated promotive work at the Home Base in accordance with the first eight suggestions proposed by the Committee of three and under such other plans as the Committee may approve; and this Committee, further, to have power to constitute an Advisory Committee of those best able to survey the problems of Higher Education in China and to counsel it and the Boards of Trustees and the cooperating Mission Boards as to these problems and their wise solution.

VOTED:- that each Board of Trustees or Directors of an institution of higher education in China be requested to appoint one member to the proposed committee for the coordination and promotion of Christian Higher Education in China, and that the committee so established should be empowered to co-opt five additional members at large, it

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being understood that the representative members will be chosen in such a way as to include everyone of the mission boards co-operating.

VOTED:- this committee is of the opinion that the expenses involved in the first instance in setting up such an organization should be shared equally by the institutions cooperating, and that when the trustees of any institution appoint their representative on the committee they be requested to appropriate \$100.00 towards the initial expenses of the committee.

We are enclosing a complete copy of the minutes of the meetings held and a copy of the report made by the sub-committee of three and considered by the meeting on June 12th.

We request that your Board will give these proposals your earnest consideration and, if approved, make the appointment and appropriation requested.

Since this plan is not to be inaugurated unless two-thirds of the mission boards involved in these institutions give their approval we would also request that when you notify us of the action of your Board of Trustees or Directors, you also indicate whether the mission board or boards participating in your insitution have approved.

Faithfully yours,

For the sub-committee,

Chairman

Secretary.

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March 7, 1924.

Doctor W. W. Pinson,  
706 Church Street,  
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Doctor Pinson:

Under date of July 17th, 1923, I wrote you presenting certain recommendations with regard to the establishment of a committee for the coordination and promotion of Christian Higher Education in China, and asking whether the Board of Trustees of Soochow University were prepared to enter into such an arrangement with the Boards of Trustees of other universities and colleges.

We have not had any reply to this proposal as yet, and we are anxious to proceed with the plans, if possible:

I would very greatly appreciate any information which you can give me on this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

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FOREIGN DEPARTMENT—GENERAL WORK  
W. W. PINSON, SECRETARY  
ORIENTAL FIELDS

May 26, 1924.

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Brother:

I must offer my apology for not having replied to your letter of March 7th in reference to the establishment of a committee for the coordination and promotion of Christian Higher Education in China. You refer in this letter to your letter of July 17, 1923. I am not able to find any such letter in our files. It is barely possible that I passed it on to one of our educators for his consideration and that it was not returned. It is always our custom, however, in such cases to send a copy and not the original. However, I have no recollection of the receipt of such a letter. The subject has been taken up with Dr. Nance of Soochow University and also with one of our educational missionaries who is at home on furlough.

The purpose you have in mind appeals to me and I shall be very glad to cooperate as far as possible. Will you not open the subject again with me by bringing me up to date on the progress that has been made and the steps just ahead, that I may take my share in the proposed scheme of cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

*W. W. Pinson*



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*Joseph*

June 25, 1924.

Dr. W. W. Pinson,  
706 Church Street,  
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Pinson:

In somewhat belated reply to your letter of May 26th regarding the establishment of a Committee for the Co-ordination and Promotion of Christian Higher Education in China, I am writing to comply with your suggestion that I bring you up to date on the situation as it now stands.

For your information, I am also enclosing a copy of the original letter to you, and copies of the minutes of the committee meetings held a year ago.

Up to the present time seven of our China institutions are prepared to assist in carrying out such a plan as that suggested-:

Peking University  
Yenching College  
Shantung Christian University  
University of Nanking  
Ginling College  
Fukien Christian University  
Canton Christian College

We have also received favorable responses from several of the Mission Boards - the Congregational, the Presbyterian, and the Reformed Church of America.

There was some expectation that a meeting might be called during this month to hear some report on the developments in China along this same line. It now looks as though such a meeting might be held in September. Mr. Earl H. Cressey, Secretary of the East China Educational Association, was requested to bring an official report from the meeting of the China Christian Educational Association held in Nanking last February.

There appears to be a very real desire on the part of a good many institutions in China to see something like this worked out.

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I trust that Soochow University will be ready to join with the others in such a program, and that your own Mission Board will be prepared to give its approval.

If I can give any further light on the matter, I shall be glad to do so, at your request.

Very sincerely yours,

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NASHVILLE, TENN.

September 19, 1924.

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Moss:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 25th in re actions taken by the Committee on Organizing a Permanent Committee for the Coordination and Promotion of Christian Higher Education in China, copy of which was forwarded to Dr. W. B. Nance, President of Soochow University, some time ago. I have been awaiting a reply to this communication before bringing the matter to our Executive Committee, but have not yet heard from him. I beg to inform you that I am holding the matter, pending a reply from him and action on the part of the Board of Trustees of Soochow University.

I understand that it is proposed that the Board of Trustees or Directors of an institution are to select one member to act on this Committee. Am I correct in the supposition that you refer to the Board of Trustees or Directors on the field— in other words, the regular controlling Board?

Sincerely,

*W. W. Pinson*

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*Soochow*

September 25, 1924.

Dr. W. W. Pinson,  
P. O. Box #510,  
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Pinson:

I have just returned from my vacation and find your letter of September 19th, regarding the action taken by the Trustees of Soochow University on the Committee for the Coordination and Promotion of Christian Higher Education in China.

The proposal as outlined, calls for the appointment of a member of this committee by the governing board of the institution in this country. If, in the case of Soochow University, there is no such board in this country, then, of course, the Field Board of Directors would have to make the appointment, I suppose, but it should be someone who could attend committee meetings in this country, of course.

I hope that you will have favorable action of the part of the University at an early date.

Very sincerely yours,

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July 3, 1925.

Mr. Eric M. North, Secretary,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. North:

I have yours quoting action of June 12, 1923  
in regard to Christian Higher Education in China,  
and write to thank you for the information contained  
in your statement.

I am glad to know of the progress being made,  
and regret that we have not been able yet to secure  
action on the part of our Trustees in China and our  
Committee at home, on this matter.

I hope you will send a copy of this paper, if  
you have not already done so, to Dr. W. B. Nance, Presi-  
dent of Soochow University, Soochow, China.

Yours cordially,

*W. W. Pinson*

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July 2, 1925.

Mr. W. W. Pinson, Secretary,  
706 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Pinson:

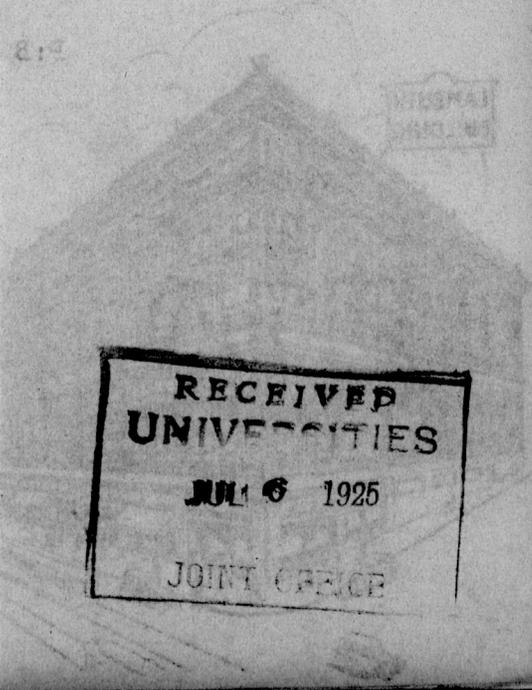
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Yours cordially,

*W. W. Pinson*



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