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N. Y. Times, March 3, 1941

American Killed on Burma Road

KUNMING, China, March 2 (AP)—The United States consulate received word from Yungping, Yunnan province, today of the death of Miss Margaret Kees of San Francisco, in an automobile accident on the Burma Road. She was said to have been en route home after a term as teacher in Nanking University at Chengtu. News of the accident came from Mr. and Mrs. Medill Darkisian of Denver, with whom she was traveling.

**U. S. Woman Killed
On Burma Road**

Wm. P. Lane
By the United Press.

CHUNGKING, March 3.—The United States Embassy was notified today that Margaret Kees, 30, of San Francisco, an American Red Cross secretary, was killed Feb. 28 when a truck overturned on the Burma Road.

Miss Kees was en route to Lashio to work for the Red Cross. Her death was the first foreign casualty on the winding mountain road over which vital supplies are carried to the Chinese armies.

Miss Kees had been in China for two years as an English teacher at Nanking University, now located at Chengtu.

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March 3, 1941

*Copy to
Mr. N. Wysham
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JJP*

**MRS. EDNA MAUDE KEES
WEST GRANT STREET
HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA**

**CABLE RECEIVED CONVEYS SAD NEWS OF ACCIDENT KUNMING RESULTING MARGARET'S
DEATH. SINCEREST SYMPATHY.**

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NOTE: See Cable of Mar. 2, 1941- from Nanking

Copy to
Mr. N. Wysham
3/4/41
JSP
Presby Bk in
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March 3, 1941

Mrs. Edna Maude Kees
West Grant Street
Healdsburg, California

Dear Mrs. Kees:

We were under the necessity this morning of sending you a telegram as a result of a cable received from the University of Nanking in Chengtu, telling of the automobile accident near Kunning which resulted in Margaret's death. The cable came to us as a great shock indeed. We want you to know that you have our deepest and most sincere sympathy. In this, I am speaking for our Secretaries here in the Associated Boards office, and for the members of the Board of Founders of the University.

The cable which we received read as follows:-

"MARGARET KEES KILLED TRUCK ACCIDENT NEAR KUNNING. NOTIFY FAMILY."

This, of course, is meager news and it will be some time before fuller details can reach us. Just as soon as further word comes in, we will see that you receive it.

Shortly after receiving the cable, we found a news dispatch in the New York Times which told of the accident. A copy of this news notice is enclosed. The notice stated that she was travelling with two friends who were on their way to America. When they arrive, we will certainly get from them all the details, and will share them with you.

We share with you in the sorrow that comes from this unexpected accident.

With sincere regrets,

Sincerely yours,

Joseph I. Parker

Assistant Secretary

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156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

WILLIAM N. WYSHAM
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WESTERN AREA
228 McALLISTER STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

March 6, 1941

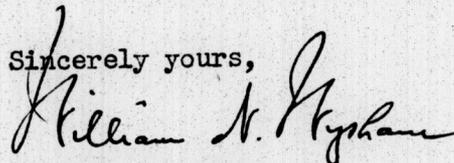
Mr. Joseph I. Parker
University of Nanking
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Parker:

Thank you very much for your prompt response to my letter asking for information regarding Miss Margaret Kees. Mrs. Kees, her mother, is now residing in San Francisco at 2955 Van Ness Avenue, and therefore never received the letter which you sent to her at Healdsburg. I have been talking to her over the telephone today and I am forwarding to her the copies of the letter and telegram which you enclose.

Please also send any additional information to Mrs. Kees, since she is keenly anxious for any details about the death of her daughter. The brother lives with his mother, so that one letter will reach them both. If you feel that details should go to the brother to be given to the mother, his name is Mr. Allan Kees.

Sincerely yours,



William N. Wysham
Secretary for the Western Area

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LAST WORD RE MARGARET KEES STATES ALL HER POSSESSIONS WERE

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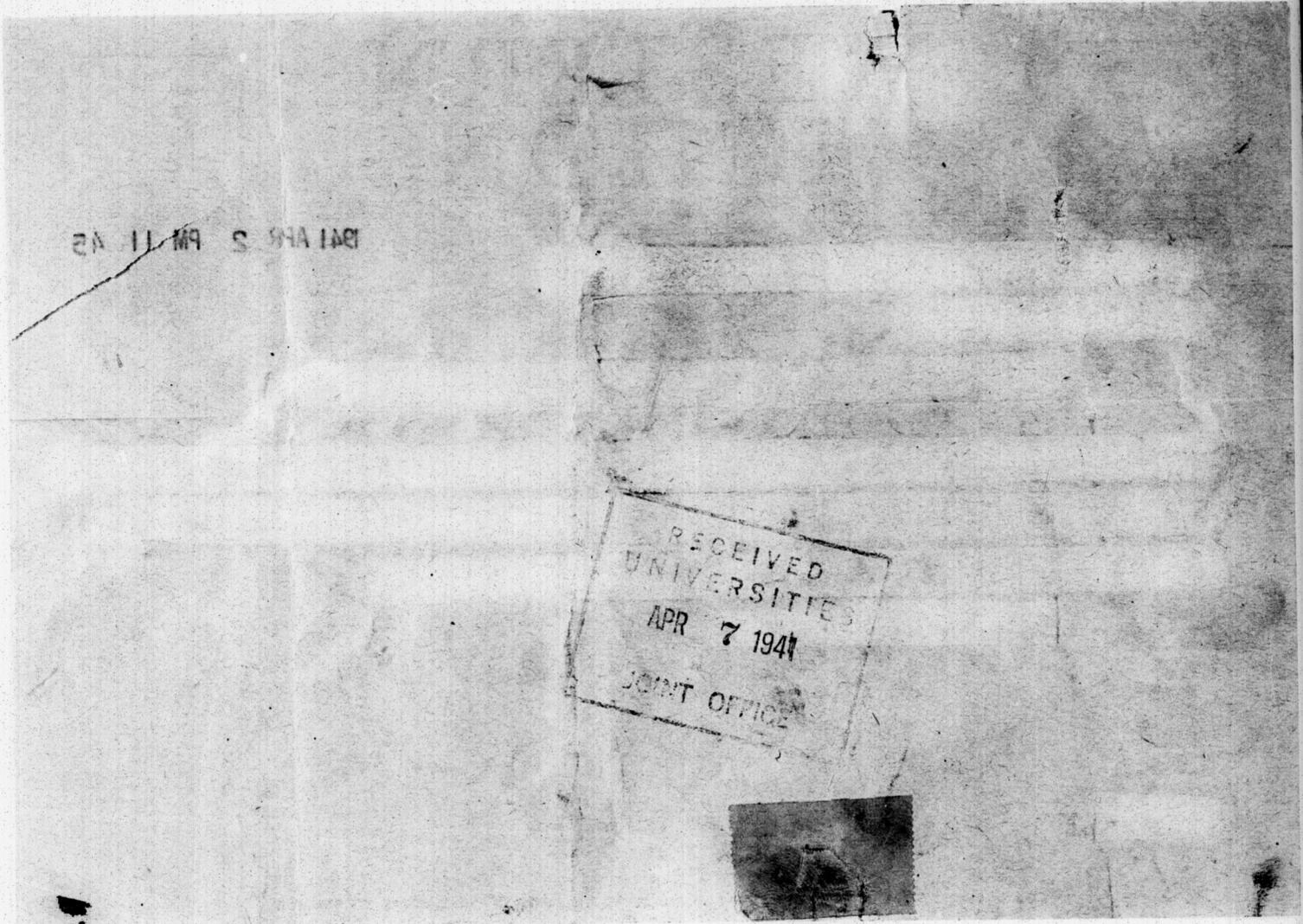
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Via Air Mail

April 3, 1941

Dr. William W. Wysham
Presbyterian Board of Missions
228 McAllister Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. Wysham:

Your telegram has just been received and I have investigated to see whether we have any record here of what money Miss Kees may have had with her. No final information has been received from the field and we are unable to say whether she had cashed a draft for \$500.00. We are inquiring of the field treasurer by cable for information as to what cash was advanced to her before she left Chengtu. As soon as we have received this information, we will forward it to you at once.

The only letter received from the University, since the cable came telling of Miss Kees' death, was apparently written at the time the cable was sent, and there was no more information available than was included in the cable. Naturally, since Chengtu is farther away from the scene of the accident than the American Consulate at Kunning, the information from the Consulate is more complete than what we have been able to get from the University.

Will you please pass this rather unsatisfactory information on to Mrs. Kees, with the assurance that we will send further information just as soon as we have gotten a reply to our cablegram?

Sincerely yours,

Joseph I. Parker

Assistant Secretary

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April 5, 1941

Mr. William M. Wysham
Presbyterian Board of Missions
228 McAllister Street
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wysham:

In response to our cable to Chengtu asking about money advanced to Miss Margaret Kees, we received the following cable:-

"INFORMATION KEES CHECKS CLIPPER LETTER
MARCH THIRTEENTH."

We interpret this to mean that full details have been mailed to us via Clipper mail from Chengtu, on March 13, and that probably the details are longer than would be convenient to put in cable form.

Clipper letters sometimes take about thirty days to reach us, so we hope that this letter will be in hand in approximately a week or ten days. Just as soon as we receive it, we will let you know what information is included.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph I. Parker
Secretary

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VIA AIR MAIL

May 1, 1941

Dr. William H. Wysham
228 McAllister Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Dr. Wysham:

I promised you sometime ago to let you know just as soon as we have received word from Chengtu giving the details of the checks which were issued to Miss Margaret Kees. We have now received the letter which gives this information, and also a copy of the minutes of the Emergency Executive Committee of the University of Nanking. At this meeting a memorial vote was taken regarding Miss Kees' death.

In the two enclosed letters, I have referred to these two items. The reason for putting them in separate letters is that the matter of the checks may need to be dealt with in some other way than directly with Mrs. Kees. Since you are in touch with the family, you will know best how to present these two items to them.

Please accept our thanks for seeing that these come to the attention of Mrs. Kees and other members of the family as may be necessary.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph I. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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NOTE: See May 1, 1941- to Mrs. Edna Maude Kees, two letters

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May 1, 1941

Mrs. Edna Maude Kees
2955 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kees:

Some weeks ago we had an inquiry from Dr. Wysham for information regarding checks and drafts which Margaret may have had with her. We cabled the University to find out what they knew about this matter and they replied that the details of which they were aware had been sent in an air mail letter. This letter has now been received and I quote hereunder the paragraph which relates to the question of checks and drafts for Miss Kees:-

"I am enclosing the letter which we have just written to the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company, giving the list of the checks which Miss Margaret Kees had when she left Chengtu. This is the original for the bank; will you kindly deliver it to them; we are mailing you a copy by slower mail. You will find that there are five checks from the University and one from Ginling College. We do not know how many other checks Miss Kees had on her person except we know that her family sent her money and in addition she sold a good many of her things and received payment for them. The last word we have received indicates that all her things were stolen at the time of the accident, and we are assuming that this includes any checks she had on her person. I had advised her to hold these checks until she reached Rangoon where she was planning to buy American travellers' checks. You will see we cannot say to stop payment definitely on all these checks as it is quite possible that she had used some of them to pay for her expenses on the way to Burma, but it seemed to me important to notify the bank in case anyone attempted to forge her name."

The letter referred to in the quotation which was addressed to the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company has been forwarded to them; a second copy has not yet been received here. You will note that there were five checks from the University of Nanking and one from Ginling College. These totalled \$221. As to what other check she may have had which had come to her directly from other sources, the university treasurer was unable to state. However, in regard to the checks amounting to \$221, which were all drawn on the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company of New York, the bank has been notified; and while it is not safe to stop payment on these checks for the reasons stated in the quotation above, the bank is taking every precaution to hold up payment on these until they are assured that endorsements are not forgeries. In all probability, the amount covered by these six checks will eventually be saved and available to her estate. It will, of course, take some time for the bank to

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Mrs. Edna Maudie Kees

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May 1, 1941

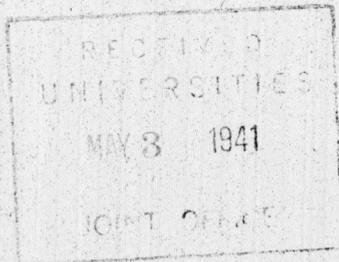
make sure that the checks have not been presented.

I hope that this information will be of some assistance in clearing up the question of what Margaret may have had with her on her trip.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph I. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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May 1, 1941

Mrs. Edna Maude Kees
2955 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Kees:

We have just received a letter from President Chen of the University of Nanking, in which he has enclosed the minutes of a recent meeting of the Emergency Executive Committee of the University. At this meeting an action was taken regarding Margaret's death, which I wish to share with you. I quote the section of the minutes which contains this action:-

"Death of Miss Margaret Kees

"Miss Margaret Kees was appointed to the faculty of the University in June 1939 to teach English. In January 1941 she resigned to return to the United States for family and personal reasons, and decided to go by way of the Burma Road to Rangoon. The truck, on which she was travelling, went over a cliff near Yungping, Yunnan, and Miss Kees died as a result of injuries.

"EE-157 VOTED that, in the tragic and untimely death of Miss Margaret Kees there has been a great loss of a gifted and forceful teacher with vision and foresight for the future, and the staff and students of the University of Nanking have a warm and affectionate memory, a keen realization of the loss, and a deep sense of gratitude for the privilege of having shared with her some of the problems of the past few years; and that a copy of the resolution, together with the heartfelt sympathy of all members of this committee, be sent to her mother and brothers."

Sincerely yours,

Joseph I. Parker

Assistant Secretary

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

WILLIAM N. WYSHAM

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WESTERN AREA
228 McALLISTER STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

May 13, 1941

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University of Nanking
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Attention: Mr. J. I. Parker

Your letter to Dr. Wysham has arrived and we have forwarded both letters to Mrs. Kees. Since Mrs. Kees, herself, telephoned our office and inquired about the draft, we felt it was all right to send the letter directly to her.

It seems hardly possible that Miss Kees could have cashed her checks, or rather the draft, which her mother had sent, especially since Miss Priest had suggested that she wait until she reached Rangoon.

We have not heard from Mrs. Kees since we sent her your letter on May 5, so I gather that she has no more questions to ask at the present time.

Sincerely,

Jean Smith

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May 24, 1941

Mrs. Edna M. Kees
2955 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Kees:

Within the past few days there has been a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking. At this meeting, attention was given to the references from the University in Chengtu, regarding Margaret's death. A memorial resolution was adopted by the Board as follows:

"Miss Margaret Kees, a member of the English Department of the University of Nanking, was killed in an automobile accident on her journey from China to America. It was

"Voted to adopt the following memorial resolution and to forward copies to her family:

"The Board of Founders of Nanking University has learned with deep regret of the death of Margaret Kees while traveling over the Burma Road on her return from West China to America.

"Miss Kees has been associated with the English Department of Nanking University for the last two years at their new location at Chengtu in Free China. During these war years, life in West China has been very strenuous for everyone connected with the University, but Miss Kees' cheery personality has inspired optimism, and she has made welcome contributions to the general community life as well as her contribution in the classroom as teacher of English.

"The Board wishes to record its appreciation of the fine services of Miss Kees toward the program of Christian education of Chinese students with whom she has been associated, and desires to express its deep sympathy with the members of her family in their loss."

The authorities at the University in Chengtu had recommended to the Trustees that the adjustments in travel and outfit allowances which

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Margaret had promised before leaving Chengtu be waived. It is their desire, since so much loss resulted from the looting of Margaret's possessions, that her family have the benefit of every possible item which could be saved. The Trustees, therefore, took the following action:

"Voted to note the suggestion of the authorities in Chengtu and that, in view of the circumstances, the refund of any money to the University be canceled and that any money saved should be sent to her family."

As soon as the results of the efforts of the University authorities on the field and the American Consulate show what has been saved, or the precautions of the banks indicate the money covering drafts is available, you will be notified of these amounts and anything which is available, and they will be sent on to you.

I can assure you of the very great sympathy of all of the Trustees of the Board, as well as of the Secretaries here in New York

Sincerely yours,

Joseph I. Parker

Assistant Secretary

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Robin's Nest - Santa Rosa, Calif.
Redwood Highway #101 N. Box 6420.

June 21 - 1941.

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Mr. Joseph Parker,
150 - 5th Ave. New York.

Dear Mr. Parker:

I have been very tardy in answering the many kind letters received concerning Margaret's death, but I have been so prostrated over it all, it almost gets me down to answer any letters concerning her, as I have been bothered with a very nervous affection, which shows up, when I get to thinking about her and her tragic death.

You have all been so kind to me, I do want to express my appreciation to those who have been so kind to write me. I want to answer all the letters, even if they are late.

In regard to the checks Margaret carried, I only know what I sent her to come - a draft for \$500 which was also stolen.

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Robin's Nest - Santa Rosa, Calif.
Redwood Highway #101 N. Box 6420.

June 21 - 1941.

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Mr. Joseph Parker,
150 - 5th Ave. New York.

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Of course the Crocker Bank who issued it are anxious I get it back, before they return the money. I notified the bank, as soon as I heard about her death. She probably did not cash any of her American checks.

The Canton Bank of China, told me when I got the drafts for her funeral expenses, that if the drafts were made out "to order," there would not be much danger, but "to bearer," of course would be risky. I had mine made, "to order," so I hope it cannot be cashed.

When you can collect these checks, will you kindly send them to me, as she had no estate to settle.

I thank you for the copy of President Chen's words, concerning Margaret's death. Margaret disliked to leave very much, her work at the University, and I think the reason was she was developing "diabetes," which I have, and she felt she must get home. She never was very free to talk about herself, but from what she had written over the period of time, that is what I gathered.

When we parted I told her, I felt we would never meet again in this world, and she was anxious to assure me this would not be so.

To me, this seemed like a bandit's job.

I am building my self a home here, and I so hoped Margaret would enjoy it with me, but I am blessed with a twenty year old son, to share it with me. I just had one daughter and three sons.

I feel, in these days so many parents are suffering the loss of their dear children that I can stand the loss of mine if they can. However, it takes divine guidance and trust to do so, because I can't understand why, she with so much talent and a fine education had to be taken, but God knows best.

I had a very nice letter from some of her students, which I appreciated and will answer soon.

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Mr. Parker, if any of your people connected with the University, should come out this way or from China, I would appreciate so much a visit from them in my home. We are one and one half hours ride via auto from San Francisco, and we would only be too glad to have any one come and see us from the University of Nanking. This is a very beautiful part of California.

Again thanking you for all your kindness in regard to cables and information, I am

Sincerely yours,

Edna Mauds Lees.

P.S. When you write again, if it is not soon, address me at

2955 Van Ness Ave.,

San Francisco, Calif.

It will be several months before my home is finished.

June 26, 1941

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Mrs. Edna M. Kees
Robin's Nest
Redwood Highway #101N
Box 6420
Santa Rosa, California

My dear Mrs. Kees:

I very much appreciate your letter of June 21 and all the information it gives concerning the matters connected with Margaret.

The handling of the checks which were involved will, of course, take time as the banks are very conservative about closing up any matters concerning checks which are outstanding. I am sure, however, that in time we can get everything taken care of.

I have noted your suggestion that if any of our Banking people are coming to California that they come to see you. I will keep this in mind and, when the opportunity comes for someone to make such a visit, I will try to make arrangements for having them do so.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Joseph I. Parker

Assistant Secretary

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Robin's Nest, Santa Rosa,
#101 Redwood Highway, N. Calif.

Mr. Joseph S. Parker
150 - 5th Ave., New York - N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter of June 26th
reached me with its information
concerning Margaret's money
affairs.

I have just gotten the
money back, from the bank,
on the \$500 draft, which I sent
her, in December, about the
28th. They were convinced she
had not cashed it.

I do not know, whether
the five she held from the
University, are checks or drafts.

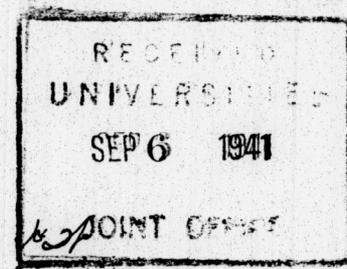
I could use the \$212 now
very nicely, as the expense in
building has arisen so sharply
lately. $\begin{array}{r} \text{Thanking} \ 84.00 \\ \text{Lending} \ 35.00 \\ \hline 119.00 \end{array}$
I do miss Margaret, as I
expected her to be with us in
our new home, but I guess
the dear girl is in a better one,
her heavenly home.

My home will not be finished
until, some time in December.
Will be glad to meet any
of Margaret's friends, then

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have the time to call on
us.

With best regards,
Sincerely yours,
Edna M. Lee.



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September 17, 1941

Mrs. Edna M. Kees
Robin's Nest
101 Redwood Highway, N.
Santa Rosa, California

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Dear Mrs. Kees:

I have waited to answer your letter, which we received September 6, until I could clear with the bank concerning the checks which were issued by Miss Priest at Chungtu and, apparently, have not been cashed. Attached hereto is a copy of the letter, from Miss Priest to the bank, listing the checks. You will note that these total \$184.00 from the University of Banking and \$35.00 from Ginling College, making a grand total of \$219.00. The bank has stopped payment on these checks, and we are therefore enabled to send you the money covering same. The amounts are enclosed herewith.

You have not mentioned in your letter, anything concerning a savings account which Margaret had in San Francisco. I am, therefore, wondering if you have received any information concerning this. We have been under the impression that notification regarding this account had been sent on to you. In any case, it will be necessary for the bank to have an official notification concerning Margaret's estate and to whom the money is to be paid as executor. This account, which was handled through our office, was subject to her signature only, and the bank will not release the money until we can advise them as to the person acting as executor. The amount of money in this account is \$969.62, plus some small amount of interest which has not yet been entered on the book. If you can let us have ^{the} necessary statement, we will try to clear the matter with the bank.

There has also been received in our office a payment from the Sun Life Assurance Company of \$68.00, which had to do with the regular retirement arrangement which is made on behalf of all employees of the University. This also should be sent on to Margaret's estate and will be forwarded as soon as you let us know whether the payment is to go in your name or to someone else.

We greatly appreciate your patience in giving us time to get these various matters cleared up.

Sincerely yours,
Joseph L. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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Via CLIPPER MAIL

Attached to Parker's letter, Sept. 17, 1941

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
Office of the Treasurer
Chengtzu, Szechwan

13th March, 1941

Central Hanover Bank & Trust Company,
34th Street at Madison Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY,
U. S. A.

Gentlemen:

We have received word that one of our staff members, Miss Margaret Kees, was killed in an accident on the Burma Road on March 1st, 1941. When she left Chengtu she was holding several checks which had been issued by the University of Nanking and I am taking the precaution of writing, giving you the information of the numbers and the amounts of these checks in order that each check may be carefully inspected when it is presented for payment. We understand that all of Miss Kees' papers were stolen at the time of her death. As far as we know, she was holding the following checks:-

#1225	October 25, 1940	US\$31.00	
#1245	November 25, 1940	41.00	
#1268	December 23, 1940	36.00	
#1280	January 17, 1941	36.00	
#1283	January 21, 1941	<u>40.00</u>	US\$184.00

She was also holding from Ginling College:-

#1633	January 21, 1941	US\$35.00
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In case any of these checks were presented for payment indicating that they were cashed by Miss Kees before March 1st, it would mean they were quite in order and they should be paid. I realize this is an unusual request, but we shall appreciate any help you can give us in checking the papers which are reported to have been stolen.

Very truly yours,

Elsie M. Priest
Treasurer

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cc. Mr. C. A. Evans
Mr. Troy L. Perkins

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Robins Nest - Santa Rosa
Redwood Highway #101 N.

ack. 10/24/41
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Mr. Joseph Parker,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter reached me Sept. 23,
and thank you for all the trouble you have
been to, I appreciate it very much.

I was very much surprised to
hear of the account Margaret had in a bank at
San Francisco, as she has no doubt saved this
while she was away. We had a joint account
at a Healdsburg bank, which she left, so I could
send her money, if she needed it. Since I had not
seen her for two years, she had not written me of
the San Francisco savings. She was very secretive
about her affairs anyway.

Margaret had no estate, no
property, her long suit was saving her money.
I understand her most valuable trunk was
entirely looted, nothing saved, but the passport
was returned. The American Consul sent me
several months ago, a list of the contents ^{of one trunk} which
rolled down in the stream where she landed.

any things were broken, which had to be thrown away, and clothes ruined by the water. Mr. Sarkisian has not returned to the U.S. yet, but said if he did not return soon he would ship it in. You know his wife was seriously injured.

Now, in view she had no estate, there was no necessity of an executor, and as I am the nearest kin, her possessions have been turned over to me. Could not this be done with the bank money, since it is under \$1000, if you do not put the \$68. in, and why could ^{\$68} it not be turned over to me directly, the same as you did these checks. The retirement fund she had here for teaching, amounting to \$75 was given me this spring, and she had neglected to state in case anything happened to her, to whom it should be paid.

In California an estate is considered, if the amount is \$1,000 or more, and I would have to probate it, with lawyers fees &c. and it would be six months, at least, before I could get it.

As you know Margaret was never married and we are all she had. My health is not at all good and she was anxious to get home and see me. A representative of the Red Cross came to see me, sent by the New York office, and that is what she told them, so they said.

Now I do not know just what kind of a statement you wish, so I will await your reply to this letter. I rather think if I am appointed executor, it will have to be probated, you may perhaps know, in the meantime, if I find out any thing more, I will write you. If I knew which Bank in S. F., I might find out thru them.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. Edna M. Kees.

Now I do not know just what kind of
a statement you wish, as I will advise you
reply to this letter. I would like to know
if you wish to know more about the
affair, please let me know. I will
try to find out for you, and if I
can, I will let you know. I will
try to find out for you, and if I
can, I will let you know.

Very sincerely

Mr. [Name]

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October 2, 1941

Mrs. Edna M. Kees
Robin's Nest
101 Redwood Highway, N.
Santa Rosa, California

Dear Mrs. Kees:

Thank you for your recent letter in reply to my question about the account in the San Francisco bank. Mr. Evans, of our office, has handled this matter for Margaret and is the one who has been in touch with the bank. He has written to them, presenting the facts of the situation and requesting them to let us know how the settlement of the account can be handled most expeditiously. We should hear from them very shortly, and I will be glad to let you know the results as soon as we have word.

The amount of money which has come from the Sun Life Assurance Company is available, and I am enclosing the check for same herewith.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph I. Parker

Assistant Secretary

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October 14, 1941

Mrs. Edna M. Kees
Robin's Nest
101 Redwood Highway, N.
Santa Rosa, California

Dear Mrs. Kees:

We have received word from the Wells Fargo Bank
of which we are enclosing copy.

The draft is to be filled out as soon as the other
papers are completed, and the separate mimeographed document
is to be executed by yourself.

We are also enclosing the pass book herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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*Copy of this
sent to Mrs Kees
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WELLS FARGO BANK & UNION TRUST CO.

Market at Montgomery
San Francisco

October 9, 1941

Air Mail

Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Attention Mr. C. A. Evans.
Executive Secretary

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge your letter of October 1, 1941, regarding savings account in our bank of Miss Margaret Kees, No. 28492.

We had already heard of Miss Kees' death through a notice in a San Francisco newspaper. Counsel for the bank informs us that the surviving mother will be entitled to the balance of Miss Kees' account upon submitting certain forms to us together with Miss Kees' passbook. A Next of Kin Affidavit is enclosed which should be filled out and signed by Mrs. Kees, properly notarized providing her daughter left no will.

Enclosed withdrawal order should also be signed by her as the surviving mother, and it will also be necessary to obtain a waiver from the Inheritance Tax Department of the State of California in order to release these funds.

Mrs. Kees' signature should also be guaranteed by her bank. For your information and hers, the present balance of this account is \$976.79.

Very truly yours,

C. C. Herriott, Manager
Savings Department

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San Francisco, Calif.

March 5 - 1942.

Mr. J. Parker,
150 - 5th Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Parker:

I want to thank you
after all this time for attending
so promptly to all Margaret's
affairs. Every thing came out
all right.

I have been very ill with
flu and pneumonia, but am
all right now, except old age,
which cannot be avoided.

Mr. Sarkisian, sent

Margaret's trunk to us and

we received it on the anniversary²
of her death. I went thru every
thing, but a bunch of letters, and
last night decided to look them
over.

I found a receipt, issued by
Elsie M. Priest, to Margaret for
\$40, in payment on an Insurance
Policy, not named, and paid by your
New York office. The time was
from Sept. 1939 to June 1940, ten
months. If she had a receipt for
payment from June 1940 on she
had it with her in the baggage
lost, or it was lost when Mr.
Larkesian opened her trunk and
repacked it.

This does not mean the money
deposited in Wells Fargo, here, as

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3 The pass book does not indicate such.

Her policy was not in this trunk.

It may have had an accident clause in it, and I hope you will ask to see the duplicate policy.

I have felt she carried insurance and inquired of three agents in Healdsburg and Santa Rosa, but no results.

The war has interfered with the F. I. A. plans, so altho we are under Defense Area we have been unable to get material ^{to build} and get loans, for my small sub-division. Many new laws have also been added, which are expensive, to keep people from building and opening

subdivisions. I probably will let
it stand until after the war.

Hoping you can look this
up at once, and notify them of
her death, and put me in touch
with them, with many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Edna M. Kees.

1435 Ulloa St.

San Francisco, Calif.

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March 12, 1942

Mrs. Edna M. Kees
1435 Ulloa Street
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Kees:

We have been checking up the question of the payment for insurance which was noted in your letter of March 5. We find that this payment was for a period of ten months, at the rate of \$4.00 a month, as Margaret's share in the retirement insurance which was carried with the Sun Life Assurance Company. This was not a life insurance policy but a retirement arrangement which was taken out for all the teachers connected with the University. This particular policy was, of course, cancelled and, under the agreement with the company, the amount refunded came to \$68.00. This was sent to you by check together with our letter of October 2, 1941. This policy did not call for a death benefit payment, but the amounts paid in were refunded under the agreement.

I am glad to know that you succeeded in getting Margaret's trunk and were able to have her things which were in it.

I hope that you have fully recovered from your illness and that things are working out satisfactorily for you.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph I. Parker

Assistant Secretary

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A. Edwin Reigwin, Pastor

West End Presbyterian Church
Amsterdam Avenue, Cor. 105th Street
New York

May 1st, 1922.

My dear Dr. Williams:-

I understand you are to be in the city practically all summer. How would you like to be the acting pastor during the vacation period? I am losing our useful Assistant, Rev. Albert A. Leininger, who is to go to Japan as teacher in Tokio University. I do not want to pick out a new assistant just before vacation.

The Trustees would allow a retainer fee of sixty dollars a month for this service, and I should wish you to be on call for funerals and weddings from the middle of June until the middle of September. This retainer fee, plus such amounts as you might gather from your weddings and funerals, would net you a comfortable sum if your other duties will permit of the arrangement.

Accept, please, the enclosed check as an expression of my appreciation of your most acceptable supply of the pulpit last night.

Cordially yours,

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May 4, 1922.

Dr. A. Edwin Keigwin,
West End Presbyterian Church,
Amsterdam Avenue, Cor. 105th St.,
New York City.

Dear Doctor Keigwin:

Your letter of the 1st, enclosing generous check for \$25.00 was very much appreciated. I should have called you up but lost your phone number, so I am writing in regard to the proposition for the Summer. I should like very much to cooperate with the Church in any way that I can help during the Summer, if some plan could be worked out. I have a University graduate who is taking a theological course at Princeton and who has finished his second year. Mr. Fang Chang is a good student, a very gentlemanly, scholarly man, and would desperately like to get in touch with church problems at home. He is going back to engage in evangelistic work with the Mission in Nanking, and has turned aside flattering offers of positions as teacher. I am very anxious for him to know about the work of an American church and one in New York. He would be a very dependable and faithful worker if he could work in with the West End Church of New York, and I would be in New York during the Summer so that I could help him. I just approach the matter and would like to talk it over with you next Sunday morning, anticipating the pleasure and fellowship of being with you on Sunday.

Very truly yours,

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Edwin A. Keigwin

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May 11, 1922.

Dr. A. Edwin Keigwin,
West End Presbyterian Church,
Amsterdam Ave., Cor. 105th Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Keigwin:

The matter of my former letter was cleared up I think between us last Sunday morning, as regards the Chinese student, Mr. Djang. I understand and agree fully with your view of that matter.

I fear I did not make it sufficiently clear about my own responsibilities in relation to the church in the Summer. Nothing would appeal to me, personally, more than the opportunity of doing pastoral work in connection with the West End Church during the Summer. It would be a different line of experience and one I should ~~crave~~ value very much for my own sake, but unfortunately my responsibilities in connection with the University and problems of administration, and especially in problems of financing which are growing more heavy and pressing with the years, makes it imperative that I give that work the right-of-way; so that I could not give you the assurance that I could be on call throughout the Summer. So it would be for your peace and safety to want somebody who could give the work of the Church the right-of-way upon his time.

It was a great privilege to speak to them on Sunday morning and to find such an earnest interest and response.

With most cordial regards to Mrs. Keigwin and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

JEM:LB

P. S.

I have rented a cottage at Silver Bay where Mrs. Williams and the children will be during the Summer from the middle of June until about the middle of September. We are expecting to secure an apartment in New York in September.

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...the best young students have enrolled for such Bible study...
...January 6, 1923.

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We were delighted to learn through Dr. Keigwin that friends in West End Church would be interested in occasional matters of information in regard to the University of Nanking, and I hope we can frequently give items that will be of interest to the readers of the "West End Review".

At this time when such revolutionary changes are coming in China, one of the most interesting phases of these changes is portrayed in an article in the January number of the "Atlantic", entitled, "In China, Too" (a phenomenon of the new woman) written by Mrs. Pearl S. Buck. Mr. Buck is associated Dean of the Agriculture and Forestry Department of the University. He and Mrs. Buck spent several years in Nankin Station of the Kiangnan Mission in the development of agricultural work for the people in the interior. Mrs. Buck was born in China, consequently understands the Chinese and their feelings almost instinctively and so is able to portray in a very vivid way the transformation of the Chinese girl in this time of revolutionary change.

You may have noted last May large reports in the New York papers of the "anti-Christian crusade in China", started in connection with the student movement in Peking at the time of the National Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association. Should that movement have attained any large proportion and force, the first natural result would be to decrease the number of students who would care to enter Christian institutions like the University of Nanking. It was to be expected that the force of the movement would register more particularly at the opening of the schools and colleges the next term succeeding the demonstration. The fact, however, seems to have been quite the contrary for at the University in the Fall term we could receive only about one-fourth of those who applied and could take the examinations for entrance; and even so the enrolment of the University in its college departments was increased from 300 to 412. The total enrolment of the University now of Chinese students in all grades is over 1,000.

Another very encouraging outcome of the anti-Christian movement has been a tremendous increase in the number of students in Nanking in Government schools who have enrolled in Bible classes. It is true that these classes are often taught

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in English and there is the advantage of acquiring English from studying the Bible in English. However, the fact remains that the best young students have enrolled for such Bible study and this gives great promise for the growth of the Christian forces in China.

In your next issue I hope to give fuller statement as to the left-over famine funds that have been made available for indirect famine relief through the development of agricultural and forestry work in the University of Nanking.

At this time when such revolutionary changes are coming in China, one of the most interesting phases of these changes is portrayed in an article in the January number of the "Atlantic", entitled, "In China, 'Too' is the word of the new women" written by Mrs. Earl A. Hunt. It is a well-known fact that the Department of the University of Nanking has spent several years in Manchow (Manchuria) in the Division in the development of agricultural work for the people in the interior. This work was done in China, and it is quite true that the Chinese and their feelings are in- stinctively and so is able to portray in a very vivid way the transformation of the Chinese mind in this time of revolutionary change.

You may have noted in my last report in the New York papers of the "Anti-Christian crusade in China", which in connection with the student movement in Peking at the time of the National Convention of the "Young Men's Christian Association" should have mentioned that the proportion of students in the first national result would be as follows: the number of students who would come to enter Christian institutions like the University of Nanking. It was to be expected that the force of the movement would register more particularly at the opening of the schools and colleges the next term succeeding the demonstration. The fact, however, seems to have been quite the contrary for the University in the fall term we could receive only about one-fourth of those who applied and could take the examinations for entrance; and even so the enrollment of the University in its coffee department was increased from 600 to 415. The total enrollment of the University now of Chinese students in all grades is over 1,000.

Another very encouraging outcome of the anti-Christian movement has been a tremendous increase in the number of students in Nanking in foreign and schools who have enrolled in Bible classes. It is true that these classes are often taught

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January 6, 1923.

Dr. A. E. Keigwin,
165 West 105th Street,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Keigwin,

I do not have before me a copy of the West End Review so I am sending a few notes to you that may find place in the Review, and shall try to send something quite frequently while we are here. I appreciate very much your suggestion of that opportunity of getting the work of the University before the people of the West End Church.

The institution has grown so large that its needs for development are very urgent and yet very limited as compared with the immeasurable opportunities that we have in training Christian leaders for China at this time.

It means very much to us all as a family to be in New York where we can see you and Mrs. Keigwin more frequently.

Very cordially yours,

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West End Presbyterian Church
A. Edwin Reigwin, D. D., Pastor
Amsterdam Avenue, at 105th Street
New York City

JAN 12 1923

January 10th, 1923.

My dear Williams:-

Your article is to the point and it will probably appear in the Bulletin of one week from this Sunday. I am sure you will find this method of publicity very much to your advantage.

We are sorry to learn that Faith is indisposed. Particularly so since her illness occasioned a postponement of our get-together dinner. However, good things always keep.

Remember us to each member of the family.

Yours with sincere regard,

A. Edwin Reigwin

To
Dr. John F. Williams,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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January 19, 1923.

Dr. A. E. Keigwin
165 West 105th Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Keigwin,

Our friends in West End Church may have noticed in the papers a while ago an announcement by the American Committee for China Famine Fund, which was appointed by the President, of their decision to use the left-over funds in their hands in the development of research and plans for famine prevention, through Peking University and the University of Nanking. They decided to divide the left-over funds into four parts, assigning one part to Peking and three parts to Nanking and reserving \$100,000 of the \$900,000 funds as a basis for launching any famine relief plans that may be necessitated in China within the next five years. These funds are subject to the direction of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Mission Societies of America.

I am sure that the friends in West End Church will be interested in the personnel of the Committee that carefully considered the plan prepared. They are outstanding leaders in America in Government, education, Foreign Mission interests and philanthropy. No group of men were better able to understand and determine such a policy. (I hope the personnel of the whole Committee can be published in the Review. Enclosed is a copy of Mr. Lamont's letter to Dr. Speer.) These funds will make possible a very much larger development for the University of Nanking in agriculture and forestry. We know that all will rejoice in this possibility of larger service to the Chinese people on the side of their most distressing needs. These funds, however, must go entirely to new developments and leaves upon the University the problem of carrying its present heavy budget and meeting its very urgent needs.

The University is carrying on its general budget apart from the staff directly supported by cooperating Boards, seventeen American missionary teachers and eight returned students from America, who are on the same basis in the University as the American teachers. The University has not houses to house its staff. We are putting two and three families into one house, and this means a far heavier

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problem than it would in America, for the home is very necessary for the peace and rest and effectiveness of the workers. We need six houses for returned students and eight houses for the missionary staff. A house can be built in Nanking complete for \$5,000. Mr. and Mrs. Reisner have just returned to Nanking. He is Dean of the Agricultural and Forestry Department and has been doing a perfectly magnificent work. During his first six years in China he has had to move into six different houses in Nanking, and will have to move again this Spring. I wish some friend or friends in West End Church could cooperate in providing one of these houses.

Last Sunday I was at the dedication of the Welch Presbyterian Church at 155th Street. Being Welch born and bred, it was a joy to have fellowship again in the wonderful service of song and praise. I was delighted to find that Mr. and Mrs. Hushes had done such a wonderful service to that congregation in carrying out their building. It is just an indication of the power that resides in the West End Church to promote the best things in New York, and in Nanking.

~~Very sincerely yours.~~

JW:LB
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Dictated but not read.

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West End Presbyterian Church
A. Edwin Keightin, D. D., Pastor
Amsterdam Avenue, at 105th Street
New York City

February 14th, 1923.

Dr. John E. Williams,
540 West 122nd Street,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Williams:-

Twice I have seen you in the church when you were not speaking for me. I feel that whenever you have a Sabbath off your place is in the pulpit. The more our people see you the better it will be for the work.

You, of course, realize that with the growth of the church and the many changes which removals and death have made, that there are many of your most generous supporters who have not the pleasure of the personal contacts which you established so many years ago with older members. I want all your family to make some new contacts while you are with us this year.

I shall look for you in the robing room next Sabbath morning, unless you are otherwise engaged.

With the warmest regard to each member of your dear household, believe me

Your devoted friend,

A. Edwin Keightin

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February 16, 1923.

Dr. A. Edwin Keigwin, D.D.
Amsterdam Avenue, at 105th St.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Keigwin,

Your letter greeted me upon my
return home last evening.

It was a very delightful experience
for me to sit with the family for two Sundays in
the West End Church, under your preaching.

I have never been in any doubt of
your heartiest cordiality and desire to have me come
before the people of West End Church in any way
that would make for better mutual acquaintance and
fuller knowledge of our work. I realize that in a
big Church in New York City, like West End, there
is necessarily going on a change of congregation,
and that we can know and be known to the members
of the Church only as we come into fuller contact.
We have always felt, however, your utmost friendli-
ness and cordiality in giving us every opportunity
for such contacts. I happened to have those two
Sundays free. I shall, however, be very pleased
to be with you in the pulpit whenever I am in the
City.

We have had an unusual amount of
sickness this year that has kept Mrs. Williams tied up
at home more than she had anticipated, so it is seldom
that we can have many of the family together at service.
But all have rejoiced in the heartiest privilege of
meeting old friends and new ones in West End Church.

Mrs. Williams and the children unite
with me in most hearty regards to Mrs. Keigwin and
yourself.

Very cordially yours,

JEW:LB

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February 26, 1923.

Mr. Charles S. Kohler, ^{C.F.}
~~West End Presbyterian Church,~~
Amsterdam Ave. and 105th St.,
New York City.

A. E. Kerwin

My dear Mr. Kohler,

Your letter of February 17 was received in due time, and I want to express in behalf of Mrs. Williams and myself and the family our deep appreciation of the generous provision made by the Session and Trustees in the three sittings you have arranged in Pew 86. It will be a great pleasure to us to worship with friends in West End Church at every opportunity.

I am engaged almost every Sunday and Mrs. Williams has been tied up frequently by sicknesses in the family or other engagements, so that if we are not regularly in our places you will understand that it is only that other engagements have prevented it.

I should like to thank the Trustees and the Session through you for this generous provision.

Very sincerely yours,

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Keigwin file (West End)

March 21, 1923.

Miss M. A. Knox,
428 West 121st Street,
New York City.

My dear Miss Knox,

Your very generous gift of a Victory Liberty Bond for the Building Fund of the University of Nanking is deeply appreciated.

Mrs. Williams and I took dinner with Dr. and Mrs. Keigwin last week and they then had a number of gifts that had come in, and the outlook is that a large number of friends will be interested in giving toward one of the residences needed for the staff of the University.

Mr. Louis Owen, Treasurer of the University, has been in America for furlough, after seven years of excellent service. They have three little children and theirs is one of the families that have no house to live in. They will be crowded into two rooms in another family's house with their children, when they go back.

Mrs. Keigwin is taking the matter up of gathering together the interest and the gifts to provide one of the residences. \$5,000. will do it in a very adequate and satisfactory way. Dr. and Mrs. Keigwin are deeply interested in this dire need of the University work at Nanking, and his appeal on the morning of the 11th came wholly as a surprise to us, but was a most reassuring and comforting surprise.

Again thanking you for your generous response,

Very sincerely,

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March 21, 1923.

Mrs. A. E. Keigwin,
Riverside Drive & 103d Street,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Keigwin,

The enclosed Victory Liberty Bond of \$50.00 was handed to me as having come in last Sunday's collection, so I am sending it to you by registered letter; also copy of the letter which I have written to Miss Knox. Isn't this splendid? How heartily the people will respond!

Mrs. Sinclair was very deeply interested and touched by Dr. Keigwin's appeal and came to talk the matter over with us Sunday morning. I believe that when she returns rested she will feel like doing a big thing in connection with the problem. She might possibly go fifty-fifty in order to insure the project.

Our housing situation is so desperate in Nanking as to haunt one continually. Dr. Bowen's last letter informed me that they had bought an old Chinese nunnery, one story high with blank walls and a little piece of land at a cost of \$900 gold, and that they were putting windows and floors in immediately in order to house one of the families. It is an impossible way of doing, but the way we have been driven to through necessity.

The home means far more to workers in China than it does to people in America, for your home is not only your fortress in the English sense but it your one refuge and place of rest from the pressure which constantly involves a strain and adjustment climatically, internationally, linguistically and in every way. With an attractive restful home people can do more work well. In congested and strained quarters it is impossible for them to work to the best advantage.

We are very happy over the way West End is responding to Dr. Keigwin's appeal.

Most cordially yours,

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October 29, 1923.

Rev. A. E. Keigwin, D. D.,
West End Presbyterian Church,
105th & Amsterdam Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Keigwin:

I had expected to have a good visit with you before having to leave for campaigns in the West, but had to come away before having that pleasure. Just now our family is very much scattered, Mrs. Williams visiting her brother and sister at South Salem, Ohio, Mary and Dorothy at College. Mary was awarded a competitive scholarship as she entered the Junior year at Wellesley. Since it also carried a very substantial grant toward expenses it was doubly appreciated. Dorothy seems to be quite well and taking over the Freshmen year's work again with the advantage of nearly half a year's credits. Faith is continuing her work at teachers college in music. We are very sorry to be farther away from the church this fall. The apartment, however, at Wallace Lodge is much more comfortable and pleasant for a home than the one in New York. Mrs. Williams and I are back in our apartment. We shall count confidently upon a good visit from you and Mrs. Keigwin.

Mr. William H. Hughes made report to you of the good time we had together in Pittsburg attending the banquet given by the American Gorsedd Society to Lloyd George. Mr. Hughes was quite prominent in the plans. We were seated right in front of Lloyd George where we had the best chance to see and hear him and we had the privilege of being presented to him after the banquet. Later, in the Auditorium, we were seated on the platform where we could hear the wonderful Welch singing. It seemed to me that about two-thirds of the thirty-eight hundred people present joined in singing the great Welch hymns and songs.

I realize the great pressure that is upon you with the manifold responsibilities and duties of the West End Church. I know that you have very much at heart our desperate need of residences at Nanking. I hope Mr. William H. Hughes can cooperate with you in the plan of providing a residence. Last Sunday I spoke in the North Canton, Ohio, Christian or Disciples Church and they gave \$5,000 for a residence for their church's representative on our faculty, and we cabled the money last week to start building at once. I am being very much more encouraged in the plans of the University this fall. I feel confident that the responses are going to come and that we are going to break through also for some big gifts for additional buildings.

With heartiest regards to Mrs. Keigwin and yourself,
Very sincerely,

P.S. I shall be working now for some time in and around Chicago and my address will be care of Rev. Frank W. Bible, Chicago Temple.

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West End Presbyterian Church

A. Edwin Reigwin, D. D., Pastor

Amsterdam Avenue, at 105th Street
New York City

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November 12th, 1923.

Rev. John E. Williams, D. D.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Williams:-

While we are extremely sorry to have the Williams' family scattered so this winter, we take comfort in your assurances that all the members are enjoying good health and that you are so comfortably circumstanced at Wallace Lodge. It must have been hard to adjust yourselves to the inescapable confinements of metropolitan life after your free and homelike life at Nanking. Apartments have their advantage and disadvantage.

Yes, I am now a fellow neophyte of the American Gorsedd Society. I have already seen my diploma and yours. They are well worth framing. The illness of Mr. Hughes has delayed our initiation. It is his hope that he may be able to arrange an evening when we can both be raised to this exalted order with all due ceremony and before a combined West End and Welsh Presbyterian audience.

And now to report on the matter of chief concern. Miss King tells me that up to date five hundred dollars are in hand of the amount needed for a teacherage. I still feel that we should have a ringing message from someone of the calibre of Dr. Speer to put this program across. I am satisfied that I cannot do it alone and simply because I have so many irons in the fire. Not having been a pastor you perhaps do not appreciate the fact that a minister may weaken his appeal by the very multiplicity of objects presented. My appeals have well-nigh reached the point of "complete saturation," so to speak. And this is not to cast reproach upon my loyal following. If after the holidays we can arrange a really impressive meeting in behalf of Nanking I see no reason why we might not be able to reach the goal.

Cordially yours

Reigwin

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December 26, 1923.

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Mr. Charles Croxton,
West End Presbyterian Church,
Amsterdam Avenue & 105th St.,
New York City. *File*

Dear Mr. Croxton,

The very generous provision of the West End Church in its Christmas remembrance to Mrs. Williams and myself has come this year as always.

It has been a delightful privilege through the years to be associated with the West End Church as your representatives in China. Unusual responsibilities that have come upon me for work for the University have made possible more frequent visits to the Church and opportunities for seeing and knowing the manifold activities of West End life; and hearing more often the unusual, extraordinary and inspiring messages which Dr. Keigwin regularly gives to his people. Such a generous thought and remembrance makes us feel that we want to be more worthy of such trust.

With grateful regards to your Committee and all members of the West End Church, and the prayer that you may continue the enlarged and growing activities of the Church, we are

Very sincerely yours,

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December 28, 1923.

Dr. A. E. Keigwin,
West End Presbyterian Church,
105th St., & Amsterdam Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Doctor Keigwin,

I spoke to Dr. Schell about speaking at the West End Church. He said he would be very pleased to do so at any time you desire, when he had a free date. In fact, he is eager to do so; his only concern is to arrange a date satisfactory to you and to him, and his difficulty in that regard is purely a matter of previous dates. I am suggesting Dr. Schell as more likely, although Dr. Speer would be very glad to speak in the West End Church at any time you desire, if he has a free date. I suggested Dr. Schell because his pressure of dates would not be as heavy as Dr. Speer's.

I hope you and Mrs. Keigwin have had a very blessed and restful Christmas Season.

It has been delightful for us to have the children all together. Faith has gone to Indianapolis for the Student Volunteer Convention through the generosity of West End Church, and I am leaving tonight for the Conference and other meetings.

With most cordial regards to Mrs. Keigwin and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

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January 3, 1924.

Dr. A. E. Keigwin,
West End Presbyterian Church,
105th St. & Amsterdam,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Keigwin,

I received from Mr. Driehaus for the Committee, word that the West End Church had remitted \$2,160 as partial contribution to the Teacherage Fund of Nanking University. I have written Mr. Driehaus as per enclosed:

Mrs. Williams and I have been thinking constantly of you and Mrs. Keigwin and the heavy burdens that have been upon you in the West End Church in the losses that have come through very dear friends and loyal officers who have borne the burden of the Church and have helped you in all your work.

The home-going of dear Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Liggett, Mr. Ferguson and last Mr. Kohler have not only been inexpressible bereavements in their own families but have also been immeasurable losses to the West End Church in its great work and responsibilities.

We are deeply grateful for this last generous expression of the loyalty and backing and faithful support of the people in the West End Church for our work in Nanking. The keenest needs have been houses for the teaching staff and relief at that point is a relief that carried to all members of the staff.

I know that you and all the members of the Church will rejoice with us in the degree of responsibility and support that has come to the whole work of the University in the last three years. The work of our hospital and nursing school has received additional equipment of a special ward and building for women, about 80 beds, a special ward or unit for foreign and special Chinese patients of 25 beds, also a home for Chinese nurses, two or three residences for Chinese doctors. That part of our work will be provided for during the next three years.

The unique work of the Agriculture & Forestry Department was provided for in a wonderful way by the grants being

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Dr. A. E. Keigwin

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made from the Famine Relief Funds which were assigned by the President's Committee of which Thomas Lamont was Chairman. These funds will provide for the development and extension of that work for the next ten years.

We are just building a second Science building to house the Agriculture and Forestry work and Biology. This building is made possible by \$50,000 Mexican or \$25,000 Gold from Famine Funds, \$25,000 Mexican from the China Medical Board and \$25,000 Mexican from other individual gifts or a total cost of about \$55,000 Gold was provided. There will also be in addition \$20,000 Gold for equipment and apparatus.

Our most acute problem when we returned to America was a deficit of \$70,000 Gold accumulated in two or three years of adverse exchange between Gold and Mexican. That has been reduced to within \$10,000 Gold. The University received also a gift of \$50,000 Gold for its endowment Fund from the Hall Estate which will help very greatly to prevent future deficit.

Other gifts have come in for the Seri- Culture building and for residences from the different Boards and friends amounting to \$50,000 Gold.

I am enumerating these gifts, but few of them were secured by our sole efforts but are a combination of the appeal the unity and enthusiasm of the staff and the support of Dr. Speer and the Trustees.

We are returning to China soon. There will be other problems there and they promise to be very absorbing. We shall return with very pleasant memories of the dear friends in the West End Church who have followed us through a quarter of a century of our work in Hanking.

With heartiest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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April 3, 1924.

Dr. A. E. Keigwin,
West End Presbyterian Church,
105th St. and Amsterdam Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Keigwin,

It was a great relief and joy to me to know that you and the Session of the West End Church were still thinking and planning to raise the funds for the residence of one of our teachers.

Owing to the theological discussions within the Church and the heavy deficit that was upon our Board, as well as all of the cooperative Boards in the University, my work of financing the University of America this time has been rendered exceedingly difficult.

One of the most trying phases of our work is the fact that we have still five American families of teachers without homes to live in so that they have to combine two families in a house. This is peculiarly difficult because we have not the mechanical service in China that people have in America. Chinese servants are relatively inexpensive. It is next to impossible, however, to combine the servants of two households and maintain any degree of quiet and rest. Living in a strange land among people of different customs and different language, points of adjustments daily are multiplied beyond what friends in America can realize. The absolute necessity of a home for the best work comes with an urgency that friends here cannot understand unless they have tried to live under those conditions.

In addition to five American families we have six professors who are returned students from America, who have studied in America and grown accustomed to our condition of living, and who are the hope of our work in the University. We have not at present homes for these men and their families. The West End Church will be aiding me and my work for the University on the side of its most urgent need in providing a residence.

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We had rather anticipated being with you for Easter Sunday, but I have been asked to serve as chaplain at the Lake Placid Club for the two Sundays of the 13th and 20th, and Mrs. Williams has been invited to go with me as guest of the Lake Placid Club, so we will not be able to be with you for Easter Sunday.

The girls have come home happy and full of good cheer and we have been having a delightful family reunion.

With most cordial regards,

As ever,

Yours sincerely,

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West End Presbyterian Church
A. Edwin Reigwin, B. D., Pastor
Amsterdam Avenue, at 105th Street
New York City

March 11th, 1924.

My dear Mrs. Williams:

Your letter of Saturday was much appreciated. I shall have opportunity to make use of it in connection with a special effort in behalf of the teacherage. I was in some doubt as to whether or not I should include this item in the appeal of yesterday. I sought the advice of members of the Benevolent Committee and the President of the Board of Trustees who expressed doubt as to the wisdom of lumping the whole budget. They did not see how the \$2500.00 which we need for the teacherage could be squeezed from such subscriptions as would be made in a regular Every Member drive.

However, at the last meeting of the Session when this subject was thoroughly canvassed, I was authorized to make a special appeal after "Big Sunday."

It was a joy to have you with us yesterday. We love the Williams' family and I cherish the confident belief that they will understand this phrase to be more than a flourish of words.

I was glad to learn from Faith that Dr. Williams is having "better going" in his financial campaign. If we could only get the mind of the church off from matters of criticism and contention we should have more time and more spirit for the job in hand.

Remember me to Dorothy when you write.

Believe me,

Always yours sincerely,

A. Edwin Reigwin

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West End Presbyterian Church
A. Edwin Reigwin, D. D., Pastor
Amsterdam Avenue, at 105th Street
New York City

May 8th, 1924.

Dr. John E. Williams,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Williams:

How are your engagements?
Will you be free on Sunday, May 25th?
I am extremely desirous of going through
with the furrow, having set my hand to the
plough.

I expect to mention to my
people next Sabbath morning that it is my
intention to give them an opportunity on
the morning of the 25th to subscribe the
balance for that teacherage. Understand, no
official action has been taken by our boards
obligating West End to erect this building.
But, the pastor was foolish (?) enough
to stake out this claim a year ago when you
were in the pulpit. And it is his practice
to nail down good and tight anything he stakes
out. If you and Mrs. Williams can conveniently
be with us on the 25th it will please me much.

Cordially yours,

Reigwin

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West End Presbyterian Church
A. Edwin Keigwin, B. D., Pastor
Amsterdam Avenue, at 105th Street
New York City

May 28th, 1924.

Dr. John E. Williams,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Williams:

I am having your experience. It is hard digging for money just now, for some reason. In response to the appeal of last Sabbath, two weeks notice of which had been given, I am able to report \$1144.15 all told. Other contributions may come in in the near future. Apparently West End will not be able to do more than put on the roof and buy a cook stove. However, every little helps. I have done my best and I guess the thing now to do is to let the matter rest.

You may instruct Miss King as to the exact disposition of these funds. I do not want them to get lost in the general budget scramble. How would you wish them designated.

I gather from the papers that you have been having a warm time at Grand Rapids.

Remember me to all the family,
and believe me

Ever yours devotedly,

Keigwin

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West End Presbyterian Church
AMSTERDAM AVE. AT 105TH ST., NEW YORK
A. EDWIN KEIGWIN, D. D., PASTOR

May 29th, 1924.

My dear Williams:

The polls are
not closed. Votes are still
coming in. You can now
increase the figure which I
gave you in my letter of yes-
terday to a total of \$2154.00
Encouraging, isn't it?

Cordially yours,

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#2 Dr. A. Edwin Keigwin,

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Mary and Dorothy are back at Wellesley and I am busy with the problems and work of the University.

I am glad so much progress has been made with the plan for the residence. We are very grateful for the constant interest and support which the people of West End have so loyally given us.

Very cordially yours.

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