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C O P Y

February 4, 1924

Professor H. H. Love,
Department of Plant Breeding,
College of Agriculture,
Ithaca, New York, U.S.A.

Dear Professor:

While in America about three years ago, I secured from you a blue print of a threshing machine which you designed at Cornell. I gave this to a friend in America who was interested in the manufacture of threshing machines for China, and I have never been able to get it back, and he no longer is interested in this possibility.

I am sending you an order on our New York Treasurer, and I shall be very happy if you will send me direct to Nanking another copy of the blue prints. There is a mission industrial school here who, I think, would be willing to make us up one to try out. We have already introduced a small machine, manufactured at Tatamy, Pa., which is not as satisfactory as it might be. Whether or not a small type threshing machine is going to be possible, will depend primarily upon the cost. The one we secured, we used for threshing our own wheat but because of the original cost of the machine, there is no possibility of getting it into general use.

I take it that there would be no objection to our trying to have the Cornell thresher manufactured in considerable quantity if we find they would be of use to Chinese agriculture, and could be produced at a price which they could afford to pay ?

We are looking for a Plant Breeder - a man who is interested in the practical applications of the principles of plant breeding and in getting practical results as quickly as possible, rather than one who is interested in the subject from a purely scientific rather than an applied scientific standpoint. As you undoubtedly know, we received a considerable sum from a balance of left-over funds in the hands of the American Famine Fund Committee which had been raised for famine relief. The sum given to us is for famine prevention, and one of the projects we are developing is the improvement of certain of the major crops, with the idea of increasing production and the food supply. Our experience so far has been that Chinese crops are very amenable to improvement. In fact we have already done considerable work in the improvement of wheat, cotton, and corn, with very excellent results. There is a tremendous field for this line of work. Naturally we want a man not only of ability, but of experience and one who is able to see the larger implications of his work. Not only do we have a large farm here in Nanking, but we are cooperating with mission stations and experiment stations, and individuals throughout China, so that we have an excellent opportunity for the development of a strong organization of pure seed farms in such a way that the work of any man can be very rapidly multiplied.

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We would want a man who had specialized in the small grains. Personally I feel that our more immediate plant breeding problem is one of selection rather than of hybridization. Another fact which makes the work attractive is that assistants are not very expensive and one man is able to make his time go a very long way by careful and wise use of trained Chinese assistants. For instance, Mr. Griffing, who is in charge of our Cotton Improvement work, in three years' time made over 52,000 individual selections of cotton plants, and studied them all carefully in the laboratory, incidentally securing an immense amount of extremely valuable data. I am sending his report to you, knowing that it will be of considerable interest.

We would like to have a man like you or Mr. Myers, if he could be persuaded to come. The emoluments are not particularly enticing as it were, but quite sufficient for a comfortable living. The enclosure indicates the salary basis on which we are all working. Have you someone to suggest ? I hope so and that I may have the privilege of hearing from you soon.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely,

(SIGNED) John H. Reisner

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Personnel to carry on work approved by the China Famine Fund Committee of Five for University of Nanking shall be secured on the missionary basis at present used by the University of Nanking which is as follows : -

1. Salary:- The following salaries in gold, guaranteed at 2 to 1 silver exchange shall be paid in Nanking.

	Married	Single
1st 5 year period of service	$1300.00	$800.00
2nd 5 " " " "	1400.00	850.00
3rd 5 " " " "	1500.00	900.00
4th 5 " " " " and after	1600.00	950.00

The salary on field basis shall start from date of sailing.

2. Transportation:- Transportation is provided from home in America to Nanking by the most direct route and including railway tickets, meals, sleepers, taxicabs, hotels, passports, steamship tickets, gratuities not to exceed $10 per adult for the single direct trip. Return transportation from Nanking is provided on the same basis. Economy is urged in all expenditures.

3. Baggage and Freight Allowances:- Baggage is allowed up to 350 lbs. transpacific allowance, including necessary transfers.

There is a freight allowance of 2 cu. tons of 40 cu. ft. each, for a single man or woman and of 4 cu. tons for a married couple from home in U. S. A. to Nanking. Chinese customs duty is not included.

4. Outfitting Allowance:- An outfitting allowance of G $250 for a single person and G $500 for a married couple is made, one-half payable in the United States after appointment and G $ 100 for those who are to remain 3 years. No allowance for shorter term.

5. Children Allowance:- The following allowances are made for children applicable either on furlough or in Nanking. When paid in Nanking exchange of two to one is guaranteed.

1st seven years	$100 G. per child
2nd " "	150 " " "
3rd " "	200 " " "
In U. S. A. and through college	250 " " "

6. Medical attendance is provided but not hospital nor drugs.

7. House Provided:- A house unfurnished is provided, with repairs, to all University married couples. Single persons are given living accommodations in the homes of the faculty, without rent.

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8. Term of Service:- Unless otherwise specified, appointments to the University are permanent. The first term of service is for five years, and subsequent terms of service are six or seven years.

9. Furlough and Furlough Allowances:-

a. A furlough of one year away from Nanking is allowed at the end of each term of service, on salary, and with the following considerations.

b. Salary allowance is G $900 for single persons and G $1800 for married couples, with children allowance as noted above.

c. Rent allowance. A grant toward rent not to exceed G $25.00 per month will be paid to families on furlough if such assistance is needed.

d. Furlough study allowance. A furlough study allowance may be granted to certain individuals upon recommendation of the Board of Managers of the University.

e. Medical allowance. One-half medical and one-half dental expenses will be granted upon request when incurred with approval.

10. Changes in the above basis made by the University to effect its own supported teachers will also effect those teachers or others, provided for with the approval of the China Committee of Five.

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Proposed Project to be Conducted Cooperatively by Nanking University, International Education Board and Cornell University, for the Reorganization and Conducting of Plant Breeding Work at Nanking University, Nanking, China.

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Origin of Project

This project has resulted as an outgrowth of a request made by Dean Reisner, under date of February 4, 1924, in which he asks for assistance:

"We are looking for a plant breeder - a man who is interested in the practical applications of the principles of plant breeding and in getting practical results as quickly as possible, rather than one who is interested in the subject from a purely scientific rather than an applied scientific standpoint. As you undoubtedly know, we received a considerable sum from a balance of left-over funds in the hands of the American Famine Fund Committee which has been raised for famine relief. The sum given to us is for famine prevention; and one of the projects we are developing is the improvement of certain of the major crops, with the idea of increasing production and the food supply. Our experience so far has been that Chinese crops are very amenable to improvement. In fact, we have already done considerable work in the improvement of wheat, cotton, and corn, with very excellent results. There is a tremendous field for this line of work. Naturally, we want a man not only of ability, but of experience and one who is able to see the larger implications of his work. Not only do we have a large farm here in Nanking, but we are cooperating with mission stations and experiment stations, and individuals throughout China, so that we have an excellent opportunity for the development of a strong organization of pure seed farms in such a way that the work of any man can be very rapidly multiplied.

We would want a man who had specialized in the small grains. Personally, I feel that our more immediate plant breeding problem is one of selection rather than of hybridization. Another fact which makes the work attractive is that assistants are not very expensive and one man is able to make his time go a very long way by careful and wise use of trained Chinese assistants.

We would like to have a man like you or Mr. Myers, if he could be persuaded to come. The emoluments are not particularly enticing as it were, but quite sufficient for a comfortable living. The enclosure indicates the salary basis on which we are all working. Have you someone to suggest? I hope so and that I may have the privilege of hearing from you soon."

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Later Dean Reisner invited Dr. Love and Dr. Myers to spend one season each in China, but after careful consideration of the matter it seems that the work cannot be accomplished in the course of two years but that the supervision and cooperation should be continued for a period of from five to ten years, depending somewhat upon circumstances. This is especially true since with plant improvement work it is necessary to grow several generations of the crop in order to find and fix the desired type. During the first three years it will be necessary to have personal supervision every year. After that perhaps the need may be met by supervision every two years, until such time as local workers are fully prepared to go ahead independently. If this work is to be taken up at all, it is extremely desirable that it be placed upon a sound foundation before leaving it and this cannot be done in less time than is suggested above.

Purpose of Work

The purpose of the work is suggested in the following excerpts from Dean Reisner's letter (July 1, 1924) :

"First - in helping us directly here at the University and nearby Chinese institutions in going over very carefully all their experimental work, checking up particularly as to working methods as well as determining and limiting certain plant breeding projects. So far as we are concerned, this would include three or four cooperating institutions who are doing some plant improvement work either with funds provided by us or under our direct supervision. Also, definite plant breeding work as you would desire.

Second - the line of work to which you could make very important contributions would be in holding conferences with experiment station workers and getting them working on more practical projects. Experiment stations in China at the present time are really making almost no contribution to agricultural advancement. They tend more or less to museum interests, and while in many places they have the fields all cut up into small plots and have very detailed experiments worked out, they, in effect, are valueless because of the many factors of error which they fail

to take into consideration. Further, many of the projects have no practical bearing on agricultural improvement either in this world or that which is to come, so that if together we could hold some conferences of experiment station workers, I believe a great deal of good could be accomplished.

Of course, in all of this work we would want your judgment, cooperation, and suggestions for changing methods, objectives, etc. This would apply not only to our own station at Nanking, but cooperative stations at Nanhsuchou, Northern Anhwei, Kaifeng, Honan, Yihsien in Shantung and several others. There would be opportunity for you to go out not only in our own fields but in the native fields and make individual selections to your heart's content."

In short, there are two purposes to be achieved. First, the reorganization of plant improvement work, not only at Nanking University, but also at allied institutions, and, second, the training of local workers who can subsequently carry on the work independently.

In this reorganization two matters are involved. One is that of changing the methods of experimentation to conform to those methods now considered to be best adapted to such work. This involves the planning of the work so that experimental errors and the like will be reduced to a minimum. The other matter is that of beginning some fundamental work in plant improvement with the various major crops of China. This work will be planned along the lines indicated by the latest research in the subject.

The matter of building up a staff of local workers is a very important part of the work. This phase will be given careful consideration at all times.

Methods of Work

The new work that is to be undertaken in plant improvement will consist first of a survey of the various major crops in that

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part of China where the work is to be undertaken to determine which ones offer the best foundation stock as a basis for improvement work. New introductions will also be made from other parts of the world to determine which of these may be adapted to China. Many have already been introduced, yet there may be others that will be worth testing under Chinese conditions.

After this survey has indicated what sorts should be used, definite breeding work will be undertaken. This will consist in the isolation of individual types as the result of thousands of individual selections, inbreeding or any other method adapted to the work. This will necessitate studying these through several generations. The sorts that prove themselves superior will then be increased and distributed to the growers. Proper supervision of these new strains will be arranged so that they will not be lost to agriculture.

Another line of improvement will be that of hybridization. Varieties that possess individually some desirable characteristics will be crossed with the idea of combining in a new type the desirable characters of both parent forms.

These lines of work will require much time and many experiments will have to be conducted over a period of years to accomplish the desired results.

In attempting to build up a staff of workers to conduct the work after we shall cease to have direct supervision, much time will be given to conferences, lectures, and demonstrations. A small group will be chosen first and after these begin to grasp the methods a larger group may be selected.

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Personnel

In order that there may be continuity of effort and policy, it is proposed that the supervision be undertaken by men from the Plant Breeding Department of Cornell University subject to approval of the University authorities. It will probably be necessary for each man to spend from four to six months at Nanking. By the use of sabbatic leaves as well as of the regular vacation periods, it will be possible for the above Department to take care of this work.

In accordance with this plan it is proposed that Dr. H. H. Love go to Nanking about March 1, 1925, in connection with his sabbatic leave. In March, 1926, the work will be taken over by Dr.C. H. Myers, and in subsequent years by Drs. R. A. Emerson, A. C. Fraser, F. P. Bussell, and R. G. Wiggans. The order and time of going, after the first two years, will be arranged in accordance with the demands of the work.

Finances

For the purpose of conducting this project, the University of Nanking has agreed to furnish the ordinary traveling and living expenses of the men engaged in this work as well as the necessary land and labor.

Cornell University agrees to cooperate by granting sabbatic leaves with pay, in accordance with the University statutes, to men of the Plant Breeding Department.

It is evident that the sabbatic leave of one term will not provide sufficient time and as a result it will be necessary to use the regular three months' vacation period. It is, therefore,

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requested that the International Education Board be asked to take over the salary of each man during the period of time not covered by his sabatic leave. It is suggested that this be at the rate of $500 per month. The amount of time involved will not exceed four months.

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C O P Y

March 11, 1924

Dean John H. Reisner,
University of Nanking,
College of Agriculture,
Nanking, China.

Dear Dean Reisner : -

We will have some blue prints made up and send you one as soon as possible. I trust you will be able to get this machine made and feel that such a machine will be of value for small farms in China.

Regarding your inquiry relative to a plant breeder, I will say that I am looking up a man and may have something to write regarding him. I have talked over the matter with Dr. Myers and we are interested in the work you are trying to do and wish we might help. It does not seem that either one of us would be able to give up our work permanently and take up the work there. I have, however, a suggestion that you may consider merely as a suggestion and after thinking it over I shall be glad to hear. This is what we discussed. Both Dr. Myers and I have a year's leave coming in the near future. I can obtain mine a year from now and Dr. Myers' comes either six months or a year later. What we had in mind was that if suitable arrangements could be made regarding salary, transportation, and the like, I might go over and help get the work started and that later Dr. Myers might come and look after the follow-up of this work. I feel that even if you should get a man he possibly would not be experienced and if this man could be there when we were there we could give him much aid and you would really gain time since we have been working along these lines for a good many years. I know by experience that it is not easy to obtain a young man who can go at once into this kind of work without losing time. After one has been following this work for a long time he naturally can profit by this experience in beginning new work. We do not suggest this with the thought of merely making a trip to China, but rather that we might render some service at the same time. I have some other plans in mind for my sabbatic leave which from the standpoint of income seem very satisfactory, but if we could help you get this work started we would be very glad to do so.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) H. H. Love

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Professor of Plant Breeding

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C O P Y

April 9, 1924

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Professor H. H. Love,
Department of Plant Breeding,
New York State College of Agriculture,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Professor Love:

Your two letters of March 11th and March 14th have both been received. With reference to Mr. E. T. Fletcher, I am not inclined to very favorable consideration of him, possibly because I do not have further data as to his work in Colgate. If he had specialized in the biological sciences and had previous farm experience, there would be somewhat more to go on.

The nature of our work calls for a rather practical minded, experienced sort of man, and while I may be judging wrongly, I do not gather from your letter that Fletcher is this kind of a fellow. We really prefer a man who has had more of a background in agricultural training and experience and particularly well grounded in the biological sciences, including, of course, botany.

We have not had the letter from Mr. Fletcher direct to which you refer, but when it comes I shall write him promptly and fully.

I was exceedingly interested, however, in the suggestion which you have made about the possibility of your coming out for a sabbatical year in 1925, to be followed a second year by Professor Myers. This would be an admirable arrangement, it seems to me, and I hope it can be brought about.

A number of prominent educators in America such as Ex-Dean John F. Downey, University of Minnesota, and Dean Thomas F. Colgate of Northweatern, have spent sabbatical years in the University, principally teaching. The University has a definite basis on which these men are invited, namely: The provision of travel from their home in America to Nanking, China, and return, or an equivalent amount should they desire to return by way of Europe, and travel expenses while in Nanking. We also provide a comfortable place to live, which is usually in the home of one of the members of the faculty. It would be my hope that you would be able to come on this basis. So far as I know, a sabbatical year carries with it a continuation on the part of the home institution of the regular salary.

I am enclosing copy of a letter which I have just written to Mr. Wilson Popenoe of the Office of Foreign Plant and Seed Introduction, Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, which I feel will be of interest to you. Certainly we would have no objection to your entering into some such arrangement with the United States Department of Agriculture as suggested in the letter, provided, of course, it did not result in our being responsible for a lot of travel, particularly in the interests of the department which would

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interfére with the main work for which we would desire your presence in Nanking. In this connection, it seems to me that you would be able to make your greatest contributions along two lines:

First: In helping us directly here at the University and near-by Chinese institutions in going over very carefully all their experimental work, checking up particularly as to working methods as well as determining and limiting certain plant breeding projects. So far as we are concerned, this would include three or four cooperating institutes who are doing some plant improvement work either with funds provided by us or under our direct supervision. Also definite plant breeding work by yourself as you would desire.

The second line of work to which you could make very important contributions would be in holding conferences with experiment station workers and getting them working on more practical projects. Experiment stations in China at the present time are really making almost no contribution to agricultural advancement. They tend more or less to museum interests, and while in many places they have the fields all cut up into small plots and have very detailed experiments worked out, they, in effect, are valueless because of the many factors of error which they fail to take into consideration. Further, many of the projects have no practical bearing on agricultural improvement either in this world or that which is to come, so that if together we could hold some conferences of experiment station workers, I believe a great deal of good could be accomplished.

You probably already feel that I have outlined much more than it is possible for any one person to do. However, I can assure you we will not ask you to do the impossible and that we want to make your time not only count the most for us, but to arrange your work in such a way that you will be able to get a comprehensive understanding of the principal problems of crop improvement as relate to China and that you will be able to travel about this part of China sufficiently so that you will get a good idea of what the country looks like and what it is.

I shall be happy to hear from you as soon as possible with further reference to the possibility of your coming out in 1925. You will undoubtedly wish to take up the matter with the authorities at Cornell, and if the conditions, as stated, are satisfactory to you, and you will let me know, I will start the wheels in motion at this end so that you can in due time be with us. In your planning I hope that it will be possible to include Professor Myers for the second year.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) John H. Reisner

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May 27, 1924

Nanking

Dean J. H. Reisner,
College of Agriculture & Forestry,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

Dear Dean Reisner : -

Your letter received sometime ago, and I have been considering just what could be done. I have talked the matter over with the men in the department, and they are very much interested in helping out in this program. I have also talked the matter over with Dean Mann and he is very anxious to help so far as possible. I believe that we could take this matter up in such a way that we would be able to render considerable service by so planning the work that we will look after it for several years. I mean by this that it would be very desirable if we worked out a plan such that some member of our staff would come over to look after the work every year or so. I believe for the first three or four years that someone ought to come every year. As you know, results cannot be gotten immediately and the reason I suggest that we take it up as a department, so that the men go out from here rather than sending them from some other places, is that we would be able to plan a definite program and since we all are from the same department there would be practically no break in the continuity of the program.

You would be able to obtain someone with training at a minimum expense which, it seems to me, would be more desirable than starting out with someone who had to feel his way. While getting the work underway we would at the same time want to work with some of your people, developing them so that they could be of service in this work and eventually aid greatly in carrying it on.

I do not make these suggestions merely for the purpose of making it possible for some of the members of this staff to go to China, but with the feeling that China will be benefited by such a program. Will you let me know what you think about the general plan ?

Regarding my coming next year, I am trying to make it possible and will appreciate hearing from you regarding the best time for me to be there providing I come for the seeding as well as the harvest. There are two ways of doing this. One is to be there before harvest time so as to study the crops and make selections from the field. This probably would be the best plan for the first year, altho at the same time it will be worth while to make some plantings, especially for this work. If you will let me know, then, about how long it would require for me to be there to look after the crops in which you are most interested I shall endeavor to arrange for a leave, so that if I can come all the details will have been taken care of.

I shall be glad to hear the details regarding travel, living, and the like.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) H. H. Love

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Professor of Plant Breeding

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C O P Y

Nanking

July 1st, 1924

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Professor H. H. Love,
Department of Plant Breeding,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Professor Love:

Your letter of May 27th came about ten days ago and since then we have been giving careful consideration to your coming to Nanking on sabbatical leave in the near future. I am glad to be able to write you definitely as follows:

We shall be very glad to have you come, arriving in Nanking March 1st to 15th, 1925, and remaining until at least November 1st to 15th. The seeding season for summer crops begins early in April for the Yangtsze Valley and north. Wheat and barley harvest comes in late May and early June; corn planting at the same time; rice planting a little bit earlier. This also applies to millet, kaoliang, peanuts, beans and other minor summer crops. The crops north of the river are for the most part harvested the latter part of August through September. Wheat is planted about the same time, depending upon the degree of latitude. Rice harvest is from the middle of August through the middle of September. The dates indicated, therefore, would give you a full working season.

We would not want you to leave here in the fall earlier than necessary and until you felt you had completed your work. We would, of course, be very happy to have you stay the full twelve months, but we have indicated this minimum length of time, thinking that perhaps you might not like to be away from Ithaca so long. It also occurs to us that you would be able to complete the fall semester at College before you would start to China.

With reference to your work, I should like to call your attention again to two paragraphs in my letter of April 9th, which for sake of convenience, we are quoting herewith:

"First - in helping us directly here at the University and nearby Chinese institutions in going over very carefully all their experimental work, checking up particularly as to working methods as well as determining and limiting certain plant breeding projects. So far as we are concerned, this would include three or four cooperating institutions who are doing some plant improvement work either with funds provided by us or under our direct supervision. Also definite plant breeding work as you would desire.

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of error which they fail to take into consideration. Further, many of the projects have no practical bearing on agricultural improvement either in this world or that which is to come, so that if together we could hold some conferences of experiment station workers, I believe a great deal of good could be accomplished."

From your letter of May 27th, I am not sure whether or not you fully realize the considerable amount of work which we have already underway on wheat, corn, cotton, and in a smaller way, on beans and rice. Of course, in all of this work we would want your judgment, cooperation and suggestions for changing methods, objectives, etc. This would apply not only to our own station at Nanking, but cooperative stations at Nanhsuchou, Northern Anhwei, Kaifeng, Honan, Yihsien in Shantung, and several others. There would be opportunity for you to go out not only in our own fields but in the native fields and make individual selections to your heart's content.

We have three of our own graduates, one will have had two years' experience and the other two one year experience each in our plant breeding field work by the time you get here, and Mr. Ritchey is devoting a large share of his time now in charge of all the plant breeding work except that on cotton.

There is a large government experiment farm near Nanking which I feel quite sure will be anxious to have your help and advice and I am very anxious that we together work out some scheme whereby more practical objectives can be given to many of the government experiment stations. These things are fairly fully covered in my previous reference as quoted above.

This invitation to you to spend your sabbatical year of 1925 with us is on the same basis on which other college professors from America have come, namely: the University bears the cost of your transportation from your home in America to China and return. If you should desire to return by way of Europe, the University would give you a cash equivalent of the cost of the return trip by the way you came. The University would also provide a comfortable place for you to live while you were in Nanking, with board. The University would also furnish travel and other expenses connected with the famine prevention projects as agreed upon.

I hope very much that you can arrange to spend next year with us. I can assure you that we shall do everything we possibly can to aid you in making the best contributions to China during the time you are here. We shall appreciate very much hearing from you as soon as possible whether you can come, so that in case your decision is favorable, we may begin now to make arrangements for your year in China.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

(SIGNED) John H. Reisner

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TRANSFER
Nanking

July 30, 1924

Dean J. H. Reisner,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

Dear Dean Reisner : -

Your letter of July 1st received. I will say that I was interested in receiving details regarding the time you wanted me and the work you have in mind. There are several questions I want to ask. One is whether the transportation and living expenses include those of myself only or whether you are in the habit of furnishing transportation for a man and wife. I would not expect this to be done under ordinary occasions, especially for short-time service, but if I should decide it would be advisable to stay longer than you indicate I would want a ruling on this matter. Another question is what facilities do you have for threshing, handling plats, and that sort of thing ? If you do not now have the facilities, do you have sufficient funds for equipment ?

I am making my plans so that I can be with you, but would not want you to go to any trouble to make arrangements just yet since something might develop between now and October which would force me to change my plans. That will give you, then, sufficient time to make all arrangements.

I trust you did not misunderstand what I wrote in my letter of May 27th as I did, of course, know you were doing certain work along the line of plant improvement, but I based my letter largely upon the two paragraphs of your letter of April 9th and which you quoted again in your letter of July 1st, and for that reason outlined the several-year plan which I proposed. I would like to have your opinion as to whether you think it will not be worth while to plan this work for several years, particularly as one of the lines of work you are planning to push is this one of plant improvement. The kind of work that I would want to start will be affected somewhat by your stand on this proposition. I have talked the matter over with Dean Mann and he has talked the matter over with President Farrand, and I will say that we stand ready to furnish the men to carry this work on for several years, providing you are willing to undertake the expenses. We do not say that it would be necessary for a man to come every year, but I feel that, granting you are doing very good work, having additional men coming in every year or so for several years would be of considerable service.

Perhaps you are not willing to consider this as a several year plan on account of the financial question. I will say that there is an organization here that stands ready to consider this program and certainly help, so far as the salaries of the men are concerned, so that a man can be furnished whenever needed. The reason I say they are willing to help on salaries is that occasion may arise when a man should come over for your work and when he would not be able to obtain a leave of absence. This organization

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has indicated a willingness to take care of such salary adjustment. Whether they will consider aiding any in the expenses I cannot say. We can, however, obtain a ruling on this when I hear from you regarding the program. This organization is not interested in short-time projects and for this reason before I present it to them officially, I would need a full statement from you as to whether you are favorable to a project lasting four or five years or longer. If you are favorable and will indicate what part of the expense your institution can bear and can send this information to me at your earliest convenience, I will prepare a project and present it to this organization. In such preparation I will assure you that we would be guided by your wishes in the matter. I am very anxious that this matter be decided before I leave for my work with you, since I will better know what to plan upon arriving. The organization concerned knows of this work and has asked me to prepare a statement for their consideration. I would have done this upon receiving your letter but I was not sure regarding your attitude as to the continuance of the work beyond the time that Dr. Myers and I will serve. I assume you intend asking Dr. Myers to follow me in this work. Is this correct ?

If you are favorable to the four or five year plan, I feel that it will be worth while to try to make some joint arrangement with the organization I have in mind. I will say further that I feel, if you could get this particular group interested in your work, it would mean much to you and your institution in the long run, this in addition to the work we have in mind at present. It will be the first work of this nature they have undertaken in China. Upon hearing from you, providing the reply is favorable, I shall work over a plan in conjunction with Dean Mann and then present it for official action by the organization.

I will say that Dr. Myers and I, as well as the other members of the department, feel that we could accomplish much more if we could begin the work with the understanding that anything that we start or any changes we suggest will be followed thru for several years. We do not mean to upset any of your well laid plans but are guided by the statements you have made regarding the needs and the possibilities for work. I trust that we can have an early reply so that this matter may be considered in the very near future. It would facilitate matters, if you approve of the general plan, if you could cable your approval. If, however, you prefer to handle it entirely by correspondence, we shall hurry the matter thru as quickly as possible after hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) H. H. Love

Professor of Plant Breeding

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TRANSFER

September 11, 1924

Nanking

Professor H. H. Love,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York, U.S.A.

Dear Professor Love :

Your letter of July 30th was duly received, and after a few days, on September 2nd, we sent you a cable as follows: "Professor Love, Ithaca, New York, U.S.A., approve general plan, Reisner". We also wrote you a short note on September 2nd, hoping to catch a fast boat, indicating that the suggestions which you had made would be considered favorably.

I am now writing more fully in answer to your letter of July 30th and in confirmation and interpretation of the cable sent to you.

With reference to plans covering several years, I think there is no question at all about our agreeing to this. We have tried to develop such projects in our plant breeding work that require continuity and a number of years. Of course, we are under the necessity of securing results as soon as possible as we go along, and in getting improved seed back into the farmers hands. I do not imagine that any long term plans you would have in mind would in any way interfere with these specific objects of our plant improvement work, so I feel quite sure there will be no difficulty about our agreeing to a plan involving a minimum of five years so far as it did not depart from our present policy of bringing about improvements and increase in crop yields as effectively as possible.

For instance: we have had some of our wheat varieties running in rod row tests for 9 years, and we appreciate fully the fact that plant breeding is a continuous and very often a fairly long time proposition. Very frankly, we are interested more particularly in the practical aspects of our plant breeding work than we are in special detailed scientific studies. On the other hand, we fully appreciate the fact that very careful scientific methods must be followed out in order to secure reliable data.

Up to the present time, we have been more interested in the ability of a strain of wheat to produce grain or to resist disease than we have been in a detailed study or description of its botanical characteristics. The statement just made will indicate to you the differentiation which we have been emphasizing here and which we probably would not want to deviate from to any very great extent. I doubt very much whether there is very much difference in the policy which we have been following and the one which you have in mind, and had you stated a little bit more in detail the kind of policy which you desired to project, it would have been a little bit easier for me to answer you in the matter.

We have good facilities, in fact the very best facilities

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that can be found in China for threshing, handling rod row tests, plats, etc. I feel sure there will be no difficulty in such matters. While our funds are limited, we have been able to add such equipment as has been needed in the prosecution of the various projects.

With reference to our ability to assume financial responsibility for the carrying out of the program agreed upon, desire to say that so far as the expenses of yourself and Mr. Myers are concerned, making one trip each in the next four or five years, we will have no difficulty in meeting them. I would like to have you keep this in mind, however, namely, that after you get here and we have an opportunity to go over the work and the program, you may feel that we ought to have a person giving his full time to the plant breeding projects in addition to the work now being done by Mr. Ritchey. This was contemplated originally in this particular famine prevention project - that is - the full time of a foreigner. We would find it very difficult and possibly impossible to finance such a foreigner in addition to the expenses of yourself and Dr. Myers. In case you would agree to the desirability of a man devoting all his time to the work in view of the program agreed upon, you could then take up the matter of having the salaries and expenses of yourself and those who were to follow, carried by the organization of which you speak. In other words, we are able to meet the cost of the outcoming and the expenses of you and Mr. Myers, but if in view of the program as finally worked out, the full time of a man here seems desirable, then we would need the help of your organization at home.

In answer to your query as to whether the University would be in a position to pay the expenses for both man and wife, desire to say that the basis on which we have invited a man on sabbatical leave was that quoted in the next to the last paragraph of my letter of July 1st. I only wish we could make it to cover the expenses of the wife. no expense [illegible]

Yes, we have had in mind Dr. Myers' following you here to China and the program being worked out in such a way that there would be continuity of effort on the part of you both.

I am wondering whether the organization which you refer to is the recently organized International Education Board, the first activity of which, I understand, will be to make available the international exchange of information bearing on agriculture and the study of agricultural problems.

We have heard indirectly that Dean Mann has been given leave of absence for two years to go to Europe to get the work underway. This is very interesting, if true. So far as the University of Nanking is concerned, I feel quite sure that we can make rather attractive offers for agricultural scientists in America to study in China, and I hope that a number of schemes of cooperation in the various lines of agricultural research can be brought about.

I feel pretty sure that I have not said anything in this letter not fully in line with what was suggested by your letter of

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July 30th or that would interfere in any way with any of the plans which you have made on the basis of the cablegram which confirms our general approval of the plans suggested also in your letter of July 30th.

I do hope that nothing will interfere with the carrying out of this arrangement.

Mr. J. Lossing Buck is leaving Shanghai on the 16th of September and will probably arrive in Ithaca sometime before the first of November, where he expects to take up graduate work in the Department of Farm Management. You probably remember him as a student in Cornell. He will be able to give you considerable information, I am sure, as to general conditions here and what you should bring along in the way of personal effects.

Hoping to hear from you favorably, and with kind regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

(SIGNED) John H. Reisner

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P.S. - Don't let present disturbances interfere with your planning. It's only temporary and we have little chance of Nanking area being involved.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
NANKING, CHINA

Nanking

October 31st, 1924

Prof. E.H.Love,
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Professor Love:

We have just had a letter from Dr.Williams who wrote very enthusiastically about his trip the latter part of September to Ithaca where he met you and Dr.Meyers and went over the plans for the plant breeding work. He mentioned the backing and cooperation of the International Education Board and spoke of the very hearty backing which you were getting from your colleagues at Cornell.

In my last letter to you regarding what we would be able to do financially, I told you that we had originally budgeted the salary of a foreigner whom we expected to be in residence charge of our plant breeding work, but that because of Mr.Ritchey, who is now in charge of our plant breeding work, and of his very capable associates, we would have that to use against travel for you and Dr.Meyers.

It is now probable that Mr.Ritchey will have to go home either in February or in June on account of the very much broken health of Mrs.Ritchey. This will probably throw the responsibility for the plant breeding work onto me again. I started the work and carried it until 1920, when I went home on furlough. Since coming back, I have been so taken up with the administration* work that Mr.Ritchey, who took it over when I left, has continued and has carried it most acceptably. In view of the fact that Mr.Ritchey's return is very uncertain, and in view of the cooperation which you are able to get from the International Education Board, I am wondering whether it would not be very much better for our whole project if we could use our original appropriation for the salary of a man for which it was intended. That is, of course, provided you can get all your personal expenses from American sources. We would continue to carry, as we have already pledged ourselves, your expenses here on the field.

If this suggested change meets with your approval, then it will be necessary for us immediately to look up a good young fellow who can qualify for appointment by the Board of Trustees in New York, and who would be capable of taking charge of our plant breeding work here in Nanking. The understanding, of course, being that he would be responsible for carrying out the plans for cooperation which we have already entered into with you. We want more than just a college graduate, and prefer a man who has been accustomed to accomplishing things in a practical way. We want a scientifically minded man, but we do not want a man who is

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more interested in the piling up of further evidence to prove scientific theories,etc.,so much as we want a man who has an eye to applying scientific principles ,already well established, toward the improvement of the important Chinese crops, chiefly cereal.

So far as personal qualifications are concerned, would say that we want a man who has a pioneering instinct; who is a good team worker; who will enter wholeheartedly into the Christian purposes of the University and who is easily adaptable to new and strange conditions, and above all,who is willing to learn.I should be very happy to have you judge of his qualifications as a plant breeder. It would seem to me,however,in view of the fact that you and Mr.Meyers will be so closely related to the work, that personal qualifications and ability to develop are of more importance than a great deal of experience.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr.Williams and our New York office, and if you approve,as I hope you will, of the suggestion of using our original appropriation to cover the salary and expenses of a permanent plant breeding man on our staff, will you kindly write immediately to our New York office, addressing Dr.Eric M.North, Secretary, approving of the suggestion, and help them find a man whom you would recommend for the position.

Naturally the New York office will want to decide on personal qualifications,but I am equally sure that they will be glad to have you decide on the candidate's technical qualifications. In this particular case, I will be very happy if you will represent me in giving your various judgments on the various candidates that may come before you.

This may seem somewhat different from my previous letter. It has come about wholely because of Mr.Ritchey's having to go home so unexpectedly and the rather poor prospects of his returning for further work to Nanking.

With kind regards and best wishes,and anticipating an early answer from you in reply to my cable and my following letter,I am

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reisner

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This may seem somewhat different from my previous letter. It has come about wholly because of Dr. Hitchcock's having to go home so unexpectedly and the rather poor prospects of his returning for further work to Nanking.

With kind regards and best wishes, and anticipating an early answer from you in reply to my cable and my following letter, I am

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reisner

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November 26, 1924

TRANSFER

Nanking

Dr. Eric M. North, Secretary,
Board of Trustees Committee,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. North : -

For sometime negotiations have been underway between Dean J. H. Reisner of the College of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Nanking, Nanking, China, and our Department at Cornell University, relative to our undertaking the direction of a certain phase of plant breeding work.

It will be necessary for me to make a few statements regarding the earlier phases of this, so that you may understand the present situation. While writing to me last year regarding obtaining the services of a plant breeder, Dean Reisner stated that he wished Dr. C. H. Myers of this Department or I could undertake some of this work. I wrote him that we could not come permanently but would be willing to spend part of a year there, providing proper arrangements could be made. Dean Reisner then invited both of us with the understanding that all travel expenses and maintenance in China would be borne by his institution and the salaries to be taken care of by Cornell University. On going into the matter further we found that we could not obtain sabbatic leave to do this work without some loss of salary. In connection with the work in plant breeding, we felt that if any permanent good was to be accomplished it would be desirable for the project to extend over a period of years. We obtained Dean Reisner's consent to this and then to make it certain that we would always be

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able to send a man when needed and in order that the loss in salary mentioned above would be taken care of, we proposed to the International Education Board that they assist us in this project to the extent of taking care of salary adjustments. This matter has been before the Board for sometime and while we have not had official notice we have been led to believe that it would receive favorable action. We expect to hear within a few days regarding this matter. We had expected that when word came of their favorable action this would complete negotiations and then we could plan for the work which was to be begun next spring. I was much surprised then to receive a letter from Dean Reisner dated October 31st, copy of which he has sent to you.

This letter changes the whole aspect and I presume may mean that it will not be possible for us to undertake this work. Having already presented this matter to the International Education Board on the basis that traveling and other personal expenses would be borne by the University of Nanking, we cannot go before them again asking for additional funds. If the work had been underway two or three years and it was evident that results were being accomplished, then we might be justified in making a request from the International Education Board.

Director A. R. Mann, who is in charge of their Agricultural Education Program, is interested in this project and I also understand that Dr. Rose is interested in seeing it go forward, but I feel that having presented one proposal to them we cannot approach them again with a request for further funds.

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I shall be glad to hear from you regarding this and will also take up with you the question of a possible candidate for their permanent man after I know something regarding the salary which could be offered.

Very truly yours,

H H Love

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

November 26, 1924

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Dr. J. E. Williams,
Board of Trustees Committee,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TRANSFER

Dear Dr. Williams : -

I have just had a letter from Dean Reisner dated October 31st, copy of which he says he is also sending you. I was surprised to receive this letter and am afraid that it means the postponing of our work at Nanking. We have not yet heard from the International Education Board as to whether they have approved the proposal we sent in sometime ago, but I am inclined to think that they will approve it. This proposal was to the effect that the International Education Board take care of any salary adjustments necessary so that a man might be available to go to China at any time necessary without loss of his income for the time being. The rule governing our sabbatic leaves is such that we cannot obtain a leave for a long enough period for this work in China without some financial loss. This the men concerned do not feel that they can do, especially as University salaries have not kept pace with living costs. We, therefore, asked the International Education Board to take care of any period of time not covered by our sabbatic leaves as the University would not be in position to do so. The University is willing that the men leave for a sufficient period to take care of this work properly and will arrange to carry on their work while they are gone, but cannot assume salary.

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We do not feel that we can now go before the International Education Board asking additional funds for this work, particularly as they have not yet approved our first proposition. No doubt if the work were underway and tangible results were forthcoming, the Board would be willing to help out further rather than to let the work drop.

I am very sorry about this turn of affairs and shall be glad to hear from you further regarding the matter.

Very truly yours,

H H Love

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Professor of Plant Breeding

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TRANSFER

December 9, 1924.

Professor H. H. Love,
Department of Plant Breeding,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Love,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 2d enclosing copy of Mr. Reisner's letter. Later there came to Dr. Eric North, Secretary for the Trustees, a letter from Mr. Reisner enclosing copy of his letter to you. I did not realize that Mr. Reisner had written to you proposing that the University cover your travel out and return as well as the expense of your travel in China.

During my visit to Ithaca at the end of September I learned of your plan for going to the University in February and and also of the plans for applying to the International Board for a grant and aid to make the trip possible. Not having known of Mr. Reisner's previous letter to you proposing that the University cover your travel out and back and cost of experimentation, I assumed that the extra expense of your travel for making the trip possible was in the proposition Dean Mann was making to the International Board.

I think It is exceedingly important that your original plan be carried out whether Dean Reisner secures someone permanently to take on the work which he contemplated or not. Mr. Ritchey will have to give up on account of Mrs. Ritchey's health. The work that you and Professor Meyers and your other colleagues can do at Nanking would not be undertaken by a man going out for a permanent position within the next two or three years, for the man, to reside permanently in Nanking, must acquire enough of the language for the necessities of getting about and doing things with the Chinese apart from his teaching which would involve one full year at least. The man could not be secured to go out until next fall so that a year and a half would be involved before he really got in action.

I want to do all I can to clear up the situation so that you can follow your plan in going out in January or February.

May I learn from you Mr. Reisner's original pro-

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position, and sometime have a copy of that letter? I should also like to learn the proposition made to the International Board and their undertaking. I am making these requests in order that I may have full data to clear the matter with our Trustees and secure their sanction for the undertakings of the University. A little correspondence may be involved to clear up the whole matter if it can be entirely cleared up here without reference back to Nanking.

Mr. Buck wrote me that he had a conversation with you and he can tell you far better about the conditions in the University and the opportunities for the work which you contemplate.

You will appreciate Mr. Reisner's point of view in his concern to secure as much as possible of the necessary funds for the work from America and his being under the impression that the funds were available from the International Board and that he might use funds that he was counting upon for that purpose in meeting the situation created by the homegoing of Mr. Ritchey.

My own impression is that by going right out in February you can do far more than any other measure proposed in helping Dean Reisner to meet the immediate situation. I hope you will proceed with your plans for going and if you can give me the specific data I am confident that we can settle the matter finally to your satisfaction here, and we can cable Dean Reisner the arrangement.

Awaiting your further word,

Very sincerely yours,

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

Dear Dr. Williams : -

I have your letter of December 9th, and, in accordance with your suggestion, we have taken time to copy several letters which have passed back and forth between Dean Reisner and myself. We are also enclosing two copies of the proposed project which is now before the International Education Board. I trust that these will give you the information desired.

You will gather from the correspondence that we did not suggest what expense the University of Nanking should bear but acted upon the statement in Dean Reisner's letter, which he said was usual in such cases; that is, the traveling expenses to and from America as well as those in China.

We will be glad to do what we can to further the work in China, but do not want you or any of the members of your Board to feel that we urged this matter over what seems to be Dean Reisner's desire, that of obtaining a permanent man.

I do not feel it necessary for me to leave as early as January. In fact, the project has been so unsettled that I have taken on obligations that will not permit my leaving in January. I have planned to reach Nanking about the time of the spring seeding, but particularly want to be there before wheat harvest as I understand that is one of the crops they want me to work on first. I shall proceed to get some material ready to send out ahead of me so that it may be sown if anything de-

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,layes my reaching there in time for this. You, of course, understand that as yet we have not had definite word from the International Education Board as to their approval of our project, altho I have understood that they do approve and official word will reach us before long.

In closing, I trust that you will consider this matter purely from the standpoint of what is best for Nanking. I want to assure you that if you think it is best to postpone our going we shall be glad to aid you and the institution in any way we can either now or later. As I will have other plans regarding the use of my leave in the spring, it will be necessary for me to know within a very few weeks your final decision.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Love

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Professor of Plant Breeding

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Nanking

December 16, 1924.

Professor H. H. Love,
Department of Plant Breeding,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N. Y.

My dear Professor Love.

I was pleased to receive your letter of December the 12th with the word from Dean Betten that the International Education Board has approved your project in reference to the work in Nanking.

I also want to express my great appreciation for your letter of December the 11th with its enclosures of copies of the several letters which had passed between you and Dean Reisner. With this correspondence the whole situation was made very clear, and this morning we sent you the following telegram:

> PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS REISNER
> LETTER JULY FIRST WILL BE ADHERED TO WHEN CAN
> YOU GO

signed, Williams- North.

Mr. Reisner's letter of July first undertook to:

> "... bear the cost of your transportation from your home in America to China and return. If you should desire to return by way of Europe, the University would give you a cash equivalent of the cost of the return trip by the way you came. The University would also provide a comfortable place for you to live while you were in Nanking, with board. The University would also furnish travel and other expenses connected with the famine prevention projects as agreed upon."

We note that the understanding in connection with the grant from the International Education Board is that they

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will carry the difference in salary for additional months beyond the regular sabbatical year amounting to $500.00 per month for five months, which is an agreement between the Cornell Department of Plant Breeding and the International Education Board.

I should like to know when you desire to go and whether we can be of any service to you in making reservations on steamers. You will probably be required to have a passport for which you may apply directly to the State Department of Washington. I hope the matter is understood to your satisfaction.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

Nanking

December 16, 1924

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

Dear Dr. Williams : -

I have just had a telegram from Dr. North, saying that you plan to go on with the Nanking project as outlined. Mr. Buck and I have been talking the matter over and we think we have in mind a plan which will put the work at Nanking on a sound basis. This plan contemplates training a native Chinese here at Cornell for this work. This will give him the kind of training he needs for the work there. He will be able to work with the men on our staff who will carry on the work at Nanking, and we feel that without too great an outlay of money the University will profit by having men of experience over there for a few years to get this work underway. If you have any occasion to be near Ithaca sometime soon I wish you would stop here so that we may all get together and discuss this plan in detail.

I have been hoping to take Mrs. Love with me on this trip and shall be glad to hear from you as to what information you can give me regarding the possibilities of obtaining living accommodations and the like at Nanking. I have talked the matter over with Mr. Buck and I thought possibly you could give me further light. I want to get as much information as possible on the cost of the trip so that I may know whether we can arrange it or not.

I am to meet with the Chinese students tonight to discuss this work, so that they may know more regarding the plans.

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In a few days I shall write you further regarding what we may do at present to further the project.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Love

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Professor of Plant Breeding

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December 24, 1924

Prof.H.H.Love,
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York, U.S.A.

Dear Professor Love:

Your letter of November 28th, enclosing copies of letters under date of November 20th, to Dr.North and Dr.Williams, has just come. I am sorry that my letter of October 31st has caused you so much uneasiness. I was under the impression that in my letter of October 31st I had stated that if you were unable to secure this extra travel from the International Board, we would stand by our original proposition, namely the meeting of your travel expenses to and from China and your living and travel expenses in China. I find, however, in rereading the letter that this was not clearly stated unless I added it in longhand as a post script. I am writing now to confirm the original agreement.

Fortunately the outlook of Mr .Ritchey's being able to stay on is somewhat more hopeful, and your suggestion is quite to the point that if after a year or two we feel warranted in making a different proposition to the International Board for a basis of support, we shall then be in a better position to do so.

I hope however, you will consider seriously the suggestion made in my letter of October 31st. You will know better than anyone else whether it is wise to broach the matter with the International Board.

In a letter dictated November 25th to Mr. Bowen, Mr.Williams mentioned having just met through Mr.Roger Green, Mr.Wykliffe Rose, the Secretary of the International Education Board, who said to him that they were granting you travel and other expenses. Mr.Williams, of course, may not have reported this correctly, but I am hoping that he has and that they have of their own accord added the travel expenses to the budget which they are willing to undertake. If, however, Mr.Williams has not reported this correctly, and they are expecting us to cover travel according to the original plan, we will do it.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Eric North, Secretary of our Board of Trustees, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and a copy of it also to Mr.J.Lossing Buck at Ithaca. I hope that this will allay all of your fears and will not interfere in any way with the plans which you have had in contemplation. We shall be very happy to hear from you soon that

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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
NANKING, CHINA

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TRANSFER

December 24, 1924

Prof.H.H.Love,
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York, U.S.A.

Dear Professor Love:

Your letter of November 25th, enclosing copies of letters under date of November 20th, to Mr. Worth and Mr.Williams, was duly rec'd. I am sorry that my letter of October 31st has caused you so much uneasiness. I was under the impression, that in my letter of October 31st I had stated that if you were willing to accept this extra travel from the International Board, we would stand by our original proposition, namely the question of your travel expenses to and from China and your living and travel expenses in China. I find, however, in rereading the letter that I did not so state but I stated that I had it in mind. I am not sure of writing now to confirm the original proposition.

Fortunately the outlook of Mr. Mitchell's being able to stay on is somewhat more favorable. Your suggestion is quite to the point. If after a year or two we feel warranted in making the arrangement proposed by the International Board for a full-time expert, we shall be in a better position to do so.

I hope, however, you will consider seriously the suggestion made in my letter of October 31st. You will know better than anyone else whether it is wise to broach the matter with the International Board.

In a letter dated November 25th, Dr. Bowen, and Mr. Williams mentioned having met Mr. Lodge Green. Mr. Wheeler Hore, the secretary of the International Education Board, who put to him that they were practically your travel and other expenses. Mr. Williams of course, may not have reported this correctly, but I am hoping that it be true that they have of late been more willing to consider the travel expenses to the budget which they are willing to undertake. If, however, Mr. Williams has not quite correctly, and they are expecting to cover the entire expense to the original plan, we will do it.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Worth, Secretary of our Board of Trustees, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and a copy of it also to Mr. L. Lansing Bloom as I think he knows that this will satisfy all of your fears and will not interfere in any way with the plans which you have had in contemplation. We shall be very happy to hear from you soon that

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all arrangements have been completed and that you will be with us soon.

For the time being, therefore, it will not be necessary for you to do anything with reference to the man for plant breeding unless you find it practicable to carry out the suggestions made in my letter of October 31st, in which case please go ahead and help secure a man for us.

The time of New Year's Greetings will be about passed by the time this letter gets to you, but I simply want to indicate that I hope that most of the year 1925 will be spent with us here in Nanking. I cannot think of a better wish for you for next year than this.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reisner

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John H. Reisner

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NANKING, CHINA

December 24, 1924

Professor H.H.Love,
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Prof. Love:

Since writing my longer letter under this same date to you, we have received a cable from the United States which indicates that you will be coming to us on the basis of my letter to you of July 1st,1924. This is quite in line with the letter which I have just written and we are,indeed,glad that arrangements are being satisfactorily made to this end.

Yours very sincerely,

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John H.Reisner

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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
NANKING, CHINA

December 24, 1924

Professor H. L. Love,
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Prof. Love:

Since writing my longer letter under this same date to you, we have received a cable from the United States with indication that you will be coming to my office basis of my letter to you of July 1st, 1924. This is quite in line with the letter which I have just written and we are pleased that arrangements are being satisfactorily made to this end.

Yours very sincerely,

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John H. Stewart

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

April 8, 1926.

TRANSFER

Dr. Eric M. North,
151 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. North:

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Ret letter for info

I am sending in the expense account covering my return trip from Nanking in November. As I wrote you earlier, I first thought of holding this up until I had made the trip to New York to confer with you and the International Education Board regarding the recommendations that were to be made to the Board by their representative, Dr. H. L. Russell, who was in Nanking in December and January. Owing to the illness of Dr. Russell and other delays, these recommendations have not yet reached me and I do not like to hold this account open any longer. As you know, I was furnished authorization by the University of Nanking to cover the New York trip but this can be rendered as a separate item, and I felt that since the expense would about complete the $250 it would be just as well as to hold it until that time. I am enclosing my check to cover the balance.

I am putting this account in in just about the same form that I rendered the one at Nanking. I am enclosing

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vouchers for certain of the items in China, and the Pullman checks. Taxi fare is somewhat high in San Francisco, but I found that by taking one and arranging for my baggage, ticket, and the like, I would be able to leave San Francisco the same day that I arrived, which would cut down hotel bills. As you will note, I was able to obtain reduced rates for railroad fare across country. The last two items I think are sufficiently explained. I trust that this will settle the matter.

If I find it advisable to come to New York within the next month I hope that I will have the pleasure of talking with you regarding some of the work at Nanking.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Love

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

Nanking

TRANSFER

April 27, 1926.

Dr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. North:-

I have your letter of April 26th and will say relative to the cable I sent it was in connection with a sum of $200.00 which was made available by the Cornell and China Club to the University of Nanking to aid in furnishing a room in the new Bailey Hall to be used as a social room for students and the faculty. As I cabled the amount it would have been difficult to have made it any shorter by use of code. If I have long messages to send, I will be glad to take advantage of your code.

I have heard that Dr. Myers arrived in Nanking on the 24th of March and I am glad to know that he is there to go on with the work this year. I have a great interest in the work there and feel sure that it should lead to some worthwhile results.

Very truly yours,

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H H Love

Professor of Plant Breeding

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TRANSFER

May 13, 1927.

Prof. H. H. Love,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

My dear Prof. Love;

These past few weeks have made a very radical change in our hopes and plans for the work in the University of Nanking.

Dr. Bowen is already in this country and I hope will reach New York within the next ten days. We have made preliminary plans for a campaign to raise funds to meet these unusual expenses, and I am afraid he will have a very busy few months promoting the same. Without attempting to replace school property or equipment, we shall need $182,500.00 to provide for our staff and faculty for the next few months, provide for transportation to this country, meet the unusual expenses which have been necessary in this emergency, and in a small way replace the personal property of the faculty members. We can never replace the many precious things that have been destroyed, but we can re-establish homes for them.

TheUniversity is very seriously handicapped because we do not have a very large constituency, and have very few names of persons to whom to appeal for this money. I wonder if you know of people who might be interested, and would be willing to send me a list of them. We are having our appeal printed now, and hope to have it ready for mailing within the next ten days.

I shall be very grateful to you for any help you may be able to give us at this time.

Cordially yours,

Acting Secretary for the Campaign
for the EMERGENCY FUND.

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

Nanking

TRANSFER

May 27, 1927.

Miss Elsie M. Priest,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Miss Priest:-

I have your letter sent out a few days ago relative to the raising of a sum of money to take care of the emergency expenses necessary for the University of Nanking. I am not yet sending you any names because there are some of the people here in Ithaca whom I wish to reach before sending you any list. There are some of our people who may be interested and I am planning to talk to some of them personally before writing you. I have been unusually busy in the last few days and have not gotten this done, but hope within the next few days to be able to make some start on this. Dr. Myers and I have talked the matter over and we feel that the plan we have would be better than sending you names of persons who may or may not be interested, and it is best, then, that we talk to some of them and then give you names if they indicate that they may be interested to the extent of giving small or large contributions.

I think it is a very laudable undertaking and trust that you are able to raise the funds without any great difficulty. We are all very anxious to know what is going to become of the University of Nanking during these trying days and are very hope-

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ful after all that she will emerge and be yet a greater influence in China than ever before. I have not yet lost my optimistic viewpoint in connection with the work over there and feel that before many years roll around, the institution will again be flourishing. We will miss some of the old faces and naturally will miss Dr. Williams' wonderful personality on the campus. I have no doubt that Dr. Bowen also will not return to China and, as I say, we will miss such wonderful friends, but nevertheless we will hope that the other people will rally around the institution and that shemay again be a power for good in the whole of China.

Wishing you, then, the greatest success in your undertaking, I remain,

Yours very truly,

H H Love

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Professor of Plant Breeding

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TRANSFER

June 1, 1927.

Prof. H. H. Love,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Love:

Your very fine letter of May 27th written to Miss Priest has come to my hands, and we are extremely grateful to you for your very great interest in the appeal and in interesting your friends in it. Please let us know if thereis any other way in which we can cooperate with you and Dr. Myers. We appreciate more than we can say your willingness to help us.

Your year in Nanking was a very great inspiration to all of us and will continue to be, and we can truly hope that within two or three years you can return to China and continue with the work. We do not think it is ended by any means - I mean your plant improvement work. If our men can hold it together even if they do not move forward very far, it will be very much worthwhile.

Your letter of April 1st, sent to Shanghai, just came to me this morning and I appreciate very much indeed your kind sympathy for the unfortunate events of Nanking. It is amazing how this incident has brought out our many friends - both Chinese and foreign - in their expressions of sympathy and help.

Again thanking you for all your intere t and help in this crisis, I am

Cordially yours,

Presidant.

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Ack. 1/30

January 25, 1929

TRANSFER

Professor H. H. Love,
New York State College of Agriculture,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Professor Love:

Mr.Reisner has asked me to pass on to you figures of the comparative cost of Trans-Pacific steamer accommodations, first class and second class.

First class accommodations on the "President" boats are listed at about$346.00 but our office will be able to get ten and five per cent discounts from this list price, making the net cost $300.83.

Second class accommodations on the "Empress" boats cost about $210.00. We are not able to get any discounts from this list figure. I believe there is a small variation in second class prices, depending on the boat chosen. On one or two of the smaller "Empress" boats the price is a little less than $210.00 but the accommodations are not so good.

I believe you have a son possibly ten years old. His fare would be half of the adult fare.

We trust this information will help you in deciding which type of travel you wish to take.

Very cordially yours,

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University of Nanking

February 2, 1929

Prof.H.H.Love,
New York State College of Agriculture,
Cornell University
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Professor Love:

We have your note of January 30th. As regards fare on the President boats, as far as we are able to see there will be no difficulty in your securing the missionary rates. Of course the fare of $300.83 includes the missionary reduction. If, for any reason this reduction were not secured the cost would be $328.70 for each adult ticket and $164.35 for your son. I believe, however, that we can count on the lower missionary rate.

Mr.Reisner also raised with me the question whether, should you elect to go second class on the Empress boat, the University would still be able to pay your travel expense on the basis of first class missionary fare, thus reducing the amount of your net personal expense for your son's ticket and for half of Mrs.Love's ticket. Unfortunately the rigid rule of all Mission Boards cooperating in the University of Nanking is that travel at first class rates is only paid to their personnel when this class is actually used on the journey. Where cheaper conditions are used, Mission Boards have felt it right that they should share in the saving thus effected. Because of this policy of all the Boards cooperating in Nanking, our office could hardly adopt any different line of procedure.

Please call on our office freely for any further information or assistance we can give.

Very cordially yours,

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CC: Mr.Reisner

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February 23, 1929.

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

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:-

I have been trying to make my plans to get away earlier than my telegram indicated, but I am not certain that I can do this and for this reason I have wired that you get reservation on the 29th. It may be possible that by the end of next week I could see my way clear to catch the President Wilson, providing any space is left. But, of course, we cannot ask them to hold it. If this is satisfactory, I shall be glad to hear and have you proceed with the necessary arrangements relative to ticket and other needs. I assume I shall procure railroad ticket here as before and that you will send me the necessary credentials if it is decided that I will be eligible to missionary rates. My delay in answering you is due to the difficulty in deciding whether I could take an early boat.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Love

Professor of Plant Breeding

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University of Nanking

February 26, 1929

Professor H.H.Love,
New York State College of Agriculture,
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Dr.Love:

We have your telegram and letter of February 23rd stating that you are planning to sail on March 29th. We have therefore confirmed with the Dollar Steamship Company the reservation on the President Pierce which I referred to in my letter of February 20th, - that is to say, Bed A in Cabin 43. We are asking the Dollar Line to send us your ticket for this reservation reading from San Francisco to Shanghai. I will send the ticket to you about the tenth of March if that will be satisfactory.

Should you find that you will wish to take some other boat than the President Pierce please let me know at the earliest possible date because it will be increasingly difficult to have any change made in this reservation.

From the understanding Dean Reisner has given me of the conditions under which you are going to Nanking, it seems that you are quite fully entitled to the benefit of missionary reductions in rates. I am therefore enclosing herewith application blanks for Eastern and Western Clergy Fare Certificates. If you will fill these out, in accordance with the instructions given in the enclosed memorandum, I will secure these certificates for you and will see that they are sent to you in Ithaca as promptly as possible. Our usual procedure is for this office to purchase steamship tickets and to send staff members a sufficient cash advance to cover railway fare and miscellaneous travel expenses, an accounting for this advance to be rendered to Miss Priest after you reach Nanking.

If there are any other matters in which we can be of assistance please let me know.

Very cordially yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

TRANSFER

Nanking

March 1, 1929.

Dear Garside
I don't know what I need but
I don't know what they know but
send them
will you please attend to it.
J. H. Reisner

B. P. Garside

Mr. John H. Reisner,
99 Claremond Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Reisner:-

I hope that you are beginning to feel yourself again and do not have to suffer any more setbacks while you are in America, or even later.

I am sending to you the blanks which Mr. Garside was kind enough to send, relative to the reduced rates allowed for missionary workers. He included a set of directions which indicated that I should answer "yes" to questions No. 6 in the Eastern and No. 7 in the Western blank. This may be all right, but I am sending these to you asking you to kindly fill in the proper word there and then if you will kindly turn these over to Mr. Garside I will appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Love

Professor of Plant Breeding

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March 6, 1929

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

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:

I have your letter stating that you have obtained the ticket for me, and will say that you can send it along anytime that you choose. I shall be leaving Ithaca about the 20th.

I have had some correspondence and messages with Mr. Reisner regarding our going out, and it is now my understanding that the University has indicated willingness to defray one-half of Mrs. Love's traveling expenses. As I now understand the matter this is agreeable, and she will be wanting to have you make arrangements, if agreeable to you, to sail sometime in June. She will notify you shortly as to the time. If there are any questions relative to details I shall be glad to hear from you before I leave, but so far as I understand the matter the plan of her coming out later is satisfactory.

Very sincerely,

H. H. Love

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TRANSFER

University of Nanking

March 14, 1929

Professor H.H.Love,
New York State College of Agriculture,
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Professor Love:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 6th. Our understanding agrees with yours that Nanking University will defray one-half of Mrs.Love's traveling expenses. I will be happy to render her any assistance I can in making her travel arrangements. If you so desire we can pay in full for her steamer ticket and leave the apportionment of cost between the University and yourself until she reaches Nanking. Since the transportation companies have approved missionary rates for yourself they will without doubt do the same for Mrs.Love. I am therefore sending you at this time clergy application blanks which Mrs.Love can fill out and return to us at her convenience.

Please ask Mrs.Love to call on us freely at any time we can be of assistance.

Very cordially yours,

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TRANSFER

University of Nanking

March 16, 1929

Professor H. H. Love,
New York State College of Agriculture,
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Dr.Love:

We have your letter of yesterday calling attention to the fact that we have not yet sent you the money for your traveling and incidental expenses in connection with your approaching trip to Nanking.

I am therefore sending you at this time a check for $200.00 which I trust will be ample to care for the cost of railway tickets, meals, hotel bills and various miscellaneous expenses in connection with your trip.

Will you please make repord of your expenditures en route and present an accounting to Miss Elsie M.Priest, the Field Treasurer, after you arrive in Nanking?

I sincerely hope that you will find this cash payment ample to meet your needs. We always wish to provide a little more cash than is likely to be required so that staff members will have a margin for unexpected ~~margins.~~ emergencies.

We take this opportunity of wishing you a safe and pleasant voyage to China and a most enjoyable period of service at the University. We are all very happy that you are able to go to China at this time and are confident that you will be able to render the University a most important service. I sincerely hope that the present uneasiness in and around Nanking will be safely over before you reach China.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

cc. Miss Priest

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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
N. York city.

My dear Mr. Garside:-

Your letter of Apr 2nd recd. Since writing I find that a very important business matter will take much of my time in June and also the wedding of our oldest son about June 15th in Reading, Pa. that it will be impossible for me to sail before June 28th or July 5th preferably the latter date if it would not displease the Board. Mr. Loor's rather hurried departure has left many things for me to do and I must have everything in shape before I leave. If there is added expense to my being alone please do not arrange for it. I find our expenses will be so much heavier with my being gone that I feel it most necessary to economize as much as possible. Is it correct that you are buying my steamship ticket and I pay my expenses to Cal: on missionary rates arranged by you? Will you please tell me how much a woman traveling under such an arrangement is supposed to tip also to pay for meals or lunch and lodging the one night in San Francisco. When I reach Nanking I am to present my expense account paying whatever remains for me to pay. Please advise. Sincerely

Anna B. Loor. (Mrs H. D. L.

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University of Nanking

April 8, 1929

Mrs.H.H.Love,
119 Oak Hill Road,
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Mrs.Love:

We have your letter ofApril 4. As you request, we are asking the steamship company to cancel your request for space on the President McKinley and are asking them to make reservations for you on the President Grant sailing July 5.

As I feared, the steamship company states that it will probably be impossible for them to reserve an entire cabin for you without considerable additional space because the travel to the Orient during June and July is quite heavy. However, the company has stated that they will do all they can to arrange satisfactory reservations for you without any additional expense.

You are correct in your understanding that our office will purchase your steamship ticket for you. We have also suggested that you pay for your railway travel to California and the other incidental expenses of your journey. Our office will assist you with securing the clergy certificates entitling you to missionary railway rates if you will sign and return to us the clergy application certificates we sent you some weeks ago.

It is very difficult to give any rule for the amount of tips and other miscellaneous expenses on the train and on the steamer. The travel regulations for some of our Universities mention that for a married couple tips up to $15.00 for the entire journey will be allowed. Presumably that would amount to $7.50 for a person traveling along. As a matter of fact, $7.50 will probably be found too small a figure for your Pullman and steamer tips. I would suggest that for your tips on the Pullman you follow whatever is your usual custom in travel around the country. As for the steamer tip, it would probably be well for you to consult with others of your fellow passengers to see how much they plan to give.

The amount of cash you will need for your rail and other expenses between your home and Shanghai will depend on your personal tastes and needs. One hundred and fifty dollars will just about cover the actual expenses, not including any extras of any sort, but I feel you should have at least $50.00 more than that for miscellaneous and unexpected items; an even larger margin would be desirable.

You are correct also in your understanding as to the procedure

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to follow in making your accounting. I will send Miss Priest, the Treasurer at Nanking, a statement of disbursements we have made on your account so that when you render a statement of expenses you have paid, the two of you should be able to arrive quickly at an equitable adjustment.

Very cordially yours,

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Apr 13, 1929

Nanking TRANSFER

Dear Mr Garside:-

Your letter recd and I thank you very much for the later reservation. Is there a clergy rate for the passport? I hope that this question will finish my troubling you. I have not heard from Mr. Love since he left San Francisco. There is hardly time to hear even from the first stop at the islands. If there is any extra expense in my having a cabin alone please do not reserve it. I will get along very well I am sure with other people

Very sincerely
Anna B. Love
(Mrs H. H. L.

119 Oak Hill Rd
Ithaca, N.Y.

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May 4, 1929

Mr. B. A. Garside:-
130 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr Garside:-

Yesterday I received your letter and both the western and Eastern Clergy Certificate for which I thank you. In regard to my steamship ticket I feel the China Union Universities will be much safer financially if the ticket is purchased at the last possible moment. Several accidents have happened to the family since Mr Love left, while not of a serious nature have made me feel that until I am on the

boat and well out to
sea can I be sure that
I will really go. So it
is with every one. Of course
I understand that there
is considerable red tape
attached to a refund for
a boat ticket so perhaps
it would be best to
purchase my ticket at
the latest safe time for
sailing as I am presuming
there are many ways
that the China Universities
can use their money to
good advantage without
having any. Please pardon
this business letter that has turned
into a letter to a friend
for you have been most kind.

Sincerely Anna B Loor.

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July 30, 1929

Dr.and Mrs.H.H.Love,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

My dear Dr.and Mrs.Love:

It is my privilege to transmit to you the following action taken by a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Nanking Board of Founders:-

> "VOTED that the Executive Committee on behalf of the Board of Founders express its sincere appreciation to Dr.and Mrs.H.H.Love for the important services they have rendered to China in their specialized field of scientific agriculture; to Cornell University for loaning Dr.and Mrs.Love to the University of Nanking; and to the general Education Board for its contributing to the support of Dr.and Mrs.Love."

We are all grateful to both of you for the interest you have taken in the work at Nanking and for the valuable contributions you have made on your trips to China and also through the general interest you have taken in this work even when you have been busy with your other duties at Cornell.

I have not yet learned the exact date of your return but am forwarding this letter to Nanking with the thought that it will probably have time to reach you there. I hope that we may have the privilege of meeting you after you return to America. Possibly we may be able to persuade you to attend some meeting of the Nanking Board of Founders and tell us something of the work you have been doing in Nanking.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

Secretary

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TRANSFER

September 6, 1929.

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

It was very kind of you to send an extract from the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Nanking Board of Founders. The paragraph referring to our efforts is very much appreciated by us, although I fear we do not deserve such notice in this respect. We are very much interested in the work we are attempting to do for China through the University of Nanking, and I will say, after looking it over again, that I have no doubt that if it is possible to continue without interruption that a real contribution will be made to China and one which should bring considerable credit to the University. Already one can see that in certain respects in this line of work the College of Agriculture and Forestry of the University of Nanking is now considered as taking the lead and the one looked to for help on technique relative to plant improvement. As other agencies continue to ask for cooperation, it is clear that we should be able to spread this work over a very large part of China. Naturally we are limited on account of travel, otherwise we could reach many more places than we have been able to do so far.

When I return to the States, I shall be most happy to attend a meeting of your group some time, to tell you first hand of some of the things we are attempting to do.

Yours very truly,

J. B. Griffin

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University of Nanking

April 8, 1930

Dr. H. H. Love,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Dr.Love,

Thank you for sending us the message stating that you would be able to attend a Nanking luncheon on Wednesday, April 9.

I was very much disappointed that I had to wire you yesterday stating that we had found it impossible to secure adequate attendance at the proposed luncheon meeting on April 9, and would, therefore, be forced to postpone the meeting until later.

Last week, when Dr.Speer returned to his office after some weeks of travel throughout the United States, I at once asked him at what dates during the month of April he would be available for a Nanking luncheon. at which you could be present. The only date in the month of April which Dr.Speer had free for such a luncheon was Wednesday, April 9. I made tentative inquiries among various other members of the Nanking Board of Founders at about the same time I sent you my wire on April 4 and hoped that we might have a satisfactory group present. I later discovered, however, that Dr.Condliffe, whom we were anxious to have present at this luncheon, would be in Washington all of this week and would be sailing from New York City early next week. Also most of the Nanking Founders are this month unusually busy as a result of closing up of the fiscal years of the various Mission Boards to which they belong, and the preparation for meetings of various kinds which always crowd the month of April.

We were, therefore, compelled to postpone the proposed luncheon for the present. We will be having a meeting of the Nanking Board of Founders within three or four weeks time, probably during the first week of May. As soon as the date of the Nanking meeting has been fixed I will let you know and will again inquire whether we may be able to secure your attendance.

I am sorry for these continued delays for I know that the members of the Nanking Board are very anxious to have an opportunity to meet you and to talk over with you the work now being done at the University.

Very cordially yours,

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YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY
CORNELL UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
ITHACA, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

April 15, 1930

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

Dear Mr. Garside :-

I am enclosing a statement covering the expense account of Mrs. Love's trip to China and return. When in China, Miss Priest said we could just as well leave this until we handled the entire matter through your office, and I have held this expecting to make a complete report after my trip to New York, but as this is being delayed I thought I would send her statement in with a check to cover the amount due you.

With reference to my own statement, I will render it after my trip to New York unless this is delayed for several weeks, in which case I will close my account. If you prefer, I will close this even before my trip down to New York. After deducting for my New York expenses there will be a small amount still due you.

Very truly yours,

H H Love

HHL:B

Professor of Plant Breeding

P.S. I am including interest on those amounts.

H H Love

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Expenses of Mrs. Harry H. Love, Ithaca N.Y. to Nanking China.

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Railroad fare Ithaca to San Francisco	65 23	
Pullman fare	31 14	
Bus transfer in Chicago	50	
Meals enroute - with tips	17 10	
Baggage - through transfer and insurance	3 75	
Transfer at ferry and other expenses at Berkeley	6 00	
Telephone and telegrams	3 00	
Boat fees and extras	25 35	
Board in Shanghai	3 85	
Trunk transfer and storage	1 00	
Taxi	1 25	
Passport and mscellaneous	15 00	173 17
Steamship ticket		311 40
		484 57
According to arrangement University pays 50% or		242 29
To be paid by Mrs. Love		G$ 242 28
Already advanced		173 17
Still due the University on trip to Nanking China.....		G$ 69 11

For trip Nanking China to Ithaca New York;

University has advanced to Mrs. Love steamship ticket G$311 40

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Expenses of Mrs. H. H. Love, Nanking, China, to Ithaca, N.Y.

Railroad fare, San Francisco to Ithaca	$ 65.23
Pullman fare, San Francisco to Ithaca	27.65
Hotel, meals and tips, San Francisco	6.25
Baggage, storage and transfer	3.25
Taxi	2.25
Telegrams	1.75
Meals enroute, San Francisco to Ithaca	16.75
Incidentals, fees and extras on boat	21.75
	$144.88 ✓
Steamship ticket	311.40
	$456.28 ✓
According to arrangement, University pays 50% or	228.14
To be paid by Mrs. Love	G$228.14 ✓
Already advanced	144.88
Still due the University on trip from Nanking, China..	G$ 83.26 ✓

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TRANSFER

University of Nanking

April 30, 1930

Dr. H. H. Love
Cornell University
Ithaca, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Love:

Let me express my sincerest apologies for my long delay in replying to your letter of April 15th. This letter reached my desk just at the time we were beginning our annual round of April meetings, as a result of which I have been forced to let all other matters go for a while.

I glanced through the expense statements for Mrs. Love and found them to be quite in order from the standpoint of the University. I suspect that you have omitted other items which might very probably have been included in Mrs. Love's travel statement.

It is exceedingly generous of you to add $4.44 of interest to the check you have sent us to cover the amount due on Mrs. Love's expense statements. This is more than the University can rightly ask. We are reluctant to accept this interest, but since the correspondence involved in making out a new check or returning the balance would be quite a voluminous undertaking, we will accept the $4.44 and try to find some opportunity in the future to square the account.

The meeting of the Nanking Board of Founders has now been called for two o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 6th, in Room 606 of this building. Would it be possible for you to be present? If you can come, we hope you will be able to arrive in time for at least an informal luncheon with some of our Nanking Founders before the meeting. If you will let me know whether you can make the trip, I will plan accordingly.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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University of Nanking

June 3, 1930

Professor H.H.Love,
Cornell University
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Professor Love:

I am enclosing herewith duplicate sets of the application for appointment, together with supporting reference reports in the case of Mr.Samuel F.Goodsell who is interested in the possibility of teaching work in the Department of Plant Breeding at the College of Agriculture and Forestry in Nanking.

Mr.Reisner has been favorably impressed with the preliminary information given him by Mr.Goodsell, and hopes that he may prove a valuable man for the work at Nanking. He asked me to send this material to Cornell so that you and Dr.Myers might pass your judgment on Mr.Goodsell's professional qualifications for the work at Nanking.

We would very much appreciate it if you and Dr.Myers would go over all this material and would give us the benefit of your opinion. If you find we lack any essential facts in connection with Mr.Goodsell I will be glad to take any further steps I can to obtain additional information.

We regret that it has thus far not been possible for you and the Nanking Founders to get together. It is possible that we may have another meeting of the Nanking Founders sometime during the month of June. As soon as the date for such a meeting has been set I will let you know, in the hope that you may find it convenient to be present.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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University of Nanking

June 21, 1930

Dr. H. H. Love,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Dr.Love:

We have recently received from Nanking a cablegram reading as follows:

"MELVIN, PEARSON URGED BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER. MAINTENANCE, TRAVEL EXPENSES. PEARSON ONLY ON CONDITION THAT STATISTICIAN NOT AVAILABLE."

We consulted with Dean Reisner as to the meaning of this cablegram. He states as his understanding, based in part upon conversations he had with Professor J.Lossing Buck just before Mr.Buck returned to China, and in part upon his general knowledge of the needs at Nanking, that the University is asking for both Dr.F.A.Pearson and Dr.Bruce Melvin. I note that, according to a memorandum prepared by Mr.Buck just before he sailed, listing the visiting specialists whom he has been hoping to have in the University in connection with the China Land Utilization and Population Project, he has the following two notations:

"F.A.Pearson, Cornell University; length of time - 9 months; Cornell University to contribute salary; University of Nanking to contribute travel, $1,200, maintenance - $300; work in addition to help on project, courses in prices and statistics; Dates at Nanking, July 1,1930 to January 30,1931.

"Dr.Bruce Melvin, Cornell University; length of time, one year; Cornell University to contribute one-half salary; University of Nanking to contribute travel, $1,200, maintenance $300; work in addition to help on project, courses in Rural Sociology; dates at Nanking, September, 1930 to August, 1931."

Mr.Reisner further interprets the cablegram as meaning that Dr.Pearson is wantedonly if no other statistician has been secured. At the present time we have not been successful in our search for a statistician who could go out to the University as a regular appointee, and therefore, the need for Dr.Pearson's assistance is quite definite.

I am somewhat uncertain as to how we can best approach this matter of securing Dr.Pearson and Dr.Melvin so I am writing to you as a

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friend at court to make suggestions as to how we can best proceed, and to request you also to get in touch with Dr.Pearson and Dr.Melvin if you consider such a step desirable. If Dr.Pearson and Dr.Melvin find it possible to accept this urgent invitation from the University I believe we can proceed at once with the matter of arranging the final details of their appointment as special staff members and the securing of reservations for them.

Thanking you for any assistance you can give us, I am

Very sincerely yours,

BAG-H

B A GARSIDE

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CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

TRANSFER

July 3, 1930

Nanking

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

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Dear Mr. Garside :-

Your letter regarding Mr. Goodsell came in some time ago and I had rather hoped that I would see you at the meeting which we held at Lake Mohonk on June 28th, dealing with matters pertaining to the Agricultural Missions Foundation. As I did not see you and as Dr. Myers reported after calling on you that you had gone to Europe, I presume it is best to write what suggestions we have relative to the enclosed matter.

Both Dr. Myers and I feel that it will be very desirable if Mr. Reisner can visit Mr. Goodsell, as he would be able to size him up much better for this work than we can through the references and information which he has sent.

A Mr. Clark, at the Michigan Agricultural College, is also anxious to go to the foreign field. I think that Reisner should see both of these men.

If you will let me know when you return I shall be glad to take this matter up further.

Very truly yours,

H. L. Bras

Professor of Plant Breeding

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University of Nanking

July 8, 1930

Dr. H. H. Love,
Professor of Plant Breeding,
New York State College of Agriculture,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Love:

I was very happy to meet Dr. Myers when he was in the office on June 27th. I regret now that I did not talk with him regarding Mr. Goodsell, as it is apparent that there is no overwhelming evidence in the application and references to move one to a clear cut decision. I have written to Mr. Reisner, quoting your letter of July 3rd, and trust it will be possible for him to make arrangements to see both Mr. Goodsell and Mr. Clark when he comes east.

On June 25th Mr. Garside wrote to you relative to Dr. Melvin and Dr. Pearson. We wonder if we ought not to enclose copies of the communications which Mr. Buck addressed to both of the above mentioned, which will give you a clear idea of what has been said to them. These letters have been received since Mr. Garside wrote you, and will give you the main facts. Possibly you have already conferred with these gentlemen and have some recommendation to offer. In that case we should be very happy indeed to receive your recommendation.

Very cordially yours,

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CORNELL UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
ITHACA, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

September 27, 1930.

Nanking

TRANSFER

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

It seems that one thing or another has come up to prevent my meeting with you and the Board to tell them something about our work in Nanking and therefore I feel I should close my account with you especially as there is some money still due you. As this has held over so long I am including interest for the funds you have failed to have the use of. I am enclosing check to cover the amount.

We have very good reports from Dr. Wiggans and others connected with the work at Nanking relative to the service that Dr. Wiggans has rendered. Apparently he has been able to carry forward the work with very little interruption due to political conditions. I am very glad he has had this year since he was rather unfortunate in his first trip out. As interest is developing in the plant improvement work in China I feel that the efforts put forth by the University of Nanking have had much to do with causing this greater interest and that the University will be looked to to take a lead in this direction.

Yours very truly,

H. H. Love

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EXPENSES INCURRED BY H. H. LOVE ON RETURN TRIP FROM CHINA

Expenses in Nanking, bills not included in account rendered to the University	$ 11.50
Extra Expenses in Shanghai	4.50
Railroad fare - San Francisco to Ithaca, N. Y.	65.23
Pullman - " " " " " "	27.65
Hotel and meals in San Francisco	7.75
Baggage transfer, storage, etc	5.25
Taxi, telegrams, etc	5.25
Meals enroute	17.25
Incidental fees on boats, tips, etc	23.25
	167.63
Advanced by the University	200.00
Difference to be paid	32.37
Interest on above at 6%	1.63
To be paid by H. H. Love	34.00

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TRANSFER

September 30, 1930.

Dr. H. H. Love,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Love,

Your letter of September 27th reached us just as I was on the point of writing to ask if you could come down for the meeting of our Nanking Board of Founders next week.

The Nanking Board will hold a meeting at 9:30 a.m. Friday, October 10, here at 150 Fifth Avenue. Mr. Reisner will of course be present, and we are hoping that we may also secure Mr. Lobenstine's attendance. While quite a bit of business must be transacted, I believe the Board should have ample time for having you tell us about your work at the University, and discussing with you not only your own special work there but also your impressions of the University as a whole. Dr. Robert E. Speer, the President of the Board, has asked me to express to you to Board's earnest hope that you may find it possible to be present.

We expect that a morning session of the Board will be sufficient. However, if you are able to come down for the meeting we will endeavor to arrange a luncheon following the formal meeting, where you will have a better opportunity to meet the members of the Board and to discuss University affairs with them.

Since it seems that the simplest way to handle the expenses of yourrtrip to New York for such a meeting as this would be to add them to the expense statement you enclosed with your letter of September 27th, I will hold that statement, together with your check for $34.00, until we find whether you can attend.

With cordial regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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October 24, 1930

Mr. H. H. Love,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N.Y.

TRANSFER

My dear Mr.Love:

We were very sorry indeed that you found it impossible to attend the meeting of the Nanking Board of Founders on October 10.

Since it is unlikely that there will be another Nanking meeting in the near future which we might persuade you to attend, it seems that we should not continue indefinitely to keep open the clearance of your expense account for your return trip from China. I am, therefore, depositing the check for $34.00 which you enclosed with your letter of September 27, and am making the necessary adjustments on our University books. It is very generous of you to add interest on the small balance due the University. It was quite unnecessary for you to do this, and I am reluctant to accept this added interest, but the adjustment of the item would necessitate a considerable amount of correspondence and accounting, so we will accept your generous treatment of the matter.

I trust that you have been having some interesting a valuable conferences this week with Mr.Reisner and Mr.Lobenstine. I had been hoping that it would be possible for me to go up to Ithaca at the same time they made this trip; but I have been so immersed in other matters that it has been extremely difficult for me to get away from this city.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

B A GARSIDE

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for N.Y. office October 1930

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A Cooperative Agreement between the College of Agriculture of the Central University, the Chekiang Provincial Bureau of Agriculture and Forestry at Hangchow and the College of Agriculture and Forestry of University of Nanking.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Mining of the Central Governments Nanking, and the Provincial Governments of Kiangsu and Chekiang jointly having employed Professor H.H.Love, Cornell Universityy, as adviser to the Ministry and director of the respective provincial crop improvement programs for a period of three years beginning January 1, 1931; the College of Agriculture of Central University, the Bureau of Agriculture and Forestry, Hangchow, and the College of Agriculture and Forestry, Nanking University as functioning organizations in crop improvement work do hereby enter into a cooperative agreement in order that the efforts of Professor H. H. Love during his stay in China may accomplish the greatest results for the advancement of crop improvement in China.

1. The Provincial Governement of Kiangsu and Central University assume the responsibility for the budget for crop improvement in Kiangsu.

2. The Provincial Bureau of Agriculture and Forestry assumes the responsibility for the budget for crop improvement in Chekiang.

3. That traveling expenses in line of duty in the two provinces will be paid by the representative organizations in the two provinces.

44 That an efficient clerk shall be supplied and shall be paid at the rate of forty (40) percent each by the representatives of the provincial governments and twenty (20) percent by the College of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Nanking. The University of Nanking, upon receipt in advance of the respective proportions assumes responsibility for payment of the clerk. Salary to be paid monthly.

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5. The College of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Nanking, agrees to provide necessary equipment for long periods of training, and the Provincial Bureau of Agriculture and Forestry and College of Agriculture, Central University, necessary equipment for short periods of training for students in crop improvement.

6. The training of students in crop improvement to be an important part of the duty of Professor H. H. Love.

7. The College of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Nanking to provide a furnished house for Professor H. H. Love and family during the period his general headquarters remains at the University of Nanking.

8. Office and laboratory space to be provided by University of Nanking for general headquarters, clerk, and training of graduate students.

9. Living quarters to be provided by the Bureau of Agriculture and Forestry at Hangchow during periods of time spent in that province. Necessary laboratory and experimental farm equipment likewise to be supplied.

10. The Provincial Government of Kiangsu and the College of Agriculture, Central University to provide office, laboratory and experimental farm equipment for crop improvement work in Kiangsu.

This agreement is hereby entered into in detail and as a whole by

_____
Minister of Bureau of Agriculture and Forestry,
Province of Chekiang, Hangchow, China.

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President of Central University,
Nanking, China.

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President of University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

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TRANSFER

CROP IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF CHEKIANG AND KIANGSU PROVINCES.

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

H. H. LOVE PH. D.
AGRICULTURAL ADVISER

HEADQUARTERS
UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
NANKING, CHINA.

Nanking

11th April, 1932.

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

Dear Mr. Garside,

I am ordering a part for the threshing machine used by the College here but as the catalogue we have is an old one I am not sure of the address. We have addressed the envelope to the old address but will you please check this from your city directory and send to the proper address.

Letter mailed 7 Water Street 5/7

The name of the firm is the Messinger Mfg. Company of Tatamy, Penn., U. S. A. and the New York address is indicated on our envelope.

We will appreciate your forwarding this as quickly as possible as we will need the parts immediately.

Thanking you, I remain

Very truly yours,

H. H. Love

H. H. Love.

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Dr. H. H. Love
College of Agriculture
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

My dear Dr. Love:

On March 20th we had the first meeting of our Nanking Executive Committee since your return from Nanking. The Committee took the following action:-

EC-763 VOTED, to concur in the action of the Board of Directors in expressing thanks to Dr. H. H. Love for the highly valuable services he has rendered to the University of Nanking and to the people of China during his recent stay in Nanking.

We all wish that it might be possible for you to meet the members of the Board, and to tell to them at first hand the results of your latest period of service in China, though we know that it is not easy for you to arrange such a meeting. This year the Annual Meeting of our Nanking Founders will be held on the afternoon of May 15th. It is probable that on the preceding evening we will be having a dinner meeting of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China. If it were convenient for you to be in New York City at that time, we would be very happy if you could attend both these meetings. What are the prospects?

Very cordially yours,

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NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY
CORNELL UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
ITHACA, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

March 29, 1935

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Dr. B. A. Garside, Secretary
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Garside :-

I want to thank you for your letter enclosing a statement passed by the Board of Directors relative to my work in China. I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness and thank the Board for their kind consideration. I am sure it was a pleasure to be able to do what little I could in China and it was especially a pleasure to us to be associated with those at the University.

Relative to your meeting of May 15th, will say that I do not know of anything now that will bring me to New York at that time. I would be happy to meet with you and report on some of the problems there at Nanking. I hope that at some time when I am in New York, when it will cause no extra expense to anyone, that I may be able to meet with some of your Board members because there are some problems confronting the University that I would like to discuss with you. I feel that the institution has a great opportunity to serve China and I hope that it will not lose this opportunity. It is very important that all of those connected with the University realize the importance of developing the institution along those lines which will enable it to meet the demands for service. It is not going to be possible to maintain all branches of the University on an equal footing. If this is done the University will not grow as it should. It has the opportunity to go forward very rapidly in agriculture providing encouragement, both moral and financial, is given. Some time perhaps we may talk these matters over.

I was sorry that you could not give me Dr. Macklin's address. I know it is in Pasadena somewhere but do not know just where. Perhaps I can reach him through Dr. Bowen.

Yours very truly,

H. H. Love

H. H. Love,
Professor of Plant Breeding

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