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DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

October 27, 1925.

Dr. Eric M. North,
150 5th Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Dr. North:-

I desire at this time to take up some preliminary questions with you concerning my transportation expenses from Ithaca to Nanking and return. I believe that in Dr. Love's case the steamship ticket from San Francisco to Shanghai was provided by your office, but that cash was advanced to him for railroad and other expenses incurred in going from Ithaca to San Francisco.

My family have been in France since the latter part of last July and will remain there until next September or October. In other words they are taking advantage of my absence in China to have the opportunity for study in France.

For this reason I am anxious to go to the Orient via Europe. I would have an opportunity to see my family for a short time and I would also have the opportunity to visit two or three agricultural institutions whose work is outstanding and from which I no doubt would get suggestions which would be of value in our work in China. If I should go to Nanking via Europe it would, of course, entail additional expense over that required in going directly from Ithaca to Nanking. I would expect to furnish this additional expense myself. What I wish to inquire is whether or not in case I should go via Europe your Board would be willing to

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advance me an amount equivalent to that which would be required to go from Ithaca directly to Nanking by the most direct route.

I would assume, of course, that this amount should include not only railroad and steamship fare, but pullman and dining car expense together with an additional amount for tips and gratuities. The amount involved in this could very easily be ascertained from Dr. Love who made the direct trip. I am, of course, asking for no additional travel expense. I am merely asking that the amount required to transport me from Ithaca to Nanking be furnished to me before I leave Ithaca so that I can use it in buying transportation via Europe. As I said above any additional amount required would be furnished by myself.

I do not know yet that I can afford either the time or money to make this trip via Europe. I am making inquiries now to find out about routes, rates and amount of time required to go from European ports to Shanghai. As soon as I hear about this I will be in a position to decide. I assume that there can be no objection on your part if I am able to carry out this plan since it entails no additional expense to Nanking and merely means advancing me my travel money a little earlier than would otherwise be required. I would appreciate your reply at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,

C. T. Meyer

Professor of Plant Breeding

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

November 16, 1925.

Professor C. I. T. Myers,
Department of Plant Breeding,
N. Y. State College of Agriculture,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

My dear Professor Myers:

I have your letter of October 27th to which the answer has been delayed because I have been awaiting word from Nanking as to the understanding in connection with your trip. As this has not yet come, I am delaying the answer no longer, but have to say that so far as the University of Nanking is concerned, the route which you might choose to take to Nanking would be a matter of your own choice, the amount being paid by the University being the cost of the direct trip from Ithaca to Nanking.

As your plans would be for you to be in China for only a few months, it might be most to your advantage, if you are going by way of Europe, to buy an "Around the World Trip" with the stop-overs which are possible in China, and thereby to economize somewhat on the costs. I am sending you under another cover the "Around the World Travel" schedule of the Cunard Steam Ship Company Limited. Note, for example, Trip #1, and also the provisions for optional arrangements, and so forth, on pages 26-30. Inasmuch as the ticket provides for stop-overs at any steamship port of call, you could buy your ticket from Hong Kong to the United States, with a stop-over at Shanghai, your stop-over there being for the entire time that you are to be in Nanking.

You will note that trans-Atlantic rates can be reduced by travelling on a one-class boat, so that the costs would probably run under, rather than over, \$1,080. If you should make this arrangement, the P. & O. boats run every two weeks, and most of them, I think, stop at Marseilles, which would be your connection for France, unless you should prefer to return to London. You will note that there is provision for alternative arrangements by which the trip from London to Marseilles can be covered overland. As to the time schedule, the P. & O. boat which leaves London January 1st leaves Marseilles January 8th, and arrives at Shanghai on February 9th.

We should be very happy to arrange for the purchase of your ticket in whatever way you desire through our Transportation Agency here, and we believe that we can give you the advantage of a slight reduction in this way. I do not have the exact figures of the cost of Professor Love's trip to Nanking and back, but the amount would approximate \$550.00 each way. At first glance, this would seem to make it cheaper to go around the world than across the Pacific both ways, but this is not the case, as the cost of meals, except when on the steamer, and other incidental expenses would have to be added to the \$1,080.

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Cordially yours,

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NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
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ITHACA, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

December 5, 1925.

TRANSFER

Dr. E. M. North,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

I have delayed answering your letter of November 16 because I was unable to state definitely when I shall be able to leave New York. My plans are not yet completed but I trust that they may be in a very short time.

I have been seeking information concerning service offered by various steamship routes. In accordance with your suggestion I have communicated with the Cunard Anchor Lines concerning the possibility of using one of their around the world trips. I expect to be able to settle the matter within a week, at the latest. As soon as I have done this I will communicate with you again. I will, of course, be glad to have you arrange for the purchase of my ticket, if any reduction can be obtained in that way. I am anxious to save money both for myself and for the University of Nanking, and I shall gladly avail myself of your services in this connection.

Very truly yours,

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C. T. Myers

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ITHACA, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

TRANSFER

December 28, 1925.

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

My dear Dr. North:-

In my letter addressed to you under date of December 5th, I stated that I hoped within a week to make specific request for transportation to be obtained through your office. Evidently my hope was rather an optimistic one. I have been trying continuously since that time to make definite arrangements concerning reservations but have not yet completed them. I can of course, get reservations from New York to Europe very readily now, but I have not yet been able to get reservations from Marseilles on to Shanghai.

I am expecting to be able to conclude this matter within a day or two and I will communicate with you immediately so that you may arrange to procure transportation for me. In this connection, may I say that I have obtained from Dr. Love his expense account for the trip from Ithaca to Nanking. I find that it totals \$585.00. I suppose it is fair to assume that my expenses from Ithaca to Nanking would be approximately the same. I will, of course, render an itemized account at the end of my journey. If I can get an around-the-world rate, as I am now trying to do, it would seem that my transportation would cost me something less than \$1100. But, of course, this round-the-world ticket would have to be purchased in advance. I would like to raise the question as to whether your office will be willing to finance the purchase of this round trip ticket. I presume that there will be no objection to this, since the cost of a

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round trip ticket would be slightly less to the University than if I went the other way. Of course all additional expenses entailed by my trip to Europe are to be borne by myself.

I am sorry that the matter of procuring my transportation has been delayed. I thought when I started the matter the first of December that I would be able to conclude it within a couple of weeks. But, as I said above, I have not yet been able to do so. I will communicate with you immediately as soon as I have definite reservations so that I may be assured of an uninterrupted trip and so that I may arrive at Nanking on or before April 1st. I should like to sail from New York about January 5th.

Very truly yours,

C. T. Meyer

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Professor of Plant Breeding

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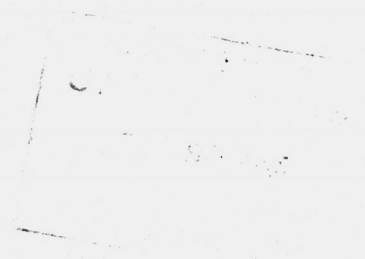
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DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

TRANSFER

December 30, 1925.

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

*Thos Cook
Buckley 7100*

My dear Dr. North:-

I have had so much difficulty in getting complete information from the Cunard people that I took it up a few days ago with Thomas Cook & Son at the office located at 253 Broadway. My correspondence has been with Mr. E. H. Helfeld.

They have quoted me an around-the-world rate of \$1065 for the following route:- Cabin passage on any line to Europe at rate of \$145., P. & O. Company, Marseilles to Shanghai, Dollar Line, via Yokohama and Honolulu to San Francisco, rail to New York.

I have requested Mr. Helfeld to procure for me a reservation on the de Grassi of the French Line, sailing from New York January 6th; on the Markunda of the P. & O. line, sailing from Marseilles February 19th, transferring to the Kalyan at Colombo and arriving at Shanghai March 23rd. In case accommodations cannot be obtained on the Markunda, I have requested as an alternative, accommodations on the Macedonia of the P. & O. line which sails from Marseilles on March 5th and arrives at Shanghai April 5th. My reservation from Shanghai for the return trip to San Francisco will, of course, be made later in the year.

I have asked Mr. Helfeld to notify me the moment he hears from these reservations on the P. & O. line. If they are satisfactory I will wire you at once and would appreciate it very much if your

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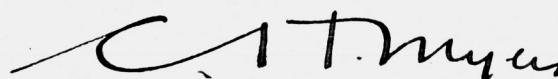
office will procure the ticket for me. In order that there may be no complications, I do not think it best to include transportation from Ithaca to New York. The ticket should start at New York and terminate at Ithaca as per the above schedule.

If you cared to do so, I would be very glad to have you give me a letter of introduction to the Captain of the de Grassi and of the Markunda, or whichever boat reservations are finally procured upon. In making a long journey, I have understood that it is sometimes to the advantage of the passenger to be able to make contact with the captain. However, do as you think best in this matter.

May I say that I shall come to New York Sunday night or Monday and would like very much to call upon you at your office for a short conference on Tuesday, January 5th. I have nothing particular in mind, but I would like the opportunity to talk over the general aspects of the work in China.

Thanking you for your suggestions and for your help in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,



Professor of Plant Breeding

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TRANSFER

December 31, 1925.

Dr. Eric M. North,
150 5th Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Dr. North:-

It has just occurred to me that in my special delivery letter of yesterday I failed to make one point clear. That is, that you need not send my ticket to me here at Ithaca. I will call at your office for it on next Tuesday, January 5th. Of course, this could be inferred from my letter, but wishing to avoid all possible misunderstandings, I am writing at this time.

I shall leave Ithaca Sunday night. I would appreciate it very much if it is possible, if you would wire me confirming the matter of transportation. I do not like to leave here until the matter is definitely assured.

Again thanking you for your kindness and courtesy in this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

C. T. Myers

Professor of Plant Breeding

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
NANKING, CHINA

October 21, 1926.

Dean A. R. Mann,
New York State College of Agriculture,
Ithaca, New York.

My dear Dean Mann:

Prof. Myers left Nanking Monday afternoon and I said 'good-bye' to him in Shanghai Wednesday morning. He sails from Shanghai on the "President McKinley" Saturday, the 23d. I want to use this opportunity to express on behalf not only of Dean Luo and myself, but also on behalf of the entire faculty, our very great appreciation of the services rendered by Dr. Myers during the time he has been with us. He has entered most enthusiastically and sympathetically into our work and problems, and while his attention centered chiefly, as it should do, about our cooperative plant improvement project, he helped many of us in a very real way.

Dr. Myers not only contributed very greatly to the carrying out of the field work, but in the training of the men responsible for the plant breeding work, as well as those of our cooperators outside of Nanking who have an important share in the larger plant improvement project. We feel also that Prof. Myers made a very important contribution in the Plant Improvement Institute which was organized as a part of the summer activities of the College of Agriculture and Forestry. In fact, without Dr. Myers being here, such an institute would have been quite out of the question. Twenty three men from our cooperating stations and from government or private agricultural experiment stations took the full four weeks' work, and in addition there were sixteen visitors registered, most of whom came from Southeastern University, College of Agriculture, and who came only for the morning lectures. This month of lectures and laboratory work added greatly to the training and efficiency of all those who are taking part in the cooperative project, both here and at our out-stations.

I would like to mention the wide influence which the present cooperative project is having upon plant breeding throughout China. We have learned from reliable sources that the College of Agriculture at Southeastern University have already reorganized their plant breeding methods and plans to conform to those which are being used here, and which are, of course, the methods used at Cornell. Further, a number of the experiment stations who had representatives here during the Summer Institute have also changed their plant breeding plans, particularly for the small grains, and I am confident

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that this influence, which is already so very marked, will rapidly increase so that Cornell will soon be, if she is not already doing so, exerting a major influence in plant breeding work in China. Of course, we must recognize that adopting a method of plant breeding and then knowing how to carry it out completely and successfully are two different things. But the adoption by other experiment stations of the methods which Prof. Love and Prof. Myers have worked out here for us is bound in time to have a very significant effect on plant breeding throughout all of China.

Assuring you again of our very great appreciation of the services which Dr. Myers has rendered and of the contributions that he has made to the life of the College, as well as of our appreciation of the continued Cornell interest in our cooperative enterprise, I am, with kindest regards and best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reisner.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
NANKING, CHINA

November 5, 1926.

Dr. C. H. Myers,
3d Pan Pacific Science Congress,
Department of Education
Tokyo, Japan.

Dear Dr. Myers:

I am getting the enclosures off in better time than I had anticipated, so am sending them direct to you at Tokyo. I want to assure you that everything that I have said in any of the letters are hard cold facts -- bread and butter, as it were, without either jelly or 'apple sauce'. My only feeling about the letters is that I haven't risen to my privileges as I should have done.

However, I suspect that no amount of writing or talking are necessary to assure you of our very great appreciation of all the services which you have rendered to us during the past year, and especially for the sympathetic way in which you accepted our short comings and always made the most out of every situation. Your influence on the plant breeding work and on the personnel have been very great and contributed greatly to the emphases that were always needed and I suspect will continue to be needed for a good while. It is not necessary for me to indicate the appreciation on the part of the large number of Chinese with whom you came in contact. If I did not tell you in Shanghai, I wish to tell you now that I can remember of no foreigner in Nanking who has been more genuinely and more frequently entertained than were you.

Letters from Porter and Lowdermilk indicate that you fellows are having the time of your life in Tokyo, and I am hoping that either en route to San Francisco or after you get back you will be able to write us something about your impressions of the conference.

I am writing a letter to your wife which I hope you won't object to, and the contents of which can be learned from her if she feels it wise to show the letter to you.

Again assuring you of my appreciation of all that you have done for us and of all that your ~~wife~~ has meant to us and hoping to have the pleasure of greeting you again in Nanking in the not too distant future, I am

Yours very sincerely,

JHR: bmg

John H. Reisner.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
NANKING, CHINA

November 5, 1946.

Dean R. A. Emerson,
New York State College of Agriculture,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Dean Emerson:

Professor Myers has left Nanking on his return trip to Ithaca, and we want to take this first opportunity to thank you as head of the Department of Plant Breeding and through you to the other members of the department, to express our very great appreciation of the splendid services rendered by Dr. Myers this past year in connection with our cooperative plant breeding project.

Dr. Myers not only did the cooperative project a lot of good, but did a lot of good to us personally. It was fine to have him here and to be able to get from him opinions and judgments on various matters, not only those that related directly to the plant breeding work, but some of the larger problems of the College. We all feel, that the cooperative project during the year has become much stronger, and that the personnel involved have had valuable training and field experience under Dr. Myers' personal direction.

Particularly significant was the Summer Institute of Crop Improvement which was held for a month this last year, and was attended not only by our cooperators, but also by sixteen men from the most important government and private experiment stations in China. While this meant additional and strenuous work for Dr. Myers, we feel that the undertaking was very worthwhile. The plant breeding methods which have been worked out for use in Nanking by Dr. Love and Dr. Myers are very much in demand now by other institutions and Cornell is rapidly coming into a first place of influence in connection with the major plant breeding work in China.

We want also to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. T. H. Shen and of the very fine way in which he entered into the work of the department and carried a generous share of the responsibilities. We feel that it was not only an unusual opportunity that Mr. Shen had, but equally that having had this year in China with Prof. Myers, the services which he will later be able to perform in China will be very greatly increased. It has been a most unusual arrangement, but one which we wish more Chinese students studying in the United States might have the benefit of.

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We are looking forward eagerly to the coming of the other men in the department and feel sure that the project will continue to grow and accomplish those larger purposes for which it was undertaken.

Yours very sincerely,

T. S. Kuo

T. S. Kuo,
Co-Dean.

John H. Reisner,
Co-Dean.

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TRANSFER

February 1, 1927

Prof. C. H. Myers,
State College of Agriculture,
Cornell University
Ithaca, N. Y.

My dear Professor Myers:

I have the honor in behalf of the Trustees of the University of Nanking to express to you the hearty appreciation of the University for your sympathetic and energetic cooperation with our College of Agriculture and Forestry in the cooperative plant improvement project upon which the University is at work. The steady and persistent attention to basic scientific work in China at the present time is most important and the share which Cornell University is taking in this body's cooperation with us is most genuine and valuable.

Cordially yours,

Eric M. North

Secretary
University of Nanking

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NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

Nanking

TRANSFER

February 4, 1927.

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

Dear Dr. North:-

I have your letter of February 1st transmitting the statement of appreciation of my work in behalf of the trustees of the University of Nanking.

May I say that I appreciate this expression very much. I enjoyed my work at Nanking and I should like to say that I was most cordially received by every member of the staff there. Particularly the members of the Department of Agronomy, the department ^{with} in which I came into ^{most} active contact, were unusually sympathetic and at all times willing to cooperate to the fullest possible extent to further the work of the plant improvement program. I feel that we made real progress during the past year.

I sincerely hope that the work will not be interfered with during the coming year and that Dr. Wiggans will find it possible to carry on without interruption. It is true that the news from China at present is rather discouraging, but we all hope very much that it will quiet down to some extent before the time of his sailing, which I believe is March 5th. As you know, Dr. Wiggans has already left Ithaca. He expects to visit some experiment stations enroute to the coast and also to spend

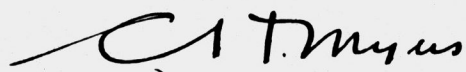
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some time with his relatives before sailing. We shall be in contact with him at all times and in case you get any important word from Nanking, if you will let us have it we will forward it to him at once.

With the kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Professor of Plant Breeding

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May 13, 1927.

Dr. C. H. Myers,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

Mydear Dr. Myers;

These past few weeks have made a very radical change in our hopes and plans for the work in the University of Nanking. I have been sorry that I did not have the privilege of knowing you in Nanking last year, but I left for furlough just before your arrival.

The looting and destruction of property, closing of our schools, and bringing our faculty and staff home has placed us in a very serious financial condition, and we are making preliminary plans to raise funds to meet this emergency. From cable advice from Dr. Bowen, we shall need \$182,500 00 to provide for our staff and faculty members for the next few months, and re-establish their homes in this country. We can never replace the many very precious treasures that have been lost, but we must provide them with funds to "start again". We shall not, at this time, attempt to raise funds to rebuild or restore property.

The University is very seriously handicapped because we do not have a very large constituency, and find we have very few people to whom to appeal for funds. I know you are much interested in the work in Nanking, and it has occurred to me that perhaps you would be able to give us a list of names for this purpose. We are having our appeal printed, 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. Dr. Bowen is now in the country and will probably reach New York within ten days.

Very cordially yours,

Acting Secretary for the Campaign for
the EMERGENCY FUND OF THE UNIVERSITY.

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NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
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DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

Nanking

May 26, 1927

TRANSFER

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
602 Essex Street,
South East,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Dr. Bowen:-

Some time ago Mr. Ritchey showed me the letter that he had just received from you and which gave the news that you were in this country. We had some time before this received a copy of your personal account on the Nanking affair. I was very much interested indeed in having your account of this terrible happening. You may rest assured that there were many anxious days for us after we had gotten the first report of the blow up there, and before we finally received the news that all of you with the exception of Dr. Williams were safely on your way to Shanghai. Our thoughts were with you all this time.

It must be very disheartening for you who have spent so much of your time and energy in China to have it culminate in this manner. I trust that now that you are back in this country, you may have an opportunity for a while to rest and recuperate and to recover physically from the ordeal through which you have passed. We were all stunned and shocked by the sudden turn of affairs, but personally I feel that the old saying is often true, that it is darkest before dawn.

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Dr. A. J. Bowen, :-

As I endeavour to analyze the situation from a distance and dispassionately, it seems to me that after the smoke has cleared away things may again settle down and the work may be in a stronger position than ever before. To be sure this may take some time but somehow or other I have a feeling that it will come about eventually.

So far as the Plant Improvement program is concerned we are not endeavoring at the present time to come to any decision concerning it. We are waiting until we find out more from the other side. We have really heard nothing at all from Dean Reisner except a short note which he sent soon after he arrived at Shanghai. We expect to hear from Dr. Wiggins any day now. According to his schedule he must have landed in San Francisco a few days ago and we should have a letter from him at any time. We do not know what his plans are for the rest of the year, but we presume that he will come back to Ithaca and take up his work here again.

I hope that in some of your travels around the country you may find it possible to come to Ithaca and to make us a visit here. I assure you that we will be very glad indeed to have you. Week before last I had the pleasure of entertaining Dr. Peterson for three days. He left here to go to Washington to attend the meeting of the American Medical Association and I understand that he is attending a meeting this week at Atlantic City of Specialists in his line of work, as guest of the Society. It is possible that you will

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Dr. A. J. Bowen:-

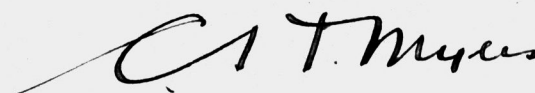
meet Dr. Peterson in New York City. Please endeavor to arrange some of your trips so that you may stop of at Ithaca.

When the plan for the reconstruction work at the University and for the future instructional work is definitely outlined, we shall be very much interested to hear about them and I assure you that we ^{will} do everything in our power to help the cause along.

With the kindest personal regards to yourself and family, I am

Sincerely yours,

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C. H. Myers
Professor of Plant Breeding

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ITHACA, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING Nanking

May 27, 1927

TRANSFER

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

Dear Miss Priest:-

I have your letter of May 13th calling my attention to the matter of the emergency fund which must be raised for the University of Nanking in the near future.

I have talked over with Dr. Love the matter of furnishing a list of names as you requested. At the present time we do not have any such list of names which we feel free to furnish in this connection. As a matter of fact as far as I am concerned personally, I do not have many connections with people whose names I would care to use in this way. We do feel however that it will be possible to do something by interesting some of the churches. I assume of course, that this would be one of your methods of attack.

We shall take steps therefore to do what we can to interest some of the churches here in this matter. Later I may be able to furnish you with a few names with whom I would communicate directly in this connection. I would do this after your campaign was organized and after we have more information concerning the exact purposes for which the money raised is to be used.

Assuring you that I am very much interested in the future work of Nanking and with the kindest regards, I am

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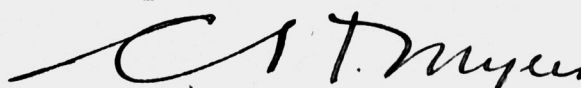
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Miss Elsie M. Priest:-

Sincerely yours,

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TRANSFER

May 27, 1927.

Prof. C. H. Myers,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

My dear Dr. Myers;

You will be surprised to see that I am here in New York. We reached this country about the 8th of May. Mrs. Bowen and the girls are in Minneapolis for the summer.

We are extremely sorry that Mr. Reisner and I were so foolish as to encourage Dr. Tiggans to come out to Nanking and we are very grateful that he did not take his family. We are sorry that we caused him so much loss of time and such great inconvenience. I am sure he would have carried forward the work that you and Dr. Love had started so favorably to an even higher level. We are in hopes that our Chinese staff can keep this part of the work going, and I believe they can do so to a certain extent. Mr. Reisner is holding things down from the Shanghai end. Our Chinese staff was running the University and when I left there were 350 of the college students back. We are very much in hopes that they can finish the term without interference.

You will be interested in the special appeal and we would be very grateful if you can forward this in any way as the situation for our Trustees and for our University supported staff is rather serious.

Hoping that I may be able to see you and talk matters over in the not distant future, I am

Cordially yours,

President.

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

Nanking

June 1, 1927.

Dr. A. J. Bowen,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TRANSFER

Dear Dr. Bowen:-

I was not surprised by your letter of May 27th stating that you were in New York. I had already heard that you were in this country and Mr. Ritchey had word of your visit to St. Louis. I was not surprised, therefore, to hear that you were in New York City.

I am very glad indeed to get the report of the reorganization that has been made with respect to the administration of the University of Nanking. I was also gratified to hear that such a large proportion of the students were back conducting their regular work. It is a tribute to the good judgment of yourself and your loyal associates at Nanking that you had surrounded yourself with Chinese advisers who have been able to step into the breach at this time and carry on when everything is in such a disturbed condition. I feel that in Dean Kuo and the others there, you have very excellent representatives indeed who will do everything possible, in fact everything that anyone could do, to keep the institution together.

I was also interested in the printed circular which told about the special campaign for the emergency fund

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Dr. A. J. Bowen (June 1, 1927) -- No. 2.

to partially take care of the losses incurred at Nanking. I would be glad if you would have sent to me some half dozen copies of this printed circular, together with the blanks for making subscriptions. I shall be glad to distribute these judiciously among acquaintances. I shall also fill out a blank for myself for all that I feel able to contribute at the present time.

I recently wrote to you and addressed the letter to your Minneapolis address. I do not know whether this letter will be forwarded or not, but there is one statement in it which I would like to repeat here, and that is that I hope that in the near future you can plan some of your trips so as to stop off at Ithaca and make us at least a short visit here. You can easily come through Ithaca at any time you wish to go to the West for the Lehigh Valley or Delaware Lackawanna either one have through trains and sleepers from New York to Ithaca and from thence to Buffalo and Chicago. So it would be a very easy matter for you to stop off here as you go back to the West. I hope you may do this.

Please give my kindest regards and best wishes to any Nanking friend whom you may happen to meet. With the kindest personal regards to yourself and family, I am, as ever,

Sincerely yours,



Professor of Plant Breeding

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

Ack.
Mr. Garside
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 DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

November 20, 1930

TRANSFER



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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I have your kind letter of November 5th offering the services of your office in connection with my trip to Nanking.

We had originally planned to leave about the middle of March as Dr. and Mrs. Wiggans did last year. With respect to cooperation between Yenching and Nanking, it is possible that I may be asked to come a month or six weeks earlier than originally contemplated. In that event I should probably leave Ithaca the last week in January. Until this matter is definitely settled, I cannot advise you even as to the approximate date of my sailing from the Pacific coast. I shall communicate with you concerning this at the earliest possible moment and if the matter is not settled soon I may find it desirable to hold tentative reservations for a while until the exact time of my leaving can be determined.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

C. H. Myers,
 Professor of Plant Breeding

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

TRANSFER

Nanking

December 16, 1930

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

Dear Mr. Garside :-

I had hoped to be able to notify you before this of definite request for accommodations on the "President Lincoln", sailing from San Francisco on January 30th. I have just received my grant of an additional leave of absence to enable me to go early this year, and we are intending to sail on the "President Lincoln" on the same date that Dean Reischer sails. I am in communication with the Dollar Line office, but have not yet got satisfactory accommodations in sight. As soon as this is adjusted I will communicate with you at once in order that you may procure the transportation.

I assume also that I may forward my passports to you in order that you may procure visas for Japan and China. If my assumption is incorrect, please notify me at once.

As you probably know, Mrs. Myers is going with me on this next trip and we have just recently decided to take our sixteen year old son with us also. Of course his traveling expenses will be borne entirely by myself. I will, however, ask you to make the reservations for me and to advise me in that way I shall make payment for my son's passage.

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I cannot leave Ithaca before January 24th, but Mrs. Myers will necessarily have to leave shortly after Christmas. I understand that our family will have the benefit of the clergy rate. At least I understood that that was true for Dr. Wiggins. If my assumption is correct here, would you please send us the necessary credentials in order that Mrs. Myers may obtain this rate when she procures her railroad ticket early in January.

Assuring you that I appreciate your kind offices in helping to arrange these matters, and with the kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Professor of Plant Breeding

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TRANSFER

University of Nanking

December 18, 1930

Professor C.H. Myers,
New York State College of Agriculture,
Department of Plant Breeding,
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Professor Myers:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 16.

We will await further word from you as to your wishes in regard to your sailing on the President Lincoln January 30. This afternoon I was talking with a representative of the Dollar Line who happened to drop into the office and he told me that the boats sailing from San Francisco in January are filling rapidly, so it would be wise for us to get in our reservations as quickly as possible. You mention that you are in communication with the office of the Dollar Line, but you do not state whether you are communicating directly with their office here in New York, or are dealing with an agent in Ithaca. Our office will not take any definite steps in the way of negotiation with the Dollar Line until we hear from you further. We will be able to obtain not only the usual 10% missionary discount but will also credit to you the 5% agency commission allowed by the company. If you negotiate your reservations through an agent in Ithaca or elsewhere they would naturally expect to place your order for you and to receive the 5% commission as a recompense for their services.

We will be very glad to have Japanese and Chinese visas affixed to your passports if you care to forward them to us. As a matter of fact, it is usually a simple matter for you to obtain these visas in San Francisco during the twenty-four hours preceding the sailing of the steamer, unless it should happen that the sailing is scheduled at the end of a holiday.

As to the method of making payment for reservations for Mrs. Myers and your son, our procedure has usually been as follows:- The University assumes responsibility for all expenses of your travel and one-half the expenses of Mrs. Myers. Our office usually purchases the steamer tickets for staff members going out at the expense of the University and advances to staff members a sufficient amount of cash to cover the cost of the railway travel, hotels and other incidental expenses en route, and to provide a reasonable margin for emergencies. On arrival at the University the staff member renders a travel accounting to Miss Priest, the Field Treasurer, and adjusts any balance remaining in his hands or due him from the University. Where a party is going out as in your case, in which the travel of some of the members is borne by the University and the travel of other mem-

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bers is partly or wholly a personal responsibility, the procedure of our office has usually been to purchase steamship tickets for the entire group where requested. If the total amount of such expenditures is more than what would be allowed by the University for the entire obligation it assumes toward the travel expenses of some members of the party we send a bill for the balance. Where we do not expend the entire amount we send a check for the balance due as an advance to the members of staff whose travel is wholly or partly borne by the University.

In your own case this would work out about as follows:

Steamship tickets from San Francisco to Shanghai -

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| 3 tickets at \$346.00 less 10% and 5%; plus tax \$5. ea. | \$902.49 |
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Amount estimated as required -

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| For your own travel | \$550.00 | |
| For Mrs. Myers, 1/2 | <u>275.00</u> | <u>825.00</u> |

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| Balance due University | \$ 77.49 |
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You will note that in the above tabulation I have deducted the 10% missionary discount for your son, as well as for Mrs. Myers and yourself. I believe that we can secure this discount under the ruling of the steamship companies that missionary reductions are allowed to "dependent members of families" thus entitled to such reduction.

I am enclosing Eastern and Western Clergy Application forms for Mrs. Myers and yourself, together with a mimeographed memorandum as to the procedure in filling out the different items on the blanks. Since these Clergy Certificates are issued only to adults who are actually engaged in missionary work, I am afraid that we cannot do more than to secure these Certificates for Mrs. Myers and yourself for there seems to be no provision under which we can secure a similar reduction for your son. If you will fill out and return these blanks to us we will at once forward the applications to these clergy bureaus. Just at this time of the year there is a great volume of applications for new Clergy Certificates so some delay is almost inevitable. Since Mrs. Myers is planning to begin her travel early in January it is desirable that her application should be filed at once. There is not the same reason for haste in connection with your own application since you will not leave before the twenty-fourth of January.

Please feel free to call upon our office at any time that we can be of assistance.

With all good wishes for the approaching holiday season, I am

Very cordially yours,

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B A GARSIDE

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601 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
December 12, 1930.

Professor C. H. Myers,
Professor of Plant Breeding,
New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University,
Cornell University Agricultural Experiment Station,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Professor Myers :-

Your letter of December 17th came to us in the same mail with a letter from Dr. H. H. Love in which he informed us that it would be necessary to make some changes in sailing for his trip to the Orient. This made available rooms #124 and #126, which we are very glad to assign to you and your family without bath in the S/S PRESIDENT LINCOLN, due to sail January 30th, from San Francisco to Shanghai.

Rooms #124 and #126, each without bath, take the rate of \$346.00 per adult passenger, at the two in the room basis. We hope that these two cabins will be satisfactory and that you can interest your friend to complete his booking reservation through you.

In order to avoid any possible misunderstanding, we confirm that any previous reservations offered you in the S/S PRESIDENT LINCOLN have been cancelled.

If you wish to accept rooms #124 and #126 please let us have your check for approximately \$300.00, to apply as deposit.

Very truly yours,

DOLLAR STEAMSHIP LINES, INC., LTD.

Per (signed) M. K. Miltzleff

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BREEDING

TRANSFER**Marking**

December 20, 1930

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

Dear Mr. Garside :-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 18th, enclosing applications for clergy certificates for Mrs. Myers and myself.

I am returning herewith the two applications filled out to the best of our ability and knowledge. I trust that they may be satisfactory and that they will serve the purpose for which they are intended.

Relative to my accommodations on the "President Lincoln", sailing from San Francisco January 30th, may I say that I have been in direct communication with the Dollar Line office, 604 Fifth Avenue. I have made no contacts with local representatives. I had expected to avail myself of the services of your office in procuring the tickets, but in order to save time was trying to obtain definite offer of accommodations before taking the matter up with you.

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which I have just received from the Dollar Line office in New York. You will note that they have made available Rooms 124 and 126, each with-out bath, at the rate of \$346 per adult passenger, two in the room basis. It was my intention that Mrs. Myers and I would occupy one of these rooms and that Dean Reisner and my son might occupy the other. I do not know whether this arrangement would be suitable to Dean Reisner, but I presume that he would rather room with my son than with a total stranger in case the boat were crowded and he could not have a room to himself. I presume that he will make his booking through your office. If so, I would be glad to have you get his reaction to this proposal and if it is feasible, will you please at once engage these two rooms for our party. If Mr. Reisner would prefer to be in some other room, you might reserve one of these rooms for Mrs. Myers and myself and place my son John in some other minimum rate room. You will note, by reference to the copy of the letter which I am enclosing, that the Dollar Line is requesting an immediate deposit to hold these rooms. I assume that you can arrange for this.

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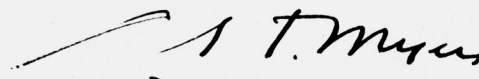
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I note the plan you suggest for advancing funds to cover my expenses and a half of those of Mrs. Myers, which involves the purchase by your office of the three steamship tickets from San Francisco to Shanghai. It will, of course, be helpful to me if the 10 per cent discount is also available for my son, and Mrs. Myers, as well as for myself. I note that your proposed plan involves advancing one-half of Mrs. Myers' expenses for the outgoing trip. In view of the fact that I am leaving Ithaca shortly after the first of the year, a time when fairly heavy demands are made upon my funds for interest and payments of indebtedness, it would be a great accommodation to me if you could advance all of Mrs. Myers' expenses for the outgoing trip. Within a couple of months I would be able to adjust this with the field treasurer, or it could be allowed to stand until the final accounting was made. In the latter case I, of course, would request no advance for Mrs. Myers' expenses on the return trip. Please be perfectly frank about this request of mine. If it is not feasible, advise me at once and I will make some other arrangement.

With regard to the visas, I may say that I cannot possibly leave Ithaca before January 24th and it may be a day or two later before I can close up my university work. This may mean that my time in San Francisco will be very short. I would feel much more comfortable about it if I had the Japanese and Chinese visas before leaving Ithaca. I am therefore mailing to you my passport, by separate registered mail, and will ask you to have these visas affixed.

Again assuring you that I appreciate your services very much in regard to these various matters, and wishing you all the compliments of the season, I am

Sincerely yours,



Professor of Plant Breeding

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Nanking

University of Nanking

December 23, 1930

Professor C.H. Myers,
Department of Plant Breeding,
New York State College of Agriculture
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Professor Myers:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 20, and also the receipt of your passport.

We are sending forward your clergy application blanks and I trust that within a few days you will be receiving these certificates.

I have communicated with Mr. Miltzloff of the Dollar Steamship Line and he has promised to hold cabins Nos. 124 and 126 on the President Lincoln, sailing of January 30, for us. I am also making inquiries of Dean Reisner as to the satisfactoriness of the suggested arrangement that he and your son occupy room No. 126. As soon as we have his reply I will go ahead and make formal confirmation of our reservations and ask the Steamship Company to turn over the tickets to us.

I see no objection to your suggestion that we advance the second half of Mrs. Myers' outgoing travel expenses, subject to your adjustment of the account later on with the Field Treasurer. We will, therefore, proceed on this basis in making the steamer reservations and send you the requisite cash advance.

As soon as the Japanese and Chinese visas can be obtained we will return your passport to you.

With all good wishes for the approaching holiday season, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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TRANSFER



December 26, 1950

Mr. D. A. Gerside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Gerside :-

Do you have copies for distribution of the
"Mission Code" used in cable communications. If so I
should be glad to have three copies.

Also may I inquire if it will be possible for
me to work through your office in communicating messages
or in having communications transmitted to me in case
of emergency, (*during the period I am in China*)

Sincerely yours,

C. T. Myers

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TRANSFER

University of Nanking

December 31, 1930

Dr. Clyde H. Myers,
Department of Plant Breeding,
New York State College of Agriculture,
Ithaca, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Myers:

I have your letter of December 26 asking whether we have available for distribution copies of the Mission Code. We have a copy of this code in our office library, but do not have any extra copies available. The code book is quite expensive, costing \$7.50 a copy. A new supplement to the code has just been issued which costs \$1.00. The supplement is of no value without the original code book. We would, of course, be glad to assist you in getting copies of the code if you so desire, but in view of the expense involved I doubt whether you would care to have us do so.

Our office will be happy to assist you in transmitting messages back and forth during the period you are in China. I am sure that the office of the President at the University of Nanking will also be happy to render you every possible assistance. President Chen is supplied with a copy of the Missions Code and all the necessary supplementary material, and messages in Mission Code are sent back and forth between our office and the University at frequent intervals.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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