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Mrs. Morris K. Jesup,
195 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Jesup:

May we acknowledge in behalf of the Board your kind gift of $1,000. to the University of Nanking, given to Mr. Williams upon the eve of his sailing but not reported to us until a few days ago - as it was not possible for Mr. Williams to send it to us before sailing.

Mr. Williams has written most appreciatively of your gift and of the note accompanying it, and we know how much it means to him and the other devoted workers at Nanking to receive the encouragement that such gifts and such personal interest carry with them.

We all of us became very much attached to Mr.Williams while he was here and are very eager to give him every possible aid now that he is back upon the field. He has just written us of the looting that has been going on about Nanking which has made it impossible for many of their old students to provide the necessary tuition this year and he has written that if we could put $5,000 at their disposal at this time that they might feel free to remit the tuition where necessary in the case of worthy students. It would give them a grip upon these men which would mean very much to the work of the institution. The Government schools have not been able to open in Nanking and Mr. Williams says that there are two or three hundred of the brightest of these students who would now pursue their work in our Christian University if there were funds available to cover their tuition.

The Board of Trustees at its meeting in New York of October 24th authorized the sending of a cable granting them permission upon the field to underwrite the tuition of these men up to the amount of $200. Mexican, so that they are able, in a measure at least, to respond to the needs of these men. It is a great help to Mr. Williams upon the field to have such a strong sympathetic body of men behind him as he has in the present Board of Trustees - though he will greatly miss Mr. Severance who gave so very largely of his time and interest to this work.

With our sincerel thanks for your generous help in the work of this institution,

Yours very sincerely

Treasurer

C/HS

Jones, Ernest V.

TRANSFER

423 Atlanta Ave., San Jose, California
April 27, '27.

Dear Miss Priest:

How glad I am to get your letter, forwarded from Selma. Ernest has gone back to "Frisco" to see about our three boxes of freight which we send to my brother on Oakland during the New Year's vacation because we anticipated labor troubles about furlough time, and as we were not certain what was going to happen in China before that furlough year was over, we sent more of our belongings than we should otherwise have done; Hence we are so fortunate to have the rugs, the camphor-wood chest, and a box of china in bond, awaiting us.

You cannot imagine the terrible thing that befell that beautiful community. No one of us who were there could have in the greatest reach of imagination anticipated it all. The Nanking affair has not been exaggerated in the least - there are of course inaccuracies in accounts. That was a period such as I have not even read about in my day. I was on the destroyer in the Yangtse, having evacuated at the call of the Consul on the 22nd, and more than 100 of us were on the destroyers, Noa and Preston, until the night of the 24th, when we were transferred to two river bosts and sent on to Shanghai, conveyed by destroyers without knowing what had happened to the University and Seminary groups - 130 in number - as the Consular party which came out under the barrage had lost touch with the University after Dr. Williams' death was 'phoned to the Consulate. It was such strain and suspense. You can imagine how great, with our husbands and more than 60 women and children still in Nanking. It seems a miracle to me that there was not a massacre. Everyone with whom I have talked who was in the City of Nanking during that Thursday felt that there was this danger. It certainly was a terrible experience. Of course I evacuated with a suitcase and a roll of blankets as directed, and thus I had clothes carefully selected for a time but the trunks in the hands of the shippers were looted in Hsiakwan and there is where thousands of dollars worth, precious keepsakes etc., placed there by the friends, as the Consul had suggested that it would be well to send an emergency trunk to Shanghai, if possible. It was NOT possible. ~~Although~~ Ernest was paraded down past Miss Lyon's school to be shot and was rescued by Chang Sing-fu and others who gave the alarm (really through the intervention of Chang's friend who was an officer and who sprang up at the right moment): he lost everything he possessed in clothes except his trousers, torn shirt and shoes : was ill in Shanghai and was carried to the "Madison" on a stretcher. We had money enough to get Ernest four suits made and a wardrobe trunk to carry our things. I bought three dresses and a friend gave me some things. Hence we feel that we are well started on the furlough year and that there are others far more needy than we. In fact, we feel amomg the FORTUNATES because we have this freight. Of course every home was looted clean and we fear the records and papers etc. will not be safe although Consul Davis intended to try to get the valuable papers left behimd, in the University.

Both Ernest and I have accounts of that time. Mine was begun in a spirit of interest on the destroyer and now it proves a real bit of record of one of the momentous periods in Church History.

We are at present with my Mother, Mrs. Mary Vaughan, who lives with my only sister, Mrs. Andrew Ovall, at the address given above. I am the happy possessor of five brothers, four of whom are in California and the other near Kansas City, Mo. I am the oldest of this clan. Believe me, they are all GREAT FOLKS. Such a joyous day as we had on our arrival at San Francisco last Friday..

We are unable to THINK. That is what Nanking did to us. We have not made definite plans for the time between today and Aug. 12th

~~twelfth~~ when the term begins at the Univ. of California. Our plans have been to be in school there and we want to go right on with that plan. If we cannot go back to China, we need the work anyway. Ernest has a scholarship from the C.M.B. but he does not know whether he can use it now. Of course the regular missionary allowance would not keep us in school. Since Ernest already has a Ph.D. he cannot get a fellowship which would go only to men working toward it.

Our old home is in Missouri. Ernest's home is there. We may go on to Missouri in May. Would there be any reason for our going to New York? Our travel allowance was for as far as Missouri.

The four families of us who were scheduled for the same boat in June - Sam Mills, Brede, Lowdermilk and Jones - came together on the "Madison". Mrs. Mills and children were the only women in our party who had been inside the city when the crash came. Mrs. Mills has an account of her experiences which you should have. They have gone to her brother in New Mexico for a short time. I feel so sorry for them but they have good Presby. friends who will help them, I feel sure. Of course they lost EVERYTHING. The Bredes and Lowdermilks had sent some freight when we did, but they lose ever so much because they had much in preparation for furlough. The Bredes are very careful and such good managers but they may need help. I think the University group - those dependent on the University - are less fortunate in such a time. It is always more homelike to have a special church/ that has been interested or has been supporting you to come home to.

I do feel terribly bad about the Griffings. I hope they can get home soon. I think he lost his data which meant much to him. He was on the Noa when the crash came. He and Dr. Gibbs came down to the destroyers to see their folks and they could not get back into the city late Wed. evening, but Mr. Griffing looked awful. I was really afraid he would lose his mind. He worried so because he could not get back to help Burgoyne and his family. (Little David had measles so Mrs. B. Griffing had not evacuated). As it turned out we needed Mr. Griffing. He was such help on the way to Shanghai and after we got there in helping plan to receive the others who came down in such a state, - 37 went to the hospital as they had ptomaine poisoning. ~~enroute to Kiukiang~~ Both Mr. and Mrs. B. Griffing went to the hospital. I saw very few of the folks after I got to Shanghai. Shanghai was like a war zone. I took Ernest to a doctor friend at Young Allen Court and we were welcomed in the South Meth. quaters, so he did not have to go to the hospital.

Mrs. Stanley Smith was one of the fine strong shining characters on the boat I was on. The bonds of friendship were cemented in such close fashion on that trip. I can't realize that we were scattered to the four winds in the twinkling of an eye and never again shall we be together ~~again~~ in that community. It is unbelievable even yet.

I think I'll send this on without waiting for Eunice to finish. We are getting into too many dinners, talks, meetings & for her to find time soon and I want my letter to go

Lovingly Edith

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TRANSFER

April 29, 1927.

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest V. Jones,
c/o Mr. R. B. Jones,
Selma,
Calif.

My dear Dr. and Mrs. Jones:

We are glad to have word that you are at home with your friends or are soon to be there. Every bit of information about your experiences and plans has been eagerly seized and shared. Anxiety, inquiry, relief, and concern have been our recurring emotions. We have endeavored to inform your relatives as promptly as possible of news about you.

Plans must now be made for adjusting ourselves and the University to the new conditions. Some of these we hope to announce shortly. It is clear that some form of emergency campaign will be necessary to secure funds to carry us along. President Bowen has cabled approval. Some members of the staff will be called on for active help. All will be rendering assistance by the spirit in which the past experiences and present policies are interpreted in such contacts as you may have with the press and public. The situation changes rapidly and the tendency of the press to seize the sensational or controversial or to represent (accurately or inadequately) the opinions of the one as typical of the many makes difficult keeping a fair and well-balanced view before the public. The public especially needs to understand the good-will and self-sacrificing spirit displayed by so many of the Chinese students and staff and others.

In another way you can render valuable assistance. The University list of donors or prospects for this emergency appeal is extremely meagre - scarcely a handful of names. If you would find it possible to send us lists of persons in the communities you know to whom it might be worth while for the University to appeal by letter or otherwise, it would be very helpful. Such lists should give names, initials, addresses, etc., very accurately.

Because of the probable shortage in personal funds, we are enclosing a check herewith for $150.00 for one month's salary on the furlough basis. In acknowledging this, please advise us of the date to which your salary was paid before you left Shanghai.

You will confer a favor on us if you will keep us advised of your correct address.

You will be interested to note the following arrivals:

At Vancouver, April 17th, Mr. H. G. Robson and family, Miss Van Vliet, Miss Hunt.

At San Francisco, April 21st, Mr. Alexander Brede and family, Mr. W. C. Lowdermilk and family, Mr. S. J. Mills and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Jones

At.Seattle, April 25th, the Hummel, Holroyd, Gibbs, Daniels, and Small Families, Miss Abbott, Mrs. C. T. Mills, and Mrs. Keen and Margaret.

President Bowen cables that he will arrive at Vancouver on May 8th and that Mr. Reisner is in charge in Shanghai.

Please be free to ask for any information which we can supply and especially to advise us of any way in which we can help you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary,
University of Nanking.

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TRANSFER

San Jose, California,
423 Atalanta Ave.,
May 2, 1927.

Dear Miss Priest,

We appreciated your letter very much and assure you we , too, are very happy to be in the good old U.S.A. once more.

Unfortunately the ocean trip was the worst ever. We had ten days of the roughest weather I ever saw and our boat seemed to be unusually wabbly even in a fairly smooth sea. I got a light dose of ptomaine poisoning as we came down the Yangtse (Others got very severe doses) and then after one day in Shanghai getting some clothes started I came down with flu and was carried on the boat with a temperature of 102 and as weak as a kitten. I was able to be up by the time we reached Yokohama but I did not really enjoy any of the trip until we were two days this side of Honolulu. So on the whole, it was not in any respect the kind of a home coming one would have chosen.

I appreciate your opening the way for us to go into our plans and our situation frankly.

We have been undecided as to what to do during the summer. I want to go on home to Missouri and yet we did not feel that we could afford it after spending every cent of two month's salary at Shanghai to get clothes to come home in. We have arranged for clergy passes through the help of the M.E. office in Frisco and we have just learned that by waiting until May 22 we may get special rates east which will make the round trip cost us much less than if we had gone right on.

We have wondered if the Board would allow us our travel on a short trip or two here in California, i.e., to Selma then up by Oroville and then east to Missouri and back to Berkely, if we used the special rates after May 22.- the rates are one fare round trip. This is much better than the clergy rate going right on now. But it will of course be more for the round trip than clergy one way.

Mr. Owen told me that my salary would be paid by the New York office beginning with the month of May. We shall not rent our apartments in Berkeley until the first of August and, as I understand it, our rental allowance would begin at that time. I am not writing to Mr. North at this time and if you will talk these matters over with him I shall greatly appreciate it. I hope this will not appear an irregular way of taking up the matter. It is in part due to the fact that we are run ragged by requests for talks and by this and that other plan and anything we can avoid we feel so much like doing it . And also I take it from your letter that you are in the offices specially to help with the interests of the China folks and I feel I can write you very frankly about our situation. I have had the regular travel allowance $300.00 and I think it will more than take care of all our needs for the trip east even if the round trip is allowed. If you will talk this matter over with Dr. North and let me know the decision, I shall greatly appreciate it.

We all turned in statements of our losses at the request of the Consuls and all were asked to turn in sworn statements as to certain aspects of the Nanking affair. The losses would run from $4000.00 up to nearly $20,000.00 Mexican per family I should think. This does not include the damage to real estate. Mr. Warren Stuart was asked to stay at Nanking for a time (by the Consul) and I think the plan was for him to try to go into the damages to real estate.

In our own case the loss amounted to about $5000.00 Mexican including books, personal effects and household goods. Eunice saved many of her clothes though our most valuable trunk containing some of her very best clothes was looted on the wharf at Nanking. I got out of Nanking with the following list of personal effects,- one pair of trousers, one pair of shoes, socks, underwear, one shirt and three collars. The rest of my " coming out " clothes I borrowed from Chang Sing-fu and Tsu Shao-wu. You should have seen me with Tsu Shao-wu's hat on!! I got the clothes I had to have in Shanghai. But I have not begun yet to fit out in the extras that one must pick up before he can live comfortably.

I have been able to find only one comfort in this aspect of the situation, namely, it simplified packing for furlough. I did my packing in about ten minutes or less time just before we left Bailie Hall for the gunboat. The coolie brought back a few things we had sent to the laundry. He brought a small bath mat, an old table cloth, a shirt and three collars. I asked one of the boys to get a small square of cloth and I wrapped them up in great solemnity and when our parade started to the gunboat I marched the four miles to the Hsiakwan gate carrying all my worldly possessions without a halt and I was not in the least tired from my load when we arrived at the gate and were picked up be returning carriages and taken to the wharf. Fortunately Mr. McAfee had quite a lot of extra bedding and offered to let me use some of it en route to Shanghai. So I got on very comfortably, though I have experienced more comfortable travel even in China. (Families and nearly all women had cars, carriages or rickshaws but most of the men and two women walked most of the way)

As to plans for the University I shall not attempt to go into them. Flu kept me from attending the Shanghai Meeting of the faculty and I do not feel qualified to speak on that subject. I am only glad that as for my own work I was getting it ready for my associates to take it over next fall and they are now in fairly good shape to carry it on if the situation will permit the school to continue.

I am sure you have already had accounts of the whole affair and I'll not attempt to go into all the details. I'll try to get in some high spots and 25 to you can piece it in. I first saw the southerners when an officer and about 25 to 40 men dashed down past our place after a bugle at Drum Tower, the students cheering on the campus, the officer made a speech at the east gate which was cheered. He then rode back toward Drum Tower and within 15 minutes shots were heard in the Japanese Consulate and I saw southern soldiers coming out with loot. I watched them for an hour and three quarters feeling sorry for the Japanese before I realized it was my turn next. Then they took Mr. Taylor (a language school man in Tibet) next door with a rope around his neck. But he got away. They had no shells in their guns and could not shoot him as he ran. Next they came for me, and as I had no money, having hidden my purse, they proceeded to " take this foreign devil out to shoot him" and marched me down past Miss Lyons school. An instructor saw me and gave the alarm and Chang Sing-fu and others came after me and with the help of Mr. Tsao, P.D. at Nanking YMCA, they took me away from the soldiers and I was conducted to Bailie Hall. I was never in their hands again. Dr. Bowen, Roberts and Y managed to hide when they looted the foreigners in Bailie Hall in the afternoon. The arrival of an officer who had gone to Ginling to get the ladies there narrowly averted much more bloodshed than we had, I truly believe, for they had just voted to kill every foreigner in the building unless they got $1000.00 for each of them. And they clinched the vote by firing a volley of twenty or more shots into the southern end of Bailie. I thought at the time that they had killed some of the men but later I learned just what their vote had been. Then in about ten minutes

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423 Atlanta Ave.,
San Jose, California,
May 4, 1927.

Dr. Eric M. North,
New York.

Dear Dr. North,

I must begin with an apology for not writing you earlier. But we arrived in a very badly run down condition and I have had a very strong inclination to find a place to just sit down and do nothing I could possibly avoid. This tendency together with numerous things that just had to be done at once has kept me from getting at your letter earlier.

Since our arrival April 22nd we have been with Mrs. Jones' family at San Jose to whom we came directly from the boat. And it has been so very good to be able to settle down and let others do the planning. Naturally quite a bit of publicity had been given to our experiences at Nanking and we have been called on for more speaking than we could do. I have spoken three times in Methodist churches and Mrs. Jones has spoken a time or two. We are both on the program tonight at the Churchnite of the First Methodist Church in San Jose.

Your telegram came some days ago, forwarded from Selma by my brother, and I replied at once giving the names of the arrivals on our boat.

Before leaving Shanghai Mr. Owen gave me a letter requesting me to get in touch with you on our arrival in the States in regard to our furlough allowance. We received our April salary before leaving the field, namely, $250.00 Chinese currency. Our rent will not begin until August Ist at Berkeley according to our present plans. At any rate, if we find it necessary to set up a house before that date we shall write you about it later. I suggest that you send our allowance for May to the above address making the check payable to E.V.Jones so that either of us can endorse it for deposit.(Mrs. Jones initials happen to be E.V. too.) It would help us out to receive it before May 22.

As you probably know most of the evacuees of the group that went onto the Naa on March 25 were sick with ptomaine poisoning as we came down the Yangtse. Fortunately my attack was rather light and I was able to be out to order some clothes the next day after our arrival in Shanghai. But that night I came down with a very severe attack of flu and was not able to be out again. In fact I was taken to the boat in an ambulance and was carried on the boat on a stretcher with a high fever. I was able to be up by the time we reached Yokohama but because of a very rough sea for about twelve days I got very little rest on the journey home. Having been rushed out of China as we were and feeling so badly most of the way home, we arrived without any definite plans for the next three months. We have been resting as much as we could here while getting in touch with some of our people and getting accustomed to the whirl of American life. In looking into the matter of our trip to Missouri I found that by waiting until May 22nd we could get a special rate of one-fare for round trip and we decided to wait for that. Now, however, it seems rather doubtful about Mrs. Jones going east at this time. She has not the physical reserve to carry her through the physical and nerve strain of such a trip at this time with the rushing travel and speaking that would be involved. So I may make that trip alone leaving May 22 to see my sister and my mother at my old home.

I have applied for clergy passes through the help of the M.E. offices in Frisco .

I had a letter a day or two ago from Miss Priest asking about our Nan-

king group on the Madison and asking what she could do for us. I wrote her rather fully about our situation and I'll not go into all the details for I asked her to talk the situation over with you. Mrs. Jones and I feel that we got out in better shape than many of the other folk but we could not stand many such experiences without going to the poor house. And we do not yet know just where we shall come out when it comes to attempting to go into the school expenses.

I have been pulling wires to try to get exempted from the tuition fees at the University of California but it does not seem that I shall succeed. Also I have written to the CMB (Mr. Greene) expressing the hope that I might be allowed to go on and use the fellowship which was granted me for purposes of study while on furlough. I am a bit fearful lest the changed situation may cause them to cancel this fellowship.

However, we are going on with our plans for the year just as though nothing had happened and hoping it will all work out satisfactorily. Our losses were reported at the request of the Consul on the basis of replacement and the total was $6000.00 Chinese currency. Of our total losses about $500.00 gold consisted of things that will have to be replaced before we can go on with our work in school. We reached Shanghai with our March salary check in hand and were given our April salary. We felt obliged to spend more than the total of these two checks in order to get the things we needed to come home so that we had to go into our reserve for insurance in order to get home. Our insurance comes due at the end of this month.

I shall be glad to have any information you have received as to the conditions prevailing at the University of Nanking since the looting. I find this is one of the questions that arises most frequently after talking about the Nanking affair and I am not able to answer it except to tell what the hopes were when we left Shanghai.

Our mail will be forwarded from this address until I give you notice of a change. Hoping that you may have good news to report about Nanking, I am

Yours sincerely,

E. V. Jones.

Ernest Victor Jones.

J.H.-E.V.P. ~~T.H.~~

423 Atlanta Ave.
San Jose, Calif.
May 7, 1927.

TRANSFER

Nanking

Dr. Eric M. North
New York.

Dear Dr. North,

I have just received your letter of April 29 containing a check for $150.00 for which I thank you. I wrote you rather fully a few days ago telling you something of our movements since our arrival. I believe I told you we had received our April salary in Shanghai. and in view of the fact that we also spent it in Shanghai, this May salary check is very acceptable.

I appreciate very fully the very great burden that has come upon all the Boards because of the China situation and I have tried to stress this point in my talks in the churches. I shall be glad to have any facts or suggestions that would help to make this appeal more concrete.

Our present plans will bring us to Kansas City on May 29th at 7.46 a.m. We shall probably be stopping over there for a short time with Mrs. Jones brother. Later we shall go to Harrisonville Mo. and Branaugh, Mo (my old home). I do not know the Kansas City pastors except possibly one or two in the M.E.C. South whom I know slightly. If I can be of service in speaking there I shall be glad to do my best. I do not find it easy to talk about the China situation. My own

ind is rather confused yet as to the situation and I am not sure just what the net results of my efforts to talk are. It is not difficult to interest people in China but it is difficult to talk in the face of so much propaganda.
I find myself out of sympathy with most articles and editorials I see and as yet they leave me rather confused. Most of it seems to be merely criticism of the conduct of our government in regard to China and harping on the idea that we should come out and stay out of China. Naturally being a missionary and just having come out of Nanking on a gunboat I am not in sympathy with these points of view.

I am glad to know that Dr. Bowen is to be in the states. I should like very much to see him and hear him speak. If I could see him I should ask him just how he presents the China situation i.e. what points he is making. I find it difficult to keep the story of our experiences in Nanking from getting too much in the foreground.
I am afraid I cannot now give you any names of possible contributors but I'll keep it in mind.

Yours sincerely,
E. V. Jones.

A JWP — return to A.J.P.

423 Atlanta Ave.,
San Jose, Cal.
May 11 1927.

Dr. Eric M. North,
Newyork City,

TRANSFER

Nanking

Dear Dr. North,

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 5 enclosing a check for $500.00 which was received with a deep sense of gratitude.

As I have indicated in an earlier letter I am sure Mrs. Jones and I came out of Nanking in better shape financially than many of the other families and we have, so to speak, fallen into the bosom of our families as soon as we landed. Others with children have had greater losses and have had long trips after landing and I know some of them were feeling that in some respects their most serious problems would arise after they left the boat. Therefore, this emergency financial help will be very very acceptable in every case and almost a life saver in some instances. Personally I marvel at the calmness and courage displayed by some of the folk who came through Nanking with families and particularly with elderly people (grandmothers etc.).

As soon as we reach Branaugh, Mo. my home, I shall send in our (my) expense accounts. Mrs. Jones is now resting as completely as possible and plans to go to Mo. with me.

I have been with my brothers near Selma for a week and am going up to Oroville to see Mrs. Jones' brothers before we start east on May 22, leaving San Jose.
Our schedule for the east is to arrive in Kansas City at 7^45 a.m. Sunday May 29. We shall stop over there with Mrs. Jones' brother Claude T. Vaughan at Grand View, Mo. The first Sunday in June I expect to spend with my sister and her family (Rev.) George E. Hargis, Harrisonville, Mo. and possibly the second Sunday at my mother's home in Bronaugh, Mo. (Mrs. Mary E. Jones).
We plan to return to San Jose July 1 st.

I wrote you from San Jose May 4 telling of our other movements since our arrival, I shall be very glad to have any news Dr. Bowen brings from Shanghai particularly as to conditions at the University.

Thanking you again for this very thoughtful provision for our needs, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Ernest Victor Jones

Harrisonville, Mo.
June 11, 1927.

TRANSFER

c/o G. E. Hargis

Nanking

Dear Miss Priest,

We reached my sister's home here yesterday about noon and after a long breath or two I am getting at my letters which have been accumulating.

I have just received the printed appeal for the University and the Minutes together with Dr. Bowen's and Dr. Speer's letters. I shall try to use every opportunity to get in a word for this need. I should like to have a few more copies of the "appeal for Nanking".

I have received the two checks mentioned in your letter of May 9. and acknowledged them with thanks. We shall be in Mo. until about June 26. If you will have our June salary sent here, I shall greatly appreciate it.

No, it was not my intention to use more than my share of the travel money if I went (or came) on to Mo. alone. But that matter has changed somewhat in that Eunice decided to rest completely for about two weeks and then come on with me to Mo. This she has done and she has enjoyed the trip — even the heat of Phoenix, Arizona. I shall send in our expense account on the basis of our expense if we had come right on from Frisco on clergy rates. I shall not include extra travel to Alma and Oroville

nor for our return trip to California
siting our folks in California. I am
not including the freight on a shipment
we sent home in February. Mr. Owen
said at first the University would take
care of it and then later said that the
University had no provision to pay ~~for~~
freight for people who were returning to
the field. But that if I did not return to
the University the Board would reimburse
me for this freight. (This seems to put a pre-
mium on staying at home but well let it
go at that.) If actions or rules of the Board
affect any of these items and you want
to make adjustments please feel free to
raise questions at any point. I shall send
a check to cover the balance due the Board.

I suppose the story of 3- hours of circles shot
around my head grew out of my telling a story
Mr. Alspach told me of his experience at Dr. Bowen's
home. He was stood up against a wall and five
or six shots were fired around his head - each
one missing him only a few inches. I had
not heard this story. I think the Chinese were
much more alarmed than I was when they
heard the soldiers say they were taking me out
to shoot me. I did not believe it not knowing
Dr. Williams was already dead. But the Chinese
knew of his death and apparently realized my situation
more fully than I did.

The Minutes from Shanghai are very encouraging.
Mrs. Jones joins in kind regards and thanks for your
very full letters. Sincerely yours, E. V. Jones.

Selma, Calif.
% R. B. Jones,
July 2, 1927

TRANSFER

Nanking

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

Dear Mr. Garside,

Replying to your letter of June 16th I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the faith and courage indicated by the actions of the Board of Trustees.

I give below the information you desired.

1. We arrived in the United States april 22nd 1927.

2. I am to study chemistry and methods of science teaching at the University of California at Berkeley for a full school year beginning August 15th.

   We are at home on regular furlough and we have no plans other than to return to China.

3. We have received from the New York office $500.00 on the outfit allowance

With much appreciation of the promptness and efficiency of the New York offices in meeting the emergencies of the recent upheaval in China, I am,

Yours sincerely,
E. V. Jones.

TRANSFER

Nanking

University of Nanking

August 22, 1927

Dr. E. V. Jones,
2362 Ellsworth St.
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Dr. Jones,

Herewith we are sending you a check for $175.00 in payment of your salary and rent for August. We also enclose a statement of your account from the time of your leaving China to the present. If there are any errors in this statement please call our attention to them.

We note that you still have two items of expense while in Shanghai which you will later present for adjustment. We'll be glad to take them up when you have the facts in hand.

I trust that you will have a most pleasant and profitable year in the University of California.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary
University of Nanking

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New York, N.Y.
August 25, 1927

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In Account with

Dr. E. V. Jones

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April -	Advanced for Travel, Shanghai	G. $300.00	
April 28	Advanced May Salary, New York	150.00	
May 5	Payment re-outfit, New York	500.00	
May 25	May salary credited		$150.00
June 6	Travel account approved		167.26
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June 9	Trustees' re-outfit allowance credited		500.00
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Note:- Furlough salary and allowance is to be continued for twelve months after arrival in the U.S.; i.e. to April 30, 1928. (Action T - 310 of Board of Trustees, June 9, 1927.

Rent allowance is to be paid at the rate of $25 per month, from August 1, 1927 to further notice.

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TRANSFER

University of Nanking

December 2, 1927

Dr. E. V. Jones,
2362 Ellsworth St.,
Berkeley, Cal.

Dear Dr.Jones:

We have your letter of November 25th and are very much interested to learn that you have received from Dr.Chen such a warm invitation to come back to Nanking as soon as possible.

As yet the Board of Trustees has not definitely expressed its policy on the important question of the status of the members of the Nanking staff now in this country and the question of their return to China. The situation in China has been so very confused during recent months that the Board has felt it would be wiser to wait for a time before formulating its policy on these questions. I have, however, been feeling for some weeks that it is urgently necessary for the Board to express itself within the near future so that all of you who are here in America will be able to make more definite plans. From the standpoint of the Board it is necessary that such a policy be formulated else the members of the Nanking staff will be forced to turn their attention in other directions and many of them may be permanently lost for future service in China. I hope that during the present month we will be able to get some action from the Trustees on these questions you raise. I will at once notify you.

Sincerely yours,

BAG-H

TRANSFER

2362 Ellsworth Street,
Berkeley, California,
December 19, 1927 Nanking

Dear Dr. Garside,

You will be interested to know that Mrs. Jones has been in the hospital for two weeks for a major operation. She had some trouble and treatment at Nanking and the trouble appeared again in a more aggravated form since we came to Berkeley. She went to a doctor here for an examination and her trouble was diagnosed as fibroids and an operation was advised as early as convenient.

On consulting Dr. Pryor of Palo Alto who treated her in Nanking she was advised to go to the University hospital in San Francisco and put herself in the hands of a very fine specialist there. This she did and the former diagnosis was confirmed and the operation was performed on December 7. The surgeon told me her condition was rather more complicated than was expected but that the operation was successful in every way and that she should have no more trouble of this kind.

Mrs. Jones was not in very good condition for the operation nervously and she was in a very serious condition for some days. I am glad to report now that she is progressing nicely and we hope to have her home for Christmas.

Has the Board a fixed policy as to taking care of such expenses for staff members while on furlough? The bills will probably be about $150.00

With the Season's Greetings, I am

Yours sincerely,

E. V. Jones.

Copy

January 4, 1929

see Chen 1/4/29

Dr. E. V. Jones
2362 Ellsworth Street
Berkeley, California

TRANSFER

Dear Dr. Jones:

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In regard to housing problems last year, our Board decided to rent out the houses, but this year we are taking them back as soon as the term of contract has expired. The following houses will be ready for use and you may designate in your order of preference which house you will like to occupy when you come in the fall. In this list, I will mention four houses, which are the Holroyd, Owen, Wixen, Hamilton and if there is any other house that you would especially like to occupy, you will please let us know. We may be able to readjust the house assignments in a way which will be the most convenient for you. Mr. Thomson's house is now in repair and they will move in this month.

Hoping to hear from you favorably, Mrs. Chen joins in best regards to yourself and Mrs. Jones.

Very sincerely yours,

YGC/FP

Y. G. Chen.

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Hoping to hear from you favorably, Mrs. Chen joins in best regards to yourself and Mrs. Jones.

Very sincerely yours,

Y. C. Chen.

Hck 2/11/29

Birmingham-Southern College,
Birmingham, Alabama,
February 3, 1929.

Nanking

TRANSFER

Dr. R.A.Garside,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Garside:

I have recently had letters from the University of Nanking that prompt me to write you in regard to the possibility of our returning to the work there. Dr. Bowen has written twice urging me to return and others have written in the same spirit.

The situation appeals to me very strongly but I have not yet reached the point where I am sure we ought to think of returning next autumn. One of the uncertain factors in the situation is the basis on which we might return. Dr. Bowen at the instance of President Chen wrote hoping we might go out again under the Methodist Episcopal Board and said he was taking up the matter with Bishop Birney. You may have heard from him on this matter. I shall be glad to have your opinion as to the probabilities of such an arrangement being effected.

When I wrote you last I referred to the fact that both Mrs. Jones and myself were not in physical condition to return last autumn. I am glad to report that we have both made progress toward normal health during the year. Mrs. Jones plans to see her physician in San Francisco during the early spring and a favorable report at that time would warrant our giving serious consideration to going back so far as health is concerned.

The matter of the permanency of a layman in the Missionary program in China is an unsettled question in my mind. I do not know how the Boards expect a layman to provide for his later years when he is no longer efficient in his profession. If the Methodist Board has a Manual covering this point I shall be glad to receive a copy of the same.

I have recently had two visits (calls) from President Yang of Soochow University urging us to return to Soochow in the autumn. We have many friends there and it would be pleasant to return but the need at Nanking as set forth by Dr. Bowen and Mr. Thomson seems more urgent and if we return we are inclined to give the latter place first consideration.

We are finding life very interesting in this hustling industrial center. Some very fine old friends have brought us many new ones. I am beginning to feel that I was quite fortunate in being able to step into the headship of the chemistry department. But in spite of all this I cannot easily turn a deaf ear to the call of my former colleagues at Nanking. I shall greatly appreciate hearing from you in regard to the above questions.

Yours sincerely,

Ernest Victor Jones.

Nanking

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University of Nanking

February 7, 1930

Dr. E. V. Jones,
Birmingham Southern College,
Birmingham, Ala.

My dear Dr.Jones:

On January 2 I sent you a brief note of inquiry as to the possibility that you and Mrs.Jones may be able to return to China during 1930. As yet I have had no reply so I am wondering whether my letter went astray. Possibly you have changed your address since we last wrote you.

During the last few weeks I have heard several new rumors that the University of Nanking is anxious to have you and Mrs.Jones return this year under support by some one of the cooperating Mission Boards, presumably the Presbyterian Board or the Methodist Board. As yet we have had no formal statement from Dr.Chen or Dr.Bowen but I suspect such a statement will be coming in the near future.

I should very much like to learn, therefore, the prospects for the return of Mrs.Jones and yourself this year if the necessary support can be secured. I hope that Mrs.Jones' improvement in health has continued and that her doctors would now cordially approve her going back to the field. I also hope that your present plans are such that you can with a few months' preparation arrange to go back to the field where you are so urgently needed.

Very cordially yours,

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February 11,1929

Dr. E. V. Jones,
Birmingham-Southern College,
Birmingham, Alabama.

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. Jones:

We have your letter of February 3 and are glad indeed to learn that you and Mrs. Jones now have both made satisfactory progress toward normal health, and hope that you will be able to return to China this summer.

During the last two months both our office and the Methodist Board have received numerous letters and one or two cables, urging us to do everything possible to arrange for your return to Nanking this summer, and urging the Methodist Board to undertake your support.

I can assure you that all of us are very eager to have you back at the University of Nanking once more. The one difficulty we have thus far not been able to overcome is that of securing the consent of the Methodist Board to assume your support. At the present time a large number of their missionary force is being kept here in America because the Board is unable to provide the funds for their travel to and support on the mission field. Urgent requests are coming to the Board from all over the world, and particularly from China, for the return of workers they are not able to send out. It is therefore very difficult, as you will appreciate, to get the Board to consider adding the support of anyone who has not previously served under their own auspices.

When we come to the specific situation of the University of Nanking quota, we are met by another very definite difficulty. Heretofore the Methodist Board has supported five men on the University of Nanking staff, not including a physician in the University Hospital. At the present time the Methodist Board is supporting only one man in Nanking and is supplying G$2600 a year as cash equivalent for two other places on their quota, at $1300 each. They state that for the year 1929-30 it will be impossible for them to provide for more than three places on the quota. They also state that the best they can hope to do will be to send out one man this year, and to continue supplying the cash equivalent for their third representative. Both Mr. Meisner and

I have urged as strongly as we could that they try to arrange to send out two men, so that they would have at least three workers on the field, but they said that their financial situation will not permit this. Of those who have previously been on the Methodist quota, Mr. Stewart is willing to go out this fall and possibly Dr. Illick will also be ready to return. Thus we may have to make a very difficult choice between those two men already on the Methodist quota, choosing one to go out this fall and asking one to remain in America until next year.

I have written to you fully in regard to these different factors so that you will appreciate the situation we are forced to confront. If there were any possibility of persuading the Methodist Board to restore its original quota of five, and to assume your support as one of this quota, everyone in the University would be highly gratified. But for the present year at least it seems there is no possibility of the Methodist Board taking these actions. What the situation will be a year hence it is too early for us to forecast.

I am sorry that this report is so discouraging. Please keep us informed of the plans you and Mrs. Jones will be making during the next few months. I feel that the most important thing is for you to get back into the work in China as soon as your health permits - the place and conditions of your work being of lesser, even though serious, importance.

Very cordially yours,

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copy to Dr. Chen
" " Mr. Reisner

BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

February 22, 1930

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

Nanking

TRANSFER

Dear Dr. Garside:

Pardon my delay in answering your letters in regard to our future plans. This has been due in part to a very full schedule and in part to an uncertainty as to our own minds in the matter.

I will say frankly that I still feel rather like a fish out of water and find it hard to get satisfaction out of my work. I do not feel that I am doing anything specially worth while and I am constantly reminded by applications coming in for positions that it would be very easy to fill my place here.

On the other hand, I realize that if I drop out of the teaching profession now in America for another six or ten years it would be next to impossible to get back into it again. And when it comes to the matter of considering returning to China the question of the permanency of our work out there is a very serious one.

As to the matter of health, I think we are both in passing condition. I am sure Mrs. Jones is stronger now than when we first went out to China in so far as her physical strength is concerned.

Our return would, I believe, depend largely on our being convinced that there was a need there that we could fill for the next ten or fifteen years and on our being able to make satisfactory arrangements to provide for old age.

With living in America becoming more and more difficult in a financial way I do not see how we could consider returning to the field except on a basis that recognized all our years out there and provided the regular retirement allowance on the basis of all our years of service. I have heard indirectly that one of the Boards was ready to assume our salary on the above basis but was not in position to assume the responsibility for retirement. I can see their side of the matter but the necessity of providing for our later years is very real to me.

I have written to Mr. Thomson telling him of our feeling on this point and stating that I was not very confident of our ever returning to the field. I will add finally that I believe I should enjoy the work much more than I do the work here because it would seem so much more worth while.

Yours sincerely,

E. V. Jones

University of Nanking

May 10, 1930

Dr. E. W. Jones
Birmingham-Southern College
Birmingham, Alabama

My dear Dr. Jones:

During the last two months there has been a great deal of correspondence and cabling between our office and Nanking with regard to the return of yourself and Mrs. Jones. The field has been urging us again and again to arrange for your outcoming this Summer at all costs. You are already familiar with the fact that Mr. Thompson should be coming to America this Fall, having already delayed his furlough much beyond its regular date in order to keep up the work of the Department of Chemistry, and with his departure from the field the Chemistry Department will be left in an extremely precarious condition unless reinforcements are secured. Even after Mr. Thompson returns to the field at the end of his furlough both of you will be urgently needed in Chemistry.

Within the past few days I have received letters both from Dr. Bowen and Dr. Chen urging that we do everything possible to arrange for your return. The keynote of Dr. Bowen's letter is summarized in the sentence, "I hope you will do your utmost to get Dr. and Mrs. Jones out this Fall." Dr. Chen's letter, the last of a long series he has written concerning you again tells us of his anxiety that you return to the field this Summer.

The main question which has so long delayed our submitting this formal request that you and Mrs. Jones return to the field has been the question of support. We have urged both the Northern Presbyterian Board and Northern Methodist Board to make provision for you within their quotas. The Secretaries of both Boards have spoken of you in the highest terms and have assured us that they would be very happy if such a step could be taken. But in each case these Board quotas are already filled, to the extent of the Board's financial ability, by men already on the field, or by candidates who expect to go out to Nanking as soon as the necessary details can be completed.

We were forced to consult with the field, therefore, as to the possibility of your going out under direct University support. On this point I received a cablegram from Dr. Chen some weeks ago, and have just received a covering letter discussing the matter at greater length.

The University is quite willing to have you come out on the University budget and has made provisions for your outcoming travel and your support on this budget next year. Should you go out under University support, the University would of course enter into the regular contract agreeing to provide your support and all necessary allowances and travel expenses for the regular five year period. At the present time our Board of Founders is considering the desirability of having two types of employment agreement for University support of staff at Nanking:- five year contract, and life agreement. If the second type of agreement is worked out and approved it might be mutually desirable to you and to the University that you enter into the life agreement rather than merely a five year contract.

At the present time our Board of Founders has taken up in a very active way the question of retirement for University supported members members of staff. At the meeting of the Board of Founders held early this week three alternative plans were suggested, and the Founders agreed in a general way that they would be glad to go forward in any of the three plans which may be most satisfactory to the staff members concerned. In any case the past service rendered to the University by staff members will be credited toward retirement on the same basis as future service. To assure the members of staff of their earnestness in the matter, the Founders have set aside from this year's budget G.$7,000. to provide an initial fund for setting up any type of retirement plan that we may agree upon.

The Founders are also working on a plan of provision of salaries and allowances for University supported members of staff to insure that they will be provided for fully as well in every way as staff members supported by the cooperating mission boards.

One other important suggestion as to the status of University staff members was proposed at the Board of Founders Meeting, and is now being given careful consideration. This proposal is that arrangements be made whereby all University supported Western members of staff will be appointed and supported through the cooperating mission boards rather than through the Board of Founders directly. Where the quota of the cooperating mission boards is already filled and the board is financially unable to increase its quota, it might be necessary for the Board of Founders to reimburse the cooperating mission board in whole or in part for the salary allowances and retirement benefits of additional appointees the mission board might make or personnel previously employed by the Board of Founders directly. There are many problems in connection with such an arrangement which have not as yet been worked out. I believe, however, that if such a proposal is found to be satisfactory to the Western members of staff now supported by the University that the cooperating mission boards would be willing to unite in such an arrangement. The obvious benefits of such an arrangement to the staff members conderned are that it would give them more of a feeling of permanency, would make them a part of a world wide missionary force so that if, for any reason they did not continue in service at the University of Nanking there would be other openings where they could carry on equally valuable missionary service.

I am writing you in detail concerning all these matters, for I wish you and Mrs. Jones to feel not only that the University is urgently in

in need of your services but that we are all keenly interested in making such financial arrangements as will give you both a sense of reasonable financial security for the present and for the future.

On the basis of the actions already taken by the field authorities and the home boards, we are authorized to issue a definite invitation to you and Mrs. Jones to go out to the University this Fall under University support for a regular term of service. We would keep open the question of whether at a later date you might, if you so desire, be made an appointee of one of the cooperating mission boards. I most sincerely hope that the way may be open for you and Mrs. Jones to accept this invitation. Will you please write me quite frankly and fully?

Very cordially yours,

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CC: Pres. Y.G. Chen

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BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Nanking

May 27, 1930

OFFICE OF THE BURSAR

TRANSFER

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Dear Dr. Garside:

I am sorry not to have written you earlier. But I just did not want to tell you what I must now write, namely, that it does not seem possible for us to answer the call you have presented to us.

We have a number of excuses but I suspect at bottom the chief reason is that we have lost the vision and idealism that took us to the field seventeen years ago. I write this letter with a keen sense of defeat and failure.

My work moves on here in a fairly satisfactory manner but it does not grip me as the work in China did. I could lay it aside with very little sense of regret. Mrs. Jones has found quite a wide field of usefulness in teaching a Woman's Bible Class at our College Church and as Secretary of the Birmingham District of the Missionary Society. This work makes the appeal of the work in China less strong than it might otherwise be to her.

I referred above to our excuses. The two chief problems are, first, that the continued disturbances in China make it impossible for one to feel uncertain as to the permanency of the work at Nanking as a political storm center. And if the work of the University stopped there is no provision for those members of the staff that are supported from the field. I realize that I have been very fortunate in stepping into the position I now have. And if I were again thrown on my own resources after a period of five or more years in China I should find it most difficult to secure a position that would provide for our needs.

A second problem that immediately arises when we think of returning to the field is the obligations we have assumed in connection with life insurance and Teacher's annuities . These total nearly $800.00 per year including $165.00 paid by the College. A very simple solution would be to drop it all but in the face of the undertainties in the situation that does not seem a wise course to pursue. This question makes it seem unlikely that suitable arrangements could be made for our return.

I readily admit that these problems are excuses to justify our decision not to return rather than insurmountable difficulties. As I write I am torn by conflicting emotions. I believe the appeal is stronger than when we first went to China. Vision is not lacking but there is lacking the faith that dares to trust God and give all for the work of His kingdom.

I appreciate your writing us so fully and again apologize for not writing you earlier. Our Commencement was today and summer school begins next week. During the interval we are moving. I have taken a few minutes between the rushes to write you this letter which I send with very deep regret.

Yours sincerely,

E. V. Jones.

Nanking

TRANSFER

University of Nanking

June 3, 1930

Dr. E. V. Jones,
Birmingham-Southern College,
Birmingham, Alabama.

My dear Dr.Jones:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 27.

I wish to assure you of our profound appreciation of the struggle you and Mrs.Jones have undergone in facing the urgent call for your return to Nanking. It is quite obvious from your letter that you have not "lost the vision and idealism that took us to the field seventeen years ago". We clearly recognize that the reasons you mention in your letter for not returning to the field, together with other thoroughly valid reasons which you might quite properly present, are of such weight that no one could think of criticising you if you do not find it possible to return.

On the other hand, I am convinced from the tone of your letter that you and Mrs.Jones still have the profoundest interest in the work in China and would be happy to return if we could find a reasonably satisfactory solution for such questions as the permanency of the need for you in China, and the adequacy of your support and of financial provisions for the future.

For this reason I am writing to report the developments which have taken place since I wrote you on May 10. Dr.and Mrs.Bowen have just arrived in America on what is likely to prove an extended health furlough. Because of the uncertainty of their return to the field, Dr.and Mrs.Bowen have very generously resigned from their active status as Methodist missionaries, thus relieving the Methodist Board of their support and releasing one place on the Methodist quota at Nanking. Dr.Bowen suggested to the Methodist Board that it might appoint you to fill this vacancy in the quota which his resignation has created. Yesterday I showed your letter to Mr.Cartwright of the Methodist Board and discussed with him your possible appointment to fill this vacancy in the Methodist group at Nanking. Mr.Cartwright was favorably inclined toward the proposal, although he asked that we get further information both from Dr.Bowen and yourself before the matter is presented formally to the Methodist Board. I also sent Dr.Bowen a copy of your letter and suggested to him that he write frankly to our office and also to you direct, expressing his judgment as to whether we should continue to urge your return to Nanking.

The University is still anxious to have you return as indicated by a cablegram we received last week asking for the latest information as to any arrangements we may have made with you looking to your return this fall.

I sincerely hope that you and Mrs.Jones will be able to hold in abeyance, until there has been time for action by the Methodist Board, any final decision adverse to your return to China. If the Methodist Board does agree to appoint you as members of its regular quota at Nanking, you would thereby be given the same assurances of permanency of position, and of provisions for retirement, as is given by the Methodist Board to all of its appointees. Should it happen that for any reason the work at Nanking should be suspended, or should the conditions at the University change so materially as to decrease the need for your services there, the Methodist Board would expect to take the same steps they always follow in dealing with their regular missionaries under such circumstances in seeking other educational work where you and Mrs.Jones could continue your Christian services.

I hope also (although on this point we have no definite assurances) that, if you and Mrs.Jones find it possible to return to the University either as University supported staff members, or as appointees of one of the cooperating Mission Boards, the Board of Founders will make provision in the pension plan now being formulated for the service you have rendered in the past as University supported members of the staff.

Let me assure you again that we all realize the difficulties involved. On the other hand, we are anxious that all the possibilities affecting your return may be fully explored before any final decision adverse to your return is reached. I sincerely believe that during the next decade or so the University of Nanking will be called upon to make a greater contribution to the cause of Christ in China than it has ever made in the past. If it is to meet this call effectively it will have the most urgent need for the services of such devoted and experienced workers as you and Mrs.Jones.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

Nanking

University of Nanking

TRANSFER

June 16, 1930

Dr. E. V. Jones,
Birmingham-Southern College,
Birmingham, Alabama.

My dear Dr.Jones:

Since I wrote you on June 5 I have been in consultation with Mr.Cartwright of the Methodist Board, and we have discussed the possibility of that Board's assuming your support in case you and Mrs.Jones find it possible to return to China. Mr.Cartwright is sincerely anxious to have you at Nanking and has stated quite heartily that the Methodist Board would be happy to assume your support if the necessary arrangements could be made. He fears, however, that even with the withdrawal of Dr. and Mrs.Bowen the Methodist Board will not be able to do more than discharge the obligations it has already assumed, so the prospect of your appointment by his Board is not bright enough to justify our asking you to continue holding your other plans in abeyance.

I am afraid, therefore, that the only immediate prospect of support for you and Mrs.Jones would be from the University itself as explained in my letter of May 10. Since your letter of May 27 indicated that it would not be possible for you and Mrs.Jones to go back to the field on this somewhat temporary and unsatisfactory basis, I am afraid we will have to give up for the present the hope of your return. Please let us know at once, however, if there is any change in your plans which would make it possible for you to again consider going out to Nanking. We will continue to have the warmest interest in you, and will not entirely abandon hope for your ultimate return to the field.

With all good wishes for your continued happiness and success in the important work you are doing here in America, I am

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

Birmingham-Southern College,
June 19, 1930.

Nanking

TRANSFER

Dear Dr. Garside;

I thank you for your letter of recent date. I am sorry to have to report that I do not see how we could arrange to return to Nanking on a temporary basis. I will say, however, that if I consulted only my own feelings and inclinations I should be ready to go at any time. I am restless and lacking in enthusiasm for my work here, though I do not know why I should be. I do not know how to put it better than to say that I do not feel I am terribly needed here. I do feel a very strong pull chinaward. I sincerely wish we could dare to place our future in God's hands again unreservedly and go back to China. Or could surely know it was not His plan for us to return.

Yours sincerely,
E. O. Jones.

Nanking

University of Nanking

June 24, 1930

TRANSFER

Dr. E. V. Jones
Birmingham-Southern College
Birmingham, Alabama

My dear Doctor Jones

Your letter of June 19 to Mr. Garside came to hand this morning, and I am answering in his name, as he is on his way to England to attend the Annual Meeting of West China and Shantung.

We are very sorry that conditions are so altered that it does not seem possible for you to return to the field. However, your very sincere approach to the question makes us feel that now you are following the leadership of the Divine Hand. Our prayer is that He may lead you to even greater usefulness in His work.

Very cordially yours

Assistant Treasurer

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James R Foy

1916

October 28, 1916.

Dr. James R. Joy,
The Christian Advocate,
150 Fifth Avenue, City.

Dear Dr. Joy:

Herewith a few notes in regard to the inception, organization, and development of the University of Nanking, which may serve as data for what I hope you will publish.

The University of Nanking began in 1910 with the union of the Nanking University of the Methodists, the Union Christian College, the Disciplies, and Presbyterians. It was incorporated under the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, with a Board of Trustees in New York City, upon which seven different co-operating Boards are now represented, as noted on page 2 of the catalog. The plan of organization was to have the property and final direction of the University under the control of a Board of Trustees in America, known tothe leaders of the churches and to the donors, and to have a Board of Managers on the field, upon which the different co-operating Missions should be represented as well as outstanding Christian leaders among the Chinese. This plan of organization, which Dr. Mott pronounced one of the best he knew, has been found most admirable in practice. From experience and observation in Japan, we found that with the development of national education, missionary education suffered very much in comparison. It would seem to have been possible to have united the larger Missions in an educational plan that could have commanded the co-operation and confidence of the strongest Japanese leaders. It was this experience that led back of the determination that we should not

make a like mistake in China, and that it was only in the union of Christian forces that Christian education could be maintained of such a standard and with such a staff of instructors as could command the respect of the best Chinese, and could enlist the co-operation of the strongest leaders. In a word, that we could so plan an institution that should not only be thoroughly Christian in spirit, but thorough in the standard of the education given, and consequently, could become indigenous, championed and loved by the Chinese themselves.

In January, 1910, the educational work of the Missions at Nanking was united to form the University. A beginning was made with eight foreign teachers and about twenty Chinese, thirteen of these still of the old type of Chinese scholar, long coated, long nailed men, who, while not anti-Christian, could not be expected to enter into the aims and spirit of the school. At the present time the staff consists of thirty-five American teachers, graduates of our best universities, Six returned Chinese students who have taken their postgraduate degrees, and over twenty-five other Chinese teachers, men who have had the best training that the schools in China afford. The non-Christians have been replaced by men, not only far better in scholarship, but positive in their Christian conviction. The work began with preparatory schools and college. Later a normal work was added. Then, through the development of colonization work and a very successful experiment in forestation, conducted by Mr. Bailie, the attention of the whole country was called to the more scientific teaching of agriculture and forestry. The Government in Peking decided to back the School of Forestry at Nanking and sent twenty-four of their students. Leading governors of provinces also sent students on scholarships, so there was enrolled the first year forty-seven students in forestry and agriculture. This fall that number has increased to over sixty. Please note the statement of the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce on pages 35-37 of President Bowen's report. The

Chinese have not only assigned a tract of thousands of acres on Purple Mountain for forestry purposes under the direction of the University, but they are also providing a large tract for agricultural experimentation. These students, coming from non-Christian homes, have been found very open-minded in their attitude towards Christianity, eight of them deciding to become Christians, and the whole body being among the most earnest inquirers in the University. No stronger evidence of the confidence of the Chinese could be found than in the men who are serving as members of the Board of Managers; such men as C. T. Wang, now called to Peking by the President to reassemble the National Assembly, a man who is Vice-Speaker of the National Assembly; Chang Po-ling, head of the Nan High School of Tientsin, who ex-President Eliot said was the finest man he met in Asia; Li Chen-hwang, known to the delegates at the Saratoga Quadrennial Conference as representing the church in China, the man who built the first exposition in China, who was for a time acting Governor of Kiangsi Province, not only a man of governmental experience, but a man of sterling Christian character; Dr. P. W. Kuo, who received his Doctor's degree at Columbia, and who is now head of the Government Teachers' College at Nanking; Hwang Liung, an alumnus of the College and now an officer on the Board of Foreign Affairs. The aim in founding the University was to promote the field for Christian education from the primary to the university course; to secure men of the best technical equipment, but still men of the dominant missionary purpose, as teachers to develop those courses most needed by the condition of the people; to develop the work in closest co-operation and sympathy with the best Chinese ideals.

Another interesting phase of this union effort is the Language School for missionaries, and the department of missionary training. This has enrolled each year fifty young missionaries, who learn the Chinese language by the direct method, thus shortening the time of preparation by not only having the teaching

much better done, but also imparting an enthusiasm for Chinese study. The young people meet together in the atmosphere of a union institution, where co-operation and union are not dim ideals, but actualities. The University is enabled thus to render a service to all the Missions. One of the first aims of the institution is to develop strong leaders for the church, men of scholarship and Christian conviction.

I think it would be well for you to point out that the President is Dr. Bowen of your own church, that the larger proportion of the college students come from the Methodist church, that the institution should appeal in a peculiar way to Methodists. They have the greatest ground for pride in what they have contributed to its union, its development, its present staff.

Please note enrollment on page 2 of President Bowen's report, and the proportion that come from the Methodist church. I shall greatly appreciate the help you can give us in presenting the institution to your people.

Very sincerely yours,

W/M

November 14, 1916.

Dr. James R. Joy,
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New York City.

My dear Dr. Joy:

I want to thank you very much for your very cordial appreciation of the work of the University in The Christian Advocate. Coming at the time it did, I am sure it will help Dr. North in matters on which he wants to secure the action of your Board this week. You will be pleased to know that the whole matter of the Hospital was handled by the Board of Trustees agreeing to fully meet the conditions of the gift of the China Medical Board, so the main part of my coming over is now accomplished. I shall be leaving New York this week and sailing from Vancouver by the Empress of Russia on November the 30th. The new arrangement will secure for the Hospital at Nanking annual grants amounting to over $21,000 gold, or enough to support five doctors and four nurses, and in case we can secure in addition $25,000 gold we shall have another $25,000 gold from the China Medical Board, or $50,000 gold for alterations, equipment, and a new dispensary building.

With cordial regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W/M