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Princeton, New Jersey,  
10 February 1913.

My dear Hon. Williams,

The return of  
the seal has been delayed beyond  
my expectations. This past week  
I discovered that it would be  
advisable for me to give up my  
rooms on the campus before the  
opening of the second term; and  
the accumulations of these years  
of fixed residence have made

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this preliminary and hurried  
moving a strenuous affair. I have  
to confess, in consequence, that I  
have not managed to see Mr.  
Horsfall since I wrote to you.

As I have gathered in one  
suggestion, however, I'm going to  
send the seal on, since you are  
probably anxious to get it.

This suggestion comes from one  
of the daughters of Governor  
Wilson, whose counsel I sought  
the other day more or less on  
"the spur of the moment."

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Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, <sup>-3-</sup> as you may know, is an artist of real and deserved reputation and the daughters have inherited and developed much of her taste and judgment in such matters.

Mrs. Wilson, after pondering over the possibilities for a day or two, was inclined to think that the flags give an impression that is rather overmuch political. She was also doubtful concerning the book and lamp and hemispheres because, as drawn, the combination seems to lack "body" in "composition" - and as it is also a little complicated perhaps, it would be difficult to reproduce if one wished, for instance, to have it cut in stone on a building.

From my attempted exposition of the work and ideals of the University she concluded that the ideas of learning, unity (denominational and racial), and Christianity might well find expression

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on the seal. The little sketch which she drew, roughly, is a possible presentation of these ideas: - the clasped hands for brotherhood, the book (perhaps with Chinese characters on one page and English on the other) for learning, and the dove with an olive branch in its mouth and the rays above for peace and Christianity. Of course these emblems may not represent these ideas to the Chinese. I

was unable to <sup>5</sup> enlighten her on  
this point. But in such case  
more fitting emblems might be  
found to express the same  
ideas.

The Wilson ladies are delightfully  
modest and retiring — but as a  
consequence I am compelled  
to request that you keep Miss  
Wilson's part in this strictly  
confidential. She is insistent  
in such matters. It occurs  
to me, however, that the very

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evident interest of the <sup>6</sup> President-Elect's daughter in the banking work is worth considering, and if her suggestions should chance to prove acceptable, either as a whole or in part, the result might well be to hold and augment her interest. If you decide to see Governor Wilson it would be better not to mention this matter of the seal, but Miss Wilson should get the impression that her dislike of publicity were being disregarded.

As for the book duplicates in the Princeton library, Mr. Green has asked President Hibben's opinion - and I am glad to say that the President favours the idea. It is likely, therefore, that the plan will go through, to the number of several hundred volumes. I shall be glad to know what arrangements should be made for packing and sending these books. As a few of my own books happened to be especially

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fitting for the library here, I have  
turned them over on exchange  
account from the University  
of ranking!

I should be grateful, also,  
if you could let me know at  
your convenience how my  
own luggage should be  
addressed and sent - also the  
postal address to be used. I  
dislike to trouble you with  
such purely personal matters,  
but a word or two from your

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experience might save shipping  
expenses. For instance, I have  
planned to take a half dozen  
small pictures packed together,  
my typewriter, two compact  
revolving book cases, and three  
or four hundred books packed  
in small boxes which would  
serve as book cases later,  
together with wearing apparel.  
If this seems too much, of  
course the revolving cases and  
the typewriter could be omitted.

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I have not planned to take bedding.  
Should I?

I fear I shall have to ask for a portion, at least, of the appropriation for outfit; but I suppose that much of this can best be expended as necessary after arrival in China.

Thank you for the most interesting pamphlets about the University. I am looking forward to a free hour in

which I may examine them more carefully than I have been able to yet. I shall return the elevation plans in a day or two.

Hoping that the delay in sending the seal has not been a cause of inconvenience to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Harry Clemons

August 18, 1916

Mr. Harry Clemens  
University of Nanking  
Nanking, China

Dear distant Harry:

Your little notes with Lillian's letters were mighty welcome, also the copy of Mr. Bowen's address to the Mission. He let the light in on the real situation in a splendid way.

Your secretarial letter for the mission conveying their thought and remembrance of me was very much appreciated. One has only to ~~try~~ to live away from the Mission and its friends, the University and its men, and our family circle to realize how small the rest of life seems.

I am just now undergoing one of those beautiful arrangements of the Pacific mail. One gets a good batch of mail by the Empress; then they put on all the worthless boats for the next two or three weeks so that there is a hiatus of about three weeks between mails.

I spent a couple of weeks in Ohio the last two weeks in July with Mother and William's family and had a delightful time. Mother is now 82, well, energetic and very happy. I found all of the family so well and happy that the visit was a perfect delight. I came back to New York hoping that I could secure the support for the Griffings and the Steeles and have them start in time for the fall term. I have been disappointed in this and I fear I shall greatly disappoint the Mission there. New York in August seems absolutely impossible in that regard. I feared it would be, but thought I would make the try because of the necessity. I have assured the Griffings that we will arrange for them to sail early in the fall and they can hold themselves open.

You doubtless have heard thru Bowen of the arrangement made for the Downeys. I feel sure you will like Mr. Downey. Mrs. Downey seems very energetic and alert. She has been teaching English and I hope she can help you out on your heavy job.

I am returning to Ohio for a couple or three weeks more. I shall try to keep in the open and get a little change in preparation for what I shall have to do here in September. Miss Mead told me that you did all of the proof reading and correcting of the Mission Minutes. She showed me a copy of them in which I was deeply interested. I fear you will not rest as long as there is any job ~~that~~ ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~done~~ ~~else~~ ~~of~~.

Again thanking you for the letters and your many thoughtful kindnesses to Lillian and the children,

Affectionately yours,

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September 28, 1916

Mr. Harry Clemens  
Nanking, China

Dear Harry:

I do hope you have come through the summer without having sacrifices all your health. My, how I should like to have exchanged with you this summer, that you should be knocking about in America and that I could be over in China. In the general shuffle a good many people get in the wrong place. Not you! I don't think you ever do, but I seem to most of the time. I think if you were let loose in America for a couple of months you could have got some fun and change out of it while I spend most of my time wishing I was back in China.

I am enclosing copies of letters I have just sent to Mr. Bowen. I requested him not to have them discussed generally because of the possible mistaken or large inferences that could be drawn from such a report. However, I should like to have them come under your attention and Lillian's. It is the irony of fate that I have had to spend so much time in trying to hurry out an understanding with these people here. I think you may learn from Lillian and the letters I wrote to her of how I feel about the situation and what a struggle it has been. I would gladly have retired from the whole University proposition and proposed to Mr. Speer that I do that, but with the arguments he brought to bear and arguments that occurred to me, I could not do so with a clear conscience in view of what I have done to urge other men to go into the enterprise. Things are so interdependent and complicated and it seems so absolutely impossible to travel on a perfectly straight line and things absolutely black or absolutely white. There is so much of adjustment and compromise. The struggle to hold one's ideas in the face of actual conditions and at the same time meet one's share of the burden and duty seems to be increasingly difficult. I have a clear conscience of having tried to be true to my relations with all the fellows in the work.

I was greatly relieved to learn from Lillian's letters that so little criticism was being meted out to me from that side. There may be much more than comes to her and I should not mind it if there were. My principle concern now is that she should not feel any worry about it.

Your friend the President is having about the hardest course to train of any president since Lincoln. He is a real conscientious Democrat in the midst of a time when the imperialistic forces are most rampant and aggressive. It is rather an interesting comment that came directly to me from a colonel of the Japanese army, a medical man. He said Japan was doing fine in China, that if they could only have President Wilson for another term they would be safe. The President's conscientious principles of non-interference of Americans and their tending to their own business and his determination to have peace is constituting for the Japanese a perfect heyday for aggressive schemes in China. It is very hard to tell how the election will go. Wall Street will be pretty solid for Hughes, and so will a lot of other people for other reasons. Whether President Wilson has another term or not he has made an extraordinary record.

I wish I was going back by the "Empress" instead of this letter. I had a dandy long letter from little Dorothy written on the 29th of July, which only came to

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me yesterday. I think I will have to bring some new Turkey Trot dances for our victsda so we can have some new-style rough-house when I get back. My, but it is a satisfaction to know that you are in the house and taking such thought and care for Lillian and the children.

As ever yours,

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May 1, 1917.

Mr. Harry Clemons,  
University of Nanking,  
Nanking, China.

My dear Mr. Clemons:

We have received advice from Mr. W. J. James of the Library of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., that he has a number of books ready for the University of Nanking and that he would appreciate shipping instructions from us. In sending such instructions we raised with him the question as to whether there had been any arrangement with you as to the payment of transportation charges. He replies: "The transaction is regarded nominally as an exchange. Of course it is practically a gift, and we do not expect to pay the charges." This undoubtedly has been so understood by you, but I thought perhaps it was wiser to advise you in the matter so that if there was any misunderstanding on these exchanges and you had not understood that there was to be the expense to the University of the transportation charges, that you could take this into the reckoning in your correspondence with this or other libraries.

We heard of you a good deal last year when Mr. Williams was home and we are glad indeed for your sake that it has been possible for you to share the Williams' delightful home. We saw considerable of them the year they were upon furlough and lived in Montclair where we live, and we still see some of Mrs. Williams' happy letters, and knowing the sickness through which you have passed and your self-sacrificing spirit, we have indeed been thankful that you have had these good people to help look after you.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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*Harry Clemons*  
室書圖校學大陵金  
The University of Nanking Library

Nanking, China, 1 August 1917.

My dear Mr. Carter:

Early in January you were good enough to order, through your office, some thirty-five periodicals for the Subscription Periodical Room which is connected with this library. Recently Doctor Bowen handed me the bills for these periodicals which you had forwarded. In looking through the set I have failed to find any statement for the 'Independent', the 'London Weekly Times, with Literary Supplement', the 'New Republic', the 'Outlook', and the 'Review of Reviews.' I shall be grateful if I may have the details concerning the cost of these five also. Four of the five periodicals have been coming regularly, but the 'Outlook' has apparently stopped. I shall be further grateful if it can be ascertained what the difficulty is with the 'Outlook.'

Evidently due to our failure to send you the original list quite early enough, certain numbers at the beginning of our subscription did not reach us. I suppose that the publishers did not care to fill up the subscriptions with numbers already distributed. But this has left certain gaps in our files, and it may be that the publishers will now be willing to fill those gaps from their office supplies. If your office is willing to send requests to this effect, we shall be very glad. The numbers are 'American', February 1917, 'House and Garden', January 1917, 'Review of Reviews' January 1917, 'Scribner's', January and February 1917.

For all your trouble in these matters we heartily thank you.

Sincerely yours,

*Harry Clemons*

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June 8th, 1918.

Mr. Harry Clemons,  
University of Nanking,  
Nanking, China.

My dear Mr. Clemons:

I just wish to add my word of congratulations upon your marriage. I heard of it first when Faith Williams was visiting with us in the home and I should have written you then.

The announcement of your marriage reminds me again of the joy of friends and I am very happy with you in your new happiness.

We have heard a good deal of you, of course, from time to time thru the Williams, and we know of the delightful home they have made for you. I know how they regretted your leaving them when you took up your new quarters in the newly fitted up dormitory apartments. It is quite evident that one of your unselfish devotion needs someone to look after you and I am very glad that you have found someone who will do this as Miss Jenkins can and will.

With heartiest congratulations to you both,

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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Hankin, 4 March 1918

Dear Jack:

The enclosed note is from  
Mr. E. W. Parry of the Language  
School. I have received also from  
Mr. Sattelmeyer a book of yours,  
'How to Live,' by Fisher and Fish,  
which I'll put in your study.  
And I should like to have from  
you the forwarding addresses  
both for Libian and for you. If  
she remains for any time on  
the West Coast, I might send  
such things as station minutes

to her first, and let her forward  
them to you.

These things are easily written.  
It is not so easy to write either  
how much we are missing you  
already and are going to miss  
you or how deeply we appreciate  
your courage in facing the work  
that only you can do in the  
United States. I think you know  
how much we are behind you  
in that appreciation — we are  
all learning year by year how  
much it means to have you  
behind us.

May you have a restful

mean interim before the next campaign.

Ever yours,

Starry.

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Wilmington

Wilmington, 4 March 1918

Dear Lillian:

I was going to ask you to get me one or two things in the way of minor wedding garments when you reach the land of the free and the home of the four-in-hand. But certain details of haberdashery haven't yet been settled, and so I am unable to trouble you now. I am asking Jack to send your forwarding address, and I may pursue you with a little request or two of this sort. In any case I thank

<sup>21</sup> you most heartily for the offer to help me with these things.

I have sent off little notes to each member of the family; so if some of the notes do not arrive you may know that Uncle Post Office and not Uncle Harry is guilty of dereliction.

Mrs. Henry greeting wishes to be remembered to you and Jack; and I, myself, wish to be remembered to Mrs. Hayes, and to any others on the boat whom I may know. Moreover, please do not forget me when you are greeting Faith.

I am hoping that you may

3] have a very placid, rich, joyous voyage around to the American side of the planet.

It is going to be very hard for me not to have your home here. I know that is selfish. I know, moreover, that Jack's going means that I may be really relieved a little from the bounding drive of routine work - that unless he, brave man, were not undertaking that <sup>relief</sup> among the host of other undertakings, I should be wholly unjustified in dragging famine into my life. But though I realize in this peculiarly personal way the need of his going, and though I realize how many, many things there are to push and draw all of you homeward, yet I cannot honestly put my right hand over the upper left hand front of my rifeled anatomy and declare that I am glad you have gone. That's a fact.

The Frenchman says, 'a good voyage to you'.  
The Chinese say, 'may your path be peaceful.'  
The Roman said, 'if you are well, it is well. I am well.' And he says, 'Go to it.' May the way be glad with you, until we meet again.

Affectionately yours.

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My dear Teacher, Mr. Clemons:

Your kind letter has been respectfully received and heartily read. I think it perhaps might be your pleasure to hear why I have now decided to be a Christian. Of course there are a number of reasons which I cannot enumerate all. But the chief among them are the following:

In the first place, I feel more and more that we must believe in God and Christ, otherwise we are mere poor individuals baffled in every way by the world of experience. In the second place, the more I learn about things, the wider my horizon of knowledge seems to extend. Consequently I deeply appreciate the greatness of nature and of man. Man can explain nature, but man cannot explain himself. It is the Absolute alone who could understand all. The more I think about it, the more strongly I feel that I must have faith in Him. In the third place, I have keenly felt the uncertainty of human affairs. It is true that we will and can control our own career, but that is only in a partial sense. The best thing we want in our life is peace and tranquillity. But how could we obtain them? In the fourth place, without a God we can never get an intellectual unifying conception of the universe, and we can never rest intellectually. We see contraries, but no unity of things. All are in disorder and turmoil. And man is little. It is God alone who could elevate the position of man and who could make satiate the man who craves for eternal life.

Owing to long meditation on these things, I now conclude that I must have faith in God and Christ and will be a Christian. The only thing I fear is that I am unworthy ~~the~~ of that name. I thank you for all your kindness to me.

Your obedient student,

Chu Tiao Seven

(Humanly speaking, Dr. Lin and Dr. Bowen are responsible for this stand.)

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September 12th, 1918.

Mr. Harry Clemons,  
Nanking, China.

Dear Harry:

I hope Mr. and Mrs. Marks get out in due time, not too late for the Fall term, and I hope he will be able to relieve you directly and very greatly in the burden of teaching English. He comes with the understanding that his whole time is to go into teaching English in the Junior College and I hope that other things will not be allowed to interfere with his doing this. I shall keep on trying to get another man.

We are now settled at Montclair having moved there last Saturday. Lillian and the children had rather a hard trip from Ohio, as traveling is so crowded, and one can be more seasick over the B. & O. and the mountains of West Virginia than on any piece of salt water that I have ever tried. We had a delightfully quiet Sunday together. On Monday I went up to Syracuse to attend the Chinese Student Alliance and had a good time with the boys who seemed very happy notwithstanding the world war and uncertainties of the future in China. The Chinese students over here always make a splendid impression. They were a fine lot of boys, - the girls, too, for that matter, for there were 25 girls among the 130 who enrolled as delegates to the Alliance meeting. On my way back I stopped over at Albany and again raised the question about Mr. Hung Yu-Feng's attendance at the Library School. Dr. Downing, Assistant Chancellor of the Board of Regents, assured me that they would be glad to have Mr. Hung in the school, that they would remit all tuition charges and would be pleased to see that he was introduced in the best way in Albany. That leaves the item of travel over and other expenses and I shall see what can be done on that line. If Dr. Finlay were there I would have asked his help on that score but he is now in Red Cross work in Palestine. I am enclosing under separate cover copy of their catalogue.

I shall see if I cannot enlist Theodore Wang, director of Chinese students in America, to help in arranging for him to come over.

I hope to learn at this end what Jim's plans are. We have felt exceedingly anxious about him. I can learn from Henry in the bank in the city what the latest word is.

Mr. Speer handed me this afternoon a copy of the new Minutes of the 13th Annual Meeting of the Kiangan Mission. They looked very attractive. This time surely <sup>you</sup>ought to have been free of any proof reading but I fear they got you in after all for the get up and arrangement of the Minutes shows a good deal of your handiwork.

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Mr. Harry Clemons

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Sept. 12th, 1918.

We are arranging for a meeting of the Trustees next week and I am hoping for a fuller and more satisfactory meeting. The prospect for doing anything very big for the University with the new draft on is anything but bright,- however, we can hold things together and make some progress.

We shall not feel fully satisfied at the Williams' house until we have yours and Jennie's accounts of the wedding and what you did on your honeymoon, etc. Rex Wheeler was just in today and he said he never felt so happy over anything quite as your wedding.

With affectionate regard, as ever yours,

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Somewhere on the Yangtze, China

23 September 1918

Dear Jack:

The minutes which accompany these lines have been waiting in the envelope for a long time -- that is, the minutes of the June meetings have. I am ashamed that I have delayed so long in giving them the words to start; but through the summer my letters to Frankie were about all the epistolary achievement I could seem to manage, and since college reopened even that flow of script has dwindled to a tiny though continual stream. I am now on my way to get Frankie -- we shall come back by this same

<sup>2</sup> steamer - and so at last have a good chance for a letter to you.

It was a great pleasure to hear from you directly during the summer, and Mr. Bowen has been so good as to give me news indirectly whenever he has heard from you. Frankie and I received in July a fine letter from Lillian (containing a note from Faith to Mrs. Chen Ah-ming, which was delivered, and a copy of Longfellow's lines on Haubing, for which I am most grateful, and all the news, which found a breathlessly eager audience). Frankie has, I understand, answered that letter several weeks ago.

I have been much touched by your efforts to get help in English, and you may be very certain that I appreciate them and the difficulties

2] which have confronted you this year. Mr. Mary's coming will be a boon indeed.

In August when no help seemed available, Mr. Wilson discovered in Kuling a chance to get three teachers who had been in the Kuling School; and two of these have taken a major part of the junior College work in English for this year. So Mr. Mary may have a chance, perhaps, to study Chinese. These two ladies, Miss Braastad and Miss White, have, like Mrs. Frauske, brought fresh vigour and interest to the work. However I am not persuaded that the junior College English work ought all to be taken by women.

The enrolment for the semester, statistics of which will have reached you ere this, will indicate anew the strategic importance in our work of junior College English. You will notice that the departments (the Language School not yet included) remain about the same in size (except the junior College, which shows a marked increase. And of that increase of new students the majority are from Chinese government or private schools. Adequate English courses of a good quality given in the Junior College will be both technical and cultural, will make both <sup>full</sup> rice bowls and further college courses possible.

This semester we are giving a special non-credit course for middle school graduates who are deficient in English - the hospital squad, - the regular first year Junior College course, and courses in the second year

4) for agricultural and forestry students  
and for arts and other students.

Two of these classes - the regular  
first year course and the second  
year arts course - are so large  
that they have been divided.

Hence the two ladies have all that  
they can handle (Miss Braastad  
has a section in History also) and  
I have taken entire charge of the  
theme work arrangements in which  
eighteen members of the college  
faculties are taking part! You  
cannot escape being a member  
of the English department if you  
step foot in Hankin.

This has enabled me to give  
second and third year College of  
Arts elective courses in addition  
to Mr. Bowen's course in the history  
of English literature. This is the

2] fourth semester of elective senior college courses in English, and the enrollment in the four semesters has been respectively one, two, five, twenty-four (thirty-five actually elected this semester's courses, but eleven were not yet qualified). So I am having a full term's work (~~a~~ <sup>the</sup> finest teaching chance I have yet had here), but am trying to give some attention to the library.

Which reminds me that, if opportunity offers, I should be grateful if you would try to get Mr. Hung Yu-fung's scholarship at the Albany library school held over for another year. He has been unable to go this year - and it seemed possible that a delay would be met in every way.

I have written at length about the things that more intimately concern me; but letters from others and the college faculty minutes will give all the general news. Mr. Moss has worked into Mr. Sarvis's task finely and Mr. Reiser has done splendidly in the summer course in agriculture and in all his administrative and teaching work. Both men and Mr. Bowen were here practically all summer, and it was consequently a summer of constructive advance.

Incidentally I had to stay in banking also. Please don't blame poor Frankie for this— or me for that strange charge that I take on too many things! In my time in banking I have taken on about one-third

of what I have been asked to do, and my hardest work has been getting out of things. The catalogue unexpectedly developed into an unusually difficult task, and it is not yet completed. The main trouble was with the Press-type has been so short that the printing has been at the rate of sixteen pages at a time. I was amused at what the Trustees' minutes made you say about my cataloguing at Princeton. Before coming to banking I have never done a single stroke of work in the preparation of any college catalogue. But thank you for the complimentary remarks which you did make.

I wish I could talk with you. I wouldn't, couldn't do your job. You have my deepest admiration. With affectionate regards to all.

Harry.

Nov. 1, 1918.

Mr. Harry Clement,  
Nanking, China.

Dear Harry:-

I am sending out for Mr. Hong the two enclosed application blanks. Under date of October 18th, Mr. T. T. Wang, of 2023 Kalorama Road, Washington, D. C., in sending these applications to me, wrote:

"I am enclosing two application blanks in duplicate for partial scholarships for Mr. Hong and Mr. Tsu referred to in your letter. Owing to Government retrenchment, the number of partial scholarships has been considerably reduced, but when an opportunity presents itself, I shall be glad to forward the applications to Peking for consideration. "

I don't know that these applications will be successful, but it is the necessary step in receiving any aid from the Chinese Government, so it would be well for Mr. Hong to attend to it.

Sincerely yours,

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[Hankin, 6 November 1918, received.]

Professor Harry Clemens, Hankin  
University, Hankin, China.

Will you accept appointment  
official representative American Library  
Association Vladivostok to develop  
library service for American forces  
in Russia (stop) Books being shipped  
steadily (stop) Will meet all expenses  
and guarantee against salary  
loss. Cable Libcon Washington.

W. L. Rainey, Director Overseas  
Service.

[Hankin, 7 November 1918, sent.]

Rainey, Libcon, Washington.

Will attempt library service.  
starting when you direct (stop)  
University desires my return by  
May (stop) Wife could accompany  
me if you so advise.

Clemens.

<sup>2</sup> [Nanking, 16 November 1918, received.]

Harry Clemons, Nanking University,  
Nanking, China.

Proceed Vladivostok Get marine green  
uniform with A & A insignia and  
open collar general style newspaper  
correspondents (Stop) Two thousand  
dollars cabled (Stop) Report finan-  
cial arrangements necessary  
date departure arrival and condi-  
tions (Stop) Have shipped over ten  
thousand volumes from America  
and England.

Raney.

[Shanghai, 22 November 1918, sent]

Raney, Libcon, Washington.

Leave Shanghai twenty-ninth  
arrive Vladivostok December third.  
(Stop) Have library supplies been sent  
with books (Stop) Will accept regular  
salary for this service (Stop) Where

3) did you cable two thousand dollars?

Clemous.

[Nanking, 27 November 1918, received]

Clemous, Nanking, University, Nanking,  
China.

China American Security and Trust  
Company called your money November  
twenty-third Nanking University  
(Stop) Report present salary. Books  
supplied with plate cards and pockets.  
Am cabling London send twenty-  
five hundred £ & a exchange.

Raney

[Shanghai, 29 November 1918, sent.]

Raney, Libcon, Washington.

Leave on Simrish to-day. Wife  
remains Nanking until conditions  
known. Money not located. Red  
Cross advancing money and outfit  
(Stop) Receive Presbyterian missionary  
salary twenty-two hundred Mexican

4] for wife and self with rent. That amount  
plus expenses satisfactory.  
Clemens.

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Shanghai, 28 November 1918

Dear Folks:

I have been hoping to be able to write you a long letter all about ourselves. But the chance has not come, and I am going to send these minutes now without further delay. I leave tomorrow for Vladivostok to act as "official representative of the American Library Association to develop library service for the American forces in Russia." Jennie remains in Hankow. If possible I shall write the letter

to you on the way.

Our love to you all.

Hastily but always yours,

Harry.

Jack

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Somewhere in the Yellow Sea  
November  
20 ~~December~~ 1918

Dear Jack:

I have already sent to you, with some recent Haiking Station minutes, a brief announcement of my present mission. The enclosed copy of the cable correspondence, so far, will give you all I know about what I am doing. But perhaps a few comments may be added.

The first cablegram was discussed with Francis, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Chan, and Mr. Drummond before the answer was sent. Their opinion that I should accept was unanimous. Later the mission

<sup>2)</sup> Executive Committee voted in favour of accepting, and Mr. Lowie gave the matter a sympathetic hearing. In September Miss Braastad and Miss White - formerly of the Kuling School - were added to the English Department. Mr. and Mrs. Mary arrived in Hankow on the twenty-fifth of November, and he took over my advanced classes in English on the twenty-seventh - the day I left Hankow. Mr. Hung Yu-fung, Mr. Brown, Mr. Moss, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Birner, and Miss White took over parts of my other University work and Frankie is ready to carry on the station secretaryship.

You will note that the matter of salary is not quite settled. Since I am a regular representative of the Presbyterian Mission, would it

2] not be possible that my salary be paid to the University during my absence? There are now three people besides Dr. Bowen teaching classes in the college English department (everybody reads themes!) and the University needs that money. Could you conveniently take this up with the Board, if it seems a proper request? I told Dr. Bowie that I was ready to cable to the Board about my going; but he said that, in the circumstances, it did not seem necessary to do that.

I am wearing that marine green uniform. Fannie says I look like a nasturtium! The ocean is large and the "British" (Russian Volunteer Fleet) is small and I feel like a green marine to-day.

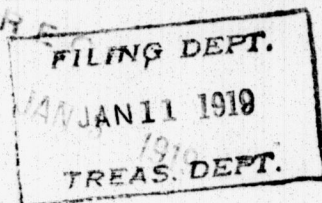
The last cable about Archangel makes me wonder whether Archangel is to be regarded as an outstation of Vladivostok.

If the A. S. A. had only known, they would have sent Fannie and perhaps let me go along as an assistant. In the circumstances it seems better that she remain in Hankow - at least until the conditions in Siberia are clearer. She has been a heroine about it - pluckily going down to the boat in the launch yesterday. My going was kept quiet in Hankow until I had gone, but there were several people at the Heikwan train and the Shanghai wharf. To be away from Fannie this winter has seemed wellnigh intolerable, but we were both clear that this separation was right.

All this about myself - my love to you and  
yours.  
Harry.

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Harry Clemons



Siberia, 4 December 1918

Dear Mr. Carter:

The card that is enclosed should have been sent to you last summer; but it was a piece of business that was apparently interrupted, and the card has just now emerged, most oddly filed in my correspondence. Dr. Bowen approved of the purchase — the Reader's Guide is very much needed at the University library — and if the Wilson Company will still grant this reduction we shall be very grateful. Meantime I shall be indebted to you if

you will send the card to them. 12/4/18

As has been reported to Doctor  
Spier I have been appointed from  
Washington as official representative  
of the American Library Association  
to develop camp libraries among  
the American troops in Russia,  
and the University and the Kingan  
Mission have approved of my re-  
lease for a time. During the winter  
this means a great opportunity.  
But of course it also means that  
Fannie is in banking. She is very  
happy, however, and seems to be  
doing well at the Language School.  
We were both very glad to have  
your good letter of good wishes last  
summer.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Clemons

December 16, 1918.

Mr. Harry Clemons,  
Nanking,  
China.

Dear Harry:

We just had our third meeting of the Trustees this morning. Mr. Sarvis, Mr. Frank Price, Dr. Corey and C. T. Wang representing China were present. These deficits were so appalling that we were simply "buli dah liao". They did not seem appalling when the war was on for I always had a hope that I might be drafted, carried off with the "Flue" or in some other way escape the piling up of responsibility; but with the war now over and even Kaiser Bill being brought back there did not seem much chance for an ordinary private citizen to skip bills, even his personal or the University's. In fact my situation seems even worse with the declaration of peace than it was before, for the fellows in Nanking would excuse something on the score of the war, and over here nobody during the war expected anybody to do anything normal or regular, but we have gotten the Trustees to ask the Boards to pay up two for one on 1917-18, and if they do, well, we will breathe easier for a day or two, until we run aground, or go bankrupt again which is about immediately.

I am glad that the Marxes are to join you.

I note your argument for a second man in English, and I agree with you and I agree with President Bowen that the Junior and Senior College work must be done by men with some help from the women whom we may be able to engage.

The Trustees seemed to be really in earnest about the University at this meeting. Even Dr. Speer who is always so mild and soft spoken wound up the meeting by calling the attention of the Trustees again to the new Catalogue, President Bowen's report, and the Bulletin on the Language School and the Hospital, and even by the absence of the Bulletins of the Theological Seminary, to the great range and splendid character of the work being done in all these departments. How I should like to talk over the whole situation with you and to see you and Jeannie in your own home!

Lillian and the children are just up from the

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Mr. Harry Clemons-----#2

"Flue". We had a terrible siege while it was on - four of them down at one time. That is all except Faith and myself, as we can name them best by exclusion.

This afternoon Mr. Sarvis and Frank Price have gone out to Montclair to see them. I am here dictating between six and seven expecting to take a night train to Oil City, Pa. I am to speak on Sunday. All would join me in love to you both.

Affectionately yours,

JEW-EMB



ARMY and NAVY  
Young Men's Christian Association



*post*

Siberia, 13 December 1918

Dear Lillian and Jack and the rest of  
the Wen-gia:

This year I am not in  
the position to send you more than  
greetings for Christmas. I had  
some idea of bombarding you with  
picture post cards of the North Pole,  
but the picture post card factory  
seems to have frozen up. Then  
it occurred to me that I might  
substitute a small photograph of  
my long self, especially since  
my Commander-in-Chief in  
Ranking ordered me to have  
some taken of my uniform.  
I did actually succeed in screwing  
up my courage and facing  
a Russian photographer, and

I had some hope that, since I was almost entirely concealed beneath the before mentioned uniform, I might achieve at least a strategic success. But, in the words of the poet, "Golly." Even the Russian woman who collected the rubles and kopecks for the photographer shrugged her shoulders and apologized for the outcome. No, I am going to send only verbal greetings for Christmas. Even a book worm may turn.

But there's nothing the matter with the greetings. They are from the heart and there are lots of them and they include warm wishes for the new year.

My first official visit in Vladivostok was to the Consul.



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Mr. John K. Caldwell; and I soon found that the good influences of the Williams family still surrounded me. It was a pleasant, friendly introduction to this strange place. Mr. Caldwell is in a position of peculiar responsibility and, from all I hear, seems to be handling things well.

On my arrival all I knew about my mission had come to me by cable. And I soon found that all the cases of books sent by the American Library Association had been received and distributed widely and the methods of putting the books into circulation had already been adopted. So it looked as if

my work would be to locate the books, fit myself into an already existing organization, and await the hundred or so new cases that were on their way from Washington. I was starting on the first part of the plan when I learned that a few cases of periodicals had recently come from Manila. This was a good clue. For with a squad of well-fed Antoinic prisoners I rooted twenty-four huge boxes out of a warehouse, and got them located in a small storeroom. When the boxes were opened - well, there has been plenty to do ever since. It is a mobilization of all the periodicals in the Far East. So it the banking subscriptions



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Periodical Room is a mere flea-bite in the ocean. At first it was merely chaos, without rhyme or reason. What should I do with ancient financial journals, Spanish newspapers of a rare vintage, myriads of children's papers, a "run" of "The Bowler's Journal," and a plethora of "Buttrick's Patterns," "Vogues," "Vanity Fairs," "Illustrators," "Good Housekeeping Magazines," and "Woman's Homely Companion"? When an officer walked in as I stood submerged in this welter, I saluted and reported, "All is not literature that litters." He left, in one quivering movement, and has not returned.

But that was only a first, dazed impression. There has

proved to be much good grain among the chaff and I am slowly getting the mess into order and sending it out to detachments all along the line. Instead of waiting for books, I am introducing the short-story into the long Siberian night. I am very keenly glad for this opportunity. It is winter in a strange land and the men are eager for reading matter.

I am glad for the work for a more personal reason. Like the proverbial flea-bite, it keeps me from remembering what a lonesome dog I am. Siberia is a part of Asia. But mail communications are not rapid, and no word has come



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from China since I left here,  
smiling frankly at the camera.  
I rather think that she is in  
Hwaiquan just now, for the  
Benedict-Chaney wedding and  
for Christmas. Hwaiquan seems  
to run to weddings these days.  
Perhaps it was because the  
first turned out well -

Thus my Christmas  
greetings have run into pages  
about myself. But that isn't  
because my thoughts are all  
centered in Siberia. They sped  
around the world to Montclair  
very easily; and I am now  
thinking of each one of you  
and wishing that my "Merry  
Christmas" could be uttered in

person and not entrusted to this  
ink.

Affectionately yours.

Harry Clemons.

December 31, 1918.

Mr. Harry Clemons,  
C/o American Consulate,  
American Library Association,  
Vladivostok, Siberia.

Dear Harry:

Yours from "somewhere in the Yellow Sea" arrived this morning. So you are off for the "great Adventure". I can heartily sympathize with you and the agreement of the men at Hanking that you should go in response to the call, and I can understand in a measure I think Jeannie's pluck and courage in bidding you God Speed.

Your letter to Mr. Speer came to the office this morning, but as he was at Englewood today dictating there is no opportunity to confer with him on the main proposition you put up of having your salary continue to the University during the time of your absence. I will take that up, however, and it's mighty good of you to plan so generously for the necessities of the University. I know you will enjoy the experience with the boys in bringing order out of all the shipments which the American Library Association are sending ahead.

I am writing immediately because I am very desirous that you meet Lillian's nephew, Kenneth Caldwell, who I suppose is still in charge of the consulate at Vladivostok, and doubtless he would have some experiences to talk over with you. He is a dear fellow and has a fine wife and some interesting kiddies, and I hope you will drop in often and see them. It will be a diversion from just handling a few tens of thousands of books, and it will do them heaps of good. So you needn't regard such visits as purely pleasure, but as part of the philanthropic plan which has torn you away from Jeannie at this time.

The University now seems to be growing at a more fast and furious pace than ever, and its demands for chemical apparatus, supply extension, increase of staff, &c. &c. are overwhelming. Last week I got Bowen's cable suggesting that I might raise ten thousand dollars for the Ing land. I am cabling him today that C. T. Wang suggests he go to Li-Shun for the amount thru Wen and Anderson - at least to make the trial. By the way, C. T. has been asked by the Peking Government to represent them in the Peace Conference, and the Department of State at Washington have arranged especially for him on the transport George Washington, sailing tomorrow. He will be one of the delegates at the Conference if the Southern Government at Canton approves, and if they do he will be in the strongest position of the bunch as representing both North and South.

Mr. Harry Clemons

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I hope they don't ship you off to that Archangel suburb of Vladivostok. Commuting between Archangel and Vladivostok will require something quicker than the air service. I can imagine you in Siberia. You will be padded out thicker than a Chinese Mandarin if the frost doesn't get you. All of the Wen-chia would unite in a Happy New Year for you. As ever,

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American Library Association  
A. S. F. Siberia

Vladivostok, 21 February '19

Dear Jack:

This week a letter has reached me from the A. L. A. headquarters at the Library of Congress. In my answer I have stated that you were in the United States. Consequently, it is just possible that you may receive some communication from them in regard to my leave of absence from the University. Hence I write this missive to put you in possession of the facts.

My leave of absence called for my return to the University by

<sup>2)</sup> May." This date was named in order to give me an opportunity to begin work on the next editions of the university catalogue. The A. S. A. expresses a desire to have me continue here in case the expedition has not been withdrawn by April thirtieth. To Frankie, to Doctor Bowen, and to the A. S. A. I have stated my own feeling as follows: -

First, if the expedition has been withdrawn by the end of April, there is of course no problem.

Second, if the expedition should remain here only a month or two after that date, I should feel

3) it my duty, subject, of course, to the decision of the University, to remain here. It would require a considerable expenditure of money to get another representative to Siberia; and I feel that it would be highly desirable that an A. D. A. representative should be here to clean up where the Expedition is withdrawn.

Third, if the Expedition should remain in Siberia a considerably longer time, I should be grateful if the University would make the decision, regarding me as willing to do whatever seems wiser. If it should be decided that the leave of absence be extended for the considerably longer period, I should offer a request to

the A. D. A. for opportunity to make a short visit to China early in the summer.

At the time of my writing I do not know anything about the plans for the Expedition. It will probably be possible to get information about these plans sooner in Washington than in Siberia.

My salary as A. D. A. representative is the same as the mission salary: that is twenty-two hundred Mexican a year. I receive my expenses here in addition. I have received money for expenses, but apparently none for salary as yet.

4) Meantime the full mission salary has been paid to Fannie from Shanghai. We are certainly very grateful to the Mission for this. If it be decided that the mission salary or the A. D. A. salary may be paid to the University, this can be done as soon as I begin to receive the A. D. A. salary. If not, I suppose that one or the other should be paid to the Mission. It is not quite clear to me whether the A. D. A. pays for my outfit and uniform or only the uniform. I bought from the Red Cross in Shanghai the greater part of one of the regular clothing and bedding outfits

5) supplied to the Red Cross doctors, and it has been, of course, quite necessary. I hope that the A. D. A. pays for this; otherwise I shall be in the usual hole. I have inquired concerning this in my last letter to Washington.

These are the essential facts about leave of absence and salary. You may not be bothered at all by correspondence from the A. D. A., but I have sent these statements on the chance that they do communicate with you.

This mission will follow closely another to you. My good wishes to you and yours which were expressed in that are going right on. Affectionately yours, Harry.

April 4, 1919.

Mr. Harry Clemons,  
Library of A.E.F.,  
Vladivostok, Siberia.

Dear Harry:

I received your letter of the 21st of February and was delighted to hear from you, although a little perplexed that the American Library Association had not given you definite word before this about your work in Siberia. I wrote a letter to Mr. Putnam, the Secretary of it, at Washington, thinking I might help them to remember that you would like to know something more definite about your arrangements.

I had some good times down at Princeton. They asked me down to the midweek faculty convocation at luncheon on Wednesday, March 19th. There was a good gathering of the faculty. I spoke for about 45 minutes on the Chinese-Japanese Issue, and they kept me answering questions for an hour longer. They seemed to be greatly interested and several of the faculty were concerned to have a good alcove in the library prepared with the best books on China and Japan. I am to have some such time with the faculty of the Wisconsin University on the 15th of this month, an all-University convocation, and Prof. Ross is arranging for a public meeting in the city on the evening of the 17th.

It is a discouraging fact that while one can now stir a little response on the political outlook, it is difficult to detach people from their money as an investment in China. America is still very much concerned over the deliberations of the Peace Conference. Business is slowly getting under way again. A great many policies are held in suspense, however, until there is a settlement in Paris.

Lillian and I were over to the Meads last night. It was delightful to see their joy in your happiness. The best letters we get over here are those that Jeannie writes. I guess she is doing as well by you as she is by us.

Dr. Hunt and Prof. Harper recommended a fine man at Princeton for English, a man whom they thought you would like and who could work in with you - Mr. Stuart Robertson, who took his Ph. D. at Princeton a couple of years ago. I was very much attracted to him personally and thought we could conclude an arrangement. He has written me, however, asking

us not to consider him further for the position at Nanking, as neither he nor his wife feel prepared to go even for three years, which would be the shortest possible period. Dr. Hunt and Prof. Harper will have other leads I am sure.

I know you will be very much saddened, as we are, by Dr. Garritt's growing ill health. He has lost 70 lbs. since his return to U.S., has had to give up all work and take a complete rest. The Board have pressed me in to try to stop the gap in the correspondence work in Dr. White's absence. If Dr. Garritt is not able to return it will be a tremendous loss to us at Nanking and to the Mission. Leighton Stuart's going to Peking would seem to be almost a fatal blow to the Seminary project. I can see no other course, however, than for the missions to press on with their plans for the Seminary course in English, and we have cabled to Bowen that there would be no change here on the part of the Boards. However, the matter of securing a staff will be much more difficult.

To add to other anxieties, the Presbyterian Board closed its fiscal year with an eight hundred thousand dollar deficit. Some job to find that much money for a deficit. They say it is darkest before dawn. There is plenty of opportunity for a brightening on this side.

I hope you have had a good rest in the radical change you had from Nanking. It won't be any lighter than you had there in all probability, in fact, I don't know how your work can be made lighter, you have such a propensity for going into things intensely.

Lillian and the kiddies would join me in affectionate regards.

Sincerely yours,

April 21, 1919.

Mr. Harry Clemons,  
Library Association, A.E.F.,  
Vladivostok, Siberia.

Dear Harry:-

I have an interesting batch of correspondence from Mr. Carl H. Milam, Assistant General Director of the A.L.A. He speaks in such high appreciation of your work at Vladivostok. We are pleased to find that he has the good sense to recognise the kind of service you render. I enclose copy of my letter to him. I hope nothing will prevent your being back at Nanking by the first of June. I feel it is absolutely necessary for Jennie's sake. I know it is necessary for the University's sake. Your presence and counsel there is invaluable. All the letters of late indicate that the men are becoming discouraged and disheartened by delays. It has been very difficult, Harry, to get things done in America for the University. There is danger that every man there will be thinking so much of his own problems that he can give little thought to the impossible conditions over here. I am certain that Bowen needs the help that you can give and I shall be greatly relieved when I hear that you are back in Nanking. I will send through the correspondence that has come here for your perusal.

Cordially yours,

Enc.

Mrs. <sup>over</sup> Clumbers

Hankins  
9 May 1919.

Dear Jack -

I am writing in behalf of  
the station to remind you of the  
summa special appropriation  
of \$200 which the Board  
authorized you to get at the  
request of the mission. This  
seems to be the same old sum  
that you were authorized to  
raise before and that  
Mr. Bullock was authorized  
to raise and I am so  
sorry to have to remind

You, when you've such a heavy  
burden on your shoulders  
already, but all the other  
missions seem to have done  
their bit long since & it would  
be fine if we could do ours,  
too. And Mrs. Gray asked  
me please to ask you if you  
could get the Board to send her  
that next End Church money.  
Hubugiai is doing wonderful  
things this year & they do need  
the money so much. Oh, there  
is so much that could be done

here now if only Nauking could get a hearing & more  
& money. These surrounding Heien cities has opened  
up really wonderfully, the most representative people  
sending their boys to mission schools & being so cordial  
to Mr. Gray & his preachers & Miss Fair. It's all  
hearsay to me, of course, but I can see that the iron  
has & that we need to strike & to get men to help. When  
I see Mr. Gray's white face (he has barely escaped Spang  
this year) and Mr. Drummond's shaky legs & whitening  
hair, I feel as if I'd got to beard the Whale Board  
in their lairs & say, please make up to this crying need.  
I had Anai Yuen's dearies on my heart so long &  
now these are added & I'm most cramped with  
them.

This is supposed to be an official document but it  
doesn't seem to be turning out that way. I'd send you  
a statement of the last Sumner meeting as soon as I can  
extract it from Mr. Nelson.

Lina's honeysuckle is here in a vase beside me,  
It's n like her dear self. Much love to you all

Jeannie J. Clemons  
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Be sure and get Harry's A. S. A. Salary (\$100 Mex.) from the Board  
for the University. He has written Dr. Speer & Dr. Jones about it but has no  
reply.

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May 28th, 1919.

Mrs. I. W. Cochran,  
Watchung Avenue,  
Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Mother Cochran:

I think that you and Mother Jenkins and the others would be deeply interested in a cablegram, copy of which came to the office today from Washington as follows:

"Chaplain Joseph S. Loughran appointed my successor. I leave Vladivostok about 21st. Clemons."

I know it will be a great comfort to you and to Jennie and to all the rest of us to know that Harry is back in Nanking.

The other day I received a copy of a letter which Carl H. Milam, Director of the Library, had written to Dr. Bowen in regard to Harry's work. I am enclosing copy for you.

Our children are all wild to see the children at Plainfield. They too are having their troubles however to do all the school work that is required of them so they are trying to keep in leash till school closes.

The Williams' would all unite in love to all

Mrs. I. W. Cochran....p2

of the dear old home and to Mother Jenkins, Emily and Mary.

Affectionately yours,

COPY For Mr. J. E. Williams, New Y  
Vice President Nanking University.

May 29, 1919.

Mr. Harry Clemons,  
Nanking University,  
Nanking, China.

My dear Mr. Clemons:

Your weekly letters have been a satisfaction and a joy to us; and not only to us, but to your former associates at the Princeton Library and to Mr. Bishop, Librarian of Michigan University, to Mr. J. I. Wyer, Jr. State Librarian at Albany, New York, and to Mr. Bowker, editor of Library Journal and Publishers Weekly.

Under the general supervision of Dr. Richardson at Princeton, Dr. Van Hoesen, one of his associates, is editing the letters for publication in pamphlet form for distribution at the A.L.A. Conference at Asbury Park June 23 - 28.

You may be sure, therefore, that we regret losing you from the service, because the letters will stop. But even more because we feel that you have done a remarkably good job under exceedingly difficult conditions and for the most part without help from anywhere.

It seems to us advisable that you should close all of your accounts, at your convenience, and make complete statement to us. Even though we may lose by the transaction, it would seem better to draw the money from the banks and make final settlement in order that this Siberian item may be closed on our records. There is a bare possibility that you will find it advisable and proper to leave a small sum of A.L.A. money at the disposal of the Chaplain, but I should rather hesitate to approve this unless the amount were small and the needs not only urgent but of such a character that they cannot legitimately be met from government funds.

In making up your financial reports, it may be of interest to you to know that we consider that we have got very good returns for every dollar spent in the Siberian service.

With cordial good wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,  
*Carl G. Milane*  
Acting General Director

CHM/T

*Re Clemons.*

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

May 30, 1919.

Dr. J. E. Williams,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am very much obliged for your letter of May 28 regarding Clemons. As I said in my other letter to you, I am not sure just what I can do but I want to slip in a biographical notice if possible. It will have to be brief, of course, and the few notes that you have given me regarding his work at Nanking are more to the point in their content and much more forceful and impressive in their style than anything we could have said from our, at best indirect knowledge.

In sending my copy to the American Library Association I shall forward with it your request regarding additional copies for distribution among Clemons's friends.

Sincerely yours,

*H. B. Van Hoesen*

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Mrs. Harry Clemons.

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June 20, 1919.

Mrs. Harry Clemons,  
Nanking,  
China.

Dear Jeannie:

The other evening we were out to Plainfield and had a most delightful visit with your Mother, Emily, Jim, Mother Ochohan, Jean and all the dear children. It was the most refreshing experience we have had since our return to America. Dear old Jim needs a little more avoirdupois, but he still has the old-time grit and determination and will gain the way, indeed. The children all looked fine. We saw Lewis' as well as Jim's children. Margo was not there.

I thank you very much for your letter of May 9th - a dandy letter. I just handed it over to Mr. Speer to read, and I think it made a real impression; with it I handed him Mr. Gray's personal report. It was intense reading on the Evangelistic side.

I feel deeply with you the burdens which Mr. Drummond and Mr. Gray have been carrying. The need on the evangelistic side of the Station's work I have pressed in season and out of season.

I met a splendid young fellow during my talks to the Students at Princeton - L. P. Henderson - a graduate of Washington State University, who took extra work on Chinese History and Politics there. He was one of the strongest men I saw among the Seminary students - a fine face and physique; as vigorous as Mr. Buck or Frank Niles. He is only twenty-three years of age, and yet a recognized leader in his class. His scholarship was of the highest rank. He is a man with all leads, but still a boy in his spirits. He has decided to remain one year longer in America. I am in correspondence with him and the Board will appoint him and assign him to Nanking. He wants to do Evangelistic work, and in the country. He would be an A-1 man to be associated with Mr. Drummond and Mr. Gray. They would both fall in love with him on sight, I am sure. Theologically, he would be safe, but not stationary. He impresses one more with life than theology.

James Speers, and his fine young wife, have applied for the Academy work at Nanking. The University will have to carry their support. You know them and you know what they can do. James has just finished at Princeton. He is specially interested in boys' work. He has been extraordinarily successful with Boy Scouts and in Boys' Camps. He can bring a whole lot of pep and life to the

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Mrs. Harry Clemons,  
June 20, 1919.

support of Wilson in the work of the Academy. I believe he will learn the language easily and well. You can explain to Mr. Bowen, better than I can, what James is and what he can do. His wife is as strong as he is - she is a dandy.

I am to have a talk with \_\_\_\_\_ He must either go to Nanking or go into the Board work, here, at home. We have to hold him to foreign missions.

A Mr. Cheatham, of the West End Church, one Sunday morning, after I had spoken, agreed to take on \$600 a year for an Evangelist, wherever I should direct him to Nanking. I am hoping to tie it up with Mrs. Gray's work. That West End Fund is a pretty sore one here. The money is regularly paid to the Board; the Board takes the position that it was added to the appropriation and then sent to Mr. Myers. It is really up to Mr. Gray, the Executive Committee of the Mission and the Finance Committee of the Mission to see that they get it from Mr. Myers in Shanghai. I am not the surgeon to touch that boil over here.

It is delightful to get the Minutes of the Station and to learn in that way all the good things that are going on. We rejoice upon every thought of your being in Nanking. Incidentally, it is a good thing for you to take care of Harry and see that he behaves himself. Then, in the Mission policy, it means tremendously that you are in the Station and in the work of the University. By the way, Mr. James Speers went in with James Jr. in saying that the principal attraction for them in his applying for Nanking was that you were there. I seconded the motion most heartily. It was one of the largest elements in the attraction of the place for us.

Mary and Dorothy are going to Abbott. Faith graduated last evening in Montclair. It was a beautiful exercise - Mark Andrews lead in Community singing and Dr. Fosdick gave the address, which was most eloquent and stirring. Faith was given 88 points on her record - 76 were required for graduation. She was excused from most of the final examinations. She did well, in spite of the sicknesses. She will go to Oberlin this fall.

We are going to Northfield for the summer. We are packing so that we can start off for China within 48 hours, so that Lillian, Dick and I can beat about and fill in the exigencies of the work required this fall.

I think Reisner will be relieved and delighted with the plans proposed for the Agricultural Forestry Department. I hope we can get the support of four or five, and possibly, six extra men for the work through the co-operating societies.

I must stop this. I cannot tell you all the things I want to. Lillian and the children join me in love to you both and to the Reisners.

Affectionately,

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Mrs. Harry Clemons,  
June 20, 1919.

P.S. I wish you would pass over to Mr. and Mrs. Gray and Mr. Drummond what I have written about Mr. Henderson.

Dr. Garritt is really gaining and is hoping to get out of the hospital to-morrow. It seems almost miraculous. Bovaird is a wonder in the way he works over the missionaries. The relief to us is beyond all expression. Poor old Joe, he has had a hard time. I can only feel that the love and prayers of so many friends have availed on his behalf.

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Dear Doctor Bowen:

To-day ends the first half of the sixth fortnight since your departure: June eighth to fourteenth. On the eighth Doctor Macklin preached at Sage Chapel, with Mr. Hung presiding and Miss Leyda playing. At the foreign service in the afternoon Mr. Bates preached a good and acceptable sermon. He has suffered from boils since. Mr. Tu is scheduled for the college service on the fifteenth. On the afternoon and evening of the ninth the College of Agriculture and Forestry Faculty carried through a business meeting, an exposure for a photograph, a supper, a movie of themselves, and a general good time. On the twelfth the Executive and Finance Committees of the Managers met, with Messrs. Sarvis, Garrett, Lobenstine, Owen, Proctor, and Rowe present, and others called in for special questions. Mr. Sarvis went to Shanghai for a conference on Friday the thirteenth concerning the complications that seem to be involved in the process of acquiring Mr. Mills as Dean of the Language School. The Language School closed its third term on the twelfth. The 'Linguist' is out. Mr. Weigel has been a visitor, to have a tooth out. Doctor Walker had a fine send-off. Mrs. Wade-Jones has been in Shanghai for a week or more. Mr. Wade-Jones has followed, alone, with inspiring indications of good spirit and courage in the face of illness in his family and of disappointments concerning his land. He sails on the President Jefferson on the twenty-third, and his address will be 1312 Sixth Avenue, Tacoma, Washington. Doctor Walker's address will be 2330 Sheridan Avenue, Tacoma, Washington. Miss Leyda has passage on the President Lincoln, from Shanghai June twenty-first. She will go to 610 Liberty Street, Franklin, Pennsylvania. The Daniels and Speers families join the Sloan family (and the Hoovers) on the Empress of Asia from Shanghai July fifth. The Wilmots have a daughter. The Lowdermilks have adopted an infant, William Francis Lowdermilk, of interesting and talented parentage. Mr. Hancock has had a touch of malaria. The doctor prescribed ten grain quinine pills. Mr. Hancock tried to borrow some ten grain pills from the Reisners, since all that he had were five grains each. The British and Foreign Bible Society are reported to be presenting fifty-three Mandarin Bibles, leather bound, to the college graduates. Apparently the B. D.'s were left out. The Clemons family deserts for Kuling 78A on the ~~fifteenth~~ fifteenth. The medical profession has agreed that, if progress continues as at present, I may return to Nanking at the end of July.

Sincerely yours,

*Harry Clemons*  
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