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**TRANSFER**

February 19th, 1913.

The Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D.,  
Chambers of Commerce Bldg.,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Dr. Chester:-

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking at its meeting on Saturday, January 27th, the following report presented by the Committee whose names are signed to this letter was presented and adopted;

The Committee of the Medical Department of the University and the Union Medical School reported that in conference with Dr. Beebe and Mr. Williams it had considered the present situation, having before it the actions taken by the Acting Board of Trustees of the East China Union Medical College at its third meeting in Nanking, June 21st and 22nd, 1912, and also the action of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking at its meeting on November 24th, together with the reports from Dr. Beebe and Mr. Williams of conferences with the Secretaries of the Missionary Boards of the Northern and Southern Baptist Churches, the Committee recommended that the following resolution be sent to each of the three Mission Boards not now cooperating in the University, namely - the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States;

"In view of the resolution of the Acting Board of Trustees of the East China Union Medical College, adopted at its meeting on June 21st-22nd, a copy of which is attached hereto, and in view of the action of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking at its meeting on November 24th, 1911, a copy of which Minute is attached hereto, the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking hereby invite the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. to join with the University of Nanking in conducting the East China Union Medical College and the Medical Department of the University of Nanking, and to this end invites these three organizations to appoint each a representative on the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking."

The Committee recommended further that a letter be sent by the Committee in the name of the Board to these three Societies explaining the reasons for this action, and that the Committee be

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authorized to assure the Boards named that the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking is prepared to waive the terms of admission to the University, stated in the provisional Constitution, and to admit to the Board of Trustees of the University the representatives of the agencies named on condition that each will supply one doctor for the faculty of the Medical School, with a proportionate share of the expense of the Medical School, and will do what may be possible toward aiding in the property equipment.

The action of the Acting Board of Trustees of the East China Medical College referred to above, was as follows;

On behalf of the Committee appointed to secure information concerning the organization of a permanent Board of Trustees, Dr. Beebe presented a report, recommending that the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking, with additional representatives from Missionary Societies participating in the Medical School but not in the University, should hold the properties of this Medical School

VOTED: That the Acting Trustees of the Medical College recommend to the Home Boards of the Missionary Societies represented, that the properties of this institution be entrusted to the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking, provided that arrangements can be made whereby the Societies not now represented on that Board may secure such representation as is considered equitable, and that the direct control of the Medical College be vested in a Board of Managers, on the field, appointed by the Missions participating in the Union Medical College.

VOTED: That, realizing the possibility of legal or other obstacles to the foregoing plan, we recommend as an alternative proposition, that a Board of Trustees consisting of two representatives from each of the participating Missionary Societies, be organized in the United States, for the purpose of holding and administering the properties of this institution, and that the direct control be vested in a Board of Managers on the field appointed by the participating Missions.

The action of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking, adopted at its meeting on November 24th, 1911, was as follows;

Concerning the proposition of the Union Medical College presented by Dr. Beebe, it was moved that it is the sense of the Board of Trustees that the East China Union Medical College be invited to become an integral part of the University of Nanking to be represented on the Board of Trustees on a basis to be mutually agreed upon and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the East China Medical College through Dr. Beebe.

The reasons for the action taken by the Board we feel are clear and convincing;

1. - The Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking is already incorporated by charter from the Board of Regents from the University of the State of New York. It would be confusing and it would seem to be unnecessary to have a second Board of Trustees.

2. - A separate Board of Trustees for the Medical School could not secure a charter from the Board of Regents of the

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State of New York without having \$100,000 in equipment and endowment. In the absence of sufficient equipment and endowment to meet this requirement, a second Board of Trustees of the Medical School would have to seek incorporation elsewhere than in New York, which would mean that the degrees which it could confer would be inferior to those which could be conferred by the Medical Department of the University of Nanking, which are degrees of the University of the State of New York. As part of the University, the total equipment and endowment of the University are accepted as covering the requirement of \$100,000.

3. - It is in the highest degree desirable, both for efficiency and economy, that the educational work of the Missions in Nanking should be coordinated in the most harmonious way possible. The University, of course, requires this Medical Department in order to complete its work, and the East China Union Medical School requires affiliation with the University in order that it may do its work.

4. - The original requirements of the Constitution of the University for the admission of any new body were as follows;

A. Each Mission entering the union shall be entitled to full representation (i.e. by four members) on the Board of Managers, upon meeting the following conditions;

(1) Funds or property shall be provided of a minimum value of \$40,000 gold.

(2) Three regularly appointed missionaries who may become members of the faculty upon appointment by the Board of Managers.

(3) An annual cash guarantee, toward current expenses, of not less than \$2400 gold, until such time as these expenses together with those arising from development, etc. are so amply covered by endowment that those funds are no longer required for the maintenance and proper development of the University.

B. Any Mission which cannot meet all the conditions for full representation as stated in Clause A. of this section may secure partial representation as follows: - By providing \$10,000 gold in money or available property, one instructor and \$600. Gold for current expenses, a mission may secure one representative on the Board of Managers. For \$20,000 gold, two instructors and \$1200 gold for current expenses a mission may have two representatives. For \$30,000 Gold, three instructors, and \$1800 gold for current expenses, a mission may have three representatives.

The annual cash guarantee mentioned above has since been raised to \$3000 and the number of missionaries on the faculty from three to four. The Board of Trustees of the University feel so keenly the desirability of the union of the Medical College with the University, and are so eager to respond to the request of the Acting Board of Trustees of the Medical College on the field, that they are willing to waive these requirements of the Constitution, asking only that which your Mission on the field has already agreed to provide, namely, one doctor for the faculty of the Medical School and a proportionate share of the expense of the Medical

School, with the added hope that you will give such help as you may be able to in our efforts to provide the necessary property equipment, but no requirement is laid down on this point. The Board of Trustees of the Nanking University are putting the property needs of the Medical Department on their own scheme of necessities for which they are seeking now to secure more than half a million dollars for equipment and endowment.

5. - The proposal which our Board now makes to you does not invite you to assume any more responsibility than your representatives have already undertaken in the Medical College. It is simply an offer to you of such representation on the Board of Trustees of the University as your representatives on the field have asked that you should have. In accepting this proposal it is understood that your connection is through and on account of the Medical School, although it at any time in the future you wish to participate more largely in the union, the way will be open, but no responsibility for advancing in that direction is involved.

Please let us know if there are any questions which we can answer.

We might perhaps add that the meeting of the Acting Board of Trustees of the College on June 31st-33rd was attended by the following members;

Dr. Robert C. Beebe, Methodist Episcopal Mission  
 Dr. William E. Hacklin, Foreign Christian Mission  
 Dr. Phillip S. Evans, Jr., Southern Baptist Mission  
 Dr. W. H. Venable, Mid-China Presbyterian Mission, South  
 Dr. J. B. Woods, North Kiangsu Presbyterian Mission, South  
 Dr. M. D. Eubank, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society  
 Dr. Samuel Cochran, American Presbyterian Mission

Trusting that we may have soon the pleasure of an encouraging reply to the proposal of our Board of Trustees, we are

Very faithfully yours,

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TRANSFER



June 6, 1912.

The Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D.,  
154 Fifth Avenue, N.,  
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Chester:-

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking on May 30th, I was unable to make any report as to the progress which you were making with reference to our invitation to the Southern Presbyterian Board to join with the University of Nanking in conducting the East China Medical School.

The Board was encouraged to receive a favorable reply from the Southern Baptist Board and notification of the election of their representative to our Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees also voted to invite the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South to join with us in the conduct of the Medical School, having been informed of favorable action by their representatives on the field.

The Board of Trustees does not wish to press the matter unduly. On the other hand, it is anxious to determine the matter at an early date if possible in order that we may take the necessary formal steps to secure from the Board of Regents of the University of New York, an amendment to our charter in order that we can formally admit the new Trustees made necessary by the Medical Department.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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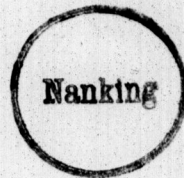
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June 14, 1912.



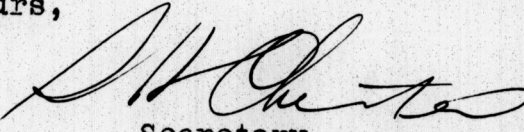
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Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Brother,-

The enclosed copy of my letter to Mr. Speer will put you in possession of the present situation with reference to our relation to the Nanking University and the Medical School.

Very cordially yours,

  
Secretary.

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Copy.

June 14th, 1912.

Mr. Robt. E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Brother Speer,-

A letter from you to me came to the office a day or two ago and has mysteriously disappeared. I have made a search for it, but so far in vain. I got a glimpse of the letter just as we were trying to get through with our Committee business. It may have fallen on the floor and some of our office boys who are new to the work of cleaning up for us may have gotten it into the waste basket. I regret this exceedingly. I am sure you must have kept a carbon of the letter, and if you will send me a copy of it, I assure you it will receive prompt attention.

Will you kindly let me know just what your Board did with reference to the request of the appointment of representatives to form a holding corporation here in this country for the E.C.U. Medical Department at Nanking. Our action taken a month ago was to the effect that we were ready to comply with the request of Dr. N. Worth Brown, representing his Committee, provided our two Missions approved. We do not know much about the ins and outs of the questions involved and wish to have their endorsement of whatever we might do in the matter. We ought

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to hear from them in another month, and then we would be ready to cooperate with reference to the proposed holding corporation as they might advise. I hope that our excess of caution may not unduly delay the consummation of whatever plans are finally determined upon. I think if we could know just what your Board thinks is the right thing to do we might by the time our Committee meets in July be in a position to take for granted what our two China Missions would advise and act without further delay. It has been understood all along that we were in favor of cooperation in the Medical School. The fact is, we have been the biggest end of the medical school so far, and our last information was they were seeking to enlist another one of our medical men as a member of the faculty, a man whom we can ill spare from his station work.

Cordially and fraternally yours,

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Secretary.

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December 23, 1912.

The Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D.,  
154 Fifth Avenue,  
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Chester:

Herewith is a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking. There are many items in these minutes which will be of interest to you and to your Board. You will be interested in the progress that is made from time to time and in the wide outlook and hopeful progress as indicated in the work of the Board of Trustees.

Will you kindly see that all official communications from your Board to the Board of Trustees are sent to me? We are making history in the organization and promotion of this union project in Nanking. I am endeavoring, therefore, to keep all of the official papers in a condition which will make them valuable for reference in the future. It would be helpful if you could send the copies of such communications to Mr. Williams as long as he is in this country.

With kindest regards, and with the compliments of the season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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January 2nd, 1913.

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

TRANSFER



Dear Brother,-

I have yours of December 30th enclosing the Minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking.

I regret that it is not practicable for us to be represented more regularly at the meetings of this Board, owing to the time and expense which would be required for that purpose. At the last meeting of our Committee I was substituted for Mr. Raymond as our member of the Board, with the idea that I could attend occasional meetings that might be held in connection with the Annual Conference of Mission Boards in January of each year. I expect to be present at the meeting of the Conference on the 14th at Garden City. Dr. R. T. Shields, one of the teachers in the Medical Department, representing our Mission, will be at the Conference on Cooperation held in the Presbyterian Board Rooms on January 12th, and I also will be at that Conference.

If a sufficient number of the Board of Trustees are likely to be at either of these conferences, and if there is anything connected with the interests of the University that needs discussion, it might possibly be worth while for you to have a

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January 5, 1914.

Dr. S. H. Chester,  
154 N. Fifth Avenue,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Dr. Chester:

Thank you for your good letter of January 2. I reported at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees that you had substituted for Mr. Raymond on our Board of Trustees and we hope that it will be possible for you to attend at least the two stated meetings of the Board. As soon as we adopt our By-laws we will plan for two meetings each year.

I think most of the Trustees will be present at the Conferences next week but I do not know that there will be a formal meeting of the Board. If you have any business to bring to such a meeting we shall be glad to call one to suit your convenience. We may be able to have an informal conference in order that you may state the situation with reference to Nanking from the point of view of your Board if you should so desire.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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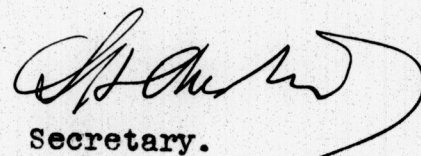
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called meeting of the Board at that time.

I regret very much that our Executive Committee of Foreign Missions has not been able to furnish its apportionment of the fund which the cooperating Boards were attempting to raise for immediate needs. We authorized Dr. Shields to try to raise the amount asked of us while he is at home on furlough, and I sincerely hope he may be able to do so.

Very cordially yours,

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Secretary.

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W. H. RAYMOND, Treasurer

February 26, 1913.

Nanking

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

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Dear Mr. Diffendorfer,-

I send you the enclosed carbon of my letter to Mr. Williams with reference to his communication with regard to Nanking University. The whole matter will come before our March Committee meeting, and whatever action is taken will be promptly communicated to you.

Very cordially yours,

*S. H. Chester*  
Secretary

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February 25th, 1913.

Mr. J. E. Williams,  
Board of Trustees of University of Nanking,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Williams,-

I am sorry that your letter of February 10th reached our office one day after the monthly meeting of our Executive Committee of Foreign Missions for February. The next regular meeting will be on March 11th, and for fear you might be leaving before that time, it occurs to me that I had better write you in advance on the subject, inasmuch as I know in advance what the action of our Executive Committee must be. We are desirous, as a matter of course, to bear our full proportion of responsibility, financially and otherwise, in connection with the development and maintenance of the University of Nanking. We were somewhat in advance of some of the parties interested in the contributions of money and teaching force made by us to the Theological and Medical Departments. At the present time, however, our Committee is encumbered by a debt so much out of proportion to our regular income that it will be absolutely impossible for us to assume any additional financial obligations, no matter how pressing the need may be for the extension or further development of any work with which we are connected in the foreign field. How long this situation is to abide with us it is impossible to fore-

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tell. We are working and praying and hoping that it may speedily pass away. Personally, however, I fear we are going to be handicapped for at least another twelve months by this unfortunate condition into which we have fallen.

The introduction of a new financial system into our Church has temporarily interrupted the financial propaganda by which we have heretofore been sustaining our Foreign Missionary work, and I fear is likely to reduce rather than increase our income for the immediate future. I shall, of course, take pleasure in presenting your letter to our Committee at our March meeting. What I am writing you now is not authoritative, but I am writing it because I think you are entitled to the information which I am able to give you as to the likelihood as to our Committee's action, in order that the Board of Trustees may not be counting on us for something which we may now be in position to do.

Yours very cordially,

(Signed) S. H. Chester,

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October 14, 1913.

Exec. Comm. of For. Miss. of the Presb. Ch. in the U. S.,  
154 N. Fifth Avenue,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Gentlemen:-

In order to unify and to regulate the administration of the finances of the University of Nanking, the Board of Trustees at its last meeting on July 18th in New York City, prepared the following resolution and asked the Secretary of the Board to submit it to all of the cooperating Boards and report the replies to the Board of Trustees.

IT WAS VOTED that each of the Mission Boards cooperating in the University be requested to make payment of the annual grants of \$3,000 toward the University together with special annual grants of \$300. from each society toward the Medical Department, directly to the Treasurer of the University, Mr. Russell Carter, in New York, quarterly in advance and that he remit to the Treasurer of the University in Nanking quarterly payments in advance, according to the fiscal year of the University which is the calendar year.

Will you kindly bring this matter to the attention of your Board at its next meeting and report to me any action or consideration which you take concerning it? The Treasurer's address is, Mr. Russell Carter, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Very sincerely yours,

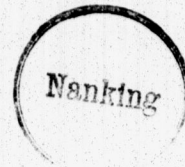
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October 14, 1913.

Exec. Comm. of For. Miss. of the Presb. Ch. in the U. S.,  
154 N. Fifth Avenue,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Gentlemen:-

On the present cooperating basis of the different Mission Boards in the University of Nanking, those Boards having entered into the full relationship have agreed to the support of four missionaries each in the University of Nanking. Those Boards participating in the Medical School have agreed to furnish one doctor each for the work of the Medical School in Nanking.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University held July 18 in New York City, the Board discussed the possible procedure in case any Board failed to have in Nanking the full quota of missionaries according to the above agreements.

After full consideration of the whole matter, it was voted that the following resolution should be sent to all of the participating Boards. In passing this resolution, the Board of Trustees felt it would be a more equitable division of responsibility and more likely to produce a more stable administration of the work of the University if those Boards not having a full quota of missionaries on the field should pay to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees the amount of money thus represented.

The following is the resolution:

IT WAS VOTED that each Board should be asked to recognize the duty of providing the salaries of missionaries (\$1500. Gold each) whenever a Board does not have its full quota on the field.

Will you kindly lay this matter before your Board and report to me such action or consideration as they may see fit to take regarding it?

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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Montreat, N. C.,

August 25th, 1914.

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

TRANSFER

My dear Brother:

I have yours of July 29th, forwarded to me here from Nashville, giving Minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking.

I shall be very glad to bring before our Executive Committee, at its meeting in September, the question raised by Mr. Speer in a recent letter about our paying interest on the \$5000.00 which was apportioned to us, and which we have not been able to pay on the equipment of the University. I know our Committee would be only too glad to assume this responsibility, if it could see its way clear in the present chaotic condition of the world's finances in general, and of our own in particular, to assume any obligation with a reasonable prospect of being able to meet it.

I will report to you on the subject immediately after our Committee meeting.

Very cordially yours,

*S. H. Chester*  
Secretary.

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154 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH  
NASHVILLE, TENN.

September 3, 1914.

Rev. S. H. Chester  
154 Fifth Avenue North  
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Mr. Chester:

Let me acknowledge your letter of August 25th written from Montreal. I shall be very glad to report the information you have given in reply to Mr. Speers letter, to the next meeting of our Board.

By the way, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University is in November. I hope very much that you can be present at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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Copy for Mr. Diffenderfer.

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Nanking

September 9th, 1914.

Dr. Robt. E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer,-

It was voted at the meeting of our Executive Committee yesterday that while we cannot now pay the \$5,000 which under normal conditions we ought and I suppose would pay, we will pay the \$300 per annum interest on the same in order to make some show of holding up our corner at the Nanking University.

I hope I might possibly be able to attend the meeting of the Trustees to be held in November.

I am just home from Montreat, where I have been invaliding for two months. An attack of ptomaine on the 5th of July made an impression on my motor nerves from which I find it difficult to recover.

We do not know what to do about our furloughed missionaries. Our financial prospects, in view of the universal paralysis of business in the cotton region are about as blue as they well can be. Heretofore in times of financial distress good people in our Church have come to the rescue and more than made up our losses <sup>from</sup> the general business depression, but we have no assurance that they will be able to do so in this crisis. My prayer is that whatever Providence has ordained that the warring powers shall do to each other may be done

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Dr. R. E. S. -2.

quickly and that the end will also be the end of French and German militarism. We can hardly hope for that in the case of Russia, I fear. It goes fearfully against the grain with me to be on the side of Russia in this conflict, as against Germany. But in the present mix-up I cannot see it any other way.

Hoping that you have come back to your fall work refreshed, and with cordial regards, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) S. H. Chester,

Secretary.

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P. S. I am sending copy of this to Mr. Diffendorfer, which will answer his letter.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
of the  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES  
154 Fifth Avenue North  
Nashville, Tenn.

October 24th, 1914.

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY  
OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

MR. DIFFENDORFER  
REC'D OCT 26 1914

Dear Mr. Diffendorfer,-

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Thank you for the copy of Mr. Chapman's report received this morning. Will you kindly send a copy of it to Rev. J. Leighton Stuart, 149 Curtis Place, Auburn, N. Y.

Will you kindly also talk with Dr. Speer in regard to a letter I am mailing to him this morning.

While I greatly deplore the action of our North Kiangsu Mission, at the same time the number and character of the men in that Mission voting for withdrawal entitles the view which they have presented to very earnest consideration. I think you will agree with me in this when I give you a list of their names, as follows:

H. M. Woods,  
J. B. Woods,  
Caldwell,  
Patterson,  
Richardson,  
McCatchan,  
Bradley,  
White,  
Moffett,  
Yates,  
Paxton.

With best wishes,

Very cordially yours,

*A. H. Chester*  
Secretary.

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October 27, 1914

Dr. S. H. Chester  
154 North Fifth Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Dr. Chester:

Thank you for your letter of October 24th. I hope that you will give careful reading to Mr. Chapman's report. I think it has in it some very significant things for the development of the plant in Nanking.

I will be very glad to see Mr. Speer and talk with him regarding the letter that you have mailed. I judge this must be in reference to the action of your North Kiangsu Mission.

I am sending a copy of Mr. Chapman's report to Dr. Stewart as you have suggested.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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November 5th, 1914.

Mr. Edwin F. Willis, Treasurer,  
Executive Committee of Foreign Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church (South),  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Willis:-

We believe that Mr. Speer and Mr. Diffendorfer, one, or both, have had correspondence with your Board and have secured your consent to pay interest on the \$5,000.00 which your Board is to pay the Foreign Christian Missionary Society as its pro rata in the equipment of the Medical School of the University of Nanking. All of the Boards co-operating in that work but three, and one of these having paid half of the \$5,000.00, have now paid in their \$5,000.00, and these sums have been turned over to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society in payment of the Kuleo property which they turned over to the University. The Foreign Christian Missionary Society have been very lenient in this matter, but the Board of Trustees of the University at its meeting in July took up the question of the balance still due on this property and voted to at least pay interest on the outstanding amount, and Dr. McLean of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society has written me once or twice to see whether this could not be cleared and their Society receive interest on the \$12,500.00

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To Mr. E.F.W. No. 2.

outstanding. The Board of Trustees has a meeting next Wednesday, the 11th, and I am wondering whether it would be convenient to you to send a check in payment of this interest at once in order that report might be made next week that this matter has been attended to and that the interest has been remitted to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. We certainly will appreciate it if you can bring this around.

Yours very sincerely,

Treasurer.

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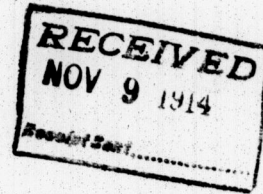
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*11/9* *Edwin F. Willis*  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS**  
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154 Fifth Avenue North  
Nashville, Tenn.

EDWIN F. WILLIS  
TREASURER

Nov. 7, 1914.

Mr. Russell Carter,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N. Y.



Dear Mr. Carter:

Enclosed find our check for \$300.00 on account of interest on the \$5000.00 our Committee is to pay on the University of Nanking. Kindly advise me of the date from which interest should be paid, as Dr. Chester is uncertain as to the time when the interest began.

Yours sincerely,

*Edwin F. Willis*

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(C.C. to Dr. Robert E. Speer.)

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November 9th, 1914.

Mr. Edwin F. Willis,  
154 Fifth Avenue, North,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Willis:-

We thank you for your check for \$300.00 just received in payment of the interest for the year January 1st, 1914-January 1st, 1915 on the \$5,000.00 which your Board is to provide for the Medical Department of the University of Nanking, and upon which it has kindly agreed to pay interest until such time as the principal sum is paid. We shall be very glad indeed to be able to report this to the Board at its next meeting, which, however, we note this morning has been changed from this week to December 15th, in the hopes that the budget of the University for the new year may be received by that time.

Yours very sincerely,

Treasurer.

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February 2, 1915

Dr. S. H. Chester  
154 North Fifth Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Dr. Chester:

Herewith is a copy of the Minutes of the recent meetings of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking held at Garden City, January 13-14, 1915. You will note that the first session of the Board considered the relation of the University of Nanking to the proposed new college for women, namely, Ginling College, especially the relation of Ginling College to the Board of Trustees.

You will note on page 4 of the Minutes that the Conference voted unanimously on a proposal which should be presented to the Boards cooperating in the University of Nanking.

I am therefore referring this item to you and may I ask that you present the matter to your Board, reviewing the Minutes as fully as possible? Please report to me the sentiment of your Board regarding this important matter.

Please note also the action with reference to the Trustees of the Theological School as it will affect the Board of Trustees of the University.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

154 Fifth Avenue North  
Nashville, Tenn.

March 9th, 1915.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY  
OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

REC'D MAR 18 1915

ANS'D.....

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Diffendorfer,-

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions held today I was instructed to inform you that the Executive Committee approves the resolution passed by the Board of Trustees of Nanking University at their meeting held in New York on January 13th and 14th, as reported in your communication of February 2nd, providing the the Board of Trustees should be so organized as to provide for an adequate representation of women, rather than that a separate Advisory Council should be organized composed of women to look after the interests of the Ginling College.

The Committee also approves of the action of the Board of Trustees in regard to the relation of the Nanking Theological School to the University, and the question of a separate charter for that school.

Cordially yours,

Executive Committee

Foreign Missions.

*W. C. Carter*  
Secretary.

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Nanking

December 14th, 1915.

Executive Committee of Foreign Missions,  
Presbyterian Church in the United States,  
154- 5th Avenue,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

Re: Relation of Ginling College to  
the University of Nanking.

Gentlemen:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking held at Garden City, L. I. January 13-14, 1915, there were present representatives of the various Women's Boards interested in the Union Woman's College, in Nanking, known as Ginling College. At that meeting the relationship of the College to the University was discussed freely. The Trustees had before them the proposed Constitution of Ginling College and the recommendation of the Board of Control of the College that the Mission Boards be requested to authorize the Board of Trustees of the University (with such additions which has seemed advisable) to serve as Trustees of Ginling College. After their conference with the representatives of the Women's Boards present, it was unanimously voted to express to the co-operating Boards the judgment of the meeting that it would be better for the Board of Trustees, reorganized to include representatives of the Woman's Board if necessary, to undertake the functions of a Board of Trustees for Ginling College rather than to organize a separate Advisory Council or separate Board of Trustees.

This action was brought before the Board of Control of Ginling College at its meeting on November 27th, 1915 when the following action was taken:

"After full conference it was unanimously voted to state to the co-operating boards and to the Board of Control that it was the sentiment of this conference of the representatives of the co-operating boards and the Board of Trustees that instead of having a separate advisory it would

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be preferable that the Board of Trustees of Nanking University should be so organized as to provide for an adequate representation of women and that the administration of the college under this unified Board of Trustees would be better than the proposed division of functions between a Board of Trustees and an Advisory Council."

At the regular meeting of the Board of Managers of the University of Nanking on October 2nd, 1915, at which were present Mr. Speer, President of the Board of Trustees, Bishop Bashford and others, the matter was again discussed and the following action was taken:

"THAT the Board of Managers express themselves in hearty accord with the proposition to make the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking also the Board of Trustees of the Ginling College, with such additions of women on the Board as should be determined by the Trustees."

In accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the University of Nanking, I now lay before you this recommendation, that, as a co-operating Board in the University of Nanking, you give your assent to the election to the Board of Trustees, women representing the Boards which are interested in Ginling College. The basis of such representation will be worked out in conference with the Boards concerned. In order to meet the requirements of our Charter, the Co-operating Boards must take formal action in this matter and transcribe to me the action for our files.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the University, I express the hope that the above recommendation may have your early and favorable consideration.

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary.

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154 Fifth Avenue North  
Nashville, Tenn.

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY  
OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

December 18, 1915.

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Sir:-

I regret I could not be present at the meeting of your Board on the 10th. Neither can I be present on the 14th. Having to leave home for Panama on the 23rd, it will not be practicable for me to make the extra trip to New York to be there on the 14th. Dr. Smith, my colleague, will be present and I hope will be able to meet with you.

I am especially interested in the question of the Relation of the Trustees to the Theological Seminary, inasmuch as that is a matter which seems to be giving some of our people in China a great deal of concern.

With best wishes,

Very cordially yours,

*A. W. Hunter*  
Secretary.

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December 21, 1915.

Rev. S. H. Chester,  
154 Fifth Avenue North,  
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Chester:

Thank you for your letter of December 18th.  
I am sorry that you cannot be with us on January 14th  
at the Trustees' meeting. However, Dr. Smith will be  
welcomed by the members of the Board.

Will you tell Dr. Smith to bring all of his  
evidence and any questions which he may care to ask on  
the Relation of the Trustees to the Theological Semin-  
ary. The meeting in January will be an unusual opportu-  
nity for discussing all these important matters.

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary.

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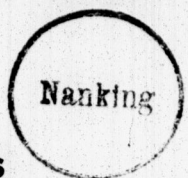
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*Edwin F. Willis*



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154 FIFTH AVENUE, NORTH

EDWIN F. WILLIS,  
TREASURER

NASHVILLE, TENN.

TRANSFER

Dec. 30, 1915.

*Recd. Jan 3/16*

Mr. Russell Carter,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

*with 1/3/16  
amount for  
exchange*

My dear Mr. Carter:

Enclosed please find our check for \$5300.00, being \$5000.00 we have owed the Foreign Christian Missionary Society on the Nanking University (Medical Department) and \$300.00 interest from Jan. 1, 1915, at 6%. I wrote the Society some time ago that we would pay this amount on or about Jan. 1st.

Hope to have the pleasure of seeing you at the Conference.  
With kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

*Edwin Willis*

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(C.C. to Mr. C. W. Plopper)

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January 3rd, 1916

Mr. Edwin F. Willis,  
154 Fifth Avenue North,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Willis:-

You may be sure we have appreciated the receipt this morning of your check for \$5,300.00 in payment of your Board's quota of the Kuleo property at Hanking of \$5,000.00, together with interest thereon for the year 1915 at 6%, this amount to be transmitted by us to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. I am wondering if you will think it out of the way if we ask you to kindly send us New York Exchange instead of this local check. The loss upon this check in the way of exchange would be \$13.25 and it would seem as though it was unnecessary that this should either fall upon the Board or upon the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. I am sure you will understand our making the request.

Very sincerely yours,

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1/7/16  
EDWIN F. WILLIS,  
TREASURER

NASHVILLE, TENN.

Jan. 5, 1916.

Mr. Russell Carter,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Carter:

Enclosed please find New York Exchange for \$5300.00 in exchange for the check I sent you. I was under the impression that church and benevolent institutions were exempt from the charge for exchange or I would have sent the Exchange. I thank you for saving me the difference between the New York discount and what I have had to pay at Nashville.

Yours sincerely,

*Edwin F. Willis*

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January 7th, 1916.

Mr. Edwin F. Willis, Treasurer,  
154 Fifth Ave. North,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Willis:-

I thank you for returning to us so promptly exchange for \$5,300.00, covering the \$5000.00 due to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society plus \$300.00 interest on the amount for the year 1915. I have today forwarded this to Mr. Plopper and I am sure that they will be very appreciative of your promptly caring for this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer.

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154 Fifth Avenue North  
Nashville, Tenn.

January 21, 1916.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY  
OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

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Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother,-

I was sorry that I could not be at the New York Conference and have a meeting with our Nanking University Board of Trustees while there. I am also sorry Dr. Smith did not get to meet with you while he was at the Conference last week. I am sending you copy of a letter we received from Rev. Henry M. Woods, D. D., of our Mission, with a copy of our reply, and also copy of a letter which we have sent to the Mid-China Mission on the subject under discussion.

I hope to be able to see you myself while I am in New York next week en route to Panama.

Cordially and fraternally yours,

*J. H. Carter*  
Secretary.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY  
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NASHVILLE, TENN.

March 27, 1916.

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*over*

Rev. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Brother Diffendorfer:

*Girling* The action of our Committee with reference to  
College was that inasmuch as we had neither money nor  
missionaries in the institution and were not hoping to have  
in the <sup>near</sup> future, we did not undertake to make any suggestion as  
to its relation to the University of Nanking, but would acquiesce  
in any arrangement which the authorities on the ground and the  
Board of trustees might think best in regard to the matter.

I have been so busy since I got back getting out  
the Annual Report that I have not had time even to read over  
the copy of the letter<sup>s</sup> that ~~was~~ sent to me in regard to the  
Medical School and other matters, but I hope to get at that  
matter next week.

Very cordially yours,

(Written by an outside stenographer)

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

March 29, 1916.

Rev. S. H. Chester,  
154 Fifth Avenue, North,  
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Chester:

Many thanks to you for your letter of March 27th. I note the action of your committee with reference to Ginling College and it is generous of you to take the attitude which you have indicated.

I am wondering whether or not the action as indicated will satisfy our charter provision for the enlargement of our Board of Trustees. Our charter required that the addition of any new departments or affiliated schools, causing the addition of new members of the Board of Trustees, must have the affirmative action of all the then co-operating Boards. If you have before you a copy of this historical charter, you will see this on page 4, at the top of the page. Inasmuch as a very important step in the history of the University is before us, it might be wise for you to get a positive favoring vote on the action desired and transcribe this to me in a formal resolution.

I understand that this is the desire of the committee and I am only suggesting the above as a matter of form.

Yours very sincerely,

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Secretary.

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY  
OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

NASHVILLE, TENN. March 28, 1916

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother,-

I have read with as much care as the great pressure of work that has been on me since my return from Panama admitted of, the letters relating to the situation relating to the Medical School at Nanking, copies of which you kindly forwarded to me. I must say that they leave my mind in a state of considerable perplexity as to what course I think the Board of Trustees should take in regard to the matter.

In the first place, I am as far as any man could be from assuming an antagonistic attitude towards the Rockefeller Foundation and its plan for furnishing medical relief for China which, as I have stated in numerous letters to our missionaries on the field, I regard as the greatest single philanthropy ever projected in the history of the world. I have also taken pains to write to all parts of our field in China, begging our missionaries, no matter what questioning some of them might have in regard to the whole scheme, not to take up an attitude of opposition to it so long as there was nothing in the plans of the churches and Mission Boards promising any speedy accomplishment of the same beneficent purpose.

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I also give full credit to the sincerity of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and those who are associated with him in this work, in their declarations of their purpose and desire that the work of the China Medical Board in this matter shall be conducted in the fullest sympathy and cooperation with the missionary work, and that it shall always be penetrated with the missionary spirit.

Having said this much, I must also say that I think the responsibility of conserving the religious and missionary interests in connection with this matter rests to a large extent just now upon our Board of Trustees. It also seems to me that in discharging this responsibility it behooves us to give great weight and consideration to the views and opinions of the missionaries on the ground. I know that in some respects they are in special danger of taking one-sided and contracted views of questions like this. On the other hand they possess a knowledge of the whole situation, such as it is impossible for any visiting deputation, no matter how wise and intelligent its members may be, to acquire during any brief visit to the field. I am therefore obliged to attach a good deal of importance to what Dr. Shields's says as to the consequences from the missionary standpoint of abandoning the Nanking Mandarin School. It is true that the resolution that was passed by those representing that school expressed a willingness to have it merged in the Shanghai School. But at the time that resolution was passed it seems that they had not fully understood what

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Mr. Diffendorfer-3.

he refers to as "Dr. Flexner's ideals" for the Shanghai School. If it be true that there are almost no missionaries now on the field who could qualify as members of the faculty, and that a large proportion of the members of the faculty would have to be new men appointed from abroad, then it seems to me that we could not have any very sure guarantee that these new men would be not only Christian men, but also men of genuine missionary spirit. Our test for that in the case of medical missionaries is the willingness of a man who could look forward to a successful career and large income in this country to devote himself to medical missions as a life work and on the basis of a mere support. I happen to have the correspondence with our missionary candidates. We have found it very difficult to supply our needs in the way of medical missionaries. I get a great many letters from young physicians raising the question of going to the foreign field, and inquiring as to the term of service and the compensation, from whom I hear nothing more after they learn the facts on these two points. Unless therefore, the China Medical Board expects to put the members of the faculty of the Shanghai School on the missionary basis as to these two points, which I hardly see how it can do if it is to obtain the needed supply of men of the scientific attainments which they will require, it does not seem to me that they would have any safeguard against the danger of having their chairs filled by men who are simply professing Christians and nothing more.

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Mr. Diffendorfer-4.

I am also deeply impressed by what Dr. Garritt says on page two of his letter as to the need of a Christian spirit in physicians in lands like China.

I can hardly think of anything less desirable than that China should be filled with medical men of the highest possible scientific attainments, who would be restrained from the selfish and wicked perversion of their scientific knowledge neither by a genuine Christian spirit nor by the ethical ideals derived from a Christian environment.

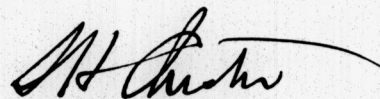
I need not go further in the discussion of the matter. What I have said is to explain the position which I feel constrained to take as a member of the Board of Trustees. This position is that I think our Board ought to stand for the continuance and the adequate support of at least one medical school taught in the vernacular and in which the teachers are missionaries appointed on the basis that our missionaries are now appointed on. I think we ought to present the matter to the China Medical Board in the strongest way we possibly can. in the effort to secure their acquiescence and their cooperation. in such a plan. I think at the very least we ought to stand by the Nanking School as one to be maintained until 1920, when the present junior class will graduate. I would hope that by that time experience would have proven to the satisfaction of the China Medical Board the wisdom of some of the things contended for by our Nanking medical men in these letters.

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Mr. Diffendorfer-5.

I regret that I do not see any prospect of being able to attend a meeting of the Board on April 11th, which I believe was agreed on for the next meeting, unless we were notified of a change. I expect to be in New York some time during the spring at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Continuation Committee for Latin America, but I do not know the exact date of that meeting yet.

Very cordially yours,

  
Secretary.

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*Kindly show this to S. Spear.*

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CABLE ADDRESS  
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*over*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
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154 FIFTH AVENUE, NORTH

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY  
OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

NASHVILLE, TENN. April 1st, 1916.

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Diffendorfer,-

I have your note this morning. Our Executive Committee meets on April 11th. I know I had a copy of the historical charter, but I am not able to lay my hands on it this morning. Would it be too much to ask you to send me another copy of it? As soon as it comes I will formulate some action for the Executive Committee which will comply with the suggestions in your letter of March 29th. To make sure of getting it right, possibly you had better suggest the form of the action yourself.

Yours very cordially,

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S. H. Chester, Secretary.

Dr. Chester left the office before this letter could be written; hence cannot sign it.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

April 4, 1916.

Rev. S. H. Chester,  
154 Fifth Avenue, North,  
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Chester:

In reply to your letter of April first, I am enclosing a copy of the Historical Statement, Charter and By-Laws of the University of Nanking. I have marked on page 4, the paragraph which concerns the provision for the addition of members of the Board of Trustees.

It might help you, in formulating your statement, if you had a copy of the action as passed by one of the other Boards.

The following was the action taken by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. You will note that it is formal, simple and to the point. That is all that is necessary.

"VOTED: That approval be given to the proposal that the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking be enlarged so as to include representatives of the Woman's Society cooperating in the maintenance of Ginling College."

Yours very sincerely,

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Secretary.

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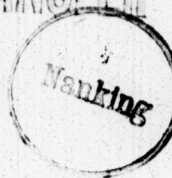
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY  
OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

NASHVILLE, TENN. April 3rd, 1916.

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother,-

Your note of March 31st received this morning. If Dr. Speer takes the same view of the Nanking situation or a similar view to the one expressed in my letter, and if Dr. North should agree with us, then do you not think we ought to make a very strong representation to the China Medical Board on the subject? I am sending today a copy of my letter to Dr. North. I think the point that we must guard, so far as we are able to do so, is that of ensuring that the faculty of the Shanghai School should contain a predominant element of men with a true missionary spirit. If that can be secured, then I do not think there is any other question involved of paramount importance, unless it be that of securing at any time within the near future a satisfactory situation with reference to the student body of the school.

With best wishes,

Very cordially yours,

*A. H. Chester*  
Secretary.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

April 6, 1916.

Rev. S. H. Chester,  
154 Fifth Avenue, North,  
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Chester:

With reference to your letter of April 3d, regarding the Nanking situation, does it not seem best just now to let the matter rest until Williams returns. Dr. Speer has told me that he has cabled Williams to come and on the basis of the cablegram from Williams, he will be starting shortly and will be here before many weeks. Then we shall have a Trustees' meeting and have the matter presented first hand by Williams, and have a chance to express our views. Sooner or later, however, will we have to make our case to the China Medical Board. I am hoping we may be able to determine the date of that meeting sufficiently in advance as to enable all the Trustees to be present.

Yours very sincerely,

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Secretary.

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NASHVILLE, TENN. April 12th, 1916.

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Diffendorfer,-

At the meeting of the Executive Committee yesterday the following action was taken, which I hereby report to you:

"In response to a request from the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking for definite action by this Committee on the subject of Ginling College; we recommend the adoption of the following resolution-

Resolved: that approval be given to the proposal that the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking be so enlarged as to include representatives of the Woman's Society cooperating in the maintenance of the Ginling College."

Cordially and truly yours,

*W. H. Christie*  
Secretary.

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April 28, 1916.

Rev. S. H. Chester,  
154 Fifth Avenue, North,  
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Dr. Chester:

Many thanks to you for your letter of April  
12th reporting the action of your Executive Committee  
regarding Ginling College. I shall be glad to report  
this matter to the next meeting of our Board of Trustees.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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MR. DIFFENDORFER

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May 30, 1916.

Dr. Robt. E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer,-

I find yours of May 26th on my return from the General Assembly. I regret very much that it will be impossible for me to attend the meeting of the Trustees on June 6th. The letter which I wrote to Mr. Diffendorfer a few weeks ago expresses my view of the situation so far as the facts are known to me at the present time.

With cordial regards and best wishes,

Truly and fraternally yours,

*W. C. ...*  
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NASHVILLE, TENN. June 3rd, 1916.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY  
OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. J. F. Williams,  
c/o Dr. Robt. E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother,-

I regret exceedingly that circumstances render it impossible for me to be present at the meeting of the Trustees next Tuesday. One of my boys undergoes a surgical operation on that day.

The enclosed copy of my letter to Mr. Diffendorfer, which you may have already seen, expresses my view of the situation as I see it in the light of present information, and if I could be considered constructively present I would be glad to have my vote recorded in line with <sup>the</sup> contents of this letter. That would hardly be fair, however, as light might be thrown on the situation when the Board meets that would necessitate some modification of these views.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

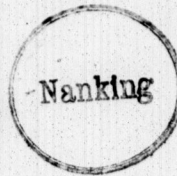
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY  
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NASHVILLE, TENN. June 19th, 1916.

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Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Brother,-

I received today, just on the eve of leaving for Montreat for the summer, a communication from Mr. J. E. Williams (no date) with reference to a cable from Mr. Bowen, received at your office on June 9th, with reference to the organization of a Chinese Board of Trustees for the Agricultural School at Nanking.

I write to say that the proposition as outlined in Mr. Williams's letter, which I am sure you can refer to, meets my approval and I would so vote if present at a meeting of the Board of Trustees with my present light.

Yours very cordially,

*S. H. Chester*

Secretary.

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Dr. Chester left the city before this letter could be transcribed.

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Nanking

October 25, 1916.

Rev. S. H. Chester, D.D.,  
154 Fifth Avenue, North,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

My dear Dr. Chester:

I was delighted to receive your letter of October 18th, together with the copies of the letters to Dr. Shields and Hutcheson. I fear we are a little too late for Dr. Shields. I received a letter from him on September 20th, in which he states:

"I appreciate very much your wanting me to stay here, but you can see my point of view in the matter. There are going to be few enough men to go into Chinese speaking schools, and I feel that it is certainly my duty to do this. Besides, my preparation for the last seven years has been entirely along this line. The Church has had a unique opportunity to work through medical education; the home Boards have about decided to give up this opportunity. Tsinan is the only place in East China where we have a chance to make good. If we fail there, then the Missions are out of medical educational work, which will thereafter be entirely in the China Medical Board schools in English, and the government schools in Chinese taught by Japanese trained men. That is the way it looks to me anyhow."

I do not think Dr. Shields has yet seen a vision of what we would plan for the Hospital at Nanking, and the relation it would bear to the Medical School in Shanghai, as well as the great influence it would have in turning men back to the work of the Mission hospitals. Then, of course, his presence there would mean so much in counsel of all your mission work.

Thank you very much for the letter to Dr. Hutcheson. I shall write him directly.

You will be pleased to know that the China Medical Board, at its meeting yesterday, took action approving our proposition in regard to the Hospital in the main. They will grant \$9,250 a year for five years to support a doctor, three nurses, and running expenses, and give \$25,000 for equipment on condition that we secure another \$25,000, to be expended as follows: \$5,000 for residence, \$10,000 for equipping and altering the present Hospital, and \$35,000 for building, equipping and furnishing the new dispensary building.

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We are trying to arrange for a meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, November 10th, at 10 A.M. I do hope you can be present at that time. I hope then it will be possible to report other encouraging developments for the University and medical work. It was a great pleasure to see you when here, and I appreciated very much your fellow feeling in having been separated for a long time from your family. I am hoping to sail for China on the 30th of November or the 8th of December.

Very cordially yours,

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December 19, 1916.

My dear Mr. Speer:

In acknowledging Mr. Harkness' pledge for \$5,000 for the equip-  
ment of the Medical School at Nanking, I advised him of Mr. Brown's pledge,  
one-half of which was to be paid at once and the balance in ninety days, and  
of the very definite attempt<sup>at</sup> this time on the part of the Board of Trustees  
to secure the balance of this fund. He in reply has sent in his check for  
\$5,000 in payment of his pledge.

Yours very sincerely,

RG:M

Assistant Treasurer

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