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April 19, 1929

Mr. F. L. Partridge,
567 Ridgewood Road,
Maplewood, N.J.

My dear Mr. Partridge:

Dr. John R. Edwards of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions has just informed us that that Board on April 18 appointed you as one of their representatives on the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking. We hasten to assure you of the gratification of the Nanking Board of Trustees at your appointment and to express the sincere hope that you will find it possible to accept. As you know, the University of Nanking is one of the strongest of the Union Universities in China and I believe that in serving as a member of its Board of Trustees here in America you can render a very valuable service to the cause of Christian higher education in China. The Board holds an average of two or three meetings a year so I trust you will not find the responsibilities of membership excessive.

The semi-annual meeting of the Nanking Board of Trustees will be held in this building on the afternoon of Monday, April 22. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the docket for that meeting. We very much hope you will find it possible to be present.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE
Secretary

BAG-H

Enc.

LORD, DAY & LORD
25 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

CABLE ADDRESS
LORDATTY

January 4th, 1930.

Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:-

I have your notice telling me that there will be a meeting of the Board of Founders on next Tuesday at 2 o'clock and I regret that I cannot be present.

At 12.30 o'clock I have a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions; the next day I have a meeting with the Committee of Program and General Arrangements in connection with the Layman's Conference or Congress on "The American Business Man and Foreign Missions," and next Friday I have another Finance Committee meeting on the Missions Board.

On the postal I indicated that it would be impossible for me to attend on the 7th and I very much regret that I cannot meet with you.

It seems to me that probably somebody who has more time and whose engagements do not conflict as much as mine might better serve on the Board of Founders in my place and, if

so, I trust that the Board will feel free to make such substitution as seems to it best.

Faithfully yours,

Franklin L. Ward
(M.E.Bd.)

FLP/EA

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University of Nanking

January 6, 1930

Mr. F. L. Partridge,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr.Partridge:

Thank you for your letter of January 4.

We had received your card stating that you were not able to attend the meeting of the Nanking Board of Founders tomorrow, but I sent you a copy of the docket for the meeting for your information and for any comments and suggestions you might care to send us.

No member of the Nanking Board of Founders has ever been able to attend all meetings of the Board, or such committees as they may belong to. We hope you will not feel that you are in any way neglecting your responsibilities if you occasionally find it impossible to attend a meeting. We hae all been very grateful to you for the warm interest you have taken in the work of the Board since you were appointed a Trustee about a year ago. We look forward to a prolonged continuation of this relationship.

I am enclosing herewith a somewhat lengthy epistle based on the action of the Nanking Founders at the December 3 meeting, requesting you to take up with the Methodist Board the question of the status of their $100,000 fund for the College of Agriculture and Forestry. I have tried in this letter to give you the history of this fund and the most important facts concerning it. I notice you are having a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Methodist Board at noon tomorrow. Possibly you may find it desirable to bring up the matter at that time, or at least to pave the way for bringing it up at some other session.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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January 6, 1930

Mr. Franklin L.Partridge,
C/o Lord, Day & Lord,
25 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr.Partridge:

You will remember that the Nanking Founders at the meeting held on December 3 took the following action:-

> "BF-469 VOTED to request Mr.F.L.Partridge to confer further with the Methodist Board as to the status of their one hundred thousand dollar fund for the Department of Agriculture".

I should have written you before this to summarize the facts concerning this hundred thousand dollar fund, but I have found it necessary to make rather extensive search through our files and as a result my letter to you has been delayed. I will try to summarize below the essential facts in the matter.

When the auditors for the University of Nanking accounts made their report covering the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, they made the following comments concerning this hundred thousand dollar fund:

> "The endowment investments and the endowment funds, as shown by the books, each include an amount of $100,000 representing what was thought to have been a perpetual trust established for the benefit of the University by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This amount was taken up on the books of the university by authorization of the board of trustees.
>
> "In response to an inquiry by us through the assistant treasurer, the treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions wrote us under date of October 7, 1925, as follows:
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> > I have before me a letter addressed to the Board of Foreign Missions by Dr.Eric M.North, Assistant Treasurer, University of Nanking, in which question is raised as to the interest of Nanking University in $100,000 which our Board holds as endowment in its Permanent Fund. Below I am quoting the action taken by our Executive Committee on June 24, 1924:

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An amount of $100,000 shall be placed as a part of the permanent funds of the Board, the income on said amount annually to go to the support of Nanking University, this allotment being reckoned as meeting the amount in theCentenary agreement for endowment of Nanking University.

It is very evident from this that the $100,000 is to be part of our Permanent Funds and that the income is to go annually to the support of the Agricultural Department of Nanking University.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) Morris W.Ehnes,
Treasurer.

"It appears from this letter that the $100,000 is not an asset of the university held in trust by the Board of Foreign Missions, and consequently the amount has not been included in the annexed balance sheet. If this contention is correct, we recommend that the amount be written off the books of the university."

From year to year to year our auditors have repeated this recommendation originally made in 1925. However, no modification of the status of this hundred thousand dollar fund has been made by the Methodist Board, so the matter now stands substantially as it did four years ago.

Dr.Ehnes' letter, quoted above, gives the action of the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church on June 21, 1923 by which this fund was created. Dr.Ralph A.Ward wrote to the Secretary of the Nanking Board of Trustees on February 18, 1924, as follows:-

"I am writing for our common record to report that as a contribution thru the Board of Foreign Missions to the Endowment of Nanking University, there has been placed with the permanent funds of that Board $100,000. The income from this $100,000 at 5% per annum will be paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Nanking University quarterly, on January 15th, April 15th, July 15th and October 15th, for the support of the current work of the Department of Agriculture at Nanking University."

On June 10, 1925, the Nanking Board ofTrustees passed the following action:-

"T-244 VOTED that the Treasurer on approval of the Executive or Finance Committee be authorized to enter upon the balance sheet such endowment funds as may be held in perpetual trust by other corporations for the benefit of the University; and that such entry in the case of the Swasey fund and the Methodist Board's endowment for the College of Agriculture and Forestry be hereby authorized."

It was on the basis of this action of the Board of Trustees that the Treasurer of the Nanking Board of Trustees set up the $100,000 fund of the Methodist Board as an asset of the University of Nanking.

On June 25, 1929, the Audit Committee of the Nanking Board of Founders, in going over the report presented by our auditors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, noted that the auditors again challenged the correctness of the University's procedure in considering the $100,000 held by the Methodist Board as an asset of the University. The Committee at that time took the following action:-

> "EBA-449 VOTED that the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church be requested to give consideration to the comments of the University's auditors as quoted above and to take such steps as may be necessary to clarify the status of this fund as a part of the endowment of the University of Nanking"

I communicated this action to Dr.Ehnes and on November 12, 1929, he replied as follows:

> "In your letter you refer to the present status of the $100,000 on which Nanking University is receiving the income for its Agricultural Department.
>
> "As I have previously written you, this is a Permanent Fund of the Board of Foreign Missions and Nanking University is only entitled to receive the income on this amount each year.
>
> "I do not see how the Board can change its action in regard to this because it was thoroughly considered at the time the action was taken."

It was this last letter from Dr.Ehnes that led to the action taken by the Nanking Board of Founders on December 3 asking you to confer further with the Methodist Board as to the status of this $100,000.

General basis of Mission Board cooperation in Nanking. Soon after the University of Nanking was organized in 1910 the Methodist Board, the Presbyterian Board and the United Christian Missionary Society made an indenture defining their basis of cooperation. One of the clauses of this indenture is as follows:

> "Whereas the contributing parties above named have contributed in equal amounts toward the said land, buildings, and equipment so used and occupied as aforesaid by the University; that is, the sum of $40,000 each;"

Later the contributions of the three Mission Boards cooperating from the beginning were greatly augmented and the American Baptist Board was admitted to partial participation in the University. At the present time the amounts of the contributions received through the efforts of these four cooperating Mission Boards for the capital and endowment funds of the University are as follows:

Am.Baptist Foreign Mission Society

General Plant Funds	$31,764.	
Ambrose Swasey Endowment Fund	48,750.	$80,514.

United Christian Missionary Society

General Plant Funds		$66,6751	
Endowment			
Amount paid in $10,000	$10,000		
Amount pledged(interest paid at 5%)	30,000	40,000	$106,675

Board of Foreign Missions of the M.E.Church

General Plant Funds	109,432.	
Permanent fund for the College of Agriculture and Forestry	100,000	209,432

Board of Foreign Missions of the Presb.Church in the U.S.A.

General Plant Funds		226,277

From the above it is apparent that the United Christian Missionary Society has fallen somewhat behind in the scale of its giving to plant and endowment funds, whereas the Methodist Board and the Presbyterian Board have maintained an approximate equality. However, the Presbyterian Board has actually turned over to the University of Nanking the whole of its contribution of G$226,277. The Methodist Board has turned over to the University only o $109,432,oGeneral Plant Funds, and holds in its own possession the $100,000 permanent fund for the College of Agriculture and Forestry. The only thing desired by the Nanking Board of Founders at this time is that the status of the $100,000 fund for the College of Agriculture and Forestry be so defined by the Methodist Board as to make it clear that the University is correct in counting this fund as one of its assets. Perhaps the action already taken by the Methodist Board accomplishes this result. In that case it would perhaps be sufficient for someone connected with the Methodist Board to make suitable explanations to our auditors in reply to the criticism quoted above.

We will be grateful to you for anything you may be able to accomplish in clarifying this long standing problem. If our office can furnish you with other facts please let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG-H

B A GARSIDE

TWENTY-FIVE BROADWAY
NEW YORK

Nanking

March 15th, 1930.

TRANSFER

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

Dear Mr. Garside:-

I am sorry that I cannot attend the meeting of the Committee on Finance, Property and Investment of the University of Nanking next Thursday morning.

As requested in your letter of the 13th instant, however, I have carefully looked over the list of investments that the University holds and in general I think that it is a very fine list and very well diversified except, of course, that we have a large amount of the Preferred stock of Aluminum Company of America. This, however, is a very well secured investment and I have my doubts if we will be able to re-invest the proceeds in anything more secure and giving as good an income return.

You do not give enough particulars about the J. L. Fries, Inc., and Vintula mortgages to enable me to pass upon them.

As to the rest of the list, I agree heartily with Messrs. Spencer, Trask & Company's letter to you.

~~Faithfully yours,~~

Franklin Stanwood

FLP/EA

March 15th, 1930.

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

Dear Mr. Garside:-

I am sorry that I cannot attend the meeting of the Committee on Finance, Property and Investment of the University of Banking next Thursday morning.

As requested in your letter of the 13th instant, however, I have carefully looked over the list of investments that the University holds and in general I think that it is a very fine list and very well diversified except, of course, that we have a large amount of the Preferred stock of Aluminum Company of America. This, however, is a very well secured investment and I have my doubts if we will be able to re-invest the proceeds in anything more secure and giving as good an income return.

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Faithfully yours,

HAG:MA

Nanking

TRANSFER

University of Nanking

May 15, 1951

Mr. F. L. Partridge,
~~569 Ridgewood Road,~~ 25 Broadway
~~Maplewood, N.J.~~ N.Y.C.

My dear Mr.Partridge:

I am enclosing herewith a draft of the action you proposed at the Nanking meeting on May 12. Will you please study this over and see whether I have correctly represented your thoughts on this subject.

We are anxious to get the Nanking minutes in the China mail closing on Monday, May 18, so I will telephone you either tomorrow (Saturday) morning or else on Monday.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

Enc.

VOTED, in view of the fact that the Board of Directors has presented to the Board of Founders, in connection with the budget estimates for 1931-32, requests for special appropriations from gain on exchange amounting to L.C.$16,000.00 for items within the regular budget, plus L.C.$87,000.00 for items outside the regular budget, that the Directors be informed that the Founders do not anticipate nearly so large a gain in exchange during 1931-32 as is contemplated in these requests, and that the Directors be requested to rearrange these estimates on a greatly reduced basis and with the understanding that this available income from gain on exchange may be still further decreased if the Founders should find it necessary to accept during 1931-32 a sub-normally low income on the University's invested funds.

TWENTY-FIVE BROADWAY
NEW YORK

TRANSFER
Nanking

January 22nd, 1932.

University of Nanking,
C. A. Evans, Esq., Asst. Sec'y.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

I have your letter of the 20th instant with reference to the Vintula Realty Co. mortgage covering property on the corner of Seventh Avenue and 138th Street.

There are some details that I would like to have in connection with this investment that are not given in your letter.

Is the mortgage guaranteed by the Bond and Mortgage Guarantee Company as to principal and interest?

When is the principal due? Does the request for the release come to us from the company guaranteeing our mortgage?

The principal reason for the above questions is that if we are dealing with a guaranteed mortgage we must be very careful and not do anything that will in any way affect the security for, if we do, we are liable to lose our guarantee.

Please let me hear from you as to the above.

Faithfully yours,

Franklin L. Partridge

FLP/EA

University of Nanking

January 25, 1932

Mr. Franklin S. Partridge
569 Ridgewood Road
Maplewood, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Partridge

I am very sorry that I did not clearly weave into my letter the details on which you are asking information.

The mortgage on the Vintula property is still guaranteed by the Bond and Mortgage Guarantee Company as to principal and interest, and they have appended a clause to the guarantee approving the release of the small property adjacent. This move to release the collateral mortgage was instituted by the Guarantee Company when they found the collateral mortgage was of such little value and that it would involve us in the foreclosure proceedings of the smaller property. It would also conflict matters if foreclosure proceedings are to be started on the Vintula property itself. The principal is due January 1933.

Very truly yours

Assistant Treasurer

CAE:MS

TWENTY-FIVE BROADWAY
NEW YORK

TRANSFER

Nanking

January 29th, 1932.

University of Nanking,
C. A. Evans, Esq., Asst. Treas.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

I have your letter of the 25th instant with reference to the Vintula mortgage and, in view of all the circumstances, it seems to me that, inasmuch as we have accepted the guaranty of the Bond and Mortgage Guarantee Company, we should meet their wishes in so far as we reasonably can.

This is a mortgage that I certainly do not think we should continue any longer than is necessary and as soon as it is due I would recommend that payment be requested.

Very truly yours,

Franklin L. Partridge

FLP/EA

TWENTY-FIVE BROADWAY
NEW YORK

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January 29th, 1932.

University of Nanking,
C. A. Evans, Esq., Asst. Treas.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

I have your letter of the 28th instant with reference to the Vintula mortgage and, in view of all the circumstances, it seems to me that, inasmuch as we have accepted the guaranty of the Bond and Mortgage Guarantee Company we should meet their wishes in as far as we reasonably can.

This is a mortgage that I certainly do not think we should continue any longer than is necessary and as soon as it is due I would recommend that payment be requested.

Very truly yours,

FLP/EA

TWENTY-FIVE BROADWAY
NEW YORK

TRANSFER

Nanking

February 5th, 1932.

University of Nanking,
C. A. Evans, Esq., Asst. Treas.,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

I have your letter of February 3rd concerning the setting up of a pension fund to take care of the payments for premiums of Western members of the staff at the University of Nanking.

I really do not know very much about this pension fund and, as to the details, I am not informed.

With reference, however, to the setting up of a fund of approximately $6,000., I like the first combination in your letter of February 3rd very well.

If a fund for a greater amount than $6,000. is to be set up then perhaps we can consider a further diversification.

Faithfully yours,

Standish Backhouse

FLP/EA

TWENTY-FIVE BROADWAY
NEW YORK

TRANSFER

Nanking, February 5th, 1932.

University of Nanking,
C. A. Evans, Esq., Asst. Treas.,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

I have your letter of February 3rd concerning the setting up of a pension fund to take care of the payments for premiums of Western members of the staff of the University of Nanking.

I really do not know very much about this pension fund and, as to the details, I am not informed.

With reference, however, to the setting up of a fund of approximately $6,000., I like the line combination in your letter of February 3rd very well.

If a fund for a greater amount than $6,000. is to be set up then perhaps we can consider a further diversification.

Sincerely yours,

P.L.R./MA

TRANSFER

Nanking

University of Nanking

March 11, 1932

Dr. George B. Huntington
Mr. F. L. Partridge

Gentlemen

The University of Nanking has $16,000 New York City Revenue Bills coming due on Monday, March 14. We have secured the following suggestions for the reinvesting of this fund and would be pleased to have your vote as to which one or which ones would be acceptable for our portfolio. Possibly you have other suggestions, and if so, will you kindly telephone or drop us a line. The following are the suggestions:-

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Hydraulic Power of Niagara Falls First Refunding and Improvement 5s, '41, currently quoted at 99 to 100. This is a AAA bond and sold as high as 108½ in 1931.

Oregon Short Line Guaranteed First 5s, 1946, quoted at 97 to 100. These are guaranteed by the Union Pacific Railway, are a Aa and sold as high as 109-5/8 in 1931.

Commonwealth Edison First 5s, due in 1953, currently quoted at 97, no asking price. These are AAA bonds and sold in 1931 as high as 108-7/8.

Very truly yours

Assistant Treasurer

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TWENTY-FIVE BROADWAY
NEW YORK

Nanking

TRANSFER

March 15th, 1932.

C. A. Evans, Esq., Asst. Treas.,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

I have your letter of the 11th instant with reference to the reinvesting of proceeds from $16,000 New York City Revenue Bills that became due yesterday.

I cannot say that I am over-enthused about any of the recommendations in your letter.

Commonwealth Edison stock is now selling at 40 points lower than it did earlier this year, the rails do not seem to be able to bring in any better earning statements and Hydraulic Power of Niagara Falls is a bond that I am not personally acquainted with.

I would offer for the consideration of the Finance Committee

1930 H	1930 L	1931 H	1931 L			annual yield
106 3/8	103 1/2	108 1/2	99 3/4	Brooklyn Edison Company 5% Bonds due 1949	103 1/4	4.84
106	102 3/4	107 1/2	99	New York Edison Company 1st Lien and Refunding Mtge. 5% Gold Bonds due 1944	100	4.90
106 1/2	103	107 7/8	97 9/16	Southwestern Bell Telephone Company 5% Bonds due 1954 and	100 7/8	4.96
103 1/2	98 3/8	105 3/4	96	New York Telephone Company 1st and Gen'l Mtge 4½% Bonds due 1939.	99 3/4	4.51

If the Committee, however, is inclined to invest in Railroad securities, I would recommend

1930 1931
99½ - 93⅜ — 102½ - 85⅝ Union Pacific R.R. Co. 1st Mtge. R.R. and L.G. 4% Gold Bonds due 1947 or 93 4.30
98¼ - 90½ — 100¾ - 84 Norfolk and Western Rwy. Co. 1st Cons. Mtge 4% Gold Bonds due 1996. 90½ 4.47
AAA

Faithfully yours,

Franklin L. Partridge

FLP/EA

NOTE: The Guaranty Company are today offering Nassau County, N.Y. 5½% Five Year Notes on a 5.20% basis less 1/4. We have purchased some of these. I think they should be a very fine investment.

FLP.

If the Committee, however, is inclined to invest in Railroad securities, I would recommend

Union Pacific R.R. Co. 1st Mtge. R.R.
and L.C. 4% Gold Bonds due 1947 or
Norfolk and Western Ry. Co. 1st Cons.
Mtge 4% Gold Bonds due 1996.

Faithfully yours,

FLP/HA

NOTE: The Guaranty Company are today offering Kansas City, N.Y. 5½% Five Year Notes on a 5.20% basis less 1/4. We have purchased some of these. I think they should be a very fine investment.

TWENTY-FIVE BROADWAY
NEW YORK

March 25th, 1932.

Mr. C. A. Evans, Asst. Treas.,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

With reference to your letter of the 23rd instant concerning the investment I think it is of $16,000 now on hand, I would recommend that, in view of the present condition of our financial markets, we consider the best none too good.

Unless we already have other commitments in our portfolio, I would recommend the purchase of Brooklyn Edison 5's due 1949 and New York Edison 5's due 1944.

Faithfully yours,

Franklin L Partridge

FLP/EA

TWENTY-FIVE BROADWAY
NEW YORK

March 28th, 1932.

Mr. C. A. Evans, Asst. Treas.,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant concerning the investment I think it is of $16,000 now on hand, I would recommend the, in view of the present condition of our financial markets, we consider the best none too good.

Unless we already have other commitments in our portfolio, I would recommend the purchase of Brooklyn Edison 5's due 1949 and New York Edison 5's due 1944.

Yours very truly,

FLP/EA

F. L. Partridge

Nanking

June 14, 1932.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Evans,

My father has been ill for several weeks and at his request I send you herewith the six signature cards for the Sewing Trust Co. in connection with the University of Nanking.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Partridge

F. L. Partridge

TRANSFER

Nanking

University of Nanking

June 15, 1932

Miss Ruth Partridge
569 Ridgewood Road
Maplewood, N. J.

My dear Miss Partridge:

I did not learn of your father's illness until yesterday morning and I was greatly distressed to learn that the cards had been sent to your address and that probably your father would be bothered with a matter which could be taken care of at a later date.

Nevertheless, I greatly appreciate your promptness in taking care of the matter and trust you will remember me to Mr. Partridge. I am exceedingly sorry to learn of his illness and will keep in touch with his progress through his secretary.

Kindly extend to him my very best wishes for an early recovery.

Cordially yours,

CAE/MC

Charles T. Paul

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September 12
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Dr. Charles T. Paul,
College of Missions,
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Paul:

Your letter of September 10th just received. Unfortunately, for me and my family, I am not on my way back to China. I am frank to say I wish I were. Nor is it certain just when I can start.

Propositions concerning the support of the Union Hospital at Nanking and aid on the college work submitted to the China Medical Board are still under consideration. We expect definite reply within a week or two and there are some other matters for the University that must be attended to before I can return.

I am sorry that my plans are so indefinite just now. It was my opinion that this matter would be cleared up within two weeks and then I can make another trip to Cleveland, Chicago and other points and at that time, arrange for a good conference with you.

Dr. Butterick was very positive and sanguine that the Medical Board would meet our propositions. If they do, the situation in Nanking will be met in a splendid way.

If in this country, it would give me the greatest pleasure to attend your National Convention in October at Des Moines.

Hoping to meet you before long when we can have a good heart to heart talk over the whole China situation, believe me

Sincerely yours,

F/F

CHARLES T. PAUL
PRESIDENT

WALLACE C. PAYNE
REGISTRAR

OFFICE OF THE
COLLEGE OF MISSIONS
(THE SARAH DAVIS DETERDING MEMORIAL)
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

February 24th, 1919

Dr. J. E. Williams,
Care of Presbyterian Board of Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Williams:

The other day I sent you a night letter requesting you to send me photographs of the University of Nanking buildings, the Hospital and photographs of yourself and Dr. Bowen. I trust the telegram reached you. In case it did not I am here repeating the request. I desire these photographs to serve as illustrations in a small booklet on China, which I am getting out for our missionary societies. The book is to state as strongly and vividly as possible the China appeal for new missionaries. Dean Sarvis, who has been making me a visit, feels quite sure that you have some splendid material to assist me in my illustration. I may say that the press work, including photogravures, in the projected book will be the best that can be produced. I have the text about ready and have delayed the printing chiefly to secure the best illustrations possible of the whole Nanking University project. You might send me also photographs of projected buildings, if such have been made from the architect's drawings. I know this is quite a demand and I inflict it upon you only because I feel that the interests of the University will be forwarded by these additional photographs.

In case you do not have a photograph of Dr. Bowen could you have the kindness to telephone the Methodist Board and ask them to

send me one.?

I sincerely hope that you and I can have a visit in the near future.

With warm regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Charles T. Paul

P.S. I have declined the presidency of the Montevideo Seminary in South America.

Feb. 27, 1919.

President John T. Paul,

College of Missions, Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 24th instant to Dr. Williams is received in his absence from the city. He will return tomorrow evening when it will be brought to his attention. In the meantime I have written him regarding your request. I do not find the night letter you mention among Dr. Williams' correspondence, so cannot say whether or not it was received by him.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

March 4, 1919.

President Charles T. Paul,
College of Missions,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Dr. Paul:

It seems scandalous that you should be eager to write a good article on the University of Nanking and to put us on the map as you can, in better shape than any man I know, and that I should seem to be reluctant to send you a few pictures and a little data. The fact is I have been out of New York so much; I had to go down during all of February to conduct President J. Ross Stevenson's classes at Princeton. I had agreed to go for a few talks, then he suddenly left for France and told me that he had been informed by Dr. Halsey that I had consented to take his classes for all of the month of February. This just about scared me to death. This would have been dead easy for you and much finer for the boys had they got you. I fear I have given myself too much to University management, raising funds, etc. However, this was a fine experience for me and I enjoyed it very much. They have a Volunteer Band of 25 men.

I will confess I was a little prejudiced against Princeton Seminary, thinking it would be over-conservative for me. I didn't have so much dealing with the faculty of the Seminary as with the faculty of the University, but the boys were fine, and will make missionaries everyone of them that will go.

I am sending a picture of Dr. Bowen, the only one I have. He is such a modest chap that he won't allow people to take his picture. I enclose also one of myself that I had struck off recently for newspaper work. I am enclosing cut of the new language school building, the Meigs Hall. I think it is a good point in union. Funds in the amount of $30,000 were secured from Presbyterian sources by Presbyterian effort, to be put in a language school to be named for a missionary of the Christian Church. The beauty of it is that it was done unanimously and with the deepest appreciation by all concerned. It is a worthy memorial I hope of dear Brother Meigs and the splendid life of service he gave China. I am sending also copy of President Bowen's last report.

I think you ought to make a point of the fact that, owing to the war exchange, which forced a depreciation of silver from the rate of about 2.50 plus Mexican dollars for one dollar Gold to a rate of about dollar for dollar, the University lost on grants from the cooperating Boards a sum over the years 1917 and 18 of probably sixteen or seventeen thousand dollars Gold. The cooperating Boards have decided to treat the University just as they treat their missions

and to make up the exchange to a basis of two dollars Mexican for one dollar Gold.

I think it ought to be made clear to your people about the splendid undertaking of the Church, beginning with January of this year, to pay the interest on $40,000 for endowment, or $2,000 Gold a year additional. Also that Bishops Lewis and Bashford have undertaking a hundred thousand dollars for endowment from the Methodist Church, the interest on which it is expected will begin with January this year.

I wish I had pictures of the new Dispensary Building which was erected at a cost of about $28,000, with an additional (gold) $7,000 to be expended in furnishing. Mr. Roger Greene of the China Medical Board wrote Dr. Buttrick in enthusiastic terms of the excellency of the appointments in the new Dispensary Building, saying that he felt sure it would serve as a model for missionary and other hospitals in all regions of China. You will be interested in what Dr. Sloan has written in a letter just received:

> "I wish it might have been possible for you to be present at the opening of the new dispensary which was held on Saturday. Representatives were present from the Military and Civil Governors, House of Representatives, Red Cross, Chamber of Commerce, and many educational institutions. Mr. S. T. Wen presided at the meeting, and there were six other Chinese who took part. Dr. Price made the opening prayer, and Mr. Tao, of the Government Normal, made the closing speech. Mr. Tao was specially happy in his remarks. There were about 150 representative people present from all parts of the city, and we think the opening was really a success. A Chinese remarked at the close of the exercises that there were three classes of hospitals in the city. First, the American, philanthropic, progressive; second, the old style Chinese, rotten, useless; and third, the Japanese, which were merely political organizations. We are finding the new building admirably adapted to its purpose, and feel that we shall be able to render a much better service by reason of the increased facilities it affords/"

There is much in new developments for the Agriculture and Forestry Departments. Each mail brings additional news. The last news was that the Cotton Guild was going to underwrite $10,000 a year for three years for experiments to be conducted by the Agriculture Department. The Silk Guild of China has already been undertaking some $3,000 a year for experiment in the development of the mulberry and silk culture. The interesting fact is that the Agriculture and Forestry Departments have achieved without question a national position. Among the 210 students enrolled last year in these two departments in Junior and Senior College, 14 of the 18 provinces were represented. Governors of provinces as far distant as Yungnan have been sending students on scholarships to the department.

Possibly no news could be more cheering that letters just received this week from Pres. Bowen giving an account of a visit to the alumni at Wuhu and Hankow alumni. The alumni at Nanking started the ball rolling with pledges for $12,000 to start a new business department in the University. They are now certain that the alumni will contribute $30,000 toward this fund and they are going to undertake to secure $20,000 more from Chinese friends. They have an ambition not only to support this department in toto in China, but also to erect a special Alumni Building for the purpose.

I think your people will be specially interested in Dr. C. T. Wang's remarks to the Board of Trustees at their meeting which occurred on the 6th of December last, a copy of which I enclose. These remarks are the more significant now when it is understood that Dr. Wang is next in order of importance of China's representatives at the Peace Conference to Lu Chen-Hsing, and since he represents both the North and the South, which no other member does, his influence may be even greater. Mr. Wang has been a strong backer of the University from the beginning. At the Peace Conference he will be the one man who not only knows America and has travelled in Europe and has travelled extensively over China, but has also had two years experience in Japan and speaks the Japanese language.

Wishing you all success in your writeup of the University and expressing my deep gratitude for what you are doing,

As ever most heartily yours,

P.S. I am interested that you turned down the Montevideo proposition. The biggest proposition before you now, as always, is Nanking. It only grows from year to year.

Encl.

CHARLES T. PAUL
PRESIDENT

WALLACE C. PAYNE
REGISTRAR

OFFICE OF THE
COLLEGE OF MISSIONS
(THE SARAH DAVIS DETERDING MEMORIAL)
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

March 15th, 1919

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

My dear Dr. Williams:

I wish to thank you most cordially for your good letter of the fourth, and also for the photographs and other material which you sent me for my forthcoming booklet. I have been able to turn to good account almost every fact you mentioned in your letter, and I have made most copious use of the address of Dr. Wang before the trustees. The little book will amount to one hundred pages or so. It is now in the hands of the printer and will be ready in a couple of weeks. I will send you a copy as soon as it is off the press.

I have recently had a visit from Mr. Sarvis. He has been giving us some lectures at the College of Missions; and, of course, we have talked quite fully about the situation in China. He does not seem to feel that there is any need of my going out to the University; but talks as if I might accomplish something at the Theological Seminary.

I wonder whether you are contemplating coming to Indianapolis in the near future, or whether you can deliberately plan to come? I have been anxious to have you visit us for a couple of addresses on China; besides I am eager to see you about the situation in Nanking. We expect to have Dr. Macklin here about the second week in April. Would it not be great if you could be here at the same time?

I trust you are meeting with encouraging success in your efforts to secure facilities in men and ~~women~~ money for the work at the University. I hope my booklet may be of some service for the purpose of general publicity. The Foreign Society is so pleased with what I have prepared that they propose to issue a large edition for more general circulation after the present edition is off the press. What I am issuing now has been written for students and is ~~written~~ linked up with definite appeals for missionary reinforcements in each of our stations in China. In case the new edition comes out, I wish to eliminate all appeals and greatly extend the descriptive sections. In such a revision I know I shall need to call on you for special guidance in enlarging upon the work in the University.

With warm regards, and in the hope that we may be able to meet in the near future, believe me

Most sincerely yours,

Charles S. Paul

CHARLES T. PAUL
PRESIDENT

C. T. Paul

WALLACE C. PAYNE
REGISTRAR

OFFICE OF THE
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INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

April 22nd, 1919

Dr. J. E. Williams,
Vice President Nanking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Williams:

I am grateful for your letter of April 10th together with a copy of the announcement concerning the Language School at Nanking. Let me congratulate you and all who are concerned in the development of this language school upon the success of your efforts and the brightness of your prospects.

I had been hoping for a visit with you in order to discuss among other matters the whole question of language training. You are aware of the slight experiment we have been making at the College of Missions in the way of an introduction to phonetics and the testing out of a candidate's ability to acquire a language. For Chinese our tests include some preliminary work in the vernacular. It is not our desire to conflict in any way with the work of the language school at Nanking. A number of scientists and missionary authorities are deeply interested in our experiment. We have not gone sufficiently far to be able to make a final pronouncement.

This leads me to say that for next year we are in need of a young Chinese scholar, preferably a graduate of the Nanking University, who can give preliminary instruction in Chinese while pursuing college studies.

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It has occurred to me that there might be within the scope of your acquaintance some Chinese student in America who would be helped by this opportunity of self-support. If you know of any such student, I would be grateful if you will put me into communication with him.

Recently Mrs. Paul and I had a delightful visit from Dr. Macklin who was in our home several days while delivering lectures at the College of Missions. I had to buy the Doctor a new ax wherewith he hewed up almost everything available in the little woods at the back of our house. He got me out before breakfast to help him in the operation. We certainly sent him away from Indianapolis in good health and spirits.

The little book on China will be out next week I hope, and as soon as it is ready I will send you a copy.

With warm regards, as ever,

Very sincerely yours,

Charles T. Paul

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June 24, 1919.

Rev. Charles T. Paul,
College of Missions,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Prof. Paul:

I was delighted to receive your letter of the 21st this morning. Yes, the fifty copies of "The Call To China" came and I have been using them with good effect. You have rendered a real service to the Mission and the Cause in China by this delightful little book.

The need of you and Mrs. Paul at Nanking was never greater than now. We have not secured our full quota for the Seminary. If you were to go over now, you would tremendously strengthen the Institution and the work of the University. Your Missions must have had two men on the Faculty of the Seminary; at present, they have no one. You can vizualize better than I can describe, the doors that would be open to you in the Language School, the University, the Seminary, among the leading questions. The decision is only up to you two to make. It would be the greatest pleasure to Mrs. Williams and I to see you in Nanking, and, I am sure, to all our Colleagues.

With warm regards,

As ever,

JW:CS

May 12, 1919.

Rev. J. M. B. Gill,

Nanking.

My dear Mr. Gill:

In line with our conversation of yesterday, I am writing to say that it will give me very great personal pleasure if the Central Theological School of the Episcopal Societies in China is located in Nanking, and I do not doubt but that this feeling will be shared by our Board of Managers and our Trustees, especially if it is situated near the present Union Seminary and not far distant from the University. There would be the possibility of exchange of professors, some - likely many - classes in common, and a communion and fellowship of students that would be mutually helpful, not only to the students and professors themselves, but to the developing Chinese Church. So from every point of view it seems to me to be a desirable matter to encourage. Should it come to Nanking, I would hope it might be alongside of the Union Seminary, possibly both schools sharing the same athletic field, if not the same general campus, enlarged by this added school with its own buildings and residences.

Cordially yours,

C J Bowen

Chas. T. Paul

CHARLES T. PAUL
PRESIDENT

HARRY C. HURD
REGISTRAR

OFFICE OF THE
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(THE SARAH DAVIS DETERDING MEMORIAL)
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

June 22, 1916.

Rev. J. E. Williams, D. D.,
C/o Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

My dear Doctor Williams:

I was surprised and delighted to learn from Dr. McLean a few days ago that you are in America. My understanding is that you are here chiefly on business connected with the University of Nanking. I am wondering whether it is within your plan to pay a visit to Indianapolis? I should like very much to talk some matters over with you, in case it is possible for us to meet. Upon my return from South America, I found a number of letters from China awaiting me. There are some rather urgent ones emanating from Nanking School of Theology. There are a hundred questions I should like to ask you. Will you please drop me a note at your earliest convenience, giving me some outlines of your travel plans for the next few weeks? I shall be here until about July 20th, and very much hope that you can come this way.

Mrs. Paul joins me in warmest greetings.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles T. Paul

CTP-M

John L. Paul

NIGHT LETTER

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June 24, 1926.

Chas. T. Paul,

College of Missions,

Indianapolis, Indiana.

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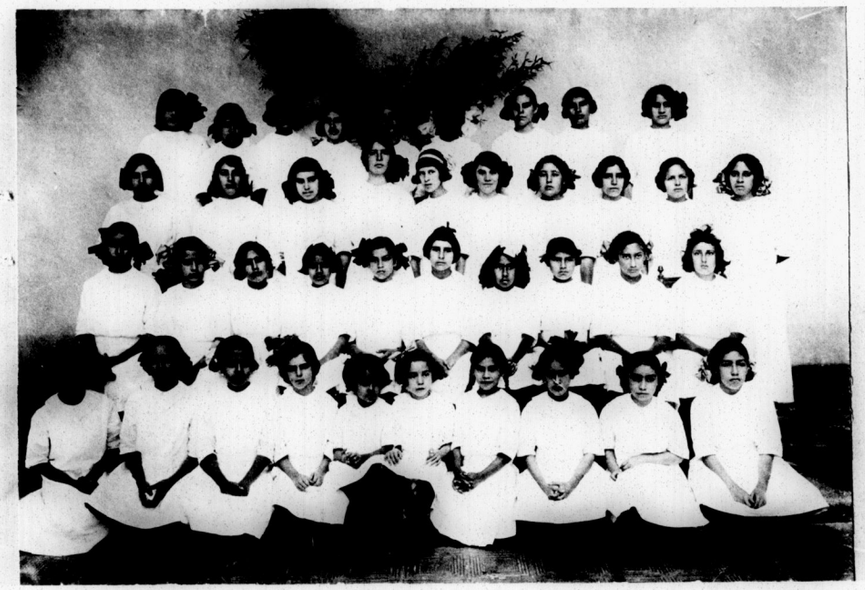

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October 1915

On the way to
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A Missionary Group on a nearby Finca.

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INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Charles T. Paul

June 25th, 1919

Dr. J. E. Williams,
Vice President Nanking University,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Dr. Williams:

By this mail I am sending you the photographs which you so kindly loaned me for illustrations in the little book on China. I regret that the engravers have even slightly defaced them by puncturing the margins with tacks. I sincerely regret that I cannot return to you perfect copies, yet I hope you will not deem the present ones entirely ruined.

If you need more copies of "The Call of China", please do not hesitate to call on me for the same. It gives me great pleasure to know that you are finding the book even a little helpful in presenting the claims of the University.

I very much wish that I could have a talk with you about the future. Perhaps I can see you in New York later on. Will you be there during July and August?

With warm regards, I am

Most sincerely yours,

Charles T. Paul

C. T. Paul

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June 30th, 1919.

Charles T. Paul, President,
College of Missions,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Paul:

I am delighted to receive your letter of June 25th. I may call on you for more copies of "The Call of China".

I shall probably be in New York most of July and August. I am supplying the West End Church and other churches during July and shall be here except during the week of the 13th to the 20th when I shall have to be at Silver Bay. The following week, the 20th to the 27th I will be here, undoubtedly.

I should like very much to have a good talk with you about the future. You have the kind of spirit and the scholarship that is peculiarly needed in our Seminary at this time. If you could give five years to it you would help to put it right in the first place of all schools in China. It has maintained that place up to the present time but now we are at a critical time and we need a forceful personality of great capacity to put the school in right relationship with the University and the Missions and with the great opportunity of all the Churches.

With warmest regards to Mrs. Paul and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

JEW:M.

August 12, 1916

President Charles T. Paul,
Missions College,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Professor Paul:

I had hoped to have an opportunity to talk things over with you during the summer, at the time of my visit to my family in Ohio. Although I spent a couple of weeks with my mother, and brothers and sisters and Mrs. Williams' family, I was suddenly called back to New York by telegraph for a conference here, and this cut short the time I had planned for seeing you in Indianapolis.

What are your plans this summer? Where are you at present? I may go out to Ohio again in a week or so. Would it be possible to arrange to see you at that time? There are a number of important things, not only in the work in China, but also of the situation in America, that I should like to talk over with you.

With most cordial greetings to Mrs. Paul and yourself, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

JEW-ET.

Chas. T. Paul

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INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Bowmanville, Ont., Canada,
Sept. 10, 1916.

Dr. J. E. Williams,
Vice President, The University of Nanking,
New York.

My dear Dr. Williams:-

Your good letter of Aug. 12. reached Indianapolis after I had left on a trip. It has come to me here, but I fear this reply is too late to secure me the privilege of a visit with you! Yet I trust something may keep you long enough in America to enable me to see you! I return to Indianapolis next Wednesday. Will you be anywhere in the West within the next month? If so, I would go considerable distance to meet you. Is there any chance of your attending our (Disciples) National Convention in October at Des Moines?

I realize it is quite possible you are already on your way back to China. If not will you kindly drop me a further note as to your movements. Please send it to Indianapolis.

In the ardent hope of meeting you,
Believe me
Very sincerely yours
Charles T. Paul

Chas. T. Paul

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September 26, 1916.

Dr. J. E. Williams,
Vice-President, University of Nanking,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear friend:-

I was glad, on my return from Canada, to receive your favor of September 12th. While regretting your own disappointment at not getting back to China sooner, I cannot help feeling gratified at the possibility of yet having a visit with you. Do not fail to let me know if you should come within easy range of Indianapolis. If you can come up and be our guest for a day or two, so much the better. Can you tell me definitely whether or not you will be at our National Convention in Des Moines?

I am interested in the great propositions you have before you with regard to Nanking. May you be successful in your negotiations with Dr. Buttrick. I look forward with deep interest to a good heart to heart talk over the whole China situation. Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Charles T. Paul

CTP:b

October 4, 1916

Rev. Charles T. Paul
College of Missions
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Friend:

I am still detained in New York trying to work out a final settlement for the medical situation. It is certainly a very difficult problem. Dr. Buttrick seemed fully to endorse our proposition. Now Mr. Greene on the field is raising many questions, wanting to modify the proposition in some respects. What the final outcome will be I cannot now say. There will be a meeting of their Board on the 24th of this month and the matter will be finally acted upon. We can only pray and hope for a satisfactory arrangement. I do so want to see you and have a heart to heart talk over many matters and will bear in mind the possibility of seeing you in Indianapolis if I go West.

With very kindest regards to Mrs. Paul,

Very sincerely yours,

JEW/MAB

Peddie School

Hightstown, N.J.
1924

TRANSFER

April 16, 1924.

Mr. Roger W. Swetland,
Peddie Institute,
Heightstown, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Swetland:

I am taking the liberty of writing to you upon a matter which may not have come to your attention, in connection with the death, last May, of Mr. Charles S. Keen.

As you doubtless know, Mr. Keen was a graduate of Peddie Institute and for a number of years, was Dean of the Department of Missionary Training at the University of Nanking.

In this position he rendered a truly unique service to the cause of missions in China. He was in every sense an outstanding man in his field and it has seemed appropriate to his colleagues and friends in China to set up some sort of a memorial to him.

The plan is to establish a Keen Memorial Library of books on China. This is something that Mr. Keen was very anxious to have accomplished before he died, and so his friends are seeking to set up the library as a memorial to him.

An appeal has been made to the alumni of Bucknell University, from which he graduated, to assist in raising funds for this purpose. Up to the present time, about $150 has been received from various friends who were associated with him in his college days.

I am writing to inquire whether you would be willing to present the matter to the Peddie Alumni who may have been in school about the same time that he was, and because of their interest in him, might be willing to make some contribution for this purpose. The sum of $8,000, Chinese currency has already been raised in China. The desire is to secure at least $15,000 for this purpose.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary,
University of Nanking.

LBM/KJL

TRANSFER

Keen Memorial

Nanking

THE PEDDIE SCHOOL
HIGHTSTOWN, N. J.

HEADMASTER'S STUDY
ROGER W. SWETLAND, LL.D.

April eighteenth
1 9 2 4

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 16 is just at hand and I want to assure you that the appeal for a memorial in behalf of the late Charles S. Keen has my hearty approval. I am forwarding your letter with the circular to Mr. W. W. Wyckoff, a member of Mr. Keen's class at Peddie, who is likely to be interested in the project and who might be willing to undertake to canvass members of their class and others among Peddie alumni who knew Mr. Keen. Should Mr. Wyckoff advise me favorably I will notify you.

Very truly yours,

R W Swetland
Headmaster.

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

RWS K

THE PEDDIE SCHOOL
HIGHTSTOWN, N. J.

HEADMASTER'S STUDY
ROGER W. SWETLAND, LL.D.

April twenty-ninth
1 9 2 4

Dear Mr. Moss:

Referring again to your letter of April 16 relative to the proposed Keen Memorial Library, I wrote Mr. W. W. Wyckoff, one of the leading members of the class of which Mr. Keen was a member at Peddie, and have a reply from him to the effect that he will be glad to use his influence in helping along with the library, but that he is too busy to undertake any details. He suggests that a letter might be sent to the classes at Peddie which include those who were acquainted with Mr. Keen and from his letter I take it that he would be willing to allow his name to be used as endorsing such a letter. If, therefore, you care to take the matter up with these classes and submit a copy of the circular letter you would like to send out to them, I will forward to you a list of the names and addresses. Please advise me.

Very truly yours,

R W Swetland

Headmaster.

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

RWS K

THE PEDDIE SCHOOL
HIGHTSTOWN, N. J.

HEADMASTER'S STUDY
ROGER W. SWETLAND, LL.D.

Nanking

TRANSFER

May fifteenth
1 9 2 4

Dear Mr. Moss:

Your letter of May 14 is at hand and I approve the suggested circular letter, two copies of which you enclose. I am, therefore, sending one copy to Mr. Wyckoff and return the other copy herewith enclosed, with an endorsement note at the end of the letter and signatures of members of Mr. Keen's class at Peddie who have indicated their approval of the plan and their willingness to endorse it.

Very sincerely yours,

R W Swetland

Headmaster.

Leslie B. Moss, Assistant Secretary,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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Keen Memorial

THE PEDDIE SCHOOL
HIGHTSTOWN, N. J.

HEADMASTER'S STUDY
ROGER W. SWETLAND, LL.D.

TRANSFER

Banking

May twentieth
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Dear Mr. Moss:

Acknowledging your 19th of May letter, I am enclosing herewith list of three classes at Peddie. Mr. Keen was a member of 1895, but Mr. Wyckoff suggests that the class previous to his and the one following his would be likely also to be interested in any plans that might be made for a memorial. You will, therefore, feel at liberty to circularize all the names given.

Hoping that you may be successful in your efforts,

Sincerely yours,

R W Swetland

Headmaster.

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

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Letters rec'd 5/27/24

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PRESIDENT & TREASURER
156 FIFTH AVENUE

May 22, 1924.

To the Alumni of the Peddie School:

Peddie is known in all parts of the earth and always favorably, because of the character of her sons who have spread her fame abroad. Among those who have given their best to the world in its darker places was CHARLES S. KEEN who graduated from Peddie in 1895. He later graduated at Bucknell University and Rochester Theological Seminary and then went to China as a missionary in 1902 under the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

For years he served as an evangelist and teacher in the Kinhwa district in East China. His proficiency in the Chinese language together with his many inspirational qualities caused him to be selected for the deanship of the Department of Missionary Training at Nanking and from 1913-1923 he was conspicuously successful in this work.

He loved the privilege of initiating the new missionaries into the intricate mysteries of Chinese life and thought. He had the happy faculty of emphasizing essentials and ministering to the immediate needs of those he led. His enthusiasm was perennially contagious and many, both Chinese and Americans, were strengthened daily by their contact with him.

In May, 1923, his earthly career was terminated by a fatal attack of typhoid fever. But his life and character still speak in China through the lives of many whom he taught to speak that difficult language.

His friends are anxious to do him honor, and to perpetuate his memory by an enduring tribute. It has therefore been decided to establish a "Keen Memorial Collection of Books relating to China."

It is planned to raise $7,500 in U.S.Gold of which it is expected that two-thirds will be secured among his missionary friends in China. The other third, or Gold $2,500 should be obtained here in America. The funds are to be used for the purchase of books relating to China, and partly for endowment, the annual proceeds to make possible additional purchases from year to year.

The funds and the books will be administered by a committee consisting of the President of the University,

the new Dean of the Language School, the University Librarian and representatives of the Student Library Committee of the Language School.

Mr. Keen's heart was in this school. The best years of his life were given to it and he died in its service. It is a training center for missionaries of all mission boards and thus an agency of great multiplying power strategically located. It has made a tremendous contribution to missionary endeavor in the last decade and because of its sure foundations laid under Mr. Keen it will continually increase in power and usefulness. It stands at the doorway of service for all and such a library as that proposed can be of inestimable advantage to China. By supporting this you are helping to perpetuate a work worthy of the spirit and purpose of Peddie. I count it a privilege to place this matter before you in the confidence that you will wish to share in such a tribute.

Subscriptions should be sent to Dr. Swetland at the Peddie School, to be transmitted to the committee in charge.

Leslie B. Moss
Assistant Secretary
University of Nanking

The above plan has been submitted to us by Mr. Leslie B. Moss, Assistant Secretary of the University of Nanking, and meets with our approval, as members of the class of 1895 at Peddie.

SIGNED: W. W. Wyckoff
H. S. Burrowes
A. S. Grier
H. S. Higgins
R. M. Ivins

THE PEDDIE SCHOOL
HIGHTSTOWN, N. J.

HEADMASTER'S STUDY
ROGER W. SWETLAND, LL.D.

Nanking

TRANSLIT

May twenty-third,
1 9 2 4

Dear Mr. Moss:

Herewith enclosed I am handing you check for five dollars donated by Mr. W. W. Wyckoff of the class of '95 at Peddie to apply on the fund for the Memorial Library in honor of the late Charles S. Keen. If other subscriptions reach me they will be forwarded in due course.

Very truly yours,

R W Swetland

Headmaster.

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

RWS K

THE PEDDIE SCHOOL
HIGHTSTOWN, N. J.

HEADMASTER'S STUDY
ROGER W. SWETLAND, LL.D.

June second
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Dear Mr. Moss:

Enclosed please find check for two dollars on the Keen Memorial Fund from Dr. Walter E. Nichols, of the class of '95 at Peddie.

Very truly yours,

R W Swetland

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