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THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

NANKING, CHINA

7 January 1921.

To the Members of the University Library Committee:

The accompanying bunch of suggestions for purchase needs to be considerably reduced, and I am seeking the help of the Library Committee in effecting the reduction. To this end may I ask you to initial (on the backs of the cards) the suggestions of which you would approve. We shall then proceed with the purchase of about one-third of this set, choosing those which have the greatest number of approvals indicated.

Mr. Walker (the father of Mrs. Wade-Jones) recently remarked, after browsing for some time in the stack, that, except for the number of books in science, the Library looked to him as if it belonged to a Methodist minister! In view of this and of the nearness of the Theological Seminary Library, it will perhaps be unnecessary, for the present, to expand largely in theological and religious books. However this Library is distinctly FOR BOOKS AND "THE BOOK," and the Librarians will always be glad to receive suggestions for live volumes on Bible study or related subjects.

A recent important purchase is that of a set of the United States Catalogues, which give, with accumulation pamphlets month by month, all books published in or imported into the United States, under subject and author, adding publisher and price. These Catalogues are of course available for the use of members of this Committee and of other individuals as well as for the use of the Library.

Please look over these cards as promptly as may be convenient and pass them on, being careful that none is lost.

With hopes that book selection may be as enjoyable to the members of this Committee as it is to the Librarian, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Harry Clemens
University Librarian

To Miss Wixon
Dr. Bowen
Mr. Keen
Mr. Sie
Dr. Sloan
Dr. Wang
Mr. Wilson

Harry Clemons
UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
NANKING, CHINA

re - Furlough

11 January 1921.

Dear Mr. Carter:

Will you be so good as to settle with the H. W. Wilson Company for the enclosed bill, which drifted out here to Cathay.

Enclosed is also a monthly list of library accessions and a copy of a letter recently sent to the local library committee. These are merely straws to show how the wind is blowing.

It is planned at present that Mrs. Clemons and I with Henry Jenkins Clemons will sail for America by the 'Empress of Russia' which is scheduled to arrive at Vancouver on May sixteenth. Mrs. Clemons and the boy will spend the furlough period in the States; but it seems wiser, since library work is just getting really started, that I return in September to Nanking. May I venture, therefore, to put another burden upon you --- to secure a return passage for me? I should like to sail soon after the tenth of September, and, as I shall be alone, a cheap (!) passage will be satisfactory: if possible, second class on one of the larger Empress boats. Perhaps I can somehow manage to return in 1922 to get the family, though the expense of a second trip should, of course, not come on the University.

With continued thanks for all you are doing for us, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Harry Clemons.

To Russell Carter, Esq.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
United States.

*A. J. Bowen
letter attached*

A. J. Bowen
UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NANKING, CHINA

Jan 11, 1921.

My Dear Mr. Carter,

re - I should of H. Clemmons
Stark
just a note to send with Mr. Clemmons' letter about his furlough plans. We have gone over these plans together and this arrangement seems to fit into his work here very nicely, as we view it now from this end, so it has our approval. However, if later after getting home, it seems wise to modify the plans in any way, you can count also on our approval, for Mr. Clemmons never plans anything except with the best interests of the University in view, and his requests are always so modest and reasonable that they carry their own approval.

Very Cordially Yours,
A. J. Bowen.

Harry Clemons
UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
NANKING, CHINA

4 February 1921.

Dear Mr. Carter:

Here are the names of two more "gratis" works which we should like to have for class work in a course on Finance. If someone in your office could send the two letters necessary and then send out to us the books, we should be very grateful.

Bankers Trust Company, 16 Wall Street, New York City.
Harvey Edward Fisk, English Public Finance from the Revolution of 1688.

Secretary of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C. B. M. Anderson, Jr., Effects of the War on Money, Credit, and Banking in France and the United States. (Preliminary Economic Studies of the War, No. 15. Paper bound.)

Sincerely yours,

Harry Clemons
Harry Clemons,
University Librarian

To Russell Carter, Esq.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
United States.

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Harry Clemons
UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
NANKING, CHINA

18 February 1921

Dear Mrs. Carter:

The contents of this letter are just contents - not jobs. The *Plantae Wilsonianae*, parts VII, VIII, IX, have been received here and have probably been paid for at your office. At least the Arnold Arboretum was directed to send the bill to you. The matter might be checked up. The enclosed library lists are merely for ^{has been found}

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your information.

We understand that there is a Presidential mandate from Peking that President Bowers is to be decorated. The news has had a gratifying effect on the student body.

Bishop Birney is holding special chapel services daily at the University this week.

Cordially yours,

Harry Clemons.

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

March 17, 1921

Secretary, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace,
2 Jackson Place,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Harry Clemons, the Librarian of the University of Nanking, Nanking, China, has just written us that he is very anxious to have for the library a copy of B.M. Anderson Jr's "Effects of the War on Money, Credit and Banking in France and the United States" (Preliminary Economic Studies of the War, No. 15. Paper Bound.), and advises us that he thinks we may be able to secure a copy of this work by writing to you.

Mr. Clemons was the Assistant Librarian at Princeton, University, a wonderfully attractive and able fellow who went out to Nanking a number of years ago to help build up that interdenominational institution in Nanking. He has given himself heart and soul to his task and everybody there loves him, both for his personal qualities and for his efficiency and wonderful devotion to his work with the University. The University now has a thousand students through the generosity of such men as Mr. Severance and Mr. Swazey of Cleveland, Mrs. McCormick of Chicago and the gifts of the Boards cooperating in that University and has now secured a wonderfully good physical equipment, having fine scientific buildings, library, etc., and we can assure you that this volume will be appreciated and used to advantage.

Trusting that you may find it possible to grant this request,

Yours sincerely,

Treasurer

RC/P

Harry Clemons over

Nanking, China

April first 1921

Dear Mr. Carter:

This is rather of
an April Fool's letter I fear.
For after your kindness - and
that of Mr. Steele - in arranging
for me a berth in a second
class cabin on the 'Empress
of Russia,' sailing from
Vancouver on September
fifteenth, I am now writing
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²⁾ that I do not want that reservation. Fannie and I have had to give up our plan for a return to the States this spring, and so I expect to be in China when the 'Empress of Russia' leaves your side of the Pacific in September. Our new plans aren't very definite yet; we have been somewhat occupied with unmaking the old ones. But we

²⁾ shall probably try to leave here early in 1922 and to return to China that autumn.

Meantime I thank you and Mr. Steele very heartily for arranging for that reservation.

The reason for our cablegram about the periodical letter of November sixteenth is doubtless clear to you - too clear, indeed - by this time. That original letter must have been lost en route; and through failure to send a duplicate at that time, we are now in a famine of periodicals. It is very good of your office to handle the correspondence connected with such an order. We shall be particularly grateful this time if a word urging the publishers to send the back numbers, so as to make the subscriptions and volumes complete, can be inserted in the orders.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Clemens

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Harry Clemons over

RECEIVED
MAR 27 1922
TREASURERS OFFICE

231 East Ninth Street
Plainfield, New Jersey
25 March 1922

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am not certain whether you have returned from your journeying or not; but I am sending this note to your office to announce the arrival of my family and myself at Plainfield. Mr. Owen has already written from Newark, I believe.

concerning the payment of my
salary from your office, beginning
with the first of March. In
view of the incidental expenses
of our long journey with
little children, I shall be
peculiarly pleased to learn
that the salary arrangements
have been completed.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Clemons.

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APR 10 1922

Mr. Carter

Harry Clemons.

COSMOS CLUB
WASHINGTON, D. C.

8 April 1922

Dear Mr. Carter:

President Brown

of the University of Washington
has written asking me to
buy the ribbons for a
hundred diplomas for use
at the University in June.
I am sending the request
(passing the ribbon!) and

his order upon you to my
wife at 231 East Ninth Street,
Plainfield, New Jersey; and
she will doubtless send in
the order and the bill for
the ribbons soon. I hope
she succeeds in finding a
bargain counter!

Sincerely yours.

4-8-22.

Harry Clemons

RECEIVED
APR 21 1922
Mr. Carter

Harry Clemons

1428 K Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

20 April 1922

Dear Miss Michers:

I shall be
grateful if you will have the
cheque for our April salary
made out to my wife,
Jennie J. Clemons, and
send it to her at 231 East
Ninth Street, Plainfield, New
Jersey. As I am away
from Plainfield for the

present, this arrangement will
save time in getting the cheque
cashed - and spent.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Clemons

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MAY 27 1922
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May 26th, 1922.

Mrs. Harry Clemons,
231 East Ninth St.,
Plainfield, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Clemons:

It will be a great pleasure to see you and Mr. Clemons whenever it is possible. Mr. Speer and I have only just returned to New York and the office this week. We surely do not want to miss you at both ends. It was a hurried day that we had in Nanking but nevertheless worth a great deal to me.

Mr. Reisner tells me that your little boy, Henry Jenkins, is needing an operation and I wondered if I could be of any help to you. When my sister's children were home and needed tonsils out, or it may have been adenoids, they were cared for very satisfactorily at the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Infirmary. The Superintendent there, Mr. Reuben O'Brien, is very sympathetic with mission work and is ready to make arrangements for our missionaries whenever we call upon him. He has one or two endowed rooms that he is able to use for our people without any expense to them when these rooms are not in use. If, therefore, the time could be arranged to his satisfaction, I am sure that you could have any operation that is needed performed there without any expense whatever to you. If this meets with your approval and you care to take advantage of it, will you be good enough to let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

RC:M

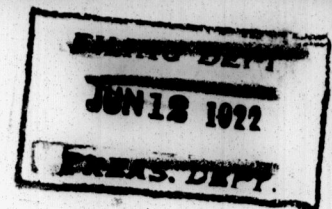
Treasurer

P.S. Enclosed you will find home allowance check for \$166.66 for the month of May. This is on the new basis as voted by the Trustees, April 24th, 1922,-

Home allowance \$1800. per year
Children's allowance
first seven years 100. " "

R. C.

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June 8th, 1922.

Mr. Harry Clemons,
The Cosmos Club,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Clemons:-

Miss Mickins has handed me your note of May 31st. She has already thoughtfully sent your check to Mrs. Clemons, and asked her whether we could be of any service in arranging in New York for the operation which we understand your boy was needing. Mr. O'Brien, Supt. of the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Infirmary, is a man very much interested in Mission work and has opened to us without charge to our missionaries, the facilities of his institution. When Mr. Geysteen was home two of his children were operated upon there and Will found everything very satisfactory. I know he told me that he and Mr. O'Brien talked long into one night over conditions in China and Mission work there; and many of our people have been taking advantage of Mr. O'Brien's kindnesses.

I think we should have reported to you that the Board of Trustees took action regarding home and children's allowance. They are not quite the same as the new scale of allowances agreed upon by our Board. They are as follows:- \$1800 home allowance for a married man. \$100 children's allowance for the first seven years; \$150 for the second seven years; \$200 for the third seven years; and \$250 while in college in the U. S., and under 21 years of age.

There is also a rent allowance not to exceed \$25 per month to be granted upon request. Also half medical and half dental expenses, upon request, when incurred with prior approval.

I sincerely trust that we may have the opportunity of a little fellowship together while you are in the U. S. We had but one very short day in Nanking and though it meant very much to me, yet of course I should have had two or three days there.

We have seen a good deal of Mr. Risner and enjoyed him most thoroughly, and now Mr. Williams is here, and we will

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be seeing him this summer, we understand, as we are both to have August at Silver Bay.

With very kind regards,

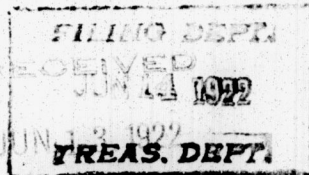
Sincerely,

RC:R

~~Associate~~ Treasurer.

Harry Clemons

COSMOS CLUB
WASHINGTON, D.C.



11 June 1922

Dear Mr. Carter:

I was glad to learn that you and Doctor Speer had returned safely, and I have been glad to receive your good letter of the 8th.

The word about the opportunity for treatment without charge at the Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Infirmary

²⁾ was welcome indeed. Our little Henry has had a hard time of it, but the fears that he would have to have a mastoid operation seem to be much less. It now seems possible that he will need to have his tonsils removed, and the Plainfield doctors are now suggesting that for Mrs. Clemons also. Furthermore both Mrs. Clemons and I had probably better have our eyes examined
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3) this summer. But it ⁶⁻¹¹⁻²² may be that these
tousil and eye treatments can better
be arranged for in Plainfield. If you
will be so good as to give, at your
convenience, your opinion about this,
I shall be grateful.

Thank you for the information
about the salary. Apparently the
Clemens family received too much in
March and April, and we should like
to return the amount overpaid - \$16.68,
was it not? We are an expensive
family for the University to send
across the Pacific, and we don't like
to be any more expensive than we
have to be. My work in indexing
of Chinese books here in Washington
has given us an additional amount
which has covered my additional
expenses in living and which has
helped us to meet the Plainfield

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

costs for doctors and nurses and
medicine. On that account
as well as on others I am
glad to have had this oppor-
tunity.

I shall probably be here
until towards the end of July,
but there may be opportunity
for me to get into New York
from Plainfield or Burlington,

5] where we seem likely to spend
the summer, before you leave
for Silver Bay. It has
seemed wiser for us to keep
to the plan of returning to
China in September.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Clemens.

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June 13th, 1922.

Mr. Harry Clemons,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Clemons:-

Thank you for your good letter of June 11th. All I wanted to do was to call your attention to the fact that these operations could be performed in New York without expense to you. Just let it run along and see whether you care to take advantage of it or not.

As to eye examinations, if this means an expense in Plainfield you can take advantage of Dr. Broughton's offer in New York, if you desire. He is one of the very best men in the city, has office hours in New York in the morning, and in the afternoon and evening at his home in Bloomfield, N. J. I grew up with him, played tennis with him, and he kindly agreed to do this work for our missionaries without any charge. He is one of the finest of men, an Elder in the Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield, one of their bank directors, and an all around man. We can arrange with you for an appointment with him either in New York or Bloomfield at your convenience if you find later that you desire to take advantage of it.

Kindly do not return the little amount over-paid you on home allowance. Remittances were sent out on the one basis for a month or two, but we did not think it necessary to make the adjustment when we sent out the checks for the next month. I should think that later when you find the expense of your medical treatment, you had better make a report, perhaps, through us, so that you may have reimbursement covering these expenditures.

I meant in my statement above to say that of course you must consult Mrs. Clemons' convenience in the matter.

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Mr. Harry Clemons 2.

You will learn from your Plainfield doctors as to the cost there and then can determine whether you care to take advantage of the offers in New York. I do know this, that you cannot possibly secure any better professional man for your eyes than Dr. Broughton, and I do not believe you will receive any better care anywhere than with Supt. O'Brien at the Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Infirmary.

Yours very sincerely,

RC:R

Associate Treasurer.

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JUN 22 1922 COSMOS CLUB
WASHINGTON, D.C.

TREASURERS OFFICE

21 June 1922

Dear Mr. Day:

Thank you very
much for your letter of the
thirteenth, which has arrived
to-day. I am sending it on
to my wife. She had heard
of Doctor Broughton, and had
partly planned to go to him
in Bloomfield for eye examina-

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tion - which would seem to
indicate how clever a woman's
intuitions are! I am asking
her to write directly to you
if she finds it advisable
and possible to carry out
that plan.

We much appreciate
your kindness in not asking
for the return of the amount
over-paid on salary.

Sincerely yours,
Harry Clemons

Mrs. Harry Clemons 231 East 9 Street
Plainfield, New Jersey.

24 June 1922

Russell Carter Esq.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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JUN 26 1922
TREASURERS OFFICE

Dear Mr. Carter -

Your letter with our June salary has been received this morning. Thank you so much. As usual it is very welcome for in spite of blue skies & plenty of good green grass we seem to make it turn out to pasture herbust on herbs like our old friend Nebuchadnezzar!

It is so very good of you to offer to make arrangements for our family's tonsils to be removed at the Manhattan Hospital. It is such a fine hospital & I happen to know Dr. Atkins who did his practice work on Boonton a good many years ago. I am sure the whole staff is excellent & I know there is no one better than Dr. Atkins, no one who would be kinder to our small son. I had to wait to write about it because Dr. Ard, the specialist

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Here, has not decided whether this is a ^{good} time to
operate. Harry, who is not yet three, has been so
suffering by this long & very tedious illness, that Dr.
Cord feels it would be better to wait until he is
quite himself again before attempting anything further.
So we are trying to build him up, pad out his ribs with
some perk & his nerves with fresh air. If it is best for
him to have the operation later, we shall let you know
it once and we are so very grateful to you for being
willing to help us in making the arrangements.

The chance of having Dr. Broughton examine
our eyes we shall avail ourselves of at once. As
soon as I can see Harry - we expect him home to night
for a truly four hour stay. I shall let you know when
I can make the appointment. It will probably be best
for me to go to Bloomfield, if that should be convenient
for Dr. Broughton. It is very good of him to do this for us
and it will be such a help. My eyes have been so many
for more than ten years & it is such a handicap.

yours sincerely & gratefully
Jamie J. Clemons.

Mrs. Harry (Jennie) J. Clemens

231 EAST 9TH STREET
PLAINFIELD NEW JERSEY

21 July 1922

My dear Mr. Carter:

Our July check has been received
to-day. Thank you very much
for sending it so promptly.

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TREASURERS OFFICE

I want to thank you, too, for sending
us to Dr. Broughton. He has examined
my eyes & is to see my husband next
week. I found him so very kind &
considerate. It was a pleasure just to
meet such a man.

to Russell Carter Esq.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

Yours sincerely,
Jennie J. Clemens

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This letter forwarded by
Miss Mickens Sept. 11/22
States desired Miss Cory
thinks as Mr. Clemons was
in office shortly after letter was recd.

Harry Clemons
WEL

231 East Ninth Street
Plainfield, New Jersey
15. August 1922

Dear Miss Mickens:

It is very likely
that you are now on your vaca-
tion - and you certainly deserve
a very good vacation. But I
am going to send these few
inquiries to the office, thinking
that, if not you, possibly
someone else will be able
to answer them without
great difficulty.

First, do you know of a good

2) second hand bookshop in New York which might be willing to fill occasional orders for out-of-print books? We have need of such books occasionally at Nanking (President Bowen wishes me to get one for him now), and I should try to look up any shop you would recommend.

Second, can you advise me where to go for educational insurance for my two small children? I am anxious to arrange for something of the sort, and there will not be much time for

3) putting the business through before we leave for China.

Third, may we have our September 'en route' salary before we leave? As the 'President Grant' is scheduled for September sixteenth from Seattle, we shall probably leave Plainfield about the eighth.

Fourth, what are the arrangements about traveling expenses?

I am expecting to come into New York in a week or so, and plan to come to number 156 to bother someone about railway and steamer tickets (Miss McChesney has completed all the preliminaries for these); but I shall be very grateful for any information that may be available concerning these four points before I make that call.

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Sincerely yours,

Harry Clemons

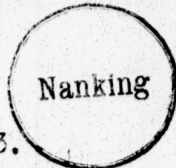
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Messrs. Clemons and Sarvis

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

NANKING, CHINA

July 23, 1923.



Messrs. Moss and Williams,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Moss and Dr. Williams:

At a meeting held on June 25th and 26th the Executive and Finance Committees in joint session took the following action: "That, on account of inability to finance the necessary staff and the question of general policy as related to the development of the College of Arts and Science the Department of Business Administration be temporarily discontinued, but that courses be given in the last two years of the Middle School in such subjects as commercial arithmetic, business English, and commercial geography."

Mr. Clemons, ~~secretary~~ secretary of the committee, and Mr. Sarvis, were asked to prepare a statement explaining to Boston University the basis for this action. In following out this instruction, it seems to us advisable to explain to you more or less informally the situation and to ask you to take it up with Boston University early in the autumn. The following considerations were before the Executive and Finance Committees:

1. Neither the staff nor the financial support of the staff for carrying on the department in the Junior College were available. During the past year Mr. Wade-Jones has been giving two-thirds of his time to this department. This will no longer be possible next fall because the Junior College history classes, which are his primary responsibility, together with the work of the Admissions Committee which he undertakes in the absence of Mr. Hummel, and his work as secretary of the college faculties will require all his time. He will also be giving at least one course in education in the College of Arts and Science. At least three full-time teachers are required to carry on the business courses in the Junior College and the Middle School. We do not consider it sound policy to divert men from existing departments in order to build up new ones unless their places are supplied without additional burdens being placed on the existing departments. Mr. Hung Chang, the second man in the department, in addition to Mr. Akerstrom, is, of course, paid from general university funds. If Boston University and the alumni had both been paying in funds in sufficient amounts to run the department and relieve the general funds of the burden, the question of closing the department would probably not have been raised.

2. Inasmuch as it was necessary to raise the question, however, it was natural to consider it in relation to the general policies of the University. Two points were raised in this connection. (a) It early became evident that the development here of business courses beyond the Junior College grade would be unwise. At a meeting held in Nanking on the 13th of October, 1920 the Board of Managers of the University voted 'that a committee be appointed...to consider the best means of cooperation with other mission and government schools in plans for an advanced business course in Shanghai.' (The personnel of the committee was Dr. J. E. Williams, vice-President of the University, chairman, Dr. P. W. Kuo, President of the National Southeastern University, and Dr. F. J. White, President of Shanghai College). The report of the Educational Commission in 1922 (page 718, III, (4)) recommended 'the establishment of a School of Commerce and Industrial Organization in Shanghai.' In other words, the advantages of uniting in Shanghai for business education have become increasingly apparent; but this was unfortunately not evident soon enough to be known to Mr. Akerstrom before he came to China. It might be added in this connection that in view of our remoteness from large business organizations we have felt that even the business education we have been offering has been more theoretical than practical--in a word, that it was difficult in Nan-

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king to apply the laboratory method in business education, and that unless that method could be applied, the business education must fall far short of what such education ought to be.

(b) More fundamental than this, however, was the fact that every student in the Junior College business courses shuts out at least one-half a student from the senior colleges, on account of the fact that no senior college work is offered suitable for these students to elect. Inasmuch as the time has come when we must turn away large numbers from the Junior College, every place taken by a student who cannot continue means that there is one fewer places for those who might continue. The business classes also increase the demand for class-rooms, which demand is becoming ever more insistent and difficult to meet and will become critical in two or three years. The committee believed that we should make the development of the senior colleges primary in our policy and should discountenance plans which would interfere with this development.

3. A vital point is the relation of the University to the alumni, who had pledged generous support in the erection of a building in which to house this department. Unfortunately, the payments toward these pledges have not been as prompt as we could wish, so that we were running behind there. Such being the case, a special committee was appointed at this meeting to confer with representatives of the alumni with regard to closing the department of Business Administration. This committee reported that the representatives of the alumni did not feel themselves able to speak for the whole body of the alumni; but that they would individually be in favor of temporarily closing the department if certain courses of a business character be continued meantime as part of the Middle School curriculum. The joint Executive and Finance Committees took action in harmony with this report, but in so doing did not bind the University to resume the department of Business Administration later.

4. Another important consideration was the fact that the support of Boston University for the department has already been enlisted, and it was more or less problematical what would be their attitude toward the proposed action. We had had opportunity to confer about the matter with Dr. Homer B. Wark, Collins Professor of Missions in the Graduate School and the School of Missions of Boston University. He believed that Boston would make good on their back payments, but agreed that it was quite open to question whether this particular form of work was the one which would appeal most to the particular portion of the students and faculty in Boston who would support missionary work. Of course he could not commit the school to any policy or attitude, but he felt that they might be glad to transfer their support to work in the College of Arts and Science. It was with the hope that they would consider such a transfer that we decided to make the recommendation which was passed. It is at this point that we shall have to depend upon your good offices in presenting the matter to them, and we would suggest that you get into touch with Dr. Wark, who will be in Boston again in the autumn.

No formal action with reference to the particular lines of work they might be interested in supporting has been possible, but there is much work urgently in need of development in the College of Arts and Science. The outstanding need just now is in the department of education. We are not referring at the moment to any development of any kind of a "school" of education, but to the need for at least two men on our regular staff who will teach education in the Junior and Senior Colleges and in the Middle School. In spite of irregularities and changes of staff, there has been more student time given to education in the College of Arts and Science in the five-year period from the fall of 1917 (when the Junior College was begun) to the spring of 1922 than to any other subjects except English and Chinese. It has been necessary for the present to discontinue the courses

in education in the Junior College, and only one or two can be given irregularly in the College of Arts and Science. Education is such a fundamental part of civilization that we feel that it should have a prominent place in the curriculum, quite aside from any special technical schools or courses.

Another great need is for a Director of Religious Work, who should have charge of the general religious life of the institution. Another is for a Physical Director. There is a persistent demand for modern languages to which we shall ultimately have to yield. With the increased enrolment in prospect in the senior colleges, it might be good policy to look forward to work in French and German in the near future. As stated last year, another very pressing need is for a man in either sociology and economics. These needs are suggested with the idea that we should not attempt the development of any specialties or give our men any time for study and research beyond the minimum necessity for carrying on their classes.

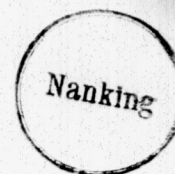
Finally, we wish to have it made absolutely and emphatically clear that the step that has been taken does not reflect in any way upon the quality and faithfulness of Mr. Akerstrom's work. We hope you will take particular pains to make this clear to his constituency in Boston University. Neither for the lack of funds nor for the inclination to close the department is he to be held responsible. Instead, we welcome the opportunity to express our high appreciation of the unusual amount of work which he has somehow managed to carry, of the spirit which he has shown in his generous giving of himself to the university, and of the quality and the results which he has been able to achieve.

Very truly yours,

Guy W. Sawis
Harry Clemons
Committee.

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
NANKING, CHINA

TRANSFER



12 May 1925

Dear Doctor North:

The Mission Book Company of Shanghai has shipped for us a box of Chinese books by the 'President Monroe' which left Shanghai about April tenth and which is scheduled to reach New York about June fourth. The box was addressed by the Mission Book Company to the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. It should go to the Library of Congress. We shall be grateful, therefore, if you will have the box readdressed to the Library of Congress, Chinese Section, and sent on, prepaid, to Washington. The statement of the costs of trans-shipment should be sent to Walter T. Swingle, Esq., Office of Crop Physiology, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Mr. Swingle will, doubtless, have payment made to the office of the China Union Universities, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. I am forwarding to him a copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Clemons
Harry Clemons
Librarian

To Dr. Eric M. North
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
United States of America

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Nanking, 8 July 1926

Dear Doctor North:

We received this morning the following cablegram:

BOWEN NANKING AJADZRUDOL CLEMONS RERKNJIOZL ROYJN.

The following response has been cabled:

NANFUSHAN NEW-YORK XIXOKSAINW PLAINFIELD CLEMONS.

(Please telegraph following to mother at Plainfield: Delighted to hear the good news and praise God with you.)

It seemed probable that the message from New York addressed to Doctor Bowen came from your office, so the answer was also sent to your office. We are very grateful to you for your trouble in the matter. If the expenses involved may be included in the reports to Mr. Owen, I will reimburse the University here.

This cable message was about Mrs. Clemons's mother, Mrs. H. C. Jenkins, 231 East Ninth Street, Plainfield, New Jersey. That address and also the address of my sister-in-law, Mrs. L. E. Clemons, 29 Fairlawn Street, West Hartford, Connecticut, are, I believe, on file at your office. We are very glad of having this means of keeping in touch.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Clemons
Harry Clemons

To Dr. Eric M. North

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No. 1600 TRANSFER*

22 March 1927

Dear Doctor North:

Enclosed is a belated renewal order, number 3415. We shall be grateful if you will have it sent in as soon as may be possible.

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no. #1600
#1637*

We note that the renewals for the Century Magazine (3178), Saturday Evening Post (3179), Everybody's (3180), and Good Housekeeping (3181) seem not to have had effect. Probably the next post will bring these. But to save time, if the requisitions have gone astray, will you please have those four requisitions looked up.

*no #1600
to #1606*

We are glad to have your letter of February fifteenth. The back copies of Social Forces, ordered on requisition 2819, have come. We have, however, not yet received Holmes, Life and Evolution, ordered on requisition 2823.

*my book
found by Jack
3/12/27*

The civil war has closed in on Nanking. The sound of guns was heavy through last night. This morning most of the British and American women and children were taken off on foreign naval boats. All are safe so far, and classes still go on at the University. It is a most anxious time for the people of Nanking who have reason to fear looting.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Clemons
Harry Clemons
Librarian

To Dr. Eric M. North
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
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Extract from report by Harry Clemons - Nanking incident
March 24th and March 25th, 1927.

Nanking

... "Following the news of fierce fighting outside the south gate of Nanking on Wednesday afternoon, a rumour spread that the city was to "go over" to the Nationalist side that evening. Columns of Northern troops began to hurry past the Drum Tower, near the University, on their way towards Hsiakwan and the Kain Yangtze River. Crowds of Chinese, families of teachers and students, began to pour into the University buildings and into foreign compounds for safety against possible looting by the defrated Shantung troops. A number of us (foreigners) in the University arranged for sentinel duty around the college buildings during the night.

But Wednesday night, while distrubed by occasional shots fired apparently by police, was comparatively quiet - rather oppressively quiet, in fact, in the minds of some of us foreign sentinels. About seven o'clock on Thursday morning sharp firing began to be heard near the University. While Mr. Lamson, a Language School student, who had joined me for meals since the evacuation of the women and children, and I were eating breakfast, we were struck by the sight of the refugee Chinese hurrying away from foreign buildings with their bundles. The full significance of this did not become clear to us until later. Then we noticed a stir of people running toward and from Doctor Daniel's home. I walked out to see what the trouble was. A Chinese teacher who hastened up said: "There are soldiers looting the Daniels' house. Someone should go there at once." I took it for granted that the looters must be Northern soldiers retreating; and both the teacher and I seem to have taken it for granted that the presence of a foreigner would be effective. So, followed by Mr. Lamson, I ran on to the Daniels' place. I went in, was met by a frightened servant, who said: "There are soldiers upstairs. Don't go up. They are very fierce." He pushed me towards the door, and I stepped out and called to Mr. Lamson to keep back since the looters were evidently out for business. Just then several soldiers, seven or eight, came out of the back door. I walked up to one who had a double loaf of bread in his hand, and protested against the robbery. He looked at me somewhat astonished and seized me by the necktie, jerkng me about by that strangle hold. I grabbed the tie nearer my neck and an awkward tug of war ensued, the soldier calling me "Big foreigner" and I demanding that he "Stop it and get out." The other soldiers drew up and I noticed that onemere youth among them had a big revolver which he was propping up with both hands and aiming in my direction. My mind's picture of the boy fumbling with the mecahism of that weapon is likely to remain vivid. The revolver went off and I though, "Didn't hit me." I also seem to have yankedmy tie loose. As I turned to step back, I saw Doctor Bowen, Doctor Williams, Mr. Speers, Mr. Lowdermilk, and Mr. Illick, hastening up, and Mr. Bates came out of the door of his house nearby. (Later I learned that some of these had been notified of what was going on as they were on their way to the regular morning assembly at the college)

Doctor Bowen called out as he came; "Run, run; the Southerners are coming. Go that way. They are coming fast." Several of us caught the idea and began a chorus of "Run, run " That these might not be Northerners had not dawned upon us. The soldiers seemed taken aback by our numbers, and for an instant it looked as if they were really going to run. But only for an instant. The soldier who had the loaves of bread fired off his gun into the air several times, and the others fiercely crowded about the foreigners. One of them said (it was very difficult to understand their dialect) that they were Nationalists. This was an astounding revelation. We reacted to meet the situation as well and as rapidly as we could - greeted the victors, said that we belonged to the University of Nanking, and invited them to go with us to the University. For we hoped that at the University, some of our Chinese associates could talke to them better than we could. This invitation suc-

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ceeded to the extent that the whole party started for the college buildings.

As we passed the Illick house, little Paul Illick appeared at the door. "Look at the foreign brat!" said one of the soldiers, and shot his rifle carelessly in the direction of Paul, hitting the roof of the house. Mr. Illick shouted to Paul to go in, and he himself started up the road to his house. The soldiers gruffly ordered him to come back. We were captives. Jim Speers made a gesture, unconsciously, no doubt, towards his hip. "They are armed. Search them for guns?" was the cry. We were speedily searched, but of course no arms were found. Searching for guns, apparently, suggested searching for valuables and the soldiers began to go over us a second time, taking watches and money. Walter Lowdermilk who was near me, whispered, "We must get word to someone." No soldier was near me at the moment, and I turned and walked, as casually as I could, down the street. The soldier did not see me - though one or two of the foreigners observed the attempt at escape. As I neared the lane leading to the colleges, there was another shot. I turned quickly and saw some one stagger and fall. Who it was I did not know. I ran as fast as I could toward the colleges.

Near the college buildings I found two Chinese teachers whom I asked to get a telephone message to the American Consul. Then I ran to Dean Reisner's home and awoke him (he had been on sentinel duty). From his place I hastened to the home of one of the leading Chinese professors and informed him of what had happened, and consulted what could be done. Mr. Holroyd, whose home was nearby, was with the Chinese teacher. I decided to get back to the captives somehow. On impulse (having just escaped from a 'hold-up') I gave Mr. Holroyd my watch and five silver dollars to hide for me.

As I started back past President Bowen's house, a Chinese student dashed up and said: "Get inside out of sight, Mr. Clemons. The soldiers are coming up this road." I slipped into the Bowen House and found Mr. Reisner there. Just behind me to my immense relief, entered Doctor Bowen. His face was gray and drawn. He whispered to me: "They've shot Doctor Williams."

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407 Rockaway

Brooklyn, New Jersey

10 July 1927



Dear Mr. Garride:

In response to your letter of June sixteenth to university supported members of the teaching staff I can now give the following information to supplement my wife's letter to you of June twenty-second.

1. My wife and our two children arrived in San Francisco via the Pacific on 29 April 1927. I arrived in New York via Suez on

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30 June 1927.

2. We are now located at 407 Rockaway Street, Roseton, New Jersey. I have registered for a course in college library administration at the summer session of Columbia University. On September first I became librarian of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, Virginia. We do not expect to return to China.

3. We received Mexican \$200 from the University. (through President Bowen and Treasurer Owen) in Shanghai early in April.

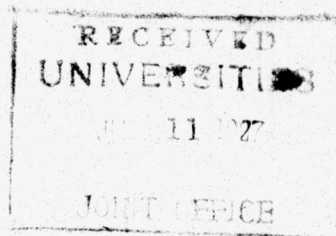
2] We have received \$500 U.S. (as reported by Mrs. Clemens) outfit allowance as emergency relief from the Board of Trustees. Salary amounting to \$183.33 U.S. has been paid from the New York office for May and June.

We are deeply grateful for the actions of the Board aiming at our relief, and it is with the utmost regret that we have found it advisable to give up any plans of returning to China and to sever ourselves from the University of Hankow with which I have been connected for over fourteen years.

Sincerely yours,

7-10-27

Harry Clemens



LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
UNIVERSITY, VIRGINIA

HARRY CLEMONS, Librarian
MARY LOUISE DINWIDDIE,
Assistant Librarian

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Nanking

30 December 1927

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My dear Mr. Garside:

The difficulty about the payment for Chinese books purchased by the Library of the University of Nanking for the Library of Congress seems to reside in a question about the amount: as to whether it is \$124.00 or \$120.00.

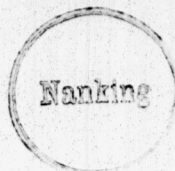
Mr. Linn R. Blanchard, Chief, Division of Accessions, states that in a letter written by me from Nanking on 24 July 1926 to Mr. J. A. Ferrall of the Department of Agriculture the amount is given as \$124.00. He says that there was later some correspondence on the subject of freight charges and that the price of \$120.00 for the shipment appears in those letters.

I have written to the Library of Congress on November twenty-sixth, December seventh, and to-day; and I am inclined to think that my letter to Mr. Ferrall gave the correct and itemized amount. In my memorandum to Doctor North or in his communications to the Library of Congress the figure 4 may have become 0. If you can discover any information about this in your files, I would suggest that you write directly to Mr. Blanchard. In fact, I would suggest that you write to him in any case, since he has all the facts which I have been able to contribute in the matter.

There is another set of Chinese books which was purchased by the University of Nanking Library and was taken from Nanking by Dr. W. T. Swingle for the Library of Congress in December 1926. That set cost \$300 or \$400 Chinese currency; I have no record of the exact amount. Such record may appear in my letters to Doctor North at that time; or word may have come from the Library at Nanking recently. The situation seems to be that Doctor Swingle is having the books translated at the University of California — and the Library of Congress does not pay for books until they are in the Library at Washington. I have written a couple of times to Doctor Swingle, and I am sending him another reminder to-day. If you can find the statement of the

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UNIVERSITY, VIRGINIA



HARRY CLEMONS, *Librarian*
MARY LOUISE DINWIDDIE,
Assistant Librarian

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exact amount, I would suggest that you also send him a little reminder, addressed to Dr. Walter T. Swingle, 1753 Montecito Avenue, San Diego, California.

I am grateful for your loan of the extract from the minutes of the September meeting of the Nanking trustees. The copy is being returned herewith. I am grateful also for the message concerning Dr. Chen Yungwan's acceptance of the Presidency at Nanking.

Please send me two more of the 'Carry On' circulars. Christmas season and the impecunious character of the majority of my friends are handicapping my small efforts to help.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Clemons
Harry Clemons

To B. A. Garside Esq., Secretary,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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University of Nanking

January 4, 1928

Mr. Harry Clemons,
128 Chancellor St.,
University, Va.

My dear Mr. Clemons:

Thank you for your letter of December 30th regarding the two University of Nanking Library items.

Your letter of July 22, 1928, which seems to be the document on which we have been seeking payment for the books supplied to the Library of Congress, directs that we collect the sum of \$6 \$120.00 for the 267 volumes in the box. We have therefore consistently used this figure as the sum due from the Library of Congress. If the amount should have been \$124.00 we will amend our figures and will send necessary explanations to Mr. Blanchard. I will wait until I hear from you on this question before I write Mr. Blanchard.

I have not been able to find in our records anything more than a few vague references to the account between the Nanking Library and Dr. W. T. Swingle of the Library of Congress. Since you do not have the exact figures on the amount due the Nanking Library for the books purchased by Dr. Swingle, it will perhaps be necessary for us to ask Miss Priest to see if she can supply the necessary figures.

I sincerely hope that we can soon clean up both of these items because Nanking needs the money rather badly.

Very cordially yours,

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B A GARSIDE

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University of Nanking

January 9, 1928

Mr. Harry Clemens,
128 Chancellor St.,
University, Va.

My dear Mr. Clemens:

We have this morning received from Mr. Linn R. Blanchard, Chief, Division of Acquisitions, Library of Congress, a letter calling attention to the fact that his office on April 23, 1927 sent us a check for \$324.00 covering the two accounts of \$200.00 and \$124.00 respectively about which we have been writing in recent months. I have checked over our records and find that this remittance was duly received on April 25th and was reported to the field on our April cash statement. Obviously, the confusion on the field following the incidents of March 24th and the pressure of work in this office during the spring months were jointly responsible for the fact that the receipt of these payments was not properly passed on to everyone concerned. I, of course, have been at fault in not making a more exhaustive survey of our records before accepting the general impression that has been abroad that these two accounts had not yet been paid. I am enclosing a copy of a letter I am today writing to Mr. Blanchard and trust this will finally close the matter.

We are very grateful to you for the trouble you have taken during the last few months and apologize for having put you to this trouble unnecessarily.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
UNIVERSITY, VIRGINIA

HARRY CLEMONS, *Librarian*
MARY LOUISE DINWIDDIE,
Assistant Librarian

Nanking

10 January 1928

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside:

I am very much relieved by the information in your letter of yesterday that the money for the Chinese books has been paid by the Library of Congress.

There may be some difficulty in sorting that money out from the general account. But it belongs in F214, Famine Fund Account, Research Library, Chinese books, from which it was advanced in order to make the purchases for the Library of Congress.

Cordially yours,

Harry Clemons
Harry Clemons
Librarian

To B. A. Garside, Esq., Secretary
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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128 Chancellor Street
University, Virginia

25 March 1928

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garride:

Since your letter of February twenty-seventh to the members of the University of Washington staff, Mrs. Clemens and I have been well nigh constantly thinking about the questions contained therein.

We rejoice that the time has already come for a consideration of the return to Washington of the foreign staff; and we equally

2) rejoice that the Chinese who have been so loyally and courageously carrying on the institutions desire our return.

We are deeply gratified by the inclusion of our name in Doctor Williams's place on the Presbyterian quota, and by the honour to us of linking our name with that of Mr. Wheeler, whose connection with Hanking was so warmly desired by Doctor Williams and all of us.

But from the points of view of the Board, of the Chinese at Hanking, and of ourselves as a

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plan to return. The library staff at Hankow
is quite capable of carrying on without me.
at present it is perhaps the best equipped
library staff in China. In the year previous
to March 1927 I had offered my resignation
as librarian; and it was not my intention
to return to library work after the furlough
which was due this year. As the matter
now stands, therefore, our return would be in
some other capacity. In view of the fact
that Mrs. Clemens and I have both suffered
in health through the events of last year,
it is highly questionable whether the Board
could profitably send us back for a new

position. And our children, aged eight and six, are a family reason for remaining in America while conditions in China are still abnormally difficult.

The conclusions from all three points of view are, therefore, against return. On the other hand the pull of the work, in which we had been closely associated with Doctor Williams, the warm friendships with the Chinese, and the dread of disappointing them, have made it very hard for us to reach the definite decision which wisdom seems to dictate. But meantime we have found here in Virginia a

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4 task demanding all our ^(25 March, 1928) strength and
ability; and this has braced us
in arriving at the difficult
conclusion which this letter tries
to convey.

Sincerely yours,

Harry Clemons

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University of Nanking

March 29, 1938

Mr. Harry Clemens
125 Chancellor Street
University, Virginia

My dear Mr. Clemens:

We have read your letter of March 25 with deep interest.

We appreciate the factors in the situation that at present confront you and realize that you and Mrs. Clemens have made a careful and proper study of the whole question of whether you should return to China at this time. I am sure that the decision you have reached will be recognized by everyone as thoroughly logical even though we all deeply regret that the way is not open for your going back to the field this summer.

I am sending copies of your letter to President Chen and others.

We know that your interest in the work in China will always continue and it may be that at some time in the future a way of your return will open. We will try to keep you informed of the progress of the university. Please feel free to write to us at any time.

Very sincerely yours,
B A GARSIDE
Secretary.

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Copy to Pres. Chen, Mr. Reisner, Dr. Bowen and Presbyterian Board.

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