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January 4, 1918.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Robert:

By looking over our files, I find that Mr. Bowen's letters of November 27, 1917, has answered your questions. He wrote instead of cabling, feeling that the letter would reach you in time to make all matters clear for Professor Woodworth. The situation was thus: The Forestry Fund Committee of Shanghai and the funds for Dyke Repair, Wuhu, provided enough to cover Professor Woodworth's travel out to China and back, and Mr. Bowen expected to take him as guest into his home while he was here in the work. I could see the ambiguity in Mr. Bailie's writing that salaries might be \$1000 or \$2000. Mr. Bowen's letter, however, has made it quite clear that we were not in a position to cover the salary of any additional man besides Professor Woodworth.

We took over D. Y. Lin, of the Lecture Bureau of the Y. M. C. A., as a member of our staff, as I think I wrote you in a former letter. He came with his salary provided for a time from the funds of the Famine Publicity Committee. This support, however, will run out by August of this year. I have taken up with Mr. Blackstone the matter of his carrying the support of Pete Weigel, as he is deeply interested in the personal work he is doing in the University. Mr. J. H. Blackstone strongly favors doing this and I think he will put it in form so that we can have Weigel's support covered in this way. This might make it possible for us to secure another man, or at least to be perfectly safe at the time Mr. Lin's salary should expire. It is not safe for us to plan to bring out another man from America till we have further funds in sight.

I shall be seeing Mr. Bailie in Peking in a couple of weeks and will talk over matters fully with him. It might be that Mr. Roger S. Greene, in view of the service that Mr. Bailie is rendering there, would feel like recommending some additional help on our agricultural and forestry work. In his letter to me he seems very grateful for the help that Mr. Bailie is giving them.

In your letter you said "I am glad that everything is clear now regarding Dr. Hiltner, who goes to Nanking as a regular missionary of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society." We certainly did hope that everything was clear and satisfactory. Sad to

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relate, however, it did not remain so. Difficulties arose. I shall not write these out, hoping to see you soon upon my return to the United States, when there may be opportunity to talk things over. I should add this: that we have no doubt whatever of Dr. Hiltner's earnest missionary purpose and his exceptional medical and surgical skill, while recognizing the difficulty he has felt of working in team. Dr. Lasell will doubtless remain at Hangchow and I should not be surprised if Dr. Hiltner would prefer to go there to work with him.

I have been watching the reports of the great financial burden that is upon the Board, and we try to realize the enormous load that you all are carrying. It is a time when the awful war crushes down upon every one.

Only a few days ago we had a report from the insurance company of their proposed settlement of the central building. They did not meet fully our claims and we do not feel satisfied with their arrangement. However, there will be enough, with a little supplementary funds, to rebuild the building two stories, at least, and we shall hope to carry out the rebuilding without encroaching upon other resources.

From the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of November 23-24, 1917, and the annual meeting of the Board of Managers, you will see that they have taken action strongly urging our early return to the United States. We had very much hoped that we could complete the school year in China - for a secondary reason, because the children could go on with their schooling here and we could all be together in our own home for a longer time; but mainly because of the more enjoyable character of the work on this side. We have never had more satisfactory and fruitful relations with the officials and the people of the city and more delightful companionship with our own faculty and students than we have had during the past year. The work is full of promise and it is a great joy to see its development here on this side. However, the united judgment of the men here is strongly in favor of our returning earlier to the United States. They feel convinced that a larger and more necessary service could be rendered our own cause and the University in that way. We have tentatively made reservations on the "Ecuador," sailing March 2 from Shanghai. Mr. Bowen will be writing to you more fully his judgment on the whole matter and I shall take up further the different actions of the Board of Managers.

Thank you very much for the letter to the Kiangnan Missions. Miss Shipley is a very attractive girl. The Nanking Station is exceedingly desirous of having her go into Ming Deh when her term of arrangement with Ginling expires.

Mrs. Williams and I unite in the earnest prayer that this may be to you and Mrs. Speer a very blessed year.

As ever affectionately yours,

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NANKING, CHINA Jan. 11, 1918.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:

We are sending you, herewith, the minutes of our Annual Meeting. A number of our Chinese representatives were unable to be present but we had a very good meeting. Mr. C. T. Wang was in Canton, very much tied up with political matters of the greatest moment. Mr. Y. L. Hwang could not leave his duties in Tientsin, where the flood-relief work has added considerably to his regular official schedule. We were very fortunate in having Mr. P. C. Chang, brother of Mr. Chang Poling, present, who came down specially for the meeting, to take the place of his brother. He was most helpful, sympathetic and constructive, and we were especially anxious and glad to have him present because of the Nan Kai students who have come from his school. Fourteen came last term, which is by far the most from any one preparatory school. Dr. Latimer attended for the first time, representing the Baptist Board, and our Dr. A. C. Hutcheson, representing the Southern Presbyterian Board.

We feel especially grateful to you and the other members of the Board of Trustees for the very substantial increase in reinforcements that you were able to send us, in spite of the war and other unforeseen difficulties. Nearly all of these men that have come to us here have come, too, with their support: Mr. Lin, Mr. Sample and Mr. Weigel being supported from funds raised here on the field through the Shanghai Forestry Fund Committee. Mrs. Francke is generously contributing her services free; Dr. Paul Tang is supported by Dr. Perkins, and Mrs. Liu is also contributing her services. Miss Clark came to us from the Foochow Anglo-Chinese College. She is a graduate of Vassar and is going to be even more needed when Miss Wixon and Miss Taylor go Home in June. She is working in very well. We are very much delighted with Mr. and Mrs. Thomson. They are giving all their time to the language and are most promising and delightful additions to our staff. Mrs. Gilbert is the wife of the Vice-Consul and is teaching part time for us in the Middle School.

You will note the encouraging increase in our attendance and, also, in our fees, and we are confident that there will be steady growth in both of these items under the new division of our work. However, we cannot increase our attendance appreciably until we have the remainder of our new buildings, as we are practically full now, both in dormitories and class rooms and, also, in dining-room accommodation, for our advanced work, and so are very greatly in need of the additional McCormick dormitory and the Severance Memorial building and Chapel.

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The Hospital is also pressing us most urgently for the former Middle School property here at the Drum Tower, which we are now using for our Junior College students. They cannot begin their nurses' training courses until they can get this property for dormitories and class-rooms for their nurses and for hospital expansion, and so on all sides we are pressed for the completion of these buildings, and it is this, among other things, that makes the urgency in Dr. Williams' return to America at this time. His return was recommended by the Executive Committee and unanimously approved by the Board of Managers.

The buildings which are yet to be erected, namely, the third unit in Madam McCormick's dormitories, the Severance Memorial Administration building and the Day Chapel, cannot now be completed for the money given. Exchange remains still at about \$1.28. Had we been able to get the money out and the buildings up before the war came on, we should have been able to do exactly as we had planned. We shall now need, approximately, \$15,000 (gold) more upon the dormitory, \$15,000 (gold) more upon the Memorial building, and \$5,000 (gold) more upon the Chapel. These amounts are to cover loss in exchange and increased cost in building.

We here in the University, and the Board of Managers also, feel that we must go forward in spite of the very many manifest difficulties. We have a loss also of some \$8,000 or \$9,000 in exchange in our regular current expenses, and while we realize that the war will probably make unusual difficulties in the way of securing large sums at Home, we feel that we must have Dr. Williams go over and try to get these amounts. However, that is only one of the items on which we wish him to work.

The larger and probably more fundamental matter is that we must go forward in the development of our educational work. We need all the men that are called for on page 3 of our minutes: two additional men for science work, not counting Mr. Thomson who is already here, and two additional men for the teaching of English in the Junior College, also two additional men for the agricultural and forestry work. We need, at least, these additional men in the immediate future. We are hoping that the China Medical Board will carry out the original plan of providing the support of two men for the science work, together with a very substantial annual appropriation for current expenses and a grant of \$10,000 for science equipment. To find these men and to finance them on the safe basis will be a very large task at this time, but we feel that we cannot get them in too early.

Then, in addition to this, there is another long-cherished plan which we hope can very soon be put into execution; that is, the putting into the Seminary of the advanced or post-graduate courses for college graduates. As you know, some of the missions have been rather slow in recognizing the need of this work, and the

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University has been urged in some quarters to develop this work itself; but we are all a unit in feeling that this work should be carried on by the Seminary, the Seminary probably turning over to other bodies the lower-grade work and having simply the two grades, one grade for young men who have completed high schools, taught in Chinese, and the other grade for those who have graduated from college, taught in English. The Missions are now seeing that this advanced course must be put in and they desire Dr. Williams to co-operate with them in securing the four or five additional American teachers that will be needed, and their support. We are very anxious for Dr. Williams to work on this. As the Seminary is now conducted, it does not appeal at all to our graduates. We feel that one of the very prime reasons why we are here doing all of this educational work is to prepare the best possible grade of men for the ministry, and we are unable to do this unless we can have this post-graduate theological school.

Then we are working also on forward plans out here looking to larger union and co-operation between the colleges of East China, Hangchow College, Shanghai Baptist College and Soochow University. They are insisting upon our giving them some more tangible help than we have given in the past, hoping to strengthen them and raise their standard of work. They are urging that other departments be established, such as the Department of Law and a Department of Social Betterment, and they wish that these departments be located in Shanghai. We are studying these larger plans for co-operation and have a committee working upon them.

We must have a larger current-expense fund with which to carry forward even the work that we are at present doing, for the division of our work, while it means higher efficiency and more satisfactory work in every respect, means added expense; and so, in spite of adverse exchange and in spite of the world war conditions, we feel that we must go forward. We have never felt so strongly that God was leading than at this present time, and we believe that we must face our opportunities and burdens with courage and with faith.

We hope that we shall have something encouraging to report regarding the Agricultural and Forestry Departments here before Dr. Williams leaves. Were it not for the very serious political problems that are beginning to centre in Nanking now between the North and the South, I am sure we would be able to do very considerable here for these departments. In spite of the rather tense situation just at present, we have never been so strong with the local officials as we are today. The new officials who came in after President Feng Kuo-chang left have been most cordial and open, much more favorable than they have been for ten years, and we are trying just at this moment to get a substantial grant for land for the Agricultural Department through the Governor here.

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Our faculty, also, has never before been so united, and we undoubtedly have the best body of students, both in number and quality, that we have ever had. I am sure that we shall be justified in the expense and time necessary for Dr. Williams to go Home and work on these larger problems for the University, but of course we do not wish him to go without the approval and consent of the Trustees, so we will be very grateful if you would send us a cable as soon as possible after receiving this letter. Mrs. Williams and the children plan to sail on March 2. As it is rather difficult to get passage, it will be almost impossible to transfer their passage to another boat, and of course we think Dr. Williams should go when they go, so if you could cable back the one word "Approve," we would feel very grateful indeed to you and to the Trustees. I have never been clearer on anything that the University has done than I am on the desirability of Dr. Williams' return to America at this time, although, looking at it from one point of view it would seem quite useless and rash; but we all here are quite clearly led to believe that this is the best and the strategic thing at this time.

With very kindest remembrances,

Cordially yours, *A. S. Bowen*

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Robert:

Dr. Bowen and I regret exceedingly the delay in regard to the Budget and the statement of the finances of the University. Mr. Owen was laid up during the summer months, unable to carry on his work, and in the fall the pressure of registration and the current work delayed him in getting the statement in and the material that was necessary in order to draw up the budget for the following year. There had been a very radical change in the operation of our school work in introducing the junior and senior college arrangement, and this involved no small readjustment of the funds in order to draw up a new Budget. We realize that this constituted all the more reason why the Budget should be drawn up in clear form for the consideration of the Trustees. We feel keenly the disappointment that would be caused to the Board of Trustees in not having the full data at hand, and we recognize that such failure on our part must operate against the cordial co-operation of the Trustees in the heavy obligations they are undertaking here. It is only at the close of the year that we could have the data in hand to adequately prepare the Budget for the following year.

The first year was a time of adjustment for Mr. Owen in getting into the details of the accounts, in getting a little hold on the language in order to handle the office work. Mr. Begg, who has audited our books for several years, has found them in fine shape this year and the work will be much easier for Mr. Owen next year and I am confident we shall not make the failure that we have this year in providing the Trustees with the information required.

We are delighted to know the payment of the \$6,000 by the Methodist Board has been made, and especially pleased that this could be placed against the deficit of \$10,000 advanced by the Presbyterian Board for land. In view of the rent from the Language School we were able to clear off the outstanding \$7,000 invested in land on this side.

Mr. Bowen has written you regarding the actions of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers and stated the situation clearly. We were able to close the year in better shape, financially, than we had anticipated.

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We were deeply interested and gratified with what you had written to members of the Board on the basis of Mr. Carter's recommendation. If the co-operating societies can make it possible to clear up the Southern Baptist share without further involving our financial resources, it will be a tremendous relief. There seems to have been no other way, as you wrote before, but to meet in full the claim of the Southern Baptist Board for the return - that is, \$5,000. The arrangement that is to be made in regard to Dr. Evans' house was committed by the Board of Managers, as you see, to me to take up in conference with the Trustees and the Southern Baptist Society when I return. Of course the University will need the house and I hope we can work out an arrangement that will be satisfactory.

We appreciate the weakness of our appeal for supplementary grant on exchange account through not having sent in our financial statements and budgets. We were delighted to learn that the Methodist Board is undertaking to provide for all its Conferences in China on the basis of two for one, salary and native work included.

I hope that subsequent letters have made clear the whole situation with regard to Professor Woodworth. I am afraid our delay in writing or cabling in reply to your cablegram cause you inconvenience. In regard to some of these matters of delay we can only plead consideration on the basis of the very unsettled political conditions over here and the uncertainty of what we could definitely plan to do, and, also, as I shall explain when I see you, no small difficulty in working out the situation on the hospital after Dr. Hiltner's return.

With the prospect of going home, I am taking the liberty of seeing a little more of the work near Nanking. I spent two days at Nantungchow seeing Chang Chien and the wonderful work he is doing there. He is the first citizen of Kiangsu Province, a strong friend and advocate of the University. He is co-operating in helping us secure land for experimental purposes for the Agricultural Department. I had a very pleasant and interesting visit of a day and a half in Hangchow, being there over Sunday. Saturday evening I found all the College men in a Chinese feast being given by the College in honor of Mr. Sidney Gamble and the new Commissioner of Education, Mr. Wu, and had a seat at the table with Mr. Warran Stuart. There was with the new Commissioner of Education a Mr. Chang, who is associated in education work. He had been a student of mine in Tokio in 1906-7 and he had more than the usual Chinese feeling of regard for one who had tried to teach him. Mr. Wu was a Nanking man and felt very cordial for that reason. Mr. Wu and Mr. Chang gave a very nice little gathering the following night in the Educational Headquarters. At the table there were ~~Mr. Chen~~, an alumnus of the College, a Mr. Ding, the head teacher, Mr. Wu, the Commissioner of Education, Mr. Chang, his first associate, and Mr. Hsih, head of the girls' normal. Chang, Wu and Hsih were grad-

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uates in the Higher Normal School in Tokio and spent some five years in study in Japan, specializing in Education and Educational Psychology. They are very keen, alert men. The foreigners present were Mr. Stuart, Mr. Barnett, of the Y. M. C. A., Mr. Gamble and myself.

There is going to be increasing opportunity in China for influence through these outstanding educational means - welcome and real friendship. We are having the friendliest of relations here at Nanking. This evening Mr. Bowen, Mr. Reisner and I are meeting Mr. Wen, Christian, one of the first advisors of the Tuchun Li, and Mr. Chang, the head of the Department of Industry and Agriculture of the city, and Mr. Si Yu, Provincial Secretary to the Tuchun.

I am going to Hwaiyuen to-morrow to the opening of their hospital and for a meeting of our Executive Committee, and go on to Peking the following Monday to confer with Mr. Greene over the proposition you made for assistance on the pre-medical scientific work. I hope we can have the clearest understanding here so that anything we take up in America will not be delayed through any lack of sympathy and co-operation on this side. I feel quite sure it will not be so delayed. Mr. Greene has been most cordial upon ~~all~~ matters that we have had to confer over.

In regard to nurses, Miss Beagle the Council was not prepared to assign to Nanking, although we made a strong plea for her. We are very glad to learn about the nurse from the Hongkong Foundling Home. Dr. Sloan is taking up the matter with her directly.

Mr. Clemons seems better in health now and is going to get through his heavy term's work without a break, I feel sure.

You will be disappointed to know that President Paul was considering going to South America. He has a very impressionable and responsive mind that reacts to every appeal, and if he ever comes back to Nanking it will be because for a time other appeals have been excluded and he really acts upon his conviction in the way of securing passage and making a start.

I was greatly encouraged on my recent brief trip by the splendid developments of Nantungchow, led by Chang Chien, -great cotton mills giving employment to over 5,000 people, modern flour mills, iron works and foundry, large salt business, very extensive reclamation schemes along the sea, philanthropic enterprises - 1,700 children in an orphanage being cared for along modern lines, medical school and hospital with a great deal of free clinic for the helpless, modern prison reform, the effort made to recover the prisoners' lost manhood and self-respect. Chang Chien has extensive shipping interests too and the people all look prosperous. There is a modern girls' normal and boys' normal. It is just a demonstration of the wonderful things that can be wrought in China if there is adequate leadership and some degree of governmental security.

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The questions you raise about the wisdom of my return at this time are very much upon my mind. Mrs. Williams should get away from China for a while for health reasons. She carries a very heavy schedule of work and people come to her so much with their problems - Chinese and foreigners - that she is without relief when here at Nanking or at Kuling. Furthermore, she underwent a very serious major operation; she needs the change and reinvigoration that would give at this time, apart from the burdens here. Then the girls, Mary and Dorothy, should be home in school. Furthermore, it is a critical time for the University. We can drive forward with the many advantages we have gained. We are not only going to hold the place we have won but make the University a larger factor in the building of the Church and the Kingdom in China. The more I observe the work in other centres, mission work as a whole, the more I am convinced that we have been led of God in this enterprise and that the real influence for the Church in China must be secured through Chinese Christian leaders. I recognize the difficulties the war will cause, but I venture to think that our plea can be made right in the face of the war conditions, and even reinforced by the war.

Faith's letters of the joyful fellowship with Margaret and keen interest in the work at Abbott have been most satisfying to us. If Mary and Dorothy can be so well adjusted we can have no misgivings in leaving them in school when returning to China. We appreciate very deeply the thought, time and attention that Mrs. Speer's mother has given Faith.

With affectionate regards to you both,

Very sincerely yours,

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Robert:

By virtue of my being chairman of the Mission this year, it becomes my very pleasant responsibility to send in Miss Jeanie Jenkins enclosed blank of application for membership in the Kiang An Mission. I could not express adequately the great satisfaction and joy of the whole Mission in her new relationship to the Mission. Harry and she have met mostly in our home, and Lilian and my joy in what we believe to be a perfect match is very deep. It is ideal in every way. We shall have less concern about Harry's being able to continue with the University and about the many important interests which they can care for in the Mission and in the University. Jeanie's year in the Mission and thorough acquaintance with the Mission's work and problems will make her contribution from the first an incalculable value.

The Board will be relieved of the expense of travel out; I hope, however, they can make the usual - or even a more generous - allowance for outfit. They are expecting to be married at the time of Mission meeting in Hwaiyuan in May. Jeanie has been spending the week with us here.

We are in the midst of plans for our homegoing, packing up and turning over our work to others. We are expecting to sail by the "Ecuador," March 2, and to spend a couple of weeks in Southern California, after which Lilian and the children will go on with me and remain at her old home at South Salem, Ohio, while I go on to New York for conference with you.

As ever affectionately yours,

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Robert:

I wish to add a few notes about my recent trips in the interests of the University. I called at Nantungchow to see the great things that Chang Chien and his brother are carrying on in that city. While there, I was the guest of Dr. Frank Garrett of the Christian Mission. I was delighted to find that Chang Chien's interest in the agricultural and forestry work of the University had not abated at all. We have been trying to secure a large tract for experimentation purposes of the Agricultural and Forestry Department, and he was deeply interested in this and undertook at once to write letters to Nanking to help the cause.

It is most cheering to find a city being policed in the most efficient, modern way, the sanitation looked after, and the new city developments planned with a reference to the comfort and convenience of the people, and also the attractiveness and beauty of development. We found in his cotton mills every modern appliance - some of the carding machines being patented as late as 1914 and 1915, and yet every latest discovery or device is immediately applied. Some six thousand men and women are employed in the cotton mills, and the mills are run night and day - shifts of twelve hours.

There is great room for the more direct application of Christian principles in the care of the working people, for we found many children employed who should not be in the mills. However, it is only fair to say that Mr. Chang is not without philanthropic feeling, for in the orphanages nearly 1700 children are looked after, given medical care and supervision, employment, and are having homes arranged for them.

His medical school and hospital, while on modern lines, were quite limited in equipment and staff. Six instructors were carrying on medical courses both in Chinese and modern medicine; two instructors giving Chinese courses and running a daily clinic alongside, and four instructors, who were trained in Japan or in the German school in Shanghai, carrying on clinics on modern lines.

He has a great scheme of land reclamation and employs a Hollander as hydraulic engineer. He runs his own salt works. They turn out beautiful, snowy-white salt, as attractive as any we have

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at home. He has a large flouring mill, also an iron foundry where they build railway cars and some launches. They have their own steamship line on the Yangtze and up the coast, and also run a line of stean-launches on the canals.

There is a splendid boys' normal school with an enrolment of three hundred, and they are sending out teachers to all that section of the province. They also have a girls' normal school of lower grade, admitting the girls after the upper primary and giving them a four years' course. The boys' normal school course begins after the middle or high school.

I had a delightful visit with the men at Hangchow on a Saturday night. They were having a feast given by the College in honor of the new Commissioner of Education, Mr. Wu, and of the younger Mr. Gamble. There were gathered in many of the alumni and all of the faculty. I was taken directly to the feast from the train. It was very delightful to have that opportunity of meeting those interested in the College together. At Mr. Warren Stuart's table I found Mr. Barnett, of the Young Men's Christian Association; Mr. Chen, an alumnus of the college, who is in charge of one of the largest boys' middle schools; Mr. Wu, the Commissioner of Education, a Nanking man who had been educated in Japan and very friendly; His associate in office, Mr. Chang, who studied English with me at Wanda, in Japan, in the winter of 1906-7, and Mr. Yieh, the head of the girls' normal school, who was also a graduate of the Higher Normal in Tokio. These men gave a return feast at the Board of Education the following evening in honor of Mr. Gamble and myself. We had a most delightful time talking over problems of education in China.

The influence of returned students from Japan is almost dominant in educational matters in China. The returned students from America have a very large influence in proportion to their numbers, which, of course, is relatively small. The Board of Education in Peking is entirely under the control of returned students from Japan. I found, on my recent trip to Peking, also, that the Department of Agriculture and Commerce had 150 men returned from Japan as over against fifteen who had studied in America. There are no published lists of students who studied in Japan as there is now a list of those who took their courses in America, and one can only estimate the number of Chinese who have studied in Japan. Of those who have taken courses extending over four or five years and who consequently might know very thoroughly the Japanese language and institutions, I believe it would be safe to estimate there are some 10,000 in China. Of those who have spent some months in Japan, the number probably would run over 30,000. These men have certain advantages over the American students. Their studies in Japanese have stimulated very greatly their interest in and knowledge of the Chinese language. Of All the technical terms required in their studies in Education or Science can be used directly in Chinese. Furthermore, they have been in a country whose social customs, in part, and economic conditions are more nearly on the plane of China, consequently they come back

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to China with less of the appalling sense of change as experienced by the Chinese students from America after they have been absent for some years, consequently they can fit in more directly into conditions in China. Of course their much larger number makes it possible for them, with political influence and otherwise, to find openings more readily than the men from America.

I found, on my recent trip to Peking, in meeting the Vice-President of the Board of Agriculture and the head of the Department of Forestry, men who are also returned students from Japan, that my year of experience in Tokio with students was invaluable in understanding the point of view of these men and in winning their sympathetic consideration of the work that we are doing.

Had their training in Japan been as valuable on the moral side as it has been on the really scientific side, their contribution to China at this time would be beyond all estimate. Unfortunately the average in morals of these men is very low. Many of the best of them, I found, were very eager to go to America for further investigation and study. Most of them have considerable knowledge of English, and if fellowships could be provided for a thousand or two of the best of these men, a very great service might be rendered China at this time and a most helpful bond of friendship and understanding established through this influential body between America and China.

The political outlook in China is even more perplexing than usual at this time. I was in Peking just at the time President Feng set out to go to Nanking, and I found Peking extremely pessimistic, among the older missionaries, the Chinese, and the men of the diplomatic corps. Of course Japan's power and influence is being rapidly extended over all of North China and in Peking, as well as Shantung.

It is a strange situation in China that a country which two hundred years before the Christian era, under old Tsing Hsi-Hwang, abolished feudalism root and branch should, in the twentieth century, be brought under a new form of feudalism, a sort of peripatetic feudalism, and the feudal lords are tuchuns gathering large forces and not remaining in their provincial strongholds but moving from place to place and carrying their armies with them. This system, which seems to have been an evil outgrowth of the Peiyang Military College established by Li Hung-chang and fostered by Yuan Shikai, must be broken down before there can be any hope of representative government. If undisturbed from without, I am sure China would work it out. It is very hard to forecast what is coming under the present world-war conditions.

It is fine to find that General Feng, who was at Pukow with 8000 troops and has just now been declared Governor of Anhwei, is a Christian, with all his family. General Wu, Commissioner of Defence at Kiukiang and one of the most influential men, is also a most earnest Christian. The power of the Gospel is revealed in a

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most conspicuous way in the lives of these men. Its influence registers at once not only in their yamens to all the men who are known to them, but throughout the whole country. Every common soldier knows the difference. Never in my experience in China have I found the people of all classes so ready to inquire intelligently as to the real meaning of Christianity as upon my recent trips. The church should be advancing more steadily and thoroughly than at any time in the history of missions in China.

I am glad that I shall be here for the opening of next term to see the new enrolment before leaving.

I had good visits with Mr. Greene, among others in Peking, and talked over the final settlement of the \$6,250 (gold) which is designated for the support of the doctor and three nurses. In view of the impossibility of securing this staff, the great extent of the work carried on by our staff during the year and the very unfavorable rate of exchange, and the fact that on the part of the missions we have provided more than the three doctors and the nurse called for - in fact, with those on furlough and Dr. Hiltner, fully four doctors - Mr. Greene thought something might be done toward assigning something toward the development along other lines, and it seems to us better to make a settlement on the basis of last year rather than carry the funds on. I shall prepare a letter to Mr. Greene reviewing the whole situation and send you a copy.

Dr. Houghton stopped with us on his return. He was most enthusiastic over the work that is being done in the Hospital, and was surprised and delighted over the Swasey Science Hall and the new dormitories and enthusiastic over our larger plans.

Dr. Woodworth arrived some time ago and is settling into the work beautifully. His great delight in what he finds and his enthusiasm over the opportunities of service are very contagious. He is an earnest Christian man and finds himself in fullest accord with the Christian purpose of the institution. He is just now in the other room fitting up a fine, new and complete set of water gauges, temperature and wind gauges, sent out by Dr. John R. Freeman. It is the very latest and best in its line and is a gift that cost him over \$500 (gold) and will be very valuable for the work of the University and will be a constant and pleasant reminder of his personal interest in our work. We have been looking for him in China to head a survey of the Grand Canal and conservancy scheme. He wrote me of his coming but I have not heard of his arrival as yet.

It will be a very great joy and privilege to see you again in New York and to talk over the many interests of the University that it has not been practicable to write out in detail.

Lilian joins me in affectionate regards to Mrs. Speer and yourself.

As ever yours,

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TRANSFER

Nanking

April 3, 1918.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

I have your letter of March 27 addressed to the Trustees of the University of Nanking. I have read Dr. Bullock's statement regarding the school of education. It is a compelling appeal.

One of the young Chinese to whom he refers as going back to China in June is Mr. Hu, one of the two young men who appeared before the trustees sometime ago. We must hold him for the University if possible. He is one of the finest young fellows I have known and is ready to give himself to Christian work. I have been in correspondence with Dr. Bullock regarding him.

As I said in my former letter, when you are ready to call the meeting of the Trustees, kindly send word to my secretary and she will send out the call. Just address the letter to me and she will get it.

I am sorry that I will be unable to be present at the meeting. You will, therefore, have to appoint a secretary to take the minutes. I have left in a folder in my desk the minutes which are to be approved. My secretary will give them to you in time to take to the meeting. I took care of the notice to the Boards with reference to the re-election of Trustees, and the replies have been made. There are no changes in the Trustees.

Very sincerely yours,

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The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York

OFFICE OF SECRETARY



April 24, 1918.

Rev. J. E. Williams,
212 So. Euclid Avenue,
Pasadena, Calif.

My dear Jack:

We have been expecting daily to hear from you and at last growing apprehensive I have written to Faith asking her if she had heard of your arrival, and am glad to learn from her that you are all right and are taking a little rest at Pasadena after a hard trip over.

We have deferred the annual meeting of the Trustees, which should have been held last November or early in December, but for which at that time no mail had come from Nanking. When it did arrive the end of February we knew that you would soon be home and it seemed better to wait until you should come. Faith's letter seems to intimate, however, that you will be in the West until the General Assembly and will then be coming on. That would not bring you on until the last of May or early in June, and that will be so late that I wonder whether we had better not have the Meeting of the Trustees soon and then we can have another meeting in June when you are here. If you could let me know as soon as possible just what your plans would be, we can then decide on dates for meetings. These are difficult days to get men together and it is desirable to give them long notice in advance.

I had a long talk with Mr. Bullock over the startling letters which have come from Nanking, advising against his return to the University, with intimations from Dr. Garritt that there seems to be no place for him in the Ginling Mission. Mr. Bullock has taken it very well and I have encouraged him to hope for some good opportunity for service either in Shantung or Hunan.

There are a great many things to go over with you, but I shall not begin on them now in this letter which is just a brief note of hearty greetings home to you and Mrs. Williams. It will be good to see you again.

With much love to all, including my little Dicky, I am,

Ever faithfully yours,

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Dr. Williams -2-

April 25th.

Since writing this letter your telegram from Pasadena has been received, and I sent out a call at once for the Trustees meeting on Thursday, May 2nd. Will you please make out a list of all the items that should come before the meeting. Mr. Diffenderfer is away and will not be back until June, and you and I will have to get up the docket. I expect to be in town all day, Wednesday, May 1st, but shall be busy at a committee meeting from 10 o'clock till one. I am not sure whether I shall be here on Tuesday, the 30th, or not. It is so good to think that you are nearby. It will be fine to see you again.

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*a copy -
For Dr. Reed -*

TRANSFER

NOTES UPON THE MAIN NEED FOR THE ADVANCE THEOLOGICAL COURSE,
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN NANKING, FOR THE STAFF OF THE UNIVER-
SITY OF NANKING.

Four additional foreign professors will be required for this staff. We hope to secure two younger men of especially high prowess and theological training, who can hope to acquire the Chinese language thoroughly and understand the currents of Chinese thought and so be able to become interpreters for the Chinese students of the best Christian thought in terms of Chinese ethical and religious thought. We should get two older men who have done high grade teaching in United States and who would go to China to carry on their teaching in English. The advance theological course is to use English as a medium of instruction. The plan is to have a full new staff of six men, two already being secured.

On the University staff there are three vacancies to be filled. A teacher of Mathematics is to be in charge of the department; a man of ability and an inspiring teacher. Another man in modern history to interpret modern history to the Chinese students. A man who has specialized in teaching English by the direct method, to organize and direct the English teaching at the Junior College. We are expecting to add a further staff to the University, an especially strong man in the teaching of Physics, another for the department of Biology, one in Agriculture, another specialized in High School education and a second man in the teaching of English. Another man will be required for the supervision of Secondary Schools and the organization of Teachers' Institutes and a field secretary for the University over secondary education.

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April 30th, 1918.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,

My dear Mr. Speer:

I have today received from Dr. North \$8,000 to clear the three items reported to Dr. North in my letter of April 12th, namely, \$1500. due the Foreign Christian Missionary Society on the Kuleo property, \$4,000. due our Board, and the \$2500. which the Southern Baptist put into the Kuleo property and which we have had to refund to them. Dr. North writes:

"The Trustees of Nanking University may depend upon us for the contribution to the capital account of the \$10,000 of which I wrote you recently. At the moment it is convenient to send you a draft for \$8,000., which will cover the items named in your note of April 12th. I shall be glad to take up the question of the additional \$2000. at an early date. Perhaps we shall get some light from Dr. Williams as to the specific needs."

I have immediately sent the \$1500. to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society and have raised with them the question as to whether they would be willing to remit the interest on this amount to date the same as our Board has done on the \$10,000. advanced for land.

I am also paying over to our Board the balance of the \$10,000. due our Board, namely, \$4,000.

Very truly yours,

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Treasurer

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April 30th, 1918.

Mr. Dwight H. Day, Treasurer,

My dear Mr. Day:

I have pleasure in handing you herewith University of Nanking check for \$4,000., this representing the balance due the Presbyterian Board by the University of Nanking for moneys advanced for land, and which until less than a year ago we had not been able to definitely ascertain as to whether really was due from the Board of Trustees. The Methodist Board thru Dr. North has just given to the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking \$10,000 on capital stock which has enabled us to pay off the balance of this \$10,000., \$1500. still due on property account to the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, and \$2500. which had to be refunded to the Southern Baptist Board on account of their withdrawal from the Union.

Thanking you in behalf of the Board of Trustees for having carried this account for us so long, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

RC:M

Treasurer

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May 8, 1918.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
Building.

Dear Robert:-

After reading the minutes and your letters and correspondence with Dr. Butterick, in the light of the understanding I had with Mr. Greene and Dr. Houghton, it would seem that our undertakings for the year 1917 with the C. M. B. are cleared up except for the balance of the property account.

I hope Dr. Butterick by this time will have letters from Mr. Greene stating his approval of the disposition we are making of the grant for last year that was not utilized in salaries of the Doctor and nurses who could not be secured owing to the war, namely, assigning it to expenses on the hospital which has carried such extensive work. This with the tacit understanding upon Mr. Greene's part that we should utilize the funds from our \$1,200 Mexican receipts for the purchase of the Foreign Christian Mission Chapel land and buildings at the Kuleo. Our original appraisal for this property was \$8,500 Mexican. A copy of the budget of the hospital for 1918 would be the basis of our claim for their grant on the year 1918, but we are unable to secure doctors and nurses; owing to the war that would have to be adjudicated later.

Your resume in the minutes states the situation as regards the money, the \$1,200 gold. Four thousand gold for Foreign Christiana Mission Society has been owing since the first of January, 1918. The eight thousand from the Methodist Board I mentioned in a conference with Dr. North the other day, and he seemed to realize the importance of clearing this off at the earliest date possible.

I should like to meet Dr. Butter at an early date and talk over our proposition for the releasing of the middle school property for the Nurses' School and the recommendation which Mr. Greene and Dr. Houghton would support of their making a grant to enable us to build dormitories for the colleges in order to realize these buildings. When I explained to Dr. Houghton and Mr. Greene what we had suffered through exchange on our building program, the argument for doing this appealed to them very much.

In fact Dr. Houghton agreed with us that the urgent matter was for us to carry through the remaining buildings which were absolutely necessary to carry out our scheme and to get strong teacher of Physics and another in Biology. From conversations with Mr. Greene and Dr. Houghton, I am not apprehensive about the backing of the C. M. B. if we can secure the right men. They regard Alexander Lee

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and Z. Ting as excellent teachers, but not leaders.

I have written out the situation this way as I thought it might save your time, rather than talking it over.

As ever, affectionately,

P. S.

I recall your attention to page 6 at the top in the new volume of printed minutes, the action of the Board of Managers referring back to the Board of Trustees on page 36, requesting the Trustees to "hereafter permanently make their annual appropriations for current expenses only in Mexican at the rate of 2 to 1."

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**The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York**

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

May 18th, 1918.

The Rev. J. E. Williams, D.D.,
C/o Presbyterian General Assembly,
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Jack,

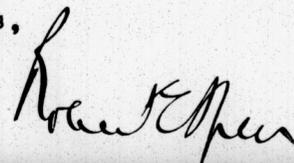
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summary*

I was unable to read until last night the note which you handed me in the hall. I am sorry to say that June 8th and 10th came during our annual missionary conference, and I doubt whether I could attend the meeting of the Nanking Trustees on either of those days. I could attend Saturday afternoon, June 8th, but I do not think there would be any possibility of getting a representative meeting of the Trustees at that time. Indeed I very much despair of our getting a meeting with a quorum or with a representation of the distant Boards in the near future. If there is to be a meeting of the Reference and Counsel Committee on the 17th and 18th, I think we might get the representatives of the other Boards on Saturday, June 15th, even if Dr. North could not be present. Perhaps Mr. Diffendorfer could come then, and you could go over in advance everything that is to come up with Dr. North. If, however, a full meeting can be secured of the other trustees on the 8th or the 10th I should urge that by all means it should be held. It would be easy for me to go over with you either before or afterwards the business of the meeting.

The only dates after your return to New York on June 3rd when I am free, will be June 13th, 24th, 26th, 29th, July 5th, and thereafter, as far as I can now see, with the exception of July 11th, 17th, and 18th.

I don't believe there is much more that we can do in a meeting of the Trustees, however, without a good deal of preliminary work done with the different Boards, and with donors like Mr. Severance and others.

Ever affectionately yours,



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views on the situation his willingness
to allow the \$1500 to go into the building
is very generous.

I may bring proper Christian perspective
on the whole enterprise and if so I
am your frank correction? Since
the Union began it has been flood and
famine, flood and famine, revolution
and war - and war and even plague.
and yet the work ^{has gone forward} was never so successful.
nor the conviction that God is guiding
and blessing so sure as at present -
No other institution missionary or government
in China has as many students doing so
advanced work at Nanking -

In the reconstruction work during
and following the war, where will
an opportunity be offered greater than
at Nanking? - Our Government will not
be slow to apprise or appreciate that
opportunity +

Your letter to the Mission - expressing
the attitude our Board toward the advanced
Secondary course is encouraging.

I expect to further confer with the
Foreign Christian Mission Society
at Cincinnati on the 3rd of June -

I had a good talk with Mr. Bullock
before leaving New York in his room
at Columbia - He seems so free
from any feeling of resentment although
so surprised and pained over the
decision at Nanking - I hope another
work will be offered him in China.

The assignment of Miss Chase
to Nanking as nurse will greatly help
the situation there - Dr Sloan had his
heart very much set up on securing
Miss Beagle and she seemed every
way so ^{well} fitted for the work and
wanted to stay.

Meeting on
Wed. May 24th

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June 13th, 1918.

My dear Mr. Speer:

Dr. North advises under date of June 10th

as follows:

"I am having our treasurer send to you a check for \$500. This is a contribution received by bequest, designated in accordance with the terms of the bequest by Miss Ruth Brown for work connected with Nanking University, preferably to be applied upon our contribution for the work of the hospital. Kindly hold it in this form until the judgment of Dr. Bowen can be secured. I am writing him, suggesting this use which will hold if he agrees.

"I may add that I have in hand an additional amount of \$2,000 making a total of \$10,000 which would be available at any time for a specific need in the matter of capital investment. This might properly be added to the \$500, making a total of \$2,500 on the hospital account, if it can be made a matter of investment. We should not wish it to be applied on the current account."

Very truly yours,

Treasurer,
Board of Trustees
University of Nanking

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July 3rd, 1918.

Dear Robert,

I had a brief word with Dr. North the other day with regard to the balance of the \$8000. for the dispensary building. He seemed to be overlooking it for the time, and was not making provision. I pointed out how important it was that we meet our undertakings with the C.M.B. He appreciated that and said he would see what could be done. He had a balance of \$2500. in hand that could be assigned directly for the purpose.

I called upon Dr. Buttrick this morning, and had a pleasant conversation over the whole work of the University and the Hospital. He said that he had been having very encouraging reports from Mr. Greene and Dr. Houghton. He raised the question whether their grant had been paid and covered the loss in exchange. I told him how hard we had been hit in all our work by loss of exchange. He looked up the action of their Board and found that it was specifically for mission hospitals. However, he felt sure it was not designed to exclude the University Hospital, and called in his secretary to dictate a Minute which will come before their Board for further action with a view to granting us the difference between the exchange we received 1:17, and two for one, on current grant. I think he only needed to be reminded of the need of the grant for this year. He wanted to know about Dr. Hiltner. I simply told him that when Dr. Hiltner came he did not feel that he would work under the arrangements, and offered his resignation immediately to the Hospital Committee, which he accepted. He said he was not surprised as he thought that would be inevitable. Mr. Chang Poling was in at the same time, so he wanted to talk over other matters in China. You will be interested in the reply from Dr. Downing, of Albany.

I am returning to South Salem, Ohio, this week as there seems to be little that I can accomplish at this time, and I will try to get in all that may be reckoned furlough during the summer. Dr. Garritt is waiting, and is hoping to see you on Friday.

I do hope you will have some brief respite this summer.

As ever, Affectionately yours,

J.E. Williams.

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**The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York**

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

July 8th, 1918.

Dear Dr. Williams,

I enclose, as you request, the carbon copy of the letter which you dictated to Mr. Speer, but am sorry I cannot send you a copy of the letter which Mr. Speer dictated in reply, and which I read to you. Mr. Speer dictated that note along with some other instructions to me one morning when I did not have my note book with me, and I destroyed the slip after reading the note to you. As I remember it, there was nothing of very great importance in it, but I am sorry I cannot furnish the copy.

I am glad to be able to report progress in the matter of the Minutes of the meeting of Trustees of Nanking. I phoned Miss Abbey this morning, who said she had just received the copy back from Mr. Diffendorfer, and she came this afternoon for copies of the Budget which you presented and Mr. Carter's report, so that I hope she will soon be sending out the Minutes.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary Schnell

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DISTRICT SECRETARY
REV. ERNEST F. HALL

July 13th, 1918

Rev. J. E. Williams,
South Salem, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Williams:-

I have just had a letter from the Southern Pacific Company in regard to the lost hamper and they advise me that they have a hamper that might answer to that description in their warehouse in San Francisco, but it has no tag on it with a name and has a strong padlock which they cannot open. If you will send the key to me I will go down to the warehouse and it will be opened in my presence and if it contains what you say it should contain, it will be turned over to you. They say the charges on it are as follows, \$4.49 for the railroad storage and war tax, plus 50 cents for the transfer, and \$1.00 for the warehouse up to Aug. 30th, making a total charge of \$5.59. They made the charge up to the end of Aug. instead of the end of July as they knew we would want to communicate with you in regard to it and could not get an answer in time to take it out July 30.

I called them up on the phone and said it was a mistake on their part in not sending it through and they say no matter how many tickets you had to check on it was your duty to count over each piece and see that it was on hand and a proper check on it. We will try to fight the matter for you before the charges are paid but have to have all the facts of the case clearly in mind before we start. It so happens that the man who has been investigating the matter for me is leaving the company on Monday and he is going to tell some one else about the case so I don't know how it will come out. They insist that if you checked it you should have a claim check.

Now in regard to sending the basket east if we find it is yours. It would have to go Wells Fargo and that would probably cost a good deal. Are you in need of the things or shall we store it and take a chance of checking it East if Dr. Hall or some one else happens to be making a trip your way? I suppose if it contained warm clothing you might want the things this winter, otherwise we could store it for you till you left for China again.

Cordially,

Edith Ludlow.

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The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York July 17th, 1918.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

The Rev. John K. Williams, D.D.,
Salem, Ohio.

My dear Jack,

The following cablegram has just been received:

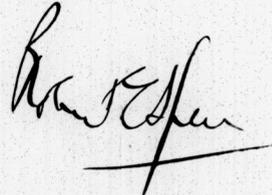
"~~Siavne~~ available can you provide salary cable.
(Signed) Bowen."

No doubt this was intended for you. I do not know what the
first word means.

I hope that you are all well and that you are getting
a good rest.

Very affectionately yours,

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The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

New York July 20th, 1918

The Rev. J. E. Williams,
South Salem, Ohio.

My dear Jack,

I have a nice letter from Clemons regarding his wedding. In it he says that they will need very much the regular outfit allowance in getting established in their own home. Of course, he received his outfit allowance when he went to the field so that only Mrs. Clemons' allowance is involved. Alas, the regular allowance for a missionary appointed on the field is only \$100., the assumption being that such missionaries have the clothing suitable for the climate, which represents at least half of the outfit that a new missionary going out from home has to secure. I brought the matter up at the Executive Committee meeting this week and the following action was taken:

"It was voted to provide the regular outfit allowance of \$100. granted to missionaries appointed upon the field to Mrs. Harry Clemons of the Kiangang Mission with authorization of the Secretary in charge to present to any special friends the possibility of supplementing this allowance."

When Buck of Nansuchow was married I took up the matter with the Madison Avenue Church, and the Church provided the full \$200. Is there any particular friend of Mr. and Mrs. Clemons to whom you or I might write to get an additional hundred or perhaps even \$200. that would help the new couple in setting up their household?

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer.
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T. B. RAY
ASSOCIATE SECRETARY
R. R. GWATHMEY
TREASURER
Mr. Speer

J. B. Ray
FOREIGN MISSION BOARD
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RICHMOND, VA., July 24, 1918.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156-5th Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Speer:-

In the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Nanking University, held May second, 1918, copy of which has been recently sent me, I note the following:-

"Dr. Williams was requested to take up with the donor the matter of the disposition of Dr. Evans' house."

You will recall that I have already had up with you the matter of the disposition of Dr. Evans' house and you said you supposed the University would want to acquire it. The University has been renting it for some time and we have not felt disposed to press the sale of the building because we did not wish to embarrass the University by any over anxiety on our part to dispose of this building. In my letter of January the third, 1917, I assured you that the house and the land for Dr. Evans' residence at Nanking had cost us \$5,198.96 (Gold). This did not take into consideration certain permanent improvements such as heating, plumbing and electric light fixtures which Dr. Evans had also installed in this building.

Now, while the money for this building came almost entirely from one individual, the property belongs to the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, and we cannot see where it would be competent to take up this matter with the donor of the money. The man who made it possible for us to erect this building does not expect to further control the building. It was an outright gift to our Board and it might be embarrassing, both to him and to us, for an effort to be made to go around our Board to the original giver of the money for the erection of this building. The fact is, we do not see how such a course could be justified and I write to express the very earnest hope that Mr. Williams will not follow the suggestion quoted above.

I have had in mind for sometime now to write you concerning this building. I wanted to raise the question of whether the Board of Trustees is not able at this time to buy the building. As I have already said, we wish to sell the building and we want to give the Board of Trustees of Nanking University the preference in the sale. We are, of course, anxious to be just as thoughtful as we can about the

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convenience of the Board of Trustees. We do not wish to press the sale now, but we should be glad if the sale could be consummated at an early date.

Very cordially yours,

J. B. Ray,

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Cincinnati, Ohio
July 25, 1918.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Robert:

The cable from Nanking, referred to Mr. and Mrs. Giau Gue, pronounced "Joke". He is at present engaged by Dr. P. W. Kuo as athletic director of the Government Normal at Nanking. They are graduates of Oberlin College. He is also very well trained in music and has directed the music for foreign service during the past year. Dr. Kuo has been very much pleased with their work at Government Normal and they have been very much pleased with their relationship there. Their only reason for changing is that they would prefer to be in the regular missionary service. They have made a very favorable impression upon all that have come to know them in Nanking. He would be a very valuable man on our staff in directing athletics. I have felt they would make excellent missionaries if he were to take up evangelistic work in the city.

Mr. Bowen's last letter, dated May 30th, referred to him as follows: "I had a long talk with Mr. Giau Gue yesterday. He does not wish to be an athletic director but wants to have the opportunity to conduct a physical training department. He is doing a good deal of that at the Normal College and the Y. M. C. A. is trying to get him in Shanghai for that same work and he has several offers. I am not quite sure that we are ready for the physical training department but of course there is no question about our needing a physical director. A physical training department would involve almost immediately, another foreigner and one or two Chinese assistants and of course a good, well equipped gymnasium. Such a department would be very useful and through it we could make a real contribution to China and to our Missions. I wish you would find out what the Trustees think about it and write your own judgment about it. We must have a physical director as soon as possible." I should refer to Mr. Bowen's cablegram that Mr. Giau Gue is prepared to go as physical director. If he could combine with that, a large part of the oversight of the boys in the Middle School, sharing the burden with Mr. Wilson as principal, I think it would be an excellent arrangement. I do not see how we could undertake to add another man to our already large program of requests for reinforcements, unless the support was especially provided.

They spent sometime in the language school last year and made good with the Chinese so it would be less of an experiment than any new people we could send out from U. S.

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Mr. Bowen referred to the delightful time he and Mrs. Bowen had at Hawaii Yuan at the time of Mr. Clemons's wedding. He said, "They certainly have a beautiful place and an ideal work in almost every respect." It was very inspiring and we enjoyed it there immensely." It would seem that Mr. Bowen's letter to Dr. Garrett with regard to Mr. Bullock had not come before the members of the Capitals Chinese Council nor had the Mission been apprized of the letter. The Mission under the circumstances, did not feel free to take any action at all regarding Mr. Bullock. Mr. Bowen said he was writing to you and again to Dr. Garrett regarding him as well as to Mr. Bullock directly.

I received from Dr. Bowen, a copy of the report which he had presented to the Mission at Hawaii Yuan. It was a very faithful work for a year and I am sure you will say it is very encouraging and promising for the future. If unable to have copies struck off here immediately, will mail it to you from Lake Geneva when I get there.

I came down here a day early enroute for Lake Geneva for a conference with Knick, a professor of English at Berea College, who had become interested in the proposition of going to Hanking to teach in English with Clemons. The officers of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society here, did not think it was wise to send him alone as he proposed to go as his wife is an invalid, suffering from rheumatism. His proposition was to go for two years.

Richard Mrs. Marx, I feel sure, will develop into strong missionaries and he can undertake at once, the English teaching to assist Mr. Clemons. For the second man in English, I think we should try to secure one who has specialized in this line. I think I mentioned to you the desire of the men in the seminary being very strongly impressed, before with Dr. George L. Robinson of McCormick, to go out and spend a year or two in the work at Hanking. He could afford immediate relief in teaching in the advanced in English. I wrote to Dr. Robinson thinking that because of the fact that Mrs. Robinson died last March and that his daughter, I understood, had settled in mission work, he might be more open for the work of this consideration at this time. I heard from him and now that he would regard the work as more in line of providential meaning. His difficulty would be leave of absence from McCormick Seminary. I thought if you were willing to write to Dr. McClure and to Cyrus R. and Madame McCormick, the dean, of the opportunity at Hanking, it would greatly help to settle the matter.

I met Dr. Garrett here yesterday, enroute with Mary for Hanover, Indiana. He was very much pleased to know that Dr. Robinson regarded the going at this time, so favorably. I may be able to see Mrs. McCormick, while waiting in Chicago.

I shall expect at that time to see Dr. Burton and also a young man of the Seminary there, whom the Foreign Christian Missionary Society are thinking as a possibility to take the place of Dr. Frank Garrett at

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R. E. S.--3.

Hantungchow.

I am sure you will be pleased to know that the Foreign Christian Missionary Society has had turned over to them from the special emergency appeal, already \$52,000.00. The outlook now is that they will close their fiscal year free of debt. If so, this will be the first time in a good many years.

I am enclosing a letter received from Egbert Hayes after my visit to Hantungchow, thinking you would be interested in a last word from him before going to Hanking to take up the work in that city. I expect to see Mr. Difindorfer in Conference.

Mrs. Williams is going with me to Lake Geneva. We are anticipating meeting many young people who are interested in foreign missions. We are glad to know that Mr. Day is to be there during the whole time of the Conference.

Ever affectionately yours,

JW*HMR

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Rev. J. E. Williams
South Salem
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Your affectionate letter.

The Conference.

We are glad to know that Mr. Day is to be there during the whole time of the Conference. We are glad to know that some people who are interested in foreign missions. Mr. Williams is coming with me to take Geneva. We are sorry.

expect to see Mr. Dillingham at the Conference.

From his perspective to be in the work in that city. I

visit to Washington, thinking you would be interested in a few words.

I am enclosing a letter received from Spauldinger after my

in a good many years.

Close their direct last time or two. It is to be the first time
emergency about \$25,000.00. The outlook now is that you will
then financially help you and your own to get from the church.

I am sure you will be pleased to know that the letter is quite
Washington.

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The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York July 29th, 1926.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

The Rev. J. E. Williams, D.D.,
South Salem, Ohio.

My dear Jack,

I enclose herewith a letter received from Dr. Ray. I have told him that I do not know all of the ins and outs of the property problem in Nanking but would refer his letter to you. Will you please take up with him the matter fully. If this house is on land that belongs to the University the problem would be a simpler one. I trust that it can all be worked out happily.

Have you been able to suggest tactfully to any friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clemons a little supplement to their outfit allowance? I have sent \$50. and if you know any of their friends, especially Mrs. Clemons, who may be willing to help, I think it would be a kindly thing to suggest the matter to them.

I hope to get away the end of this week for a little time in the woods with Elliott. I trust you are having a good rest at Salem.

With warm regard,

Very sincerely yours,

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**The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
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156 Fifth Avenue

New York

July 30th, 1918.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

The Rev. J. E. Williams, D.D.,
Missionary Education Movement Conference,
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

My dear Jack,

I was glad to get your good letter of the 25th explaining the telegram from Dr. Bowen. You do not say whether Mr. Giau Gue is a Chinese or some other nationality. I would judge from his name that he was Chinese, but from what you say about him that he was not. What possibility is there of having him specially financed?

I return herewith Egbert Hayes' letter, and must report to you also a paragraph from a letter just received from P. F. Price, who sends a copy of the Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Nanking Theological Seminary, in which he was instructed as Secretary of the Board, to write to Dr. Garritt and me requesting us "to advise with Mr. Lew as to the advisability of his not taking the proposed course at Union Seminary". In his letter Dr. Price writes:

"You will note that I was also instructed to write to you and to ask that if you can, you will have a conference with Mr. Lew and will in the tactful way that we know you would do, advise him that, if possible, he do not take the proposed course at Union Seminary, New York. Whatever be the strong points of Union Seminary, the fact remains that it has a name of being too liberal and having such name the coming of a man directly from Union to take a professorship here would impair both confidence and harmony in a large part of our constituency. This was the consensus of opinion among all the members of the Board which were present and which fairly represented the co-operating churches. Whether this feeling is right or wrong in regard to the Union Seminary of 1918 is not the point at issue. The point is that the coming here of a man from Union would be a disturbing element. You are the kind of man of whom Confucius said, 'If you show him one corner of a table, he will be able to judge the other three,' and though I have not adequately expressed perhaps the mind of the Board, I think that you will see the point and I am sure you will be willing to aid us in any way that you can."

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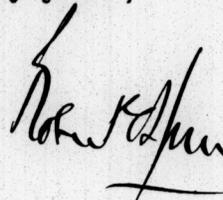
Dr. Williams-2-

I think it would be wiser for you and Dr. Garritt who know Mr. Lew so well to handle this matter in whatever way is best.

I am hoping to get away this week for a little trip with my son Elliott, who arrived home from the other side last week.

Ever affectionately yours,

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**The Board of Foreign Missions
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156 Fifth Avenue
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

August 5th, 1918.

Dr. J. E. Williams,
South Salem, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Williams,

Mr. Diffendorfer's office has at last sent out the minutes of the Nanking meeting, but I am not sure that a copy will have been sent you, so I am sending you the only extra copy which we have. If you already have a copy, and do not need the enclosed will you please return it? It may be that Miss Abbey sent a copy to Dr. Bowen, but in order to make sure, we are today sending a copy from our office.

I hope you and Mrs. Williams and the family are having a good vacation.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Schnell

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The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
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156 Fifth Avenue
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

August 13th, 1918.

The Rev. J. E. Williams, D.D.,
South Salem,
Ohio.

My dear Dr. Williams,

On the letter of June 1st which Mr. Speer wrote you asking for names of Christians and non-Christians to whom he could send a questionnaire, you have added in pencil three names of Chinese, and suggested calling up Chang Poling to get their addresses. I have inquired for Mr. Chang Poling's address at Columbia, but they don't know it, so I am wondering whether you can tell me where I could address him in order to get this information.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary Schuell

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August 16, 1918

Rev. J.E. Williams,
South Salem, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Williams:-

Sometime ago, as you may remember, I wrote you with reference to pictures of the work of the Forestry Department of Nanking University, saying that we were getting out a lecture to illustrate the educational work of the Board and wanted to include the Nanking work. When I saw you, you said that you would ask Mrs. Williams to send some pictures. Several have been turned over to us from Miss Mc Millan, which may have come from you, but they show almost nothing of the tree planting, only groups of people at certain gatherings. I notice in the report of the Kianggan Mission for 1915, called "A Year in an Oasis," a number of pictures which would be of use to us. We want, of course, the photographic prints, not these half-tone reproductions. Could you send us the following:

Famine Huts
University of Nanking: Purple Mountain in background
Brick Houses
You may ride far up the side of Purple Mountain and return between rows of fruit trees growing sturdily.

The time is so short in which to get out this lecture, if it is to be of service to the study classes soon to begin, that we will ask for a prompt reply to this, if possible. Can you help us?

Yours very truly,

Susie A. Pinder

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REV. ERNEST F. HALL

August 29th, 1918

Rev. J. E. Williams,
South Salem, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Williams:

I have not understood why I have not received an answer to my letter of July 13th as it did not come back to the office as unclaimed. I waited until the limit on your storage was up and then went to the Southern Pacific office and claimed your basket. They have agreed, if the charges are paid, to check the hamper through to you if you will advise me the route you traveled on. Please tell me just what line you took from here to Los Angeles and from Los Angeles on to the East. There will be another 50¢ to pay for this next month's storage while I am waiting for your answer so the full charges will be \$6.09 unless they add something for taking it from the warehouse to the train. Unless the basket is taken from the warehouse very soon they will sell the contents to pay the charges. I was very pleased to find they would check the hamper East for it would have been very expensive to send it by express. I find it never left San Francisco but still had the Arrow Express check on it and no railway check. You evidently had not counted over your checks to see that each piece was checked south.

Cordially, *Edith Ludlow*
Secretary to Dr. Hall

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September 12th, 1918.

Mrs. Edith Ludlow,
c/o Dr. Ernest F. Hall,
278 Post St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Ludlow:-

Your letter of August 29th came as I was preparing to reply to your former letter, delayed in its answer because you called for the key of the hamper. Your latest letter does not call for the key. The hamper is identified, as I understand, through the check from the Colonial Annex Hotel. I am delighted that you have been able to persuade them to check the hamper through. We left San Francisco by the Southern Pacific to Los Angeles, and then east by the Santa Fe to Cincinnati. I should suggest that you have ~~been~~ checked over to Montclair, N. J., where we are now living. It might come the remainder of the way by the B. & O., the Reading Road and the Lehigh Valley to Newark, N. J. I shall enclose my check for \$7.00 and will make up anything more that you find necessary. I do appreciate the faithful persistent way that you have followed this matter up for us.

Your surmise that I had not counted over the checks is correct. There was a limited time and the agent handed me the checks with such positive assurance that the number was correct and the package was O. K. that in the hurry I accepted his word. I am sure they will appreciate the loss that we have suffered. He was under moral responsibility to see that the numbered checks were correct just as I was. The fact that the mistake was proven to be his should not make us feel any the more guilty. However, your way of settling it is ~~far~~ the best way and you have our admission of being a better diplomat than we should have under these circumstances.

I understand that Dr. Hall is coming east. I wish he were bringing his Secretary along.

With very cordial regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Vice-President.

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September 13th, 1918.

My dear Jack,

I return herewith Dr. North's and Bishop Lewis' letters, and send with them some letters I have received from Mr. Bailie. Is it desired that Mr. Parker and Mr. Griffing should be sent out to China under the responsibility of the University?

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer
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September 16th, 1918.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,

Dear Robert:

The following items will be of interest in writing to Dr. Buttrick.

The staff and work of the University Hospital has been continued this year on the same line as last year but with an increase of about 15 per cent in the out-patient clinic. Dr. Sloan has continued in charge with Drs. A. C. Hutchison and E. C. Perkins and Dr. Paul Tang, a returned medical student from the U. S. With these doctors have been associated four Chinese doctors, graduates of our medical school.

The nurses' staff has consisted of Miss Warner, Miss Walker, acting as Dr. Sloan's assistant in handling correspondence and office business and accounts, Miss Chace, appointed this year, and Miss Wright who went out to the Advent Mission and has had one year in the Language School. We were disappointed in Dr. Hiltner's continuance with the department. Since the work has been increased in the staff larger than last year, we hope the Medical Board's grant will be made as last year. It might be stated that we are still expecting to have five foreign doctors as well as the four Chinese and so have a larger staff than we had previously undertaken to support. This is the data of the personnel. All Dr. Buttrick wished was the statement that we had carried on on a larger basis than last year.

Affectionately yours,

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Acting
DISTRICT SECRETARY
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Rev. W.T. Johnson

September 18th, 1918

Rev. J. E. Williams,
Montclair, N. J.

My dear Mr. Williams:

I received your letter yesterday and at once went to the Southern Pacific Baggage office. At first it seemed that he could not get your hamper through without involving expense in transferring it across certain towns by wagon to connect with another train, but he finally figured out how he could check it straight through and I was able to see it put through. There was an added charge for the Union Transfer to haul it from the Occidental Warehouse to the ferry which was done for 50¢ so the total cost was \$6.59. I am enclosing stamps in the sum of 41¢ as you sent \$7.00. I hope it reaches you in safety and you all get the comfort out of the warm clothes this winter.

Did you know Dr. Hall had left the Presbyterian Board and is now General Secretary of the Missionary Education Movement in the United States and Canada. Mr. Johnson, who traveled home with you, is taking his place temporarily and I hope permanently. The matter will not be finally decided until January after they have tried him out.

Cordially,

Edith Ludlow
Office Secretary

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October 14th, 1918.

Mr. George J. Vanderpump,
Bradstreet's Foreign Dept.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry regarding the
Conservancy Engineering College at Nanking, I have the
following reply from the Rev. J. C. Garritt, D. D., of
Nanking, which gives you the information which you desire.

"The Conservancy Engineering College, formerly
called the Waterways College, is still open in
Nanking. It is a government college, and not
connected with the University of Nanking. It is
for the training of engineers for River and Harbor
conservancy, and seems to be an efficient school,
with American and English training teachers."

Very truly yours,

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October 18th, 1918.

My dear Mr. Speer:

Mr. Jerome, Mr. Severance and Mr. Horne approve of the financial arrangement with Mr. Williams, whereby he is to receive \$55.00 per month house rent, and \$100.00 per month supplementary home allowance. I understand that this meets with your approval as well, and that I am therefore authorized to make such payments on Mr. Williams' behalf, charging them to the field.

Last Friday I received from the China Medical Board the \$9250.00 for the present calendar year. I understand from Mr. Williams, however, that he was expecting that this would be paid at the two for one rate, and that he also had hopes a supplementary payment on account of exchange would be made for the calendar year 1917. It is understood between Mr. Williams and me that I am to do nothing in the matter but that he will take it up personally or thru you with the China Medical Board.

I found that I had money enough to make a complete payment for Mr. Evans' residence and have done so to the Treasurer of the Southern Baptist Board, and am notifying the field to the same effect so they will discontinue paying rental for the property.

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer
University of Nanking.

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The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

October 23rd, 1918

The Rev. J. E. Williams, B.D.,
BUILDING.

My dear Jack,

I return herewith the letters which you let me see. I had the impression that G. T. Wang was in this country but when I spoke to some one about it the other day they said they had not heard of his coming. I think it is very desirable that we should have him at the next meeting of the Nanking Trustees, and I should like very much to see him personally the next time he is in the office.

Thank you very much for letting me see Dr. Bowen's letters and the report to the Regents. I shall be glad to talk over any of the points of Dr. Bowen's letters with you.

It does not appear from the Report to the Regents that we have any Applied Science courses at all, except Agriculture and Forestry. Have we no provision for a B.S. Course as yet in the University?

I gather from Mr. Severance's letter that you had written to him that it is not wise to go ahead with the building. You will remember, however, that the Trustees authorized going ahead and I gather that you thought we should do so irrespective of the Exchange situation. Have you changed your view or did you regard the conditions embodied in the action of the Trustees as impracticable at present.

Regarding the \$3,000. for the running expenses for the Hospital I understood that was made up from the \$1200. from the Southern Methodists and the \$600. each from the Methodist, Disciples and Presbyterians. Have the Southern Methodists continued their \$1200. for another year? Am I wrong in my view as to how the

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\$3000. was to be provided? My recollection also is that with the contribution of Dr. Hutchinson the Southern Presbyterians felt that they were doing their full share and were not liable for a contribution toward running expenses. Did not the Northern Baptists also withdraw or did they agree to go on with \$300.

Mr. Carter reports the receipt of the money from the China Medical Board but not on the 2 to 1 basis. I think they paid on the 2 to 1 basis on a part the year before, and they have paid their subsidy this year for Tsinanfu on the 2 to 1 basis. Would it not be well for you to take this up with Dr. Buttrick?

Very cordially yours,

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P.S. I have a letter from Mr. Gray referring also to Egbert Hayes. I hope very much that Egbert can be secured for the work of the Mission at Nanking. Would it not be well for you to have a talk with Mr. Brockman on the subject. That would seem to be the best mode of approach.

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October 23rd, 1918.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,

Dear Robert:

I appreciated very much your corrections for the Minutes which have now been mailed to all the Trustees.

I am sure you will look over with interest Dr. Sloan's report on the hospital. It is an excellent report in the amount of accurate detail which he presents. The group picture is a little dim. The buildings show up well. Dr. Sloan has done splendid work as superintendent of the hospital, handling not only a very large outside practice himself of both the community and the Chinese, but carrying on the hospital in a way not surpassed in work in China. He has made good with a wide margin in a very difficult situation.

I was delighted to know that the grant from the C.M.B. came in this year. The question of exchange has not yet been handled.

The following items which I am sending to all members of the Board of Trustees will be of interest to you.

Letters recently received from President Bowen give a most cheering report of the enrolment at the opening of the Fall term. Letters during the Summer indicated that there would be an unusually large enrolment owing to the fact of the Chinese students returning from Tokyo and not expecting to go again to study in Japan. Under date of September 10th, Dr. Bowen writes:

"We have never had such an opening where the students were back so promptly and the class work and everything started off so well and so on time. The Minutes of the last Faculty Meeting, which we are sending, will give you a lot of most excellent material. Ninety-six new men not including graduates of the University Middle School came before the Committee on admission to the Colleges. On September 10th eighty had been received from these new students."

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Oct. 23rd, 1918.

The outlook is that there will be an increased enrolment in the Colleges of not less than 30 per cent. There will probably be over 300 students enrolled in the college courses. In another letter Dr. Bowen wrote that they were placing chairs on every available foot of space in the lecture room of Science Hall to seat them for chapel.

You will be interested to know that Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Marx sailed on the "Tenyo Maru" from San Francisco October 12th. Mr. Marx will be associated with Mr. Harry Clemons in the English work and give his whole time to teaching English to the students of the Junior College.

This time when it is so difficult to secure men from the U.S. to reinforce the staff, you will be pleased to know that Dr. Bowen has been able to add to our staff at Nanking Mr. Sie Chia Shen, a graduate of the University, who has spent three years in the study of agriculture in the U. S. at Cornell and Penn State. To provide for the work which Miss Wixson and Miss Taylor were doing so excellently, and who are now on furlough in the United States, the Misses Stearns, White, and Braasted were secured from the Kuling School. They are women who have had excellent training and will meet the emergency very satisfactorily. Miss Pierce who was in the employ of the University about five years ago, and who did very exceptional work as a teacher, has also consented to come for the period of Miss Wixson's absence. To reinforce the teaching in agriculture two other Chinese returned students, a Dr. Wang and Mr. Tsien, were engaged on the field. They will also cover in part the work carried on by Messrs. Settemeyer and Bullock who are not returning to the University.

The development of the work at Nanking was never more encouraging and reassuring. The Minutes of the Board of Trustees have been mailed to you.

I should like at this time to remind you of the date of the next annual meeting 9:30 A. M. December 6th. The Board of Managers met at Nanking October 11th, and President Bowen writes that budgets and all reports should be here in good time for your next regular annual meeting.

As ever,

Very faithfully yours,

W:M

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Oct. 26, 1918.

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

Dear Robert:-

I saw Dr. Brown this morning and we had a talk over Dr. Charles Lyon's problem. I related how I had become interested through a statement of Mr. Hall's, his brother-in-law, that he might not be returning to Shantung owing to the difficulty of equipment and absence of opportunity to carry on his specialty in eye work, and that I had written to Dr. Lyon asking whether he were still open to considering work at other points in China. He replied that he was under the selective draft and so had registered for war work. This concluded the matter as far as I was concerned, and there was no call to take up the hypothetical question with Dr. Brown. However, when Dr. Lyon came in to see me yesterday and we had talked over the whole situation I saw that he would like to go to Nanking if he could with the right understandings of the Selective Draft Board. After Dr. Brown's conference with Dr. Lyon he asked me to come in and related the conclusion to which they had come. First, that Dr. Brown would write letters which Dr. Lyon could use with the Selective Draft Board, i.e., that if he were under the draft he might until the time of call to active service return to China for work in China. I inferred that Dr. Brown, in view of Dr. Lyon's specialization in eye work and desire to be assigned to Nanking, would concur in such a change of plans. While they are under the same pressure for increasing their staff to meet their undertakings with the C.M.B. at Tsi-nan the eye work was covered by Dr. Neal. Dr. Brown seemed also to appreciate how heavily the University Hospital at Nanking had been drawn upon for their staff in the transfers of Dr. Shields and Evans, as well as the Kiang-an Mission's contribution in the trans-

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fer of Dr. Cochran for a year. Dr. Brown thought that you, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, should make a request for the transfer of Dr. Lyon to the work of the University Hospital at Nanking.

I had a conference with Dr. North this morning over the proposition of his exerting influence of their Board in an effort to retain Dr. E. C. Perkins at Nanking. Dr. North said that owing to the way that Dr. Perkins had gone to China with the work at Kiang-an specially in mind and to the fact that he was entirely self-supporting as well as planning for the support of the work, he did not feel like exerting any pressure upon him. I told him of the possibility of Dr. Charles Lyon's coming on to assist our staff and opened the question whether they would take up his support. He said as far as he knew they would be very glad to take the support of Dr. Lyon. I asked him since he was going to the conference with Dr. Buttrick whether he would not talk over the proposition of holding Dr. Perkins, if Dr. Buttrick would express his views directly, and also inquire of Dr. Buttrick whether Dr. Lyon's medical attainments would meet with their approval for work at Nanking. Later, over the phone, he told me he had talked over Dr. Perkins' situation and that he had agreed to write a letter to Dr. Bowen expressing how heartily the Board here would concur with Dr. Perkins' remaining at Nanking. That was as far as he felt he should go in the matter.

With regard to Dr. Lyon Dr. Buttrick said that his records which he looked up were very good. However, he would heartily sanction any one that Dr. North and I had agreed upon for the position. Dr. North was of the judgment that the Trustees would move at once to secure Dr. Lyon for the Hospital staff, allowing the question of just how his support was to be arranged to remain in abeyance until after conference we could decide upon the best method. I feel sure the Foreign Mission Society would be glad to take Dr. Lyon into their Mission and under their support. I received a wire today from Dr. Bowen saying that Dr. W. N. Lyon, of St. Luke's

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Dr. Speer-----3.

Hospital, Chicago, was now in influenza work at Benhan, Kentucky, and not committed definitely to any work, so I am writing him directly to inquire whether he could not come on to New York for a conference with yourself and Dr. North or any members of the Candidate Committee. I feel we should secure Dr. W. N. Lyon without fail, as I am confident he will make good in a large way and since he has been a volunteer of long standing he would not only stand high professionally, but would deeply and genuinely cooperate in the missionary purpose of our work.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wang and I had a very pleasant luncheon at the Shanghai Chop Suey Restaurant today. He is eager to see you at the first opportunity. He and Mrs. Wang are going to spend Sunday with us at Monclair. I asked him to put down the date of our Trustees Meeting, December 6th, on his calendar, and he agreed to do so.

There are a set of questions in your letter which I did not reply to. First, in regard to the question of Applied Science Courses: In the more strictly technical sense of applied science courses we have not been offering other than Agriculture and Forestry. However, in our Catalogue, Page 26, in the Arts College, you will note that the work is divided into four groups:

- Group 1. Language.
- Group 2. Social Science.
- Group 3. Science and Mathematics.
- Group 4. Seminary Preparatory.

There would be no difficulty about our recommending students for the B.S. Degree under Group 3, or the B.Lit. Degree under Group 1. Our Charter and the practice of the Board of Regents would lead us to expect that they would grant this Degree directly upon the recommendation and reports of President Bowen and the faculty.

In my letter to Mr. Severance I meant simply to point out how difficult it was for us to proceed with our building program under the present rate of exchange and the action of the Trustees. I like very much the explicit wording of the Minute which you prepared with regard to the building program. However, that exchange

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one for one, and the estimated cost of the Central Building complete, 75,000 Mexican, and the unwillingness as yet of Mr. Severance and Mrs. Prentis to undertake more than \$50,000 gold, which is now \$50,000 Mexican, there is no course open to us but to give up the project for the present. I regret this exceedingly. We cannot go on without the Building. In almost every letter the men on the field are urging that they may go on with the construction. From the beginning every delay we have made has only increased the cost, and I see no prospect that any further delay will improve matters. The Building, as planned, is absolutely necessary to the development of the University. If it were being undertaken by a family or friends with less financial ability than Mr. Severance and Mrs. Prentis I should gladly go out and make every effort to secure supplementary funds to carry out the building as planned, but you see how difficult and delicate such an undertaking would be under the circumstances. For the last two or three years we seem to be drifting as regards the building program for the University proper into a vicious circle that grows worse and worse. Had the money been in the hands of the Trustees when pledged, the rate of exchange then and the increment of interest would have provided for everything needed well within the original estimate. Since that was not done and the responsibility or fault is not chargeable to any one I have feared a little, since the University was not able to carry out the plan as proposed to Mr. Severance the logical alternative is to drop the whole matter. It was a memorial building to their father, and unless it is cut down greatly the probability is that it will never cost a cent less but might cost a great deal more with further delay. I feel my own position personally is a very embarrassing one. I have exerted all the influence I could, and from the time the pledge was made had matters pushed along both on the field and at home, foreseeing as I thought, these difficulties ahead. In spite of all efforts the situation, as the Dutch would say, has steadily "grown no better fast".

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In regard to the \$3000. for the support of the nurse I learned from Mr. Carter that we have not received the \$1200. this year from the Southern Methodist Board, nor had we applied for it. I do not recall clearly whether they made an undertaking to provide this annually. As I remember Dr. Cook said it had been assigned for Dr. Mangt's support and could be turned this year to the nurse. There would seem to be their moral obligation on the part of the Methodist Board to undertake this much for the Union, since they are regularly represented on the Trustees and on the Board of Managers. There are other points in connection with the pro rating of the whole amount that we might talk over. I mentioned the need to Dr. North of the pro rating of each Board's share in the \$3000. and he said he would be glad to have any such suggestion within this week, so that he could take it up with their Board in their appropriations. I hope that the Trustees will meet to the full its undertaking at this point. Our delay after the 31st of December, 1917, in meeting the full amount for the equipment worked to our disadvantage, not only in the fact that had the money been available then we could have expended it out ~~in~~ about 1/3 to 5 or 40 instead of one for one, but also our credit with the C.M.B. would be a little better.

Our plans for the support of three doctors from the M. E. Disciples and Presbyterian Boards and the nurse from the Southern Methodist's and the pro rating of the \$3000. for current expenses were completed some time prior to the coming of Dr. Holten to our staff. Dr. Vaughn and I had made a point with Mr. Green and Dr. Holten that we ~~need every minute~~ ^{not only meant} to do what we had agreed to, but that Dr. Holten's coming would provide us with the support of one doctor more than we had agreed to. Of course we might as a final resort reconsider and adjust the trustees' undertakings for the Hospital, combining Dr. Holten's support with the others to make up our quota. I very much hope that will not be necessary. I hope the Southern Methodist will meet the \$1200. this year, which has not been applied for yet, and that the Baptist Society might contribute this year several hundred

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dollars. If we might have from the Baptists, the Methodists, the Disciples and the Presbyterians \$750. each it would make up the \$3000. required. I understood where the difficulty came with the Baptist Society, and unless they were able to provide it without in any way touching the revenue of the Mission in China, the Mission would protest.

In reading Dr. Sloane's report you will see not only how extensive and thorough is the work done in the medical line at the Hospital and how wide is its influence not only over the ^{all} foreign community, the Christian student body of all the missions in the city, but over the whole city in planning lines of relief, and the Christian work done in the Hospital is incomparably more effective than anything that was ever even attempted in Dr. Bebee's or Dr. Macline's hospitals. Each patient is ~~worked with~~ worked with personally. They are followed up to their homes and records kept, and the results are far more telling for the building of the churches and the Kingdom of Christ in all that region than anything that had been possible before. Far from the China Medical Board's cooperation having weakened us on that line I think the sense of greater responsibility and the determination upon the part of all that the religious work should in no sense be less effectual than previous has acted as a needed stimulus. I feel such a conviction in view of the facts along this line that I feel more free to ask the Boards for this investment, and I do not want to feel that because any work is being scaled up in its efficiency that the Board should in any wise distrust their ability through their missionaries or other workers to meet the demand on that line, at the same time to make it an increasingly effective agency for evangelism.

I note your suggestion in regard to Mr. Egbert Hayes, and I will find an opportunity to talk over the matter with Fletcher Brockman. There are other points in Dr. Vaughn's letter that I could better cover some time in conference ^{if you} ~~if you~~ have the time.

Ever very affectionately yours,

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Nov. 1, 1918.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Robert:-

I had a brief conference with Dr. J. H. Franklin of the Baptist Board this morning, during which he mentioned the need of re-apportioning the estimates of the Societies for the \$3000. annual grant, probably on the basis of \$750 from each of the four cooperating Societies, allowing the Southern Presbyterians to carry the support of the doctor only, with the hope that the Southern Methodists would continue their grant for the support of the nurse. He reminded me that their Board had taken action at that time approving of a grant for about \$700., he thought for a period of five years.

In the Minutes of the Board of Trustees for December 8th, 1916, I find this item:

"Dr. Franklin reported that the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society had acted upon the proposal made on November 10 regarding the maintenance of the hospital. The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society voted to assume its equal share of the maintenance expense of \$3,000., providing the amount does not exceed \$750. The vote was taken with the possibility of three, four or even more Boards participating in the expense of the Hospital. "

I am reminding Mr. Carter of this item. It would apply to 1917 as well as 1918. Their Society will make good to that amount which would seem to be required. As you had agreed to write to the cooperating Boards I am turning over this information, with a statement from Mr. Carter of our needs of 1917 and 1918. Their Society will make good the amount to this extent.

I had expected to take up with Dr. Franklin the proposition of their Society supporting Mr. Bjelke, who is now taking a post-graduate work at Columbia for the work of our High School with Mr. Wilson. He had already pointed out to me that their Society lost the support of Dr. Brown when he severed his connection with the University and the Mission, since a special donor had been giving it for Dr. Brown's support. I think if their Society had the funds they would be ready to add the third teacher in accord with their original agreement. In view, however, of the hope of some of the members of their Mission and the Shanghai College that when

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the medical department had to be given up their Society might be induced to withdraw entirely from the University at Nanking it would not be wise to press for the letter of their original undertaking in the University. Mr. Bjelke is a strong man, and would be an excellent principal of the Middle School if he could be secured with the relation of his Mission and Board.

I was very pleased to learn that Dr. Venoble has consented to undertake the medical work for Kuling community, taking the oversight of the hospital, being responsible for the care of the children in the Kuling School and acting as Sanitary Director for the Council during the Kuling season. I infer that considerations of health have made it difficult for them to continue their work at Kashing. It was hoped that the Southern Presbyterian Board would continue their salary in large part, as they are very desirous of retaining their relationship to the Mission. The Southern Presbyterian Board, however, may not be willing to do this. In the Minutes of the Kiangnan Mission, page 12 (II) the Mission requests that Mr. Cochran be authorized to raise \$200 gold for the Kuling Medical Mission. Jim is desirous that this might be available towards the salary of Dr. Venoble. Of course he could not be sanguine about raising the fund while laid up in the hospital. Would it be possible for this \$200 to be cared for under column 6 of the Board's appropriations?

It was my hope that the doctor's salary in Kuling should be covered by the regular taxes of the community, and if that could be done later this fund of course might be under the direction of the Board as a provision for emergency medical expenses. It is exceedingly important that the whole Kuling community should have such people as Dr. and Mrs. Venoble in charge of this work, for there is a large hospital work for Chinese as well as the care of the missionary community during such times as they are on the hill, and it would not be safe to try to carry on the Kuling School without an able resident physician.

Mr. Greene opened the question with me of the China Medical Board cooperating in Kuling. With such a man as Dr. Venoble there it would be easy to work out a plan towards which they might contribute very substantial aid.

Very affectionately yours,

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Rev. Robert E. Speer,

Board of Foreign Missions,

#156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Doctor Speer:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th and shall look forward to seeing you on February 9th. We will look for you some time on Saturday, the 8th.

Would it be possible for us to get Rev. J.E. Williams, D.D. of China to speak at Bryn Mawr College some Sunday evening? I cannot make any definite engagement as yet, but the chances are that the College would like to have him possibly on January 19th or 26th, February 23rd, or March 16th or 23rd, or even possibly one of the Sundays in May. While these dates are at present free, yet they might be filled up any minute from requests that are now outstanding, but if you can get in touch with Dr. Williams and he has any of these dates free I would be obliged if he will give us the refusal of some two or three of them, and then as soon as we can decide definitely, will advise him.

Yours very truly,

Harold Peirce

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156 Fifth Avenue

New York

November 15th, 1918.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Rev. J. E. Williams, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Jack,

The general topic for the next annual conference of the Mission Boards to be held in January is "Missions and Internationalism." One of the sub-topics is the question 'Is a restatement of the Christian message to non-Christian nations necessary?' The Committee of Arrangements has asked me to prepare a paper on this question, and also on a second related question, "Is a restatement of the Missionary Program of Christian Missions necessary for the Church at Home?" I do not feel at all competent to deal with these subjects, and have urged that the Committee should secure some one else, especially for the first topic, but they have insisted on my undertaking to deal with both, and knowing the difficulties which committees have in providing a program I want to do what I can to be of service.

I am writing, accordingly, to a few friends whose judgment will be of value to ask their help in a brief statement of their own conviction. Will you be willing to help by writing a brief answer from your own point of view to the first of these two questions, taking either the affirmative or negative as your conviction may require, and stating briefly why you think a restatement is necessary or unnecessary and, if necessary, what you think the form of restatement should be?

Please do not let this request be a burden to you. A letter of one or two pages, that will give the very heart of your thought on the matter will be just what would be most helpful to us all.

With kind regard,

Very faithfully yours,

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Robert W. Spurr

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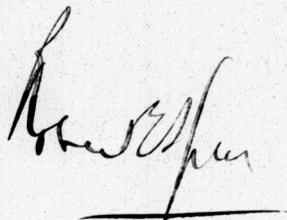
My dear Jack,

The enclosed note will be self explanatory. Could you let Mr. Peirce know whether you would be able and willing to accept his invitation? He is a sort of Father Confessor to the Christian work at Bryn Mawr, and one of our very generous Presbyterian laymen.

I think you still have Mr. Scott's letter to me with regard to the character of Chinese Paganism, and the attitude which Christianity should take toward it. I should be glad if you would let me have this back some time.

Very affectionately yours

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November 21st, 1918

The Rev. J. C. Garritt, D.D.
The Rev. J. E. Williams, D.D.

My dear Friends,

The following cablegram was received on October 24th and was, I believe, reported at once to Dr. Garritt, I do not know whether it was reported to Dr. Williams:

"Urge Lew Complete Studies.
Stuart."

I have not taken up the matter with Mr. Lew, judging that it would be better that such counsel should come to him from Dr. Garritt and Dr. Williams. Will you not write to Mr. Stuart also, acknowledging the cablegram and making a report regarding Mr. Lew.

Very faithfully yours,

Robert E. Speed

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November 26, 1918.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,

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Dear Robert:-

I want to thank you for your letter of November 18th enclosing Mr. Pierce's with a suggestion that I might speak some Sunday evening at Brynmarr College. It would be a great pleasure to do so, and I am writing him, offering several dates as he suggested.

I did not realize that you had loaned me your only copy of Mr. Scott's letter, and how derelict I have been in not returning it earlier. I read the letter with a great deal of interest, more than once. I was at a loss to account for his attitude and stated mind, not for the general feeling which I have shared more than once in my experience on the mission field, but for the occasion which should have brought so much of it to a head at one time.

I was reminded of the remark of an old lady that the doctrine of "total depravity" was a fine doctrine if one could only live up to it, and it seems to me that Mr. Scott in his letter was making an honest effort to enjoy some of the privileges of that doctrine. All the things he says severally might be true, that is, as regards the description of the actual sins and iniquities that he has found, but taken together with his inferences, they do not tell the truth in proportion. I do not see how one can charge up all of the sins of heathen lands, for instance, in China to Confucianism and Budhism, without allowing the Chinese, for instance, to charge all of the iniquities which one could discover in New York (without being a missionary here for sixteen years) to Christianity. I think it is honest to say that most all of the corrupt practices in China are not because of Confucianism, but in spite of Confucianism.

Mr. Scott's fundamental difficulty was that he started out with the impression, as he says, that the difference between Christianity and ethnic religions, was one of degree more than of kind. The difference is in kind, rather than degree.

Budhism tends to magnify man as Confucianism does the princely man, but neither of them place an estimate on the dignity

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and capacity of man at all comparable to the teaching of Jesus. We cannot make God greater by minimizing man, rather the greatness of God and the greatness of man go together. Christ revealed man no less than God, the infinite possibilities of man's character under the knowledge of God. I should expect that the highest estimate of the God in the teachings of Confucianism, Mencius, and Budha would be found among honest Christians.

Some people may be stirred to do more "for the Heathen" by hearing the actual hell in which they now live. Others might be moved more by knowing the infinite possibilities within those people against the background of the degrading, and demoralizing conditions in which they are forced to live.

Jonathan Edwards' sermon "Sinners in the hands of an angry God" might be exceedingly powerful to certain classes, while it would surely have the opposite effect on many others.

I thank you very much for showing me the letter.

As ever,

Affectionately yours,

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**The Board of Foreign Missions
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156 Fifth Avenue**

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

New York December 25rd, 1918

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

My dear Jack,

The following cablegram has come from Dr. Bowen. Perhaps Mr. Carter has already given you a copy of it:

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"Voice at Washington Nanking American Community's
protest against Bremer's Association Activities
China." Bowen

I have reported this to Mr. R. S. Miller, the head of the Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs in the State Department and told him we would send him any further information that might come to us. I am reporting it also to the Chairman of the Sub-Committee of Reference and Counsel dealing with question of relations to government.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer

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