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President Y. G. Chen
University of Nanking
Nanking, China

My dear Dr. Chen:

In our pre-holiday rush of duties I have gotten sadly behind with my correspondence. I therefore have for acknowledgment a number of letters from your office.

Letter of September 16th. This asks that we discuss with the Presbyterian Board the salary arrangements of Dr. J. Lossing Buck. I have talked these matters over in a preliminary way with our Presbyterian friends, but found that it is not possible for them to give an immediate decision because of inadequate information as to just what payments are being made by their treasurers in China. They stated that they would secure this information as promptly as possible, and that we would then be in a position to reach definite decisions. I am bringing the matter up within a few days and am hoping that we can get the matter cleared.

Letter of October 18th. This deals with matters discussed at the annual meeting of our Nanking Founders last May. Some of the information you give should be passed on to the Founders and to the various committees. The main point in this letter which I wish to stress is that of our invitation to you to come to America for 1936-37. I believe it is of great importance to every phase of our University of Nanking relationships here at the home base to have you with us for a year, and that at as early a date as we can arrange. We appreciate the fact that it is difficult for you to get away from the field, and that in these days of financial stringency we are all inclined to put off to the future any expenditure that can possibly be postponed. But I do believe that it would be to the ultimate advantage of the University to have you spend a year here in America getting into more intimate touch with the Board of Founders, the cooperating Mission Boards, and the rest of the home constituency, and at the same time taking the lead in helping us secure additional funds for the University. It is already high time for us to begin making definite plans for your coming so we should not let a decision in the matter be postponed too long.

Letter of October 20th. This reports on the problems connected with the registration of the deeds of the University. We recognize that this is a delicate and involved situation, and we admire the skill and patience with which you have handled it. One point which seems to be of major importance is that of the name in which the deeds of the University are to be

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registered. I wonder if it is clear to everyone that the corporate name of the University, as given in the Charters conferred by the University of the State of New York is "University of Nanking" and not "Board of Founders of the University of Nanking". For this reason, if no other, it would be a mistake to register the deeds in the name of the Board of Founders, for that is not our corporate title. I do not know whether it would be legally possible to register the property of the University in the name of the "Board of Directors of the University of Nanking", even if this were recognized as the desirable move. Would the Chinese government officials accept registration of the deeds in the name of the Board of Directors without requiring evidence that the Board of Directors are actually the owners of the property? It would seem to me that the only way in which the Directors could present such proof would be for the corporate body, acting through the Board of Founders, to convey title from "The University of Nanking" to the "Board of Directors of the University of Nanking". Any request for such a conveyance of title would, of course, have to be given very careful study from a wide variety of viewpoints.

If these deeds are registered in the name of "The University of Nanking", would the Chinese officials recognize this as a Chinese institution, and therefore exempt from taxation? This seems to be the crucial question. If such recognition could be secured under that title, it would probably avoid a great deal of trouble. If not, then we should consider immediately the question of whether the corporation, acting through the Board of Founders, should confer title either to the Nanking Board of Directors or to some united Chinese group representing a number of our China Colleges.

First letter of October 24th. This letter comments further on the matter of registration of deeds, reporting particularly on the earnest efforts made by Dr. Bowen prior to 1927 to clear up this matter. The letter mentions also the forwarding of 200 copies of Mr. Wheeler's letter of October first, all of which have now been received and put to good use.

Second letter of October 24th. This comments upon the promotional plans and objectives of our Associated Boards for the year 1935-36. We are glad to have your reactions and suggestions. I believe we would all agree immediately that the figure listed for the University of Nanking in our preferred objectives does not at all represent its comparative importance in Christian higher education in China. Neither is this \$10,000 nearly adequate for meeting the urgent financial needs of the University this year. However, in preparing its list of preferred objectives for this year the Associated Boards had to keep in mind not only comparative needs, but also the possibilities of securing the objectives we projected. At the present time, about three-fourths of the money we are securing through our Associated Boards promotional work is designated for one institution or another, and is not available for allocation wherever we would like to place it. For instance, in any appeal our Associated Boards sends out the number of contributions we receive designated for Yenching University is always comparatively large, because Yenching has for many years conducted effective work in the field of publicity and promotion. For other colleges we almost never receive any designated gifts. For this year 1935-36, both Cheeloo and Yenching have been in a favorable position from the promotional standpoint because several important executives from these institutions are in America and are taking an active share in our Associated

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Boards promotional efforts. Fukien also is continuing to receive the benefit of President Lin's very effective work here last year. In the report we are preparing showing the promotional results up to December 31st, 1935 the amount of designated gifts for Yenching, Cheeloo, and Fukien are all fairly large. But for the University of Nanking we have not to date received a single designated gift, despite the fact that we have sent out one letter of appeal to all of the Nanking friends we have on our list except a few we have kept in reserve for personal solicitation later. This illustrates the importance of your coming to America at an early date to help us rebuild the Nanking promotional work which has been almost completely inactive since Dr. Williams was last in America about ten years ago.

We must recognize the fact that our united promotional work is still in a transitional stage where most of our contributors continue to think in terms of the institution they know best, rather than the entire group of Colleges. I hope we are gradually moving in the direction of an increasing proportion of gifts which will be available for allocation by our united group - but it will take us time to reach that goal. Meantime, we must try to deal as fairly as possible with the individual institutions as well as the united group.

You will note that the preferred list of objectives includes nothing at all for Fukien Christian University or for Hwa Nan College as separate institutions. The item of \$6,000 listed for these two colleges is all to be used for the advancement of a cooperative program between the two colleges. This action was taken because the Associated Boards decided to put on both colleges maximum pressure toward closer cooperation, and to withhold support from each institution until this cooperation was made effective. Nanking and Ginling were dealt with much more kindly, and it has been our hope that your cooperation in Nanking would go forward without the necessity of quite such stringent pressure. I doubt whether either Nanking or Ginling would care to have the \$16,500 listed for the two institutions thrown together in a single fund which could be used only for the advancement of cooperation between the two institutions, and which would have to be administered by joint action of the Nanking and Ginling Boards of Founders. If, of course, such pressure is necessary to bring about effective cooperation with Nanking, some such policy as this may be adopted by the Associated Boards a little later on.

We hope that the New Year is beginning under fairly favorable conditions at the University, despite the growing menace which is gradually moving down on China from the northward. We have noted with concern the student disturbances spreading throughout China during recent weeks, although we have had the warmest sympathy for the patriotic motives which have led to these demonstrations. It is very difficult indeed to know just what is the wisest course to pursue in such a time as this. We do have every confidence, however, that our Christian colleges in China will go through this crisis with increased strength and usefulness just as they have passed through many another crisis in the last seven years.

With every good wish for the New Year, I am

Very cordially yours,

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
Office of the President
Nanking, China

January 13, 1936

Dear Dr. Speer and Mr. Garside:

When we sent you the minutes and the covering letter, the question of the registration of land was reported very briefly. We have not received your acknowledgment of our letter of October 18, but we feel that this letter must have reached you, as we sent two copies, and that letter will give you the background for the letter today.

You will know from the minutes and letters that we turned over the East Dormitory to the hospital last July, planning to construct the fourth dormitory in the McCormick Unit immediately. All arrangements were made for the work - the contract was given to the contractor, and we started to dig for the foundation. When we applied for the building permit, it was refused on the grounds that our land was not registered. Many hours have been spent in an attempt to secure this permit. We have not been successful. Recently we have received a document stating that our land is provisionally registered, and under the terms of this document, it may be possible to secure the permit. We are not entirely satisfied with the wording, and have not as yet accepted it. There may be no other way to proceed with the dormitory and other buildings, but we shall make one more attempt to have the wording changed in one or two places, or to have these phrases clearly explained, as not to hinder in any way our claims on the property of the University. This provisional registration will mean that formal registration must be completed within a year from January 1, 1936. This is a new regulation and applies to all mission property in the city.

Perhaps it may seem to you that it is a simple matter to agree to complete registration of all land within a year. We know it involves a great deal of work in preparing maps, surveys, deeds and all the necessary blanks. Just before 1927, Dr. Bowen released two staff members to spend full time on the deeds in an attempt to put them into order for registration and record. They spent three months on the many papers covering the college campus alone - and decided it was a hopeless task to attempt to match the deeds with actual property. Eight years later the task is just as difficult. We have asked two of our older staff members to spend a considerable amount of their time on the deeds, and expect them to begin work during the winter holidays. At the same time we are having a re-survey made of all land in the city and will have new maps prepared.

This preliminary work will be done, but we cannot take very definite steps or make any application until we know the decision of the Board of Founders. We are enclosing a schedule showing the land that is owned by the University. This gives you the total area of all land within the city walls, and will indicate that the land is scattered over a large part of the city. If the land was in one block, or even in the four main compounds, the problem would not be so difficult, but as it is in many small lots entirely disconnected from each other, it is a task of many weeks of work.

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You will find enclosed a copy of the report of the special committee appointed by the Board of Directors to make recommendations concerning the registration of land. There is no question concerning the advisability of registering the land with the Land Bureau. The only question concerns the method of registration. It will be possible to register the land under one of the followings:

1. In the name of the Board of Founders (or a mission board)
2. In the name of the Board of Directors
3. In the name of a larger holding organization, either local or national, incorporated under Chinese law.

Before any definite progress can be made, we must know the decision of the Board of Founders. It is very important to have this reach us at the earliest possible date, and I am anxious that some word should be sent to me before the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, scheduled to be held the third Friday in March. This may necessitate a cable.

We wish that Board of Founders to give careful consideration to this question, and am giving you the various points under each heading.

1. If registered in the name of the Board of Founders.

There is no question in the minds of anyone in China concerning the ownership of the land and buildings. It is known and understood that all property belongs to the Board of Founders. Under the present regulations for the registration of land, there are serious consequences if the land is registered in the name of any foreign holding body. I will list a few of the obstacles.

1. A certificate showing that the land is leased only will be issued. This does not indicate ownership and might be changed at any time to a short term lease.
2. It will be impossible to seal any land.
3. Subject to taxation.
4. The ownership of the land will remain in the name of the Board of Founders, but the progress of the work for which the land was given will be seriously handicapped.

1. On the other hand, if the country should be invaded, it might be a protection to have the land owned by a foreign holding body.

2. If registered in the name of the Board of Directors.

1. The new certificate will be a certificate of ownership, and will indicate that the land is the permanent property of the Board of Directors.
2. Land taxes are exempt in total or largely so for all educational institutions registered as Chinese owned.

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3. Right to dispose of the land at any time.
4. Possible to request a substantial reduction in registration fees.

At the same time there would be complications if the land owned by the Board of Directors and the buildings remained the property of the Board of Founders. It was suggested by one of our directors that it might be a good plan to accept the certificate of ownership in the name of the Board of Directors, endorse it over to the Board of Founders and sent it to New York. In this way the entire control would be in the hands of the Board of Founders. I feel this method might accomplish that one purpose, but would also present problems in case we had to present the certificate in any law case, or any dispute over any of our property. However, I mention it as one of the ways to solve this important problem of joint ownership.

3. If registered in the name of a larger holding organization.

This was proposed in the letter from the Associated Boards dated March 14, 1935. There has been no definite proposal made as yet in China, although the question has been referred to the Council of Higher Education. It is very vague in the minds of our group, and until something definite is proposed, we feel we cannot give it very serious consideration. Perhaps the land problem of schools in different localities varies a good deal because of the locality and because of the school itself, and for that reason it may take quite some time for such a board to work out the problem of each individual institution.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter received from President Lee of Hangchow Christian College. Last November I wrote to each one of the Christian colleges and universities concerning this question of land registration, and found that Hangchow Christian College was the only one that had completed registration. This has not been entirely satisfactory according to President Lee. We have such large holdings that the annual taxes would cripple us. I do not see how we could meet this charge, unless it was interpreted to mean that if the land was registered in the name of the Board of Founders, that they would be responsible to secure additional funds to cover all taxes and charges against the land. It would be impossible to add it to our annual budget.

At the Board meeting in November, it was suggested that a straw vote should be taken merely to give some indication of the opinion of the board concerning registration of land. Nine members were in favor of registering the land in the name of the Board of Directors, four did not vote at all, one voted for a national organization constituted to hold property legally in China, while nobody voted in favor of registering in the name of the Board of Founders. The suggestion was made at the end of the afternoon when a number of members had been obliged to leave the meeting, but is perhaps of value in showing that the majority are thinking in terms of registration in the name of the Board of Directors in China.

We have many problems connected with our deeds. As I wrote you earlier, the majority of the deeds have never been stamped or registered by any official body. Many of the deeds are questionable concerning measurements, boundaries, and area. We are very sure that if the land is registered

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in the name of the Board of Founders, as will be the case with any mission board or foreign holding body, that the land bureau will be very exacting in requiring that the deeds must conform exactly to the present boundaries. We know this will be impossible. I presume you are familiar with old deeds in China and will know that it was customary to give the measurements in a vague way, or else to indicate that the area was considerably less than was actually true. If we are able to register in the name of the Board of Directors, it will be possible to appeal to the bureau on the basis of a registered school.

As I mentioned above, Dr. Bowen was much concerned over the condition of our deeds and just before 1927 made an attempt to put them in order for proper registration. It was not accomplished, and the years after 1927 were unsettled so we felt it was important to keep all valuable documents belonging to the institution in safekeeping in Shanghai. During the last year or so we have felt it was better to wait for definite regulations to be issued from the present government, but now that we have these new laws, it is imperative to begin work on the deeds.

I have tried to give you the various points connected with the registration of the land. You will know it is a very important question, and I am sure you will give it immediate attention. I shall expect to hear from you not later than March 15.

Sincerely yours,

Y. G. Chen

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January 21, 1936

President Y. G. Chen
University of Nanking
Nanking, China

My dear Dr. Chen:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 11th, and your two letters of December 12th.

Letter of December 11th. With this you enclose a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 22nd. We have now received thirty copies of these minutes, and will distribute them to the members of our Nanking Board of Founders within a short time. We should be holding a meeting of our Executive Committee to review these minutes and to deal with various other matters. We will send out the minutes as a part of our docket.

First letter of December 12th. This comments on a number of matters in the Directors' minutes to which the Founders should give special consideration. We will present these minutes to the next meeting of the Executive Committee and if any points should require further attention will lay them before the Founders at their Annual Meeting in April. In this connection I should report that the Annual Meeting of the Founders will probably be held during the third week in April. This will, I trust, allow time for the field to get into our hands the budget estimates for 1936-37, together with any other material we should deal with at that time.

I am glad to note the cordial approval of the Directors to our informal suggestion as to the possibility of establishing a Williams Memorial Fund. This is a matter to which we should be giving careful study both in America and in China during the coming months. We hope that you in Nanking will advise us on such questions as the followings- What designation for such funds would be most appropriate - as for example, the general endowment of the University, for some special department in which Dr. Williams was interested, or for some other special purpose which would be both distinctive and appropriate? (You will keep in mind, of course, that the more general the allocation of a fund, the greater is its flexibility in meeting the changing needs of an institution with the passage of time.) What amount should we set as our goal for the fund? (If we set too high a figure we might fall far short and make the effort seem a failure. If our goal is too low we will not inspire the maximum effort or produce the maximum results.) How much of such a fund should we be able to secure in China, and how much should we seek in America? (It would help to inspire givers here in America to know that our friends in China are themselves undertaking to raise a substantial part of a

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fund designed to honor one who was so thoroughly a friend of the Chinese people.) When should we launch such an appeal, and what date should we set for attaining our goal. I realize that not all of these questions can be given a definite answer immediately, but they are all worth our very careful study, and it would be helpful to exchange our tentative views, even though we may modify them later. We would also have to look to you on the field to supply us with most of the source material we would need, such as interesting descriptions of the work Dr. Williams did, pictures of him, his activities, and of phases of the life and work of the University which are peculiarly the result of his efforts and leadership. Much of this material will come from the biography Mr. Wheeler is publishing, but the majority of it will have to be secured in Nanking especially for use in our promotional efforts.

We note the matter with regard to Dr. Buck and your comments thereon. I have already written you, and have discussed these matters in a tentative way with the Presbyterian Board. I hope that it will soon be possible for us to reach more definite conclusions.

We are very much gratified to see the revised figures on the proportion of Christians on the faculty and staff. We have long had the feeling that the statistics contained in the annual reports prepared by Mr. Cressy were apt to prove misleading because they were either incomplete or were subject to certain explanations which we did not have. I know that the members of the Board of Founders will be gratified by this information contained in the minutes of the Directors and in your covering letter.

We are delighted to note that the Executive-Finance Committees are so favorable to your coming to America next autumn. We appreciate how difficult it will be for you to get away, but we do hope that you can arrange to come. I believe that the ultimate benefits to the University would greatly outweigh the sacrifices immediately involved. We will begin ^{thinking} through the ways and means to use your stay in America to the best advantage, in the earnest hope that you can actually be with us in the autumn. We know that you and your colleagues will give a great deal of attention to the collection of publicity materials which will be of such importance in making your work as effective as possible. One type of material of which we never have an adequate supply, is pictures. First of all, we need more recent and more attractive pictures of the University campus and its activities. Some additional pictures of the buildings themselves are needed and should be as attractive as possible. There is an even greater need for pictures showing the life and activities of the campus. More important still is the need for pictures of individuals. These should include individual students, or small groups of students in informal bodies and as attractive as possible. We can not stress too strongly the importance of such attractive pictures of students, nor say too much about how difficult it is for us to secure an adequate supply. I have frequently made the statement that one particularly attractive picture of a group of Yenching students has been worth at least \$10,000 to our Yenching promotional work. You should also have good pictures of all the more permanent members of the faculty, and of as many of the junior members as possible. Another important need is for pictures of Nanking alumni who have rendered outstanding service in various fields. No publicity can possibly be more effective than a well told story of the service to China rendered by one of our alumni - but such a story can

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not be effective unless we have a picture to accompany the descriptions. I know that in the collection of these and all other types of publicity material, Miss Priest, Mr. Wheeler, and Miss Anderson will be particularly helpful.

Second letter of December 12th. ✓ This deals more extensively and confidentially with the arrangements regarding Dr. Buck. We are glad to have these additional facts and will try to use this information tactfully.

Very sincerely yours,

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February 20, 1936

President Y. G. Chen
Miss Elsie M. Priest
University of Nanking
Nanking, China

My dear Miss Priest and Dr. Chen:

Professor and Mrs. B. R. Andrews of Teachers' College have just sent their annual contribution of \$40 to our Associated Boards with a request that it be divided equally among the four universities they visited while in China last year. \$10 of the amount is therefore being applied toward the promotional objectives, 1935-36 of Nanking and \$10 toward the promotional objectives of 1935-36 of Ginling.

Dr. and Mrs. Andrews request specifically that we transmit to you an expression of their sincere appreciation of the warm hospitality you extended to them while they were in Nanking last summer.

Very cordially yours,

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February 25, 1936

President Y. G. Chen
Miss Elsie M. Priest
University of Nanking
Nanking, China

My dear Dr. Chen and Miss Priests:

We enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of our Nanking Founders held on February 19th. Since we did not have this material ready in time to get it in the regular China mail which closed yesterday, we are sending President Chen's copy by air mail today. Miss Priest's copy will go forward in the next regular China mail closing at the end of this week.

You will note that most of the time of the meeting was devoted to a review of minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 21st, and to a discussion of specific items growing out of these minutes.

Report of President. Each year the Trustees study with keen interest and appreciation the excellent reports which President Chen presents to the Board of Directors. We always feel that it is difficult to express adequately the admiration we feel for the very fine way in which all of you on the field are carrying on through times of great difficulty. I expect also, that our Trustees usually have a conscience-stricken feeling that in some way we are not doing as much at this end as we should to assist with the burdens which you on the field are carrying so loyally.

Diplomas Under Absolute Charter. When the University of the State of New York granted the absolute charter to the University of Nanking in September, 1934, it conferred upon the corporate body of the University - that is, the Board of Trustees, the power to issue diplomas and to confer certain degrees. The question of whether this power would be exercised by the Board of Trustees direct or should be delegated to the Board of Directors, is one which has not been dealt with in any specific way by the Trustees since the absolute charter was granted. The only reference to the matter in the Constitution seems to be in Article IV, section 5, paragraph 3 which provides that the Directors "upon recommendation of the President and the faculty may recommend to the Board of Founders candidates for degrees granted by the University of the State of New York." The Executive Committee took occasion, in connection with minute D-1122 of the Board of Directors, to recommend to the Board of Trustees a definite policy in regard to diplomas and degrees, whereby this authority, would in large measure be delegated to the Board of Directors. The only point at which the Committee suggests any limits is that of the range of degrees which the University is authorized to confer at the present time. As I pointed out

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in my letter to President Chen on January 7th, 1935, when the Board of Founders made application for authority to grant the Master's degree in Arts and in Science they kept in mind that under the Correlated Program for Christian Higher Education in China, the University of Nanking is not at present being asked to do work leading to the Master's degree except in the professional field of Agriculture, and it was their understanding that aside from the Master of Science in Agriculture no Master's degrees will be conferred except as and when this is in harmony with the program the University is asked to undertake as a part of the program for Christian higher education in China. The financial problems confronting the University during the past year, and the existence of a substantial deficit, have more than strengthened the conviction of the Trustees that for the present the University should not think of offering any Master's degrees except in the professional field of Agriculture.

President Chen's Trip to America. The Committee was happy to note that the field seems to be giving serious thought to plans for President Chen's coming to America next summer. We all realize that if Dr. Chen's stay in America is to be as effective as possible, we should begin immediately making preparations for his coming. With that end in mind the Committee voted to appoint a special committee as indicated in action EC-810.

The Registration of Land. The Committee discussed this important problem at great length. It recognized that the problem is a complex one, and that its solution is not easy. On the other hand, time limitations forbid too long a delay in reaching final decisions. In action EC-812 the Committee tries to set forth some of the fundamental factors which must be kept in mind, and then goes on to suggest that a special committee be created in China to make specific recommendations to the Board of Trustees as to the policy the University should pursue. I am sure that the Board of Trustees will be guided very largely by whatever recommendations this Committee wishes to make. The Executive Committee tried to suggest a group which would represent equitably the University administration, the Board of Directors, and the cooperating missionary bodies. We hope that the Committee can send to the Trustees its recommendations at a fairly early date, so that final decisions can be reached. We realize that it will probably be impossible for the Committee to get its recommendations to the Trustees before the Annual Meeting on April 23rd, but the Board will, if necessary, arrange to call a special meeting later, or to put the matter in the hands of the Executive Committee with power.

The Proportion of Christians on the Faculty. The Executive Committee was very much pleased at the information contained in the minutes of the Directors, and in letters from President Chen and Miss Priest concerning the proportion of Christians on the faculty of the University. Since the whole membership of the Board of Trustees is interested in this question, the information will be brought to the attention of the Trustees at their meeting in April. We hope that it will be possible for the University authorities to see to it that in future, statistical material published by the Council of Higher Education, contains the actual situation at the University more adequately so as to avoid misunderstandings which arise when only insufficient data is available.

I believe that the other items dealt with in the minutes do not require any special comment. We are forwarding by second class mail a supply of thirty copies of these minutes for distribution on the field.

Faithfully yours,

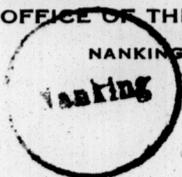
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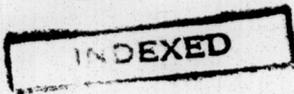
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March 6, 1936

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



Dear Mr. Garside:

Thank you for your letter of January 2, in which you comment upon a number of items connected with the work of the institution.

B Registration of land: I have written to you quite fully on this subject and further comments may seem unnecessary. You raise the question concerning the legal name of the University of Nanking. All the deeds are in the name of the "University of Nanking" or "Ginling Ta Hsieh." We do not have in mind using the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking on the new deeds. This is not the question that is raised by the Land Bureau. They make the distinction between ownership in China or ownership in a foreign country. One of the first questions to be settled will be the location of the legal owner of the property. It is impossible to use any name without making this point clear to the land office. I hope my letter of January 13 made it clear to you that the question that needed to be settled at this time was this one of ownership: in China, or in the United States.

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A few days ago the Land Bureau issued a formal permit allowing us to proceed with the building of the dormitory which has been held up four months. This was done on the basis of our promise that we were proceeding with land registration and hoped to complete it within the required time. The Land Bureau has posted notices on approximately 40 mou of University property which state briefly that if no person within three months makes a claim for this property, it shall be considered the permanent property of the University of Nanking. Most likely we shall have all of our property posted in this way and thus establish definite ownership. Although the map has not been returned to us we have seen it in the Land Office and know that the Government surveyors have approved of our lots and have put their legal stamp against our measurements. This is only the first step in having the property registered through the proper channels, but I thought you would be interested to know that this much had been accomplished. The next step will be turning over the deeds.

A few days ago one of the members of the Presbyterian mission, who has been handling their property items, told us the American Embassy was still unwilling to accept the revised lease. It is more favorable than the original draft, but there

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are still clauses that seem difficult to accept. Until a lease is accepted by the American Embassy, no property owned by Americans can be legally registered. On the other hand, if it is possible to register the property in the name of the Board of Directors, we shall be able to proceed immediately and clear the whole matter of land registration during the next few months. We are waiting anxiously for your letter or cable and hope it will arrive before our preliminary meeting on the 14th of this month.

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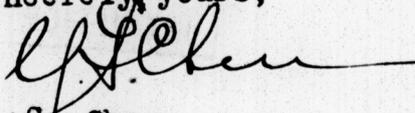
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Cooperation with Ginling: I was rather surprised at the paragraph concerning the cooperation between Fukien Christian University and Hwa Nan College. Perhaps it was necessary to put pressure on these two schools in order to bring them together, but I hope you are not planning to use the experience gained in Fukien to bring the University and Ginling more closely together. May I ask that no action be taken to bring "pressure" on our institutions until you are quite sure of all the necessary facts? While there are many places where it might seem to a person on the outside that the two schools could cooperate more closely, actually we have a very different background and under the present circumstances it is a grave question whether this is desirable or even possible.

We have been honored during the past week by having General Feng Yu-hsiang and General Chiang Kai-shek speak to our students. The Annual Board Meeting is scheduled for March 20, and we are hoping to have definite plans presented for the new library building. We are planning to have the building started in April, and hope that we may move into it by January 1937.

Sincerely yours,


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are still changes that seem difficult to accept. Until a lease is accepted by the American Embassy, no property owned by American can be legally registered. On the other hand, it is possible to register the property in the name of the Board of Directors, we shall be able to proceed immediately and clear the whole matter of land registration during the next few months. We are waiting anxiously for your letter or cable and hope it will arrive before our preliminary meeting on the 15th of this month.

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March 14, 1936.

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:

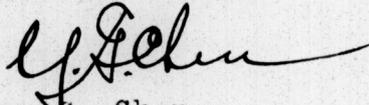
Your letter of February 10th arrived a few days ago, and the administration has spent a good deal of time in working over our present program.

You have mentioned the importance of this statement to the future of the university, and while your statements are not entirely clear to us, we assume that you desired to have some sort of a statement of our plans for the future of the work together with an estimate of our needs to develop along these lines. It is all done in a more or less tentative way as time was too short to permit anything further, but we hope it will give you some idea of our work at the present time.

I have written to Mr. Lobenstine who has been on our Board of Directors for many years, and is now on the Board of Founders, asking him to explain any points that do not seem clear. He has been familiar with the institution for a long time and I think knows our aims and plans very clearly. I enclose a copy of the letter sent to him, in which I have asked him to represent the field if the matter comes up for discussion.

Please use the material in any way that you desire to/most definitely benefit the future of the institution. We shall leave the matter in your hands to present to the Harvard-Yenching Institute. No copy has been forwarded to them, but we are sending you three copies in all so hope there may be no question of at least two reaching you in ample time for the meetings on April 20th.

Sincerely yours,



Y. G. Chen.

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March 14, 1936.

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Associated Boards for Chr. Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of February 10th enclosing the minutes of the joint meeting of the Harvard-Yenching Institute and the Associated Boards held February 7th has been received, and we have spent a good deal of time in re-considering our program in the colleges. However, it has been necessarily very hurriedly prepared, and is presented in a tentative way until such time as we may go over it more carefully. In order to have this letter in your hands by the date of your meetings, we must mail it at once.

Detailed budget. In accordance with the request to have a detailed budget of all expenditures anticipated to be used under the grant from the Harvard-Yenching Institute, we enclose the budget which has been prepared and approved by the Executive-Finance Committee of the Board of Directors. You will note that we are endeavoring to maintain our Institute of Chinese Cultural Studies on a minimum research basis, and emphasizing the work in the cultural subjects of the College of Arts in line with the instructions received from the Harvard-Yenching Institute in 1933.

Summary budget. You will find enclosed the budget in summary form covering the entire institution. I hope this gives you the information you are seeking in making presentation to the Harvard-Yenching Institute. You will realize that this budget is not quite in final shape, but represents approximately the figures that will be presented to the Board of Directors and the Board of Founders within the next few weeks.

In reconsidering the program for the work being done in the colleges, we have divided it into two main divisions and will give them to you for your consideration. Please accept this material as a statement of the work of the colleges with special emphasis along the lines indicated.

1. For instruction in the colleges especially in line with the Correlated Program and the place assigned to the University:

For a number of years the University has been much handicapped by the shortage of funds, and in many cases we have been forced to cut the budgets of the different departments to a dangerous point. This has resulted in the departments being able to offer only the required fundamental courses, and has meant that the related courses and inter-departmental correlated courses have been neglected seriously. It has been our aim for a long time to bring together such courses as Sociology and Rural Sociology, Economics and Rural Economics, Chemistry and Agronomy (both in soils and in food) etc. We have the desire, but as it is impossible to provide for only the most fundamental courses, all electives and inter-related work has been seriously retarded during recent years.

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Secondly, the correlation of departments within the colleges has been seriously neglected as it has been impossible to offer enough courses to provide for the particular needs of students in other colleges. For instance, in our plans for the correlated program, we hope to be able to have a student take his major in Rural Education with a minor in Education, his major in Plant Pathology and minor in Zoology, or a major in Agricultural Economics and minor in Economics. We feel this is one of the greatest needs of the institution, and each year have hoped to be able to begin a more definite program along this line. Instead of being able to carry it out, we have been forced to reduce our staff and courses still further to keep expenditures within our resources and feel it has meant a serious handicap in fulfilling the needs for a correlated program. You will understand more fully when I illustrate further by the work of the Department of Chemistry and of Agronomy. They are fundamentally related and until we are able to combine more adequately we feel we are offering as satisfactory a course in scientific agriculture as is desired.

In order to correlate our work within the scope of the correlated program we must find some way to provide for these necessary inter-related courses. In a general way, we shall need not less than one hundred thousand dollars to strengthen and build up the under-graduate work in a way that will enable us to care adequately for this great need.

2. Graduate study

The University of Nanking has been designated in the Correlated Program as the national center for work in Agriculture, and in this way, the graduate work in agriculture has been adequately provided for in the program. Until this time no graduate work has been offered as we have been handicapped by insufficient funds.

It may not be out of place to call to your attention again that the Ministry of Education has authorized us to receive graduate students in three departments of the institution:

College of Arts	-	History
College of Science	-	Chemistry
College of Agriculture	-	Agr. Economics

At this time definite plans are underway to provide for graduate work in the College of Agriculture in Agricultural Economics. Although final word has not been received as yet from the Rockefeller Foundation, we have received information that it is very likely that they will grant us a renewal of the special grant received this year which provides for research as well as graduate study in the department of Agr. Economics. In addition, they have granted five fellowships to be offered to men who wish to take this graduate course. We are planning to begin graduate work in this department by September 1936.

For more than ten years a few students have been taking graduate work in the Department of Chemistry. This department must be strengthened before a large program of graduate work can be offered, but the staff is adequate to provide for a limited number of students at the present time. We shall continue on our present program, but shall not be able to enlarge it until funds are available.

Perhaps a little more explanation will be necessary in regard to History. Under date of November 16th, 1936, we wrote fully to Professor Elisseeff concerning our plans for graduate work in history. This letter was circulated to members of the Board of Directors and sent to you, but I am enclosing a copy at this time. You may know that the University of Nanking is the only Christian institution in China permitted to receive graduate students in History, and from the Ministry of Education we have learned that this is the only institution in the Christian colleges and universities who will be permitted to do any graduate work in the College of Arts.

The government has recognized the high quality of the work done in our departments of History, Chinese and the research work of the Institute of Chinese Cultural Studies, and has instructed us to begin the graduate program at the earliest possible date. At present we do not have enough highly trained professors to handle graduate students. The staff in the departments of History and Chinese are concerned with the fundamental regular courses required for undergraduate degrees, and while we are able to offer a few projects in research under the Institute of Chinese Cultural Studies, the program is too limited to enable us to begin the graduate course. We wish to bring this matter to the attention of the Harvard-Yenching Institute and the Associated Boards with the hope that it may be possible to recognize this need and give us some aid in carrying on the work.

In the correlated program, although provision for a second center of graduate work has been made, probably in the East China area, no definite decision has been made as yet. Perhaps the Associated Boards will wish to make a careful study of the location for this second center. May we call to your attention that the Ministry of Education made a very thorough study of all the different colleges and universities, and after comparing their several qualities, decided that the University of Nanking was the best equipped to do graduate study along the lines indicated. Other Chinese government and private institutions were assigned special departments and work, and we hope to be able to warrant the choice made by the government in designating that our work was of a standard to call for this recognition.

It is well known that Nanking is a very important educational center, and since it has become the capital of China, it has increased in importance. The Central University (Government national university in Nanking) has the largest budget of all government institutions in China. At present plans are being made to move this university to a campus outside the city and a large site has been secured for this purpose. That will leave us the only university in the city and if Christian education means anything in the capital, it must be of the highest quality. Otherwise, we shall be forced to take a position very much in the background of the education work of the country.

Every effort has been made to cooperate and correlate our work with the work at Ginling College. Although we hope to have more closer cooperation in the future, it is of note that forty of the Ginling students are taking courses in the University this semester, or about one-third of the three upper classes as freshmen are not allowed to take courses off their own campus. Hangchow Christian College has approached us officially to work out a plan of correlation, and we hope this may prove effective in the future. We have discussed further cooperation with the Nanking Theological Seminary, and if we could enlarge our program in the College of Arts this would be very desirable. At present we are handicapped by the restrictions of our own undergraduate requirements, but we are looking forward to a time

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when we may be able to strengthen our program so it will be mutually beneficial to the three institutions - University, Ginling, Seminary.

We are not petitioning today that the second center for graduate work should be assigned to Nanking, but we are asking that the Associated Boards will give us a trial in some of the departments, and especially in the work of the History department. It is not likely that any of the other Christian institutions will be given the opportunity to offer graduate work in this department, and we hope no step will be taken so that Christian Education in China will regret the loss of this choice made by the government.

In this connection there is another item that may be interesting to you. You are familiar with the plans for the Ferguson Museum. This collection will be of great value in our study of Chinese history, and we wish to have a definite place given to it on the program of advanced study in the History Department. At present the budget will not permit us any funds for maintenance and upkeep of this collection. For the first year we shall require from Yuan 4,000 00 to Yuan 5,000 00.

For your information we are enclosing statements prepared by each college showing their present program and plans together with plans for graduate work and a tentative budget presented in each case.

In closing I wish to give you the action taken on March 14th 1936 by the Executive-finance Committee.

"A request from the Associated Boards requesting the University to present their budget for expenditures to be made under the grant from the Harvard-Yenching Institute, and to make a definite statement of their present program in relation to the correlated program, was presented:

VOTED to authorize the administration to present to the Associated Boards the budget for funds to be received from the Harvard-Yenching Institute, the summary of the budget for the entire institution, and a statement of the needs of the three colleges in correlating their undergraduate work as well as a program of needs for graduate study in the departments authorized by the Ministry of Education."

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Y. G. Chen.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
NANKING, CHINA

Sent w/ P. C.
Chen's letter
3/14/36

HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE FUNDS
Budget for the year 1936-7.

Institute of Chinese Cultural Studies:

Administration:

Salaries of staff:

T. L. Tsu	- part	1,620 00	
Li Biao-yuen	- $\frac{1}{2}$	1,800 00	
Hu Tao-chung		<u>420 00</u>	3,840 00

Office expense and supplies:

Fuel and light	500 00	
Office boy	120 00	
Postage	100 00	
Stationery, etc.	40 00	
Telephone - part	<u>24 00</u>	764 00

Library:

Periodicals	500 00	
*Books	<u>1,000 00</u>	1,500 00

Research:

Salaries of staff:

Li Biao-yuen	- $\frac{1}{2}$	1,800 00	
Shen Chen-tau		3,480 00	
M. S. Bates	- part	1,666 00	
Yu Yuen-fu		<u>1,140 00</u>	8,086 00

Publications:

Salaries of staff:

Hwang Yu-yu, proof reader	600 00	
Nanking Journal	1,500 00	
*Printing	<u>500 00</u>	2,600 00

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Instruction - in accordance with action of
Harvard-Yenching Inst. 1933.

Chinese Literature and Language:

Liu Chi-hsuen	- $\frac{2}{3}$	1,720 00	
Hu Biao-shih		2,160 00	
Hu Taiang-tung		2,400 00	
Instructor - vacancy		2,160 00	
She Hsian-hsuen		1,320 00	
Chang Sheo-i		1,320 00	
Kao Wen		1,080 00	
Su Mei		1,440 00	
Chang Shu-tung		<u>360 00</u>	13,960 00

Chinese History:

Liu Chi-hsuen	- $\frac{1}{3}$	860 00	
Wang Chung-ling		2,160 00	
Yu Chen-chu		<u>1,200 00</u>	4,220 00

University of Nanking
Budget for 1936-1937.

Instruction: - continued:

To strengthen courses in cultural studies:

S. T. Wang	1,440 00	
I. T. Tsu	3,360 00	
C. N. Ching - 2/3	1,600 00	
K. C. Liu - 1/3	<u>1,280 00</u>	<u>7,680 00</u>

Total for instruction..... Yuan 25,860 00

Summary

Institute of Chinese Cultural Studies	17,810 00	
Instruction	<u>25,860 00</u>	43,670 00

Receipts:

Reserve from 1935-1936 (estimated)	2,000 00	
From trust funds - US\$12,631 57	<u>41,670 00</u>	43,670 00

University of Nanking

Summary of Budget for the year July 1936 - June 1937.

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Receipts:

Student fees:		
College of Arts (220)	24,120 00	
College of Science (220)	33,420 00	
College of Agriculture (230)	26,780 00	
Non-instructional fees	25,252 00	
Middle School	<u>101,600 00</u>	211,172 00
Endowment, mission boards, etc.		81,039 50
Harvard-Yenching Institute		41,670 00
From all other sources		<u>79,266 00</u>
		413,147 50
Agr. Experiment station		53,202 00
Famine Prevention Work		212,000 00
Hospital		<u>233,000 00</u>
		911,345 50
Anticipated receipts		<u>30,939 50</u>
		942,285 00
Total.....Yuan		942,285 00

Expenditures:

Administration	43,170 00	
Operation and maintenance	32,081 00	
College of Arts	<u>57,338 00</u>	
Institute of Chinese Cult. Studies	17,810 00	
College of Science	85,860 00	
College of Agriculture	60,942 00	
Middle School	83,554 00	
Library	20,808 00	
Non-instructional:		
General	4,800 00	
Student activities	11,260 00	
Dormitories -college men	12,060 00	
" college women	2,020 00	
Construction department	<u>2,580 00</u>	442,083 00
Agr. Experiment station		53,202 00
Famine Prevention work		212,000 00
Hospital		<u>233,000 00</u>
		942,285 00
Total.....Yuan		942,285 00

Program of the Colleges of the University of Nanking
in accordance with the Correlated Program.

Sent w/ Pres.
Chen's letter
3/14/36

College of Arts:

The College of Arts is devoted to the study and advancement of knowledge in the cultural subjects and the social sciences. Particularly, it endeavors to emphasize the following:

1. The training of teachers for Middle Schools and colleges in Chinese, English and History,
2. The training of young men and women for public service and social work.

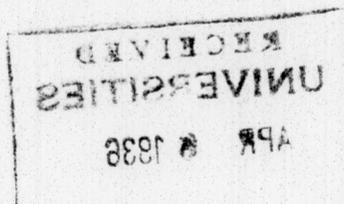
Two faculties or divisions are formed within the College: one along the line of a faculty of cultural studies; the other a faculty of social studies.

by the faculty of cultural studies --
For the present, due to limited resources, the main emphasis is being placed/ on two major programs - the study of Chinese or Oriental culture, being undertaken chiefly by the Chinese and History departments, in cooperation with the Institute of Chinese Cultural Studies; and the study of Western culture, being undertaken chiefly by the English department and section on Western history of the History Department. The emphasis of a student's work may be either on literature or history, this to constitute his major subject of study as required by the government.

The faculty of social studies will have as its major program the study of the rehabilitation of China in its economic, political and social aspects. The Economics, Political Science and Social departments will each approach the problem from its own point of view but within a correlated program. One of the major projects these departments are working upon at present is the study of the Chinese local government system, starting from the Han dynasty to the present period, thus bringing this study into close harmony with Chinese history and helping to coordinate the work within the college.

Thus the aim of the College of Arts is not merely to offer a well rounded program of study for students, but also to advance and improve knowledge through the encouragement of research work done by the teachers. Concentration and coordination of the work within the college is our definite aim and much progress has been made in the last few years, but the college is pitifully understaffed. Equipment and available funds are so limited that it is only with great difficulty that we are able to persuade the best teachers to remain on the faculty. The needs of the college which were presented in 1929 and revised in 1931 are still substantially true.

Further, in order to meet the need for well-trained teachers in colleges and middle schools in Chinese, an advanced course in Chinese language, literature and history of a post-graduate nature is offered by the College. At present there are twenty-one students in this course. The work is being offered by the regular staff and does not increase the financial burden of the University, but is helping the school to gain a reputation for its work in the training of teachers in Chinese subjects. No degree is offered for this special course, but a certificate is given at the completion of the work. The Ministry of Education has instructed the University to start graduate work in History this next school year, and if this proves possible, this special class in Chinese will probably be merged with the graduate work.



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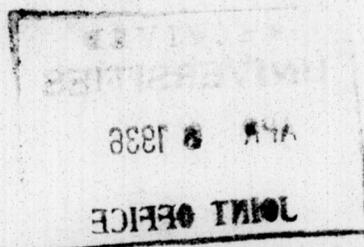
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College of Science:

The College of Science emphasizes (1) the training of teachers in pure and applied sciences, (2) the preparation of workers in factories and research organizations and (3) the diffusion of scientific knowledge through science education and visual education to the mass of the people. It is the policy of the college to concentrate its field of activity to the basic sciences of biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics, and to the two applied sciences, industrial chemistry and electrical engineering, which are closely related to our chemistry and physics and which are vital to the development of the country.

All the departments cooperate in research and in extension. Our policy in research is to study the resources of the country which may be utilized for the development of Chinese industries, to improve the industries which we believe have possibilities for future development, and to work out materials for the development of new types of vocational schools and industries. Some of our present projects are the systematic study of the Chinese dyestuff, wood distillation, soils and fertilizers, electrical plating, and arc welding. Our extension is confined to science education, visual education, and science service, in each of which we are serving many private and public institutions.

The College receives a few students for a graduate course in chemistry. This has a history of ten years. It encourages research by our staff and fulfills an urgent need as we have received applicants from ten different universities in the country. Several of the graduate students have successfully passed government and private competitive examinations for fellowships to study abroad.



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Program of the Colleges of the University of Nanking
in Accordance with the Correlated Program:

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College of Agriculture:

The College is divided into seven departments, with major emphasis on the training of workers, and research in Plant Production, Agricultural Economics, and Rural Education and Extension. At present the College is equipped to take care of about 200 students adequately, but there is an enrollment of 250 because the large number of qualified applicants and the need for trained rural workers make it seem advisable to stretch a point. In the Rural Leaders' Training School there are 114 students although there is only room for 100. Of the 161 graduates of the College and Training School since their organization, over ninety percent are in rural work and the demand constantly exceeds the supply. The College is in urgent need of funds to train these 250 men each year, and if possible to make room for a larger number so that better trained men can be sent out for agricultural work in all parts of China.

The Council of Higher Education of the National Christian Council in China has long recognized the College of Agriculture and Forestry as the center for agricultural education in Central, East, and North China. Cooperatives stations for crop improvement and the regional testing of improved seed are scattered from Peiping on the North, Sian in the West, to Shanghai on the South, a total of 24 stations throughout this area. Tangible results of research in the form of seeds of improved varieties of wheat, rice, cotton, soybean and other staple crops have already been distributed to farmers. However, the demand for improved seed greatly exceeds the supply, and the College is prevented by a limited budget from multiplying and distributing seed on a large scale. Funds are urgently needed to carry on this most practical branch of rural improvement, the multiplication and distribution of improved seed to farmers.

Throughout China with its tremendous agricultural area and thirteen agricultural colleges, there is at present no graduate work in any branch of agricultural science. The Ministry of Education has recognized this lack and has recently authorized graduate work in a number of colleges. This College is the only one assigned the task of building up graduate work in Agricultural Economics, to be started in the fall of 1936. The Department of Agricultural Economics of this College is especially fitted to undertake graduate work because of its extensive research program during the past fifteen years in Land Utilization (in 22 provinces) in Chinese Farm Economy (in 7 provinces) and Rural Organization (in 4 provinces). The Department has a good professorial staff and has trained a large number of clerical workers for the tabulation of statistical data.

However, while the Department has a good skeleton staff, there is need for an increased staff to carry on the graduate work as well as for funds for research and extension projects. Without additional grants, it is difficult to see how the department can plan for the graduate work authorized by the Ministry of Education.

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Proposed graduate work to be undertaken by the University
of Nanking in the three colleges.

The Ministry of Education honored the University by recognizing work done in each college as being of a high grade, and designated that graduate study should be given as follows:

College of Arts - History

College of Science - Industrial Chemistry

College of Agriculture - Agricultural Economics

With the exception of the Law School at Soochow University, the University is the only institution of the East China Christian schools represented in the correlated program to have been honored by the Ministry of Education and assigned graduate work. For many years a few students have been doing graduate work each year in Chemistry, and plans have been made to attempt to do graduate work in the College of Agriculture as soon as funds permit.

In view of this recognition from the government and the decision of the Council of Higher Education to establish a second center for graduate work in the East China area, the University requests that consideration be given to the work that is being done. The University is located in the capital, has a recognized place in the educational field of the nation especially in agriculture, and is prepared to offer graduate work within the near future.

College of Arts--- Plans for Graduate work in History.

The College of Arts has been selected by the Ministry of Education as the only place for graduate work in History in East China, one of four such institutions in all China. We believe the selection was made on the following ground:

1. The work of the Institute of Chinese Cultural Studies in Chinese History has been recognized as having made valuable contributions in this field.
2. The work of our Chinese Department in Chinese literature and language and especially the advanced special course in Chinese subjects, is regarded as one of the best in the country.
3. Our history department has won, through its work, fame for being rigorous and critical in method and of high scholarly standing.

with the help of the resources of the Institute of Chinese Cultural Studies and the Advanced Course in Chinese Subjects, it seems as if the graduate course in Chinese history could be undertaken by the College of Arts without much additional staff.

The plan has not been made in detail as yet, but the following is the outline of the proposed work:

- I. The field of work will be along the following lines with emphasis on the first:
 - A. Political and general history of China.
 - B. Social and Economic history of China.
 - C. History of philosophy, religion, and general thought.
 - D. History of language and literature.
- II. Only 10 students will be accepted the first year, and not more than 5 in each subsequent year.
- III. The teaching staff will be specially appointed professors and the present staff of the Chinese department and the Institute of Chinese Cultural Studies.

IV. Additional budget. The following is needed in addition to the budget of the Chinese and History departments and the research expenses of the Institute.

	1st year	2d year	3d year
Additional professors	3,000 00	6,000 00	7,200 00
" instructors	1,920 00	1,920 00	4,800 00
" associates	1,200 00	1,200 00	1,440 00
Research and gen. expenses including initial equip.	5,000 00	4,000 00	4,000 00
3 fellowships	1,500 00	1,500 00	1,500 00
	<u>12,600 00</u>	<u>14,620 00</u>	<u>18,940 00</u>

College of Science:--- Plans for Graduate Course in Chemistry.

I. History:

First students in 1925.

II. Present Status:

Seven students from the following institutions, Yenching (1) Soochow (2), Ta Tung (1), Amoy (1), Nanking (2)

III. Present Projects:

1. Nutrition by Dr. Thomson (at present financed by Rockefeller Foundation.)
2. Soil Analysis by Dr. Tai (at present financed by Kiangsu Provincial Government).
3. Chinese dyestuff by Dr. Lee
4. Electrical Chemistry by Dr. Lee
5. Paper and rubber by Dr. Ma

IV. Proposed budget:

	1st year	2d year	3d year
1. Salaries:			
2 professors	7,200 00	7,200 00	7,200 00
2 associates	2,400 00	2,400 00	2,400 00
2. Equipment and books	6,000 00	6,000 00	6,000 00
3. Supplies and expense	3,000 00	3,000 00	3,000 00
4. Publications	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00
5. Fellowships (5)	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,500 00
	<u>Yuan 22,100 00</u>	<u>22,100 00</u>	<u>22,100 00</u>

College of Agriculture:--- Plans for Graduate Study in Agr. Economics.

The College of Agriculture has been recognized both by the Council of Higher Education and the Ministry of Education as the center for graduate work in agriculture. The Rockefeller Foundation has granted five fellowships to enable the work to be started by the fall of 1936. In order to carry out graduate study in agriculture, it is necessary to provide for research and extension which are used to strengthen and support all instruction. The following budget provides for research as well as graduate study:

	1st year	2d year	3d year	
1. Salaries	7,200.	3,500.	7,200.	3,500.
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2. Research	20,000.	20,000.	20,000.	20,000.
3. Books and equip.	3,000.	3,000.	3,000.	3,000.
4. Administration	2,000.	16,800.	2,000.	16,800.
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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
Nanking, China

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Professor Elisseeff
Harvard-Yenching Institute
Cambridge, Massachusetts

November 16, 1935

My dear Dr. Elisseeff:

We have sent in our report concerning our Culture Institute, and we are glad that the Board of Trustees received it with approval. There is one matter in my mind concerning which I wish to inform you, Dean Chase, and the Board of Trustees, I could have written you about this question one or two months earlier, but I have had nothing definite to report to you, because in our own minds we were not quite certain ourselves as to what to inform you.

During these last few years in the field of higher education, there seems to be some national correlation and planning. For example, in the field of graduate work, we have learned quite lately that the Ministry of Education has divided up the graduate work between a few better equipped private and government universities rather than having such work concentrated in very few institutions. This has been the case that during the summer months, prior to the opening of the present academic year the Ministry has officially authorized establishment of graduate work in different institutions, publishing a list of those universities so qualified and stating also a few lines in which graduate work should be carried on. Other institutions, we understand, have not been permitted to carry on graduate work. Later we were informed that in addition to the published list there were still two or three institutions considered to be better qualified universities which would be allowed to carry on graduate study. The University of Nanking was one of these. The Ministry asked us to make a report of our special studies and courses, so in the opening season of our present academic year, we made such a report. A few days later, we received word that we would be authorized to make preparation for graduate work in the following departments: history, chemistry, and agriculture economics; and that we should be ready to admit graduate students a year after the date of this notice, after the necessary preparation involved should be made.

In regard to the departments of chemistry and agricultural economics, we have rather felt that we were qualified and could carry on graduate work in these two divisions without any extra difficulty or even extra financial obligations. Our chemistry department is now the best equipped and staffed department of the private universities in China with no exception, and one of the best compared with government universities. Moreover, prior to 1927 and since that time, we have been receiving graduate students in the department of chemistry, so authorization to establish such a chemistry department virtually amounts to legal permission only, involving practically nothing further.

In the field of agriculture, this institution is the National Mission Agriculture College. In fact it is the oldest and best known agriculture college in this country. We have several endowments for the college and in the agricultural economics department, in particular, we have received financial aid from various sources, such as the Institute of Pacific Relations, the Farmers Bank, the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, and the Rockefeller Foundation. The department annual

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However, in the field of history, the information that we were allowed to carry on graduate study is rather a pleasant surprise. We do not offer enough courses which could be qualified for graduate work, and we had no intention or plan to make that a graduate department. We do have a little special work in the Chinese department, however. For years we have been having, aside from the regular work of the department, a two-year short course on Chinese studies. Three years ago we were asked by the East China Christian Association to make a special provision for teachers of Chinese courses in the Middle School. Complying with this request resulted in our opening another advanced short course on Chinese studies for a two-year term. So far as graduate work in the College of Arts is concerned, the Chinese department seems to have more special work and personnel for advanced work. Upon further inquiry of the Ministry of Education as to their purpose in asking us to make preparation for the history department, they have pointed out that we have the Institute of Chinese Cultural Studies, that the emphasis in this Institute has been placed on the historical side of the Chinese culture, and that with the proper correlation between the Chinese department on the one hand, and the history department on the other (emphasizing Chinese history), we could receive graduate students without any handicap to our present academic program.

It is in this latter field of graduate work that we wish to inform you particularly to report that we have no intention to establish a graduate history department in reference to the program of the Institute of Chinese Culture Study. At the present stage we can only inform you that there can be a possibility--and only a possibility--of making such a graduate department based mainly on the following considerations: that such graduate work, if carried to a successful preparation, would in no way hinder the financial and personnel of the finance and sinological studies of the Institute; that the work of the afore-mentioned three departments, namely history, the Institute of Chinese Cultural Studies, and the Chinese department, would be correlated into a much better program; and that the graduate work will probably be carried on in connection with the College of Arts rather than directly with the Culture Institute, if such a possibility should actually materialize.

As I have said before, although I have been able to write you this information before this date, yet I have not done so because there has been nothing definite to report, especially in regard to the history work. Inasmuch as the permission to make preparation for graduate work seems to be a clear recognition of our satisfactory work in these different directions, we felt you should be advised, and if you will allow us, we will keep you informed of definite plans. Any suggestions that you and your Board may wish to make to us will be assured of welcome.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Y. G. CHEN

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Y. C. CHEN

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March 21, 1936

✓ President Y. G. Chen
Miss Elsie M. Priest
University of Nanking
Nanking, China

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Dear Friends:

Copies of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held yesterday are being enclosed herewith.

The actions deal entirely with investment matters. In this respect we wish we could report marked progress, more particularly in increase of income. On the contrary, however, this phase of the problem is disappointing.

Aluminum Company is now paying on the basis of \$3.50, the arrears per share as of January 1st being \$15. This, of course, has affected the price of the stock, which is now selling between 118-120. If the company paid the arrears, quite naturally this price would drop, and probably it would go below the call price of 110. The committee in dealing with this situation requested the Assistant Treasurer to watch the market, and in case there was an decided advance, to call the committee for the purpose of selling a portion of the 1,400 shares we are holding and diversify our investments.

The other phase of the income situation is that bonds of very high grade with a fairly good yield are being called because of the possibility of refinancing bond issues on a lower income basis. Five per cent income on a good security cannot be secured at the present time. Consequently, in order to maintain the quality of the list, one has to buy at a lower income, and there is no recourse when the bonds are being called right and left.

The Nanking Committee has always been ultra-conservative and it is no criticism to say that in voting to purchase Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe 5% Preferred Stock that there is any slackening of the fidelity or sense of responsibility of the committee. It is solely for the purpose of securing an adequate income on the highest type of security procurable. These preferreds are very well protected, the company never having defaulted on their payments, with the exception of one year, when the dividend was made up the following year. We would have been in a much better position had a considerable amount of our Aluminum been sold and invested in a situation like this.

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President Y. G. Chen
Miss Elsie M. Priest

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The mortgages require constant attention. Although there is a decided upward trend in renting, the values of real estate are still maintained at a low level because of the throwing on the market by banks of real estate properties which have been taken over for mortgages. The end of this vile situation is not in sight as yet.

Another thing which has affected the building industry and retarded advancement along this line is the fact that the government has been pressing for higher prices in both labor and materials, and the heavy industries such as steel and lumber have been equally willing to maintain higher prices. If my memory does not play tricks with my economics, it is my impression that just the reverse of this situation is the only answer to recovery. Lowering of the prices will bring about more stable buying and larger quantity will be acquired. This will stimulate business, which in turn will employ more labor. Take this to your economic classes and see if the idea does not match up with the textbooks.

One other item that was considered involved the Hoover Trust Fund. The first impression of the committee was to take over the funds immediately. After further consideration, it was decided to first communicate with Professor Bates and secure his reaction, and if he decided it was impossible to make any approaches toward rebuilding the fund, then the trustees would take steps to claim the balance of the securities and administer same through the Finance Committee.

I am enclosing a copy of a report which I made after a recent visit to the hospital property at 2348 Seventh Avenue. We wish we could get this on a paying basis, but already the property has been greatly improved through the vast expenditure of time and material by the Works Progress Administration. It does not bring us any income, but there is a satisfaction of knowing that a very remarkable piece of social service work is being accomplished. We are putting every ounce of pressure we can upon the Board of Assessors to give us a favorable vote in remitting the taxes.

Very cordially yours,

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
NANKING, CHINA



March 24, 1936.

Ad- 5/1/36

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Associated Boards for Chr. Colleges in China,
New York City.

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Dear Mr. Garside:

In order to have the minutes in your hands for the meeting of the Board of Founders scheduled for April 23d, I am hastening to send a typewritten copy together with a few comments. The usual number of copies together with further comments will be forwarded in a few days.

Financial items: Miss Priest has sent you a copy of the budget for 1936-1937 together with the other financial minutes. I think they need no further comment.

Harvard-Yenching Institute items: We wrote you at length concerning your request for definite budgets and information concerning the funds received from the Harvard-Yenching Institute. I do not think they need further comment, except to call your attention to the action No. D1166. If it is possible for me to make a trip to the United States this year, I shall hope to go into this question very thoroughly with you.

Visit of the President abroad: I wish to call your attention to the actions No. D1168-D1171 concerning plans for a trip to America. The Board of Directors have asked me to take this trip as soon as it seems advisable, both from the point of view of the need in America and of the need on the field. There are a good many arrangements to be made before I could leave, but I shall hold myself in readiness to make plans for the trip if it seems best for the interest of the institution.

Thank you very much for the steps you have taken in appointing a special committee to plan for my trip. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and shall look forward with pleasure to my work with this committee. I know both Dr. Decker and Mr. Lobenstine and shall be happy to work with them again.

Ferguson Museum: The members of the Board of Founders may be interested to know that the Alumni Association has promised to provide the entire amount required for the building, C\$40,000 00, and the sum of 28,254 00 is now in hand for this purpose. We shall hope to be able to start the building within a short time.

Library Building: Also, the plans are being prepared for the library building which we hope will be under construction within a few weeks. This has been a need for many years, and is of great satisfaction to us all to have it in the process of being materialized.

Registration of land: We were very glad that your letter with the minutes arrived the day that the Executive-finance committee were meeting, and we were able to report your actions to the Board members. We are glad to have the committee and appointed Dr. Han as the Board representative, and hope it may be possible for them to meet immediately.

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It was the feeling of some of the members of the board that this question of land registration was such an important problem, involving so many other institutions besides the University of Nanking, that such a committee might serve in a much broader capacity than just for our own school. However, it is quite clear that other institutions are waiting to see what happens as far as the University is concerned, and will probably follow any action we take.

This is one question that I shall hope to take up in detail with you when I am in the United States. There are so many complications that are difficult to explain by letter that I hope we may be able in conferences to clear the matter more quickly.

Meanwhile we shall proceed with preliminary plans for registration and hope that the committee will be able to meet within a short time.

Furloughs: We shall be glad to have you request the Methodist Board to return Dr. and Mrs. Illick to the University after their year of furlough 1936-1937.

Also will you please have Miss Hynds' furlough of six months dating from February 15, 1936 confirmed by the Board of Founders.

Graduate Study: When I wrote to you about the program under the Harvard-Yenching Institute, I went into a good deal of detail concerning the proposed graduate study in the colleges. We noted your remarks concerning the M.A. and M.S. degrees in the Colleges of Arts and Science, and it was the opinion of the members of the Board that you had not been informed of the instructions given by the Ministry of Education that we were to offer graduate work in the Department of Chemistry and the Department of History. Perhaps I have not written as fully as I should to have made clear this point, but feel sure that my letter of the 14th inst. will clear up any matters or questions you may have had about this graduate work.

Please note that action has been taken requesting that the Board of Founders authorize us to offer the degrees in Chemistry and History. It is the feeling that we shall be under some pressure from the Ministry to do so in a very short time.

Mr. Wheeler: Although it is not yet decided, it is quite possible that Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler will leave for America this summer on account of the ill-health of Mrs. Wheeler. We have been trying to see how we could help both Mr. Wheeler and the University at this time, and have suggested that it might be possible for the Board of Founders to use his services in making contacts and representing the University at home. Please do not misunderstand our meaning. We are not suggesting that a separate office be established, or a separate campaign be started, but would hope that there might be some place where he could be used in the whole program under the Associated Boards. Will you please bring this matter to the attention of the Board of Founders, and see what is best for all concerned? This would be done only on the understanding that the Presbyterian Board continued his support, and any expenses involved would be part of the regular expenses of the whole office of the Associated Boards. We could not afford to set aside any additional funds for his use other than to give up the services of one professor on the staff. This would cause us some hardship, but we are glad to do so at least for a year if it seemed wise to the members of the Board of Founders and the Associated Boards.

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This is a very important matter as it will affect the University in a number of ways and particularly Mr. Wheeler in his planning for the future. Please let us know at the earliest possible date, so we may begin to plan both for the English Department and his work in America. It is still not definite that the Wheelers will leave for home this summer, and may not be decided for some weeks. However, we feel plans should be made to make provision for him in case it becomes necessary for them to leave.

We shall leave all arrangements between the Presbyterian Board and the Associated Boards in your hands. It would be understood that one of the regular quota members was assigned for the period of one year to work in America instead of the work on the field. We are very sympathetic with Mr. Wheeler at this time as we know it is a very great disappointment to him to face giving up his work after so short a time.

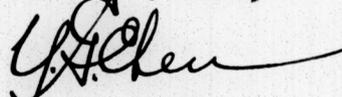
Land problems: From time to time we are approached with requests to exchange small pieces of land - particular for rights of way. We feel we should have some definite regulation in order to make possible such negotiations when it seems of benefit to the institution, both in creating goodwill among our neighbors and in making a fair exchange for ourselves. You will note that we are asking for permission to make such arrangements.

The second problem is one that has been very troublesome. The University owns many small scattered pieces of land. We feel it will be valuable to sell this land and consolidate our property into more valuable units. Will you allow us to dispose of these small sections if the value of any one piece does not exceed US\$500 00. We have used U.S. currency as it seemed a wiser figure than to express any item in Chinese dollars at this time. You will know this will mean approximately C\$1,500 00 at present, but with land values at their present high figure, this means a very small piece of land. The funds realized on such transactions would be placed in an account to be used for the purpose of registration fees, or other land costs.

The third item refers to small pieces of land which we may not wish to sell but which are not being used at present. We have a number of calls for such lots, and would place them on a short lease, whereby we controlled them as far as ownership was concerned, but which gave us the privilege of making some use of these empty lots. We have one case at present and feel we shall be wise to enter into a three year lease for the use of the land. It is most unwise these days in Nanking to have any idle land, especially in the district that is being developed rapidly into a residential section.

There may be some minor corrections in the final minutes, but I believe the main items are correct and will enable you to bring before the Board such items as may require their attention. I am sending Dr. Speer a copy of this letter and the minutes.

Sincerely yours,


Y. G. Chen.

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March 24, 1936.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer:

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors was held on March 20th, and we are enclosing a copy of the minutes for your information at the meeting of the Board of Founders. I am sure you will understand that they have not been finally edited, although I believe they are in general correct. I am also enclosing a copy of the covering letter sent to Mr. Garside which I trust covers all the main items.

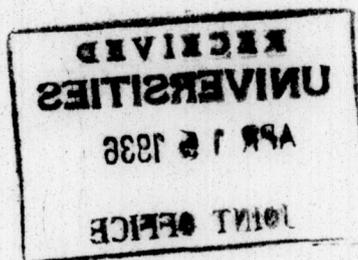
I am enclosing a copy of the budget for your information and use.

May I call especially your attention to the action concerning Mr. Wheeler? I have tried to cover the whole question of his case in the letter, and hope you will help us to make it possible for Mr. Wheeler to have this part in the work for the University. It will involve special consideration from the Presbyterian Board, but seems to us that if we recommend that one quota member be used in America instead of in China that it may clear the way for such special action. In other words, we are willing to allow one of the regular professors to be released for one year for this work. It will not be easy to arrange for the work of the department of English and presents some serious problems, but we are trying to find the best solution for Mr. Wheeler at this time.

I am looking forward with pleasure to meeting you again in New York and hope it may be possible for me to do so before very long.

Sincerely yours,

Y. G. Chen.



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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

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Dear Mr. Garside:

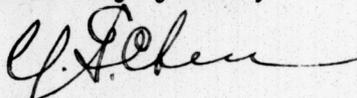
The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church has suggested that it is possible for them to send a nurse to our hospital. Although the Methodist Board is one of the cooperating missions in the hospital, the W. F. M. S. has had no part in the support.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the local conference, it was recommended that a nurse be supported in the hospital and sent to the field immediately. I am writing to you today in order that you may have this information but do not ask that any steps be taken from your office for a little time.

A few months ago Mrs. Peale of the Minneapolis Conference was a guest in Nanking and she expressed great interest in this proposal. The local mission work is supported by this Minneapolis Conference and the request has been sent to Mrs. Peale. There is another contact in as much as Dr. and Mrs. Daniels' families are in Minneapolis and have some personal connection with some of the people involved.

If this question is referred to you, will you kindly do anything that is possible to have it settled favorably? We are very greatly in need of a nurse and I understand there is a possibility of a transfer being made on the field.

Sincerely yours,


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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. regarding the matter mentioned therein.

The matter mentioned in your letter is being considered by the appropriate authorities and a decision will be reached in due season.

I am sure that you will understand the necessity of this procedure and will appreciate the delay.

Sincerely,
The President

Very truly yours,
The President

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U. S. A.

My dear Mr. Garside:

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I have received several letters from you recently, most of which have not been acknowledged on account of Miss Purcell's being away from the office.

Your letter of January 25th covering the actions of the Board of Founders at their meeting on January 19th has been received, also thirty-eight copies of the minutes. The letter and minutes are all clear, I think, and do not need further comment, except in the case of the recommendations for degrees. In the tentative copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors of November 6, Wu I-mei's name was incorrectly spelt Wu Yin-mei, which accounts for the fact that no testimonial bearing a name so spelt (as you wrote on March 2nd) was among the ninety-eight individual records sent you for transmission to the Regents of the University of the State of New York, but you will find the record under Wu I-mei, listed with the graduates in agriculture.

Wrote to H.H. 5-20-32
// We have just received a request from Mr. Ong Teh-tsi, a graduate in agriculture, 1926, stating that he lost his diploma at the end of January when his home in Chapei was totally destroyed during the Japanese bombardment. He asks us to apply for a duplicate diploma and we shall appreciate your doing what you can to get one for him. We enclose copy of his record.//

With reference to your letter of January 28th in regard to the granting of diplomas to candidates for the B. D. degree, at your suggestion we are making inquiry of Cheeloo and Yenching to find out what procedure they follow in the matter and shall write you again.

We are distressed at the further reduction in the Methodist appropriation, including the income from the G.\$100,000 trust fund. We hope a decision favourable to the

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University will be made regarding the exact status of this fund.

Your letter of February 10th concerning the possibility of obtaining the services of Professor and Mrs. J. Milton Vance of Wooster College, and of February 15th enclosing the application of Mr. Wu Tang for a position have been duly received but we are not in a position to engage any of these candidates.

We thank you for sending us a copy of Foster's "Introduction to General Chemistry." Our Chemistry Department have asked me to forward a request for ten copies, and if there are as many as these still available we shall be pleased to have them.

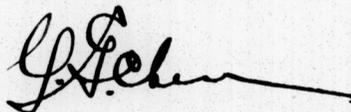
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You will be pleased to know that a hundred copies of the English catalogue have already been mailed to you. The printing is not very satisfactory but you will no doubt be glad to have the information contained in the catalogue.

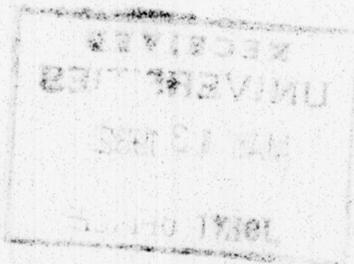
The political situation remains very uncertain but for the time being things are quiet in this region.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



Y. G. Chen.



April 13, 1932

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You will be pleased to know that a hundred copies of the English catalogue have already been mailed to you. The printing is not very satisfactory but you will no doubt be glad to have the information contained in the catalogue. The political situation remains very uncertain but for the time being things are quiet in this region.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



J. G. Chen

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
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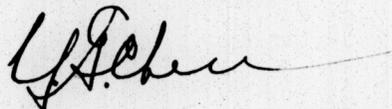
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to Patton*

My dear Mr. Garside:

The special committee on the registration of land appointed by the Board of Founders to make a study of the question of registration of land met on April 18. It was impossible for Mr. Patton to be present and he appointed Mr. C. Stanley Smith to act in his place. Mr. Walline of the China Council was also invited to be present. A copy of the minutes of this meeting and of the statement is enclosed. We are sending you under separate cover forty copies of the minutes and statement in order that you may have them to distribute to the members of the Board of Founders.

The members of the committee have spent a good deal of time in preparing this statement in order to give you a clear picture of the situation at the present time. I do not feel we need to make any further comments. Every effort will be made to secure the registration of our land to protect the interests of the Board of Founders. As soon as I reach New York I hope it may be possible to take up this matter in detail with members of the Board of Founders.

Sincerely yours,

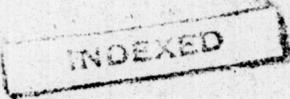


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May 1, 1936

Dr. Y. G. Chen
University of Nanking
Nanking, China

Dear President Chen

Last week I sent you a copy of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of our Nanking Founders so will not enclose another copy with this letter.

The meeting of the Nanking Founders followed shortly after the close of the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards. We are now preparing the minutes of the Associated Boards meeting and will send you a copy as soon as they are ready. You will need that material to understand fully some of the actions of the Nanking Founders.

Financial Statement and Forecast. The brief financial statement and forecast presented at the meeting indicates that, on the basis of assured income, the Founders will probably close the year with a deficit of \$531.72. We will, however, make a special effort to secure additional gifts during the next two months, so as to reduce or eliminate this deficit.

Registration of land. The Board gave a great deal of time and sympathetic consideration to this important problem. We were not able to understand fully the significance of the cablegram received from Dr. Ferguson on April 16th, but assume that he was expressing a personal conviction rather than reporting formally on behalf of the special committee proposed by the Founders Executive Committee on February 19th. Since your latest letters seemed to indicate that final decisions could await the investigations and recommendations of the special committee, and since the Founders are hoping that you will be available to talk these matters through with them in person before many months have passed, no definite action was taken at this meeting. If we receive any indication from the field that action by the Founders before your arrival is urgently demanded, the matter can be taken up by the Executive Committee.

Authorization to Undertake Graduate Work. This also is a matter which the Founders discussed at great length, but on which they postponed final action until they could have an opportunity to confer with you personally. In the thinking of the Founders, the matter resolves itself into two separate questions- (1) Proposed graduate work in the field of Chinese Cultural Studies supported by funds from the Harvard-Teaching Institute, and

(2) the more general question of graduate work in certain departments of the Colleges of Arts & Science.

From correspondence and conferences with representatives of the Harvard-Yenching Institute it seemed quite obvious, regardless of the merits of the proposal, that it would be quite impossible to secure at the April meeting of the Trustees of the Institute any favorable action either as to approval of undertaking a more extensive program at Nanking, or as to the appropriation of any additional funds for this work. The meeting of the Institute Trustees last month was restricted almost entirely to routine matters, for two reasons. In the first place, several of the most influential Trustees could not be present for the meeting. In the second place, since Dr. Elisseeff is planning to leave in six or seven months for an extended visit to China, the Institute is reluctant to undertake any new developments of its program until he can complete his investigations and make recommendations. The Founders were of the opinion, therefore, that it would be unwise to present in any formal way at this time this proposal for an extension of the Nanking program in the field of Chinese Cultural studies. We hope that you will have ample opportunity to discuss this matter with Dr. Elisseeff before he leaves the United States and that you or others will also be able to take it up with him when he is actually on the Nanking campus.

The more general question of offering graduate work in other departments of the University was discussed very thoroughly. The Founders are always anxious to cooperate with the University in every forward-looking proposal, but in this particular instance they were greatly disturbed by a number of questions for which they could not find any immediate answers. The latest revision of the Correlated Program does not seem to contain any provision for graduate work at Nanking, except within the professional field of agriculture. So far as we can learn, the Council of Higher Education has not taken any action or made any recommendation, favoring the introduction of graduate work at Nanking in other departments than agriculture. The Associated Boards has therefore not given any consideration to such a proposed development as this, and would in any event be disinclined to favor it until it had received word of approval by the Council of Higher Education. The Nanking Founders would be very reluctant to take any action in the matter except with the approval of the Associated Boards. From the standpoint of finance, the Founders are gravely concerned over the difficulty the University is already having in trying to secure adequate funds for the work already being carried on. While it has been stated that offering a limited amount of graduate work in history and in chemistry would not involve any substantial increase in expense, experience has demonstrated again and again that once such graduate work is started it will be increasingly demanded that enlarged support from year to year be made. The Founders are frankly afraid that the approval of graduate work in these two specific departments would prove to be the proverbial "camel's nose in the tent", and that within a fairly short period of time we would find ourselves responsible for a much more extensive program of graduate work.

On the other hand the Founders recognize that since the University of Nanking is registered under the Nanking Ministry of Education, you must seriously give consideration to any recommendations the Ministry may make as to your program. We assume that the officials in the Ministry are so

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well acquainted with the work at Nanking, and are so friendly with the work at Nanking, and are so friendly to the institution, that they will not demand that you undertake work beyond the limits of available support. It would, of course, be quite possible for the University to carry on graduate work in some departments and to confer Chinese graduate diplomas and degrees, without this work being officially recognized by the Board of Founders and without any authorization to grant graduate degrees under the absolute charter given by the University of the State of New York. But we would probably all agree that such a solution would not be an ideal one if it could be avoided.

The Founders are maintaining an open mind on these questions, and are looking forward to an opportunity for personal conferences with you.

Your Visit to America. Just before we received the minutes of the March 20th meeting of the Board of Directors the special committee appointed to consider plans for your proposed visit to America this year had sent the cablegram quoted on page three of the minutes. We were delighted to learn that the Directors had taken such a constructive stand in the matter.

The special committee appointed by the Founders seriously considered whether we should cable urging you to start for America at once in the hope that you might arrive in time for conferences before the summer. The Committee decided against urging you to start immediately, however for several reasons. First of all, by the time you could arrive here we would be nearing the end of the month of May, and there would be little time for any constructive work before people begin to scatter for summer vacations. It would not be possible for you to accomplish anything definite in dealing with the Harvard-Yenching Institute. The month of June, together with the latter part of May is not a good time to initiate any promotional efforts. From the field end, we are sure that the University would like to have you remain if at all possible for the commencement season in June. Looking at all these considerations together, the Committee thought it would be much wiser to allow you to remain in Nanking until after commencement.

The special committee, and the entire Board of Founders do hope, however, that you will be able to arrive in America early enough to spend most of the summer here. We believe that you ought not to undertake any strenuous schedule during the summer months, but should use your time in securing much needed rest, in meeting individuals, and in such summer conferences as you may be able and willing to undertake. You could in this way combine rest and activity in a manner which should prove both pleasant and profitable. Immediately after the summer you could enter upon just as active work as you might care to undertake, in the way of cultivating new friends and new support for the University of Nanking. I will write you more at length in another letter describing the plans our Associated Boards is making for its promotional work during 1936-37, and the way in which we hope these plans can be utilized to the advantage of the University of Nanking. You would also have opportunities during the autumn for conferences with Dr. Klisseff and other members of the Harvard-Yenching Institute. While we note that the Board of Directors made an appropriation to cover expenses of your trip to America, the Board of Founders would still be glad to provide such funds as are necessary for your travel and for your entertainment while here in America.

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We are all looking forward eagerly to having you with us, and are hoping that within a few weeks we will have some word from Hanking giving more definite details as to your plans.

Matters arising from Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards. Since the minutes of the meeting of the Associated Boards are not yet ready, I will postpone a detailed discussion of these matters until a later letter with which I can enclose a copy of the Associated Boards minutes.

Other Matters From Directors Minutes. I believe the material under this topic on page five of the minutes does not require any special comments.

Substitute Salary for Mr. and Mrs. Goodsell. While the proposal made in action BF-832 does not go as far as we would like, it should provide a little assistance to tide the University over the period in which the United Christian Missionary Society is continuing to carry the heavy expenses created by the continued illness of Mr. and Mrs. Goodsell.

Budget for 1936-37. You will note that the Founders were able to provide a little more at some points than the amount counted on by the field in preparing your 1936-37 budget estimates. I will write more in detail to Miss Priest in regard to these matters. The Founders considered sympathetically the request of the field that the entire gain on exchange for 1936-37 be allocated to the Board of Directors. In view, however, of the fact that the Founders are carrying several deficits in our accounts and may have a further deficit this year, and face the possibility of reductions in income at some points next year, it seemed necessary that they retain at least a small part of anticipated gain on exchange during 1936-37. They took action therefore allocating to the Board of Directors three-fourths of the gain on exchange for next year, retaining for the time being one-fourth of such gain on exchange. This is, of course, a step more than they were able to go this year when they allocated only two-thirds of the gain on exchange to the Directors.

I will be writing you again within a few days.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:MP

Copy to Miss Priest

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

NANKING, CHINA

Nanking

May 1, 1936

Mr. E. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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Dear Mr. Garside:

I wish to take this opportunity to send greetings from the faculty and staff of the University. Our friends are often in our thoughts, but we fail in sending you regular news from the campus. In thinking over the events of the past year, we are glad to be able to write that the year has been quiet and the work has gone on steadily without any unusual disturbances from the outside.

The spring semester will close with Commencement on June fifteenth. This year we are having commencement somewhat earlier than usual on account of the need to re-arrange our work to provide for the freshman class who are leaving for military camps on May 11. Under present regulations all freshman students must spend two months each year in military camps. The students will return to the University early in August to make up lost work.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors in March, it was decided that I should take a trip to America and possibly England during the next few months, and plans are being made for this trip. Although the actual sailing date has not been definitely decided, it is quite possible that I may sail on the President Coolidge on May 19. If this seems impossible, I shall leave soon after Commencement in order to have some weeks to visit old friends before the autumn meetings are arranged. During the time I am in America, my headquarters will be at the office in New York, and letters will reach me if addressed c/o University of Nanking, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. I am hoping to have an opportunity to see many of the old friends of the University during these months in America.

You may be interested to know of our plans for new buildings on the campus. The fourth dormitory is being built and will be ready for the students next autumn. We have borrowed money from the hospital to build this dormitory and are hoping that it may be possible to secure a gift to repay the loan. The hospital was in great need of one of the buildings in the East compound and were glad to loan us the money for this new building in order that we might release the former East Dormitory for their use. The cost of the building will be about thirty-five thousand, Chinese dollars, to provide for one hundred students.

The Alumni Association has taken full responsibility to secure funds to erect the Ferguson Museum. They have nearly

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thirty thousand Chinese dollars in hand at present and are making every effort to secure the balance of ten thousand required for the building. Dr. Ferguson spent some days on the campus last month, and has chosen the Hutcheson Compound as the best site for the building. Plans are being made at present and we hope the building may be started before many months.

We have the money in hand for the new Library building and hope to start it next month. The architect is working on specifications and details, but it takes time to secure permits and make plans for a building of this type. It is planned to have it placed in the lot just across the street from the present college buildings, so that it will be opposite Severance Hall. The building will be gray brick trimmed with white marble and will be planned along the same general lines. We are very seriously crowded in Severance Hall, and are looking forward with pleasure to the day when the new library is completed.

With the growth of the work in the College of Science, the laboratory space was very limited. After careful planning, it has been possible to start a new Science Laboratory building, east of Severance Hall and northeast of Swasey Hall. We have only enough money to build the first story and will finish the building with a flat roof that will provide for the floor of the second story whenever funds are available. This will enable the College to expand and make more adequate use of some of the valuable equipment that has been purchased with the special grants from the Government.

This may sound as if we had plenty of money to carry on the work and construct new buildings, but in every case, special gifts have been secured or special arrangements made to provide for these greatly needed buildings. We are in serious need of more current funds to carry on the work of the institution. The grants from the Government, China Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation and other special funds have been of great value for special projects, and we are very grateful that they have been granted to us during these difficult financial years. The great need is to find some funds that can be used for the ordinary running expenses of the school, and to provide strength for the instruction in the three colleges.

Mr. Wang Shen-tsu of the Department of History and Mr. Wu Chen-kai of the Department of Chemistry were successful candidates for the British Boxer Indemnity Scholarships and will leave for study this summer. We are glad that the graduates of the University continue to hold a high record in these examinations. Over three hundred applicants took the examinations, and twenty were finally awarded.

On Easter Sunday the service was very impressive with special music and a baptismal service when eighteen of our students became Christians. It gives me great joy to be able to report to you that there is an increasing interest in the Christian activities of the

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school, and we feel definite progress is being made to bring students and staff more closely together these days. There are nearly two hundred students who have elected religious courses, and a large number who are attending voluntary Bible classes conducted by members of the faculty.

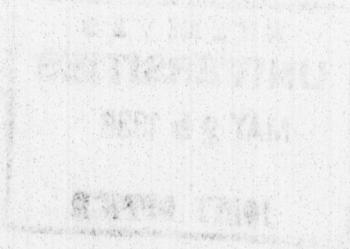
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At this time of year we are saying farewell to staff members who are leaving for furlough. Dr. and Mrs. Illick and Miss Anderson of the permanent staff will leave this year, and a few members of the special staff are completing their contracts. We expect that Mrs. Robert O. Wilson will join her husband in September. With Miss Olive Bowen and Dr. Robert Wilson, we have two members of former faculty families on our staff.

I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you while in America and hope you will let me know if you are in New York at any time.

Sincerely yours,

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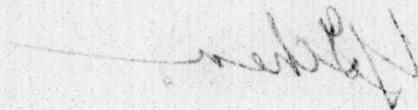
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To Whom It May Concerns

This is to certify that Dr. Y. G. Chen is a regular member of the staff at the University of Wanking.

The University of Wanking is a missionary institution founded and chiefly supported by the following Mission Boards:-

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society
Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church
Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
United Christian Missionary Society

We believe Dr. Y. G. Chen to be fully entitled to receive a Clergy Fare Certificate.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Secretary

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May 7, 1936

Mr. H. W. Siddall
Room 210 Union Station
216 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Siddall:

We enclose herewith a Western Energy application for Mr. Y. S. Chen, together with the usual certification as to his missionary status, and a check for \$2.00 to cover the cost of this certificate.

Will you please send this certificate to our office at 150 Fifth Avenue, as indicated on the application.

Very sincerely yours,

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May 8, 1936

Dr. Y. G. Chen
University of Nanking
Nanking, China

My dear Dr. Chen:

We are glad to learn from your letter of April 9th that the Methodist Women's Foreign Missionary Society is hoping to send a nurse to the University Hospital. We know how urgently the Hospital needs this reinforcement to its staff.

We received from Nanking about a week ago a cable stating that Mrs. Wilson is being expected in September and urging us to try to secure support for her. We are bringing Mrs. Wilson's papers before our Nanking Candidate Committee within a short time, and as soon as her appointment is formally approved will make an effort to secure special contributions to help provide her outgoing expenses and if possible to assist in meeting the increase in salary which her coming will involve. However, we are not particularly optimistic as to the size of any results we can secure.

Very cordially yours,

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May 15, 1936

Pres. Y. G. Chen,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

My dear Dr. Chen,

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As you know, we have for some time been consulting with the Presbyterian Board with reference to arrangements for Professor J. Lossing Buck. I have recently received a letter from Dr. C. H. Fenn, in which he quotes the following action just taken by the Presbyterian Board:-

"The Board voted to approve the request of the Kiangnan Mission, the University of Nanking, and the China Council, and to extend the leave of absence of Dr. J. Lossing Buck for service of the United States Treasury Department from February 18, 1935 to November 30, 1936, on the basis of the original leave, granted November 19, 1934, and its extension Feb. 18, 1935, the U. S. Treasury Department to continue its full support of Dr. Buck, and his future status to be determined prior to the expiration of this extended leave. Inasmuch as Dr. Buck is a quota member of the faculty of the University and his absence necessitates the engagement of substitutes, the Board authorized the China treasurer to pay Dr. Buck's field salary to the University from January 1, 1936, to November 30, 1936. C.C. 3684."

After quoting the above action, Dr. Fenn goes on to comment as follows:-

"We are rather sorry the matter could not be completely cleared at the present time. While we value the service which Dr. Buck has rendered to the University, and may yet render to it, the present loose relation to our Board and the Kiangnan Mission is not at all satisfactory. Personally I think it would be much better if Dr. Buck should secure permanent service with some organization in China or with the U. S. Treasury Department, which would provide him with the income which he feels that he needs, and that any future service to the University might be of a voluntary character. It is quite certain that our Board cannot give him a larger salary than we give other missionaries, nor can we give him that salary for a part-time service as it would be treating him with partiality which would make trouble with other missionaries. I hope that the whole matter may be cleared up by November 30th at the latest."

It is quite possible that news of the above action has already been communicated to you through the China Council or other Presbyterian sources. This is probably one of the matters you will wish to discuss with the Presbyterian Board when you arrive in New York.

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Cordially,

cc to Miss Priest -

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

NANKING, CHINA

May 29, 1936. *ack 6/29*

Dr. B. A. Garside,
Associated Board for China Colleges,
New York.

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Dear Dr. Garside:

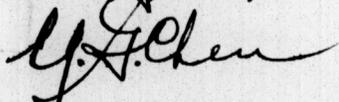
Thank you very much for your letter of May 1st commenting on the various actions of the meeting of the Board of Founders. I appreciate all that you have been doing for me in planning for my trip in America. As I wrote you a few days ago, I shall sail on the Empress of Japan on June 28th and will go directly to California to visit Dr. Bowen. I hope you will send me a letter there concerning further plans for the summer and early fall. I shall be ready to do anything you and the committee think is best for the benefit of the University.

This letter today is written hurriedly to inquire concerning the final decision for Mr. Wheeler to do promotional work during the next year in America. As you know the Board of Directors and the Board of Founders have requested the Presbyterian Board to allow him to be continued as a regular quota member for one year if he has to leave China on account of the health of Mrs. Wheeler. You have made no reference to him or any plan for him to do promotional work next year in any of your letters, and we are puzzled to know what to say to him. It seems to me that Mr. Wheeler should not leave the University work in China except on health reasons in the family. If the doctors decide Mrs. Wheeler must go home, we have tried to make provision for him in part for this year, but feel the group at New York must take the next step.

I am very anxious to know your plan and decision for him before I leave Nanking the end of June. Will you please send me a cable stating clearly whether any provision has been made for Mr. Wheeler to have a place in the program for University promotional work next year? We have stated in our letters and told Mr. Wheeler quite definitely that we did not see how additional funds could be provided for him. If the Associated Boards or the Presbyterian Board was able to make provision for his salary and expenses in full, we would be glad to have him spend his year for the work of the University. However, it would not be fair to him or the institution to have him go to New York for this work and find no provision had been made for him either as far as the program or the funds are concerned. The question had better be faced definitely before he leaves Nanking if we wish to see his work effective. Before sending a cable, please talk it over with Dr. Speer and when sending us word, indicate that it has his full approval.

I realize how difficult it is to make decisions of this kind when the distance makes it hard to know all the facts involved, but Mr. Wheeler must know what he may expect before he makes his final decision here.

Sincerely yours,


T. G. Chen

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