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THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

NANKING, CHINA

TRANSFER

PLEASE SEND REPLY TO  
SHANGHAI OFFICE.

20 MUSEUM ROAD, ROOM 526  
SHANGHAI, CHINA

July 29, 1927.



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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Thank you very much for your letter forwarding the action of the Trustees in regard to Miss Gless, Miss Russell and myself. It was kind of you to write about it, and we are all glad to know that you are to be in charge of the office in New York.

We mailed you a few days ago in three parcels thirty-eight copies of the minutes of meetings of the Board of Managers on June 16 and July 12, of the Committee on Reorganization and Registration of June 29, and the Executive-Finance Committee on July 13.

You will note that to the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Managers of July 12 we have attached just the original documents presented by the Committee on Reorganization and Registration, making the changes on these that were authorized by the Board of Managers. It seemed wiser not to go to the expense of rewriting these until they had been considered by the Trustees.

You will also note that Document C. of the report of the Committee on Reorganization and Registration, "Charter, Constitution, (and By-laws of the Trustees)," is missing. We are hoping you might have extra copies of this, which Dr. North had mimeographed about two years ago (towards the end of 1925) and so can insert these in the right place in the report. We have been rushed trying to get the minutes off by the mail closing tonight and thought it would save time and expense if you could supply this part of the report. We shall be very grateful for your assistance at this point. This was included in the report so that the Board of Managers could compare the new or proposed substitute documents with the original, and Document D refers to this.

We are enclosing requisitions from the Library. Our understanding is that it is the practice to forward these to you in New York for mailing to the different publishers. The librarians are anxious that these books reach them as near the time of opening of school as possible and so anything you can do to help in getting them to China promptly will be much appreciated.

With many thanks for your help in these matters,  
Sincerely yours,

Minnie H. Purcell

\* The by-laws were not submitted with the report.

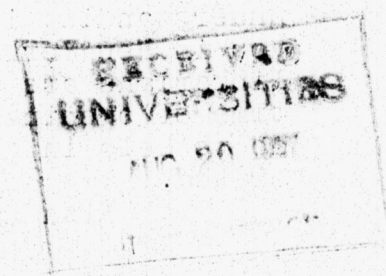
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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

NANKING, CHINA

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May 16, 1928.

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

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:

Mr. Reisner has turned over to me your request for various minutes and Hospital reports. Under separate cover we are mailing you six copies of the June and July 1927 minutes. We regret, however, that we have only two extra copies of the original draft of the proposed constitution, agreement, and by-laws of the Board of Directors, which should be attached to the minutes of the July 12 meeting, so are unable to send more copies.

In regard to Hospital Report, Vol. VI, No. 18, and Vol. VII, No. 6, the two numbers really refer to ~~only~~ report only. The report for 1925 was wrongly numbered Vol. VI, No. 18; it should have been Vol. VII, No. 6, and so in getting out subsequent publications we omitted the number Vol. VII, No. 6, and on our file copy have changed the number on the 1925 report to Vol. VII, No. 6. The Hospital attended to the getting out of their own reports and kept the extra copies, which were probably all looted last year, and as we have only one copy on file we are sorry we cannot furnish you with the copies you asked for.

Enclosed please find statement in regard to losses of Miss Gless, Miss Russell and Mr. Owen, which I am sorry I have neglected to forward to you for your files.

Sincerely yours,

*Minnie H. Russell*

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

NANKING, CHINA

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May 31, 1928.

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*Have no ledger  
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Mr. B. A. Garside,  
China Union Universities,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Recently there has come to us Volume 2 (Statistics) of the Twenty-third Annual Report of the Education Department (The University of the State of New York) for the School Year Ending July 31, 1926. Volume 1 seems to be missing. Dr. Chen reports that the wrapping in which Volume 2 came looked rather loose and he thinks Volume 1 may have been lost on the way. The post office here states that the package was received as delivered. Instead of writing to the New York State Department of Education in regard to this missing volume, we are writing to you to inquire whether, in case you also receive the publications of the New York State Department of Education, the two volumes came to you or only Volume 2. It is possible only Volume 2 was issued at the time, but if we should have received both volumes we should appreciate your securing Volume 1 for us.

Thanking you in advance for information on this matter,

Sincerely yours,

*Minnie H. Purcell*

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

NANKING, CHINA

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. regarding the matter of the University of Nanking. I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time, but I am sure that you will understand the position of the University in this regard.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours truly,  
[Signature]

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Nanking, China

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June 25, 1928.

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

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At Mr. Reisner's suggestion I am sending you a  
copy of the mailing list he used for his occasional letters,  
as you may find it convenient to have such a list.

*H. H. Noble*  
In his Occasional Letter No. 11, Mr. Reisner says  
that any letters sent in care of the New York Office will be  
forwarded to me while I am away from China. As I shall not  
be going to America for several months, probably not till  
the beginning of next year, may I trouble you to readdress  
any mail that might come for me to the following address:

c/o Walter King, Esq.,  
Cannon House,  
Breems Building,  
London, E. C. 4,  
England.

Thanking you in advance for this favour, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Minnie H. Purcell*

Minnie H. Purcell.

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RED TRIANGLE HOTEL,

26, BEDFORD PLACE,

RUSSELL SQUARE,

LONDON, W.C.1.

September 6, 1928.

Dear Mr. Garside, **TRANSFER**

SEPTEMBER

I just want to write a  
line to thank you for forwarding  
letters to you and to let you know  
that Mr. King has moved, so that  
the address that will find me for  
the next few months is as  
follows:

To Walter King, Esq.,  
Cannon House,  
Pilgrim Street,  
Ludgate Circus,  
London, E. C. 4,  
England.

London is fascinating and I  
am enjoying it immensely. In a

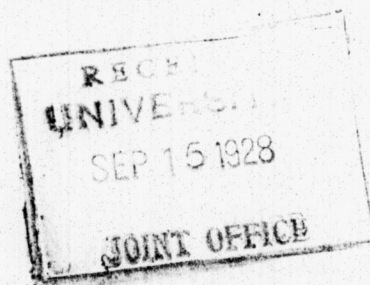
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few weeks I shall be going to  
Scotland for a month or so and  
then on to Ireland, and then I  
hope to spend some time with a  
brother in France, so it will be  
early spring probably before I  
reach the States.

Hoping you are getting good  
news from Ranking - I haven't had  
any letters for several weeks - and  
again thanking you for sending me  
my mail.

Very sincerely yours,

Minnie H. Russell.





UNIVERSITY OF NANKING  
NANKING, CHINA

October 16, 1928.

Miss Minnie H. Purcell,  
c/o Walter King, Esq.,  
Cannon House, Pilgrim Street,  
Leedgate Circus, London, E.C.4,  
England.

TRANSFER

My dear Minnie:

This autumn has passed so quickly that I am afraid you will be thinking of your trip to America before this letter reaches you. I hope you are in Southern France this month and enjoying the kind of weather that I hope is to be found there.

I enclose a copy of the letter which I have just written to Mr. Garside and trust the various matters are covered satisfactorily. The China Union Universities' office is on the 8th floor of the Methodist building - I have forgotten the number.

You will note we have left the date of your return to be decided by you. After receiving the last letter from Dr. Chen, I am afraid you may feel that you should hasten to return to Nanking. I do not need to tell you that we need you - but you need your furlough also, and I hope you will stay just as long as possible. I can assure you that there will be a few stacks piled up for your attention, so you will need to be well fortified for the task.

No great excitement this week. Last week Mrs. Kiang Kai-shek gave a garden party on the 10th which was interesting. There were about two hundred guests and as usual many photographs. They have a large Chinese house near Hubugiai on "San yuan Chiai".

As ever.

Sincerely,

E. M. P.

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October 16, 1938.

TRANSFER

Miss Minnie H. Purcell,  
c/o Walter King, Esq.,  
Canon House, Pilgrim Street,  
Leeds Gate Circus, London, E.C.4,  
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As ever.

Sincerely,

D. M. S.



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26, BEDFORD PLACE,  
RUSSELL SQUARE.

LONDON, W.C.1.

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*Jan. 3, 1929.*

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garride,

Miss Priest sent me a copy of her letter to you of October 16, which rather indicated that I might be returning to Nanking about this time. Unfortunately, I am feeling far from well enough to be of any use at present, although I was in a nursing home resting from October 15 to December 6. When I realized they were expecting me back in Nanking before next September, I wrote that it would be possible for me to be back in April, but my head still gets tired so easily, and I am afraid to do much, thinking at such times, so that at the rate of progress I am making I am

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LONDON, W.C.1.

wondering how much use I shall  
be by April. However, a few weeks of  
rest in the bracing climate of Grenoble  
ought to set me up pretty well, and  
if it seems wise to return at that  
time, I shall let you know.

Later on I shall send you the  
forms I have filled out for clergy  
certificates and ask you to be good  
enough to get those certificates for  
me.

My address from January 15-  
will be 17 Boulevard Edouard Rey,  
Grenoble, France, and if you will  
be good enough to send my January  
salary there, in <sup>a draft for French francs,</sup> ~~U.S. currency,~~  
I shall appreciate it very much.

A letter from Miss Jeffrey  
to-day brings the bad news that  
circumstances do not permit-

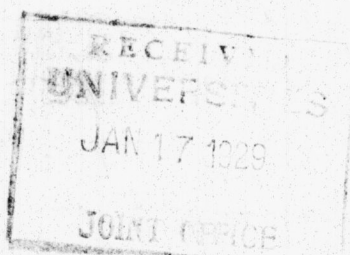
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has to return to Hanking for the present. It is too bad, as she knows the work there and would have fitted in so well.

It is very satisfactory to know that they have had a comparatively peaceful term at the University. With best wishes for the New Year,

Very sincerely yours,  
Fannie H. Purcell



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Nanking

January 18, 1929.

Miss Minnie H. Purcell,  
17 Boulevard Edouard Rey,  
Grenoble, France.

TRANSFER

My dear Miss Purcell,

We have your letter of January 3rd, and regret to learn that you are finding it rather slow work to regain your strength after the strenuous months you had in Nanking before your furlough. While we all regret that your return to the field should be delayed, I am sure we all feel quite strongly that you must by all means take ample time to regain your health and strength before you even consider returning to Nanking. Since you have already written the field in regard to these matters, we should be hearing from them within a few weeks.

We all very much regret to learn that Miss Jeffrey's return has been indefinitely postponed. This week we have also received word that Miss Florence Warner, who has been hoping to get back to Nanking soon, is to be kept here at least a year longer by health considerations.

Enclosed we are sending you a draft for Pes.1,898.70, which is the equivalent of G.\$75.00 at today's rate of exchange, and which is in payment of your January salary. We will await further word as to where and how we shall send future salary checks. We will be glad to take care of your clergy certificate applications when these arrive.

In the sincere hope that this letter will find you making rapid progress in the stimulating climate of Grenoble, I am

Very cordially yours,

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(MRS. F. AMES, MANAGERESS.)

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**RED TRIANGLE HOTEL,**  
26, BEDFORD PLACE,  
RUSSELL SQUARE.

LONDON, W.C.1.

**TRANSFER**

*March 25, 1929.*

Nanking

Dear Mr. Garrison,

I owe an apology for not having acknowledged your kind letter of February 21st and the draft for gold \$75.00 enclosed, for which I thank you. Things seem so uncertain with me that it is easy to put off writing in the hope that something definite will turn up.

You will note that I am back in London. The climate of Grenoble did not seem to agree with me so it seemed best to leave, and on returning here I consulted a doctor who sent me to have my eyes seen to, and also my teeth. I have had four teeth out already and my head has cleared up wonderfully. I saw the doctor

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LONDON, W.C.1.

again this morning and he says I  
need to take things easily for some  
time yet, as he thinks a great deal  
of my trouble is due to poisons which  
will take time to work out of the  
system, so it may be that instead  
of leaving for New York on May 11th  
I shall have to put off the date.  
Unfortunately my American visa  
is good up till June 26th only,  
and it will probably be impossible  
to do anything about extending  
it here, which will mean that  
I may have to forego the pleasure  
of seeing my friends in the States  
if the doctor thinks it advisable  
to remain quiet here. I should  
also like to give the dentist  
time to make a permanent  
plate, so if I cannot reach New  
York ~~until~~ <sup>before</sup> June 26th, I shall

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return directly to China by C.V.  
leaving here the end of July perhaps.  
However, all depends upon how I get  
along so I have no definite plans  
yet.

C Will you be good enough to  
L hold all future salary for me -  
L that is, beginning with April -  
until I write for more money?  
note I shall let you know from  
time to time how things are  
with me, and will you please  
write me again in Mr. King's care,  
as follows:

Mr. Walter King, Esq.,  
27 Pilgrim Street,  
(Ludgate) Ludgate Circus,  
London, E.C. 4,  
England.

Again thanking you for your  
letter and the draft.

Sincerely yours.

Minnie H. Russell

address to letter:  
% Walter King, Esq.,  
27 Pilgrimage St.,  
Lubgate Circus,  
London, E.C.4,  
England.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garride,

Since my last letter to you, I can see more clearly how the next few months will have to be spent as am writing to let you know, and also to ask if you will be good enough to do various favours for me.

I went to the U.S. Consulate the other day to find out whether my visa could be renewed here and am <sup>glad</sup> ~~glad~~ <sup>glad</sup> to say it can be, on the strength of the Shanghai one, so I am planning to return to China via the States.

I am getting along satisfactorily, so far as my health is concerned. My troubles have evidently been due to internal poisoning, as the relief that came on the removal of several teeth seems to prove. The doctor is working on the elimination of these poisons, which is a slow process, I believe, and I should like to give him time to do this; also, the dentist would like to leave the making of my permanent plate as long as possible, so, instead of sailing for New York on May 11th, I am delaying my departure till July 6th, on the mini Penland, which reaches New York on the 15th, I <sup>believe</sup> ~~believe~~. This will give me hardly more than time <sup>enough</sup> ~~enough~~ to cross the continent, as I hope to catch the President Pierce at Los Angeles on July 31st.

I should be very grateful to you if you would do me the following favours:

① Secure passage for me on the President Pierce sailing from Los Angeles on July 31st (San Francisco August 2nd) and reaching Shanghai on August 23rd. If possible to take the boat at Los Angeles, will you please book accordingly, and if you could send me a duplicate of the form showing that reservation has been made, it would help me to secure the return of the Alien Head Tax.

There is a single cabin at minimum rate, I believe.

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and if it is available and not too near the end of the book, will you try to get it for me?

② Secure clergy certificates for me. I am hoping to stay a day or two in Cleveland after leaving New York, and from there go to Chicago for a few days and then go direct from Chicago to Los Angeles. I filled in enclosed blanks before leaving Hamburg, with the help of Miss Priest, so hope they are in order. Miss Priest suggested leaving a few items for S.E. your office to fill in.

③ The U. S. Consulate told me to get a letter from some one here stating that I have been delayed, but I don't feel a letter from you would be more to the point and would also be useful on arrival in New York, perhaps. Would you, therefore, be good enough to send me two copies of such a letter, dating it some time in early June, since my visa does not run out till June 26th. It would probably be safer not to mention that I have been under medical care, for the immigration authorities might want to quarantine me on arrival in New York!

④ Will you give me the name of a suitable hotel to stay at in New York - a quiet one?

⑤ In your letter of February 21st, you wrote you would start my March salary about March 15th, and as I did not have time to get a letter to you before then, asking you to hold it for me, I did not mention it in my last letter, thinking whatever you did would be satisfactory. I have not yet received it, so am letting you know, in case it was sent and has gone astray. If, however, it was not sent, please hold it until I ask for it.

I am very sorry to have to worry you with such a long list of requests but shall be very grateful for your help.

I received a very interesting letter with enclosures from H. D. Brown this morning, telling about the situation in general out there. They seem to be having very anxious times again. With many thanks in advance, Sincerely yours, Minnie H. Russell

Apr. 17. Mine writing this letter last night from 9 o'clock, so with much sleep to help, he seems to have written this paragraph.

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TRANSFER

University of Nanking

May 8, 1929

Miss Minnie H. Purcell,  
C/o Walter King, Esq.  
27 Pilgrim St.,  
Ludgate Circus,  
London, E.C.4, Eng.

My dear Miss Purcell:

We have your letter written from London on April 16 and are glad to learn that you are progressing satisfactorily as the result of the medical treatment you are undergoing. We are very much pleased also that you will be able to spend a brief period in the United States on your return to China.

I am writing the Dollar Steamship Line asking for accommodations for you on the President Pierce sailing from Los Angeles to Shanghai on July 29. I will be glad to send you a duplicate of the steamship company's confirmation of such a reservation to assist you in securing the return of the Alien Head Tax. We will try to get you a minimum rate reservation for you somewhere amidship, though I suspect that the boats are now pretty well filled.

We are making application for Eastern and Western Clergy Certificates for you. Since you state that you will be traveling from New York to Cleveland; thence to Chicago and Los Angeles, you apparently will not need the Southeastern Clergy permit. If, however, you think you will need the Southeastern Clergy permit also I will arrange for securing it.

I am enclosing herewith a statement telling of your delay in England, which I trust will assist you in securing from the United States Consulate a renewal of your visa.

As regards a suitable hotel for you during your stay in New York City, the Martha Washington Hotel is reserved exclusively for ladies and is quite popular. I believe the rates are not particularly high. If you wish we will be glad to make a reservation for you in advance of your arrival. There are several other very suitable hotels for women in New York City, and of course, any of the standard hotels in New York you would find quite satisfactory.

I am glad to note that the draft we sent you on March 30

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evidently reached you. In accordance with your instructions we will not send any further salary payments until you request them.

If there are any other details we can attend to to assist you while you are in America I hope you will call on us freely. We will try to have someone from our office meet the Pennland when it reaches New York on July 15 to assist you in any way we can.

Very cordially yours,

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University of Nanking

TRANSFER

May 21, 1929.

Miss Minnie H. Purcell,  
c/o Walter King, Esq.,  
27 Pilgrim Street,  
Indgate Circus,  
London, E.C.4, England.

My dear Miss Purcell:

I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter which I am today sending the Dollar Line. It is written in reply to a letter they sent on May 15th stating-

"We are very sorry that we are unable to offer accommodations on this steamer as there is a long waiting list. We will watch the situation closely and should we be able to secure a minimum rate for Miss Purcell, we shall be pleased to advise you."

Travel across the Pacific is heaviest during July and August, so it is often difficult to obtain accommodations unless reservations are made long in advance.

If it will not too much delay your arrival in Nanking, however, you may find it possible to take one of the two Dollar boats. That would give you the advantage of a somewhat longer stay here in the United States. The "President Garfield" is the next boat after the "President Pierce" but is a round-the-world steamer and so takes three days longer to make the journey. The "President Taft" sails a week later but arrives in Shanghai only four days after the "Garfield".

Please let us know which of these steamers you would prefer if the Dollar Line is ultimately unable to find a place for you on the "President Pierce".

Very cordially yours,

RAG:A  
Enc.

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(MRS. F. AMES, MANAGER)

RED TRIANGLE HOTEL,

26, BEDFORD PLACE,

RUSSELL SQUARE,

LONDON, W.C.1.

June 4, 1929.

Dear Mr. Garride,

TRANSFER

Your letter of May 21st re-  
garding trans-Pacific booking has  
come to hand and I am sorry to  
hear of the uncertainty about se-  
curing passage on the "President  
Pierce"; for the following boats  
will make me rather late in  
reaching Hankow. However, if  
you will put me down for the  
next boat, the "Garfield", reaching  
Shanghai September 2nd, I should  
prefer to take that rather than  
delay four days in arrival by taking  
the following boat.

I wonder whether there  
would be a better chance of se-  
curing a slightly higher priced

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LONDON, W.C.1.

forth on the "President Pierce." I'd  
be glad to pay a little extra, say  
\$25 or so, in order to reach Shanghai  
on August 23rd, but I realize it is a  
busy season across the Pacific and  
so leave it to you to get a sailing on  
the earliest possible boat.

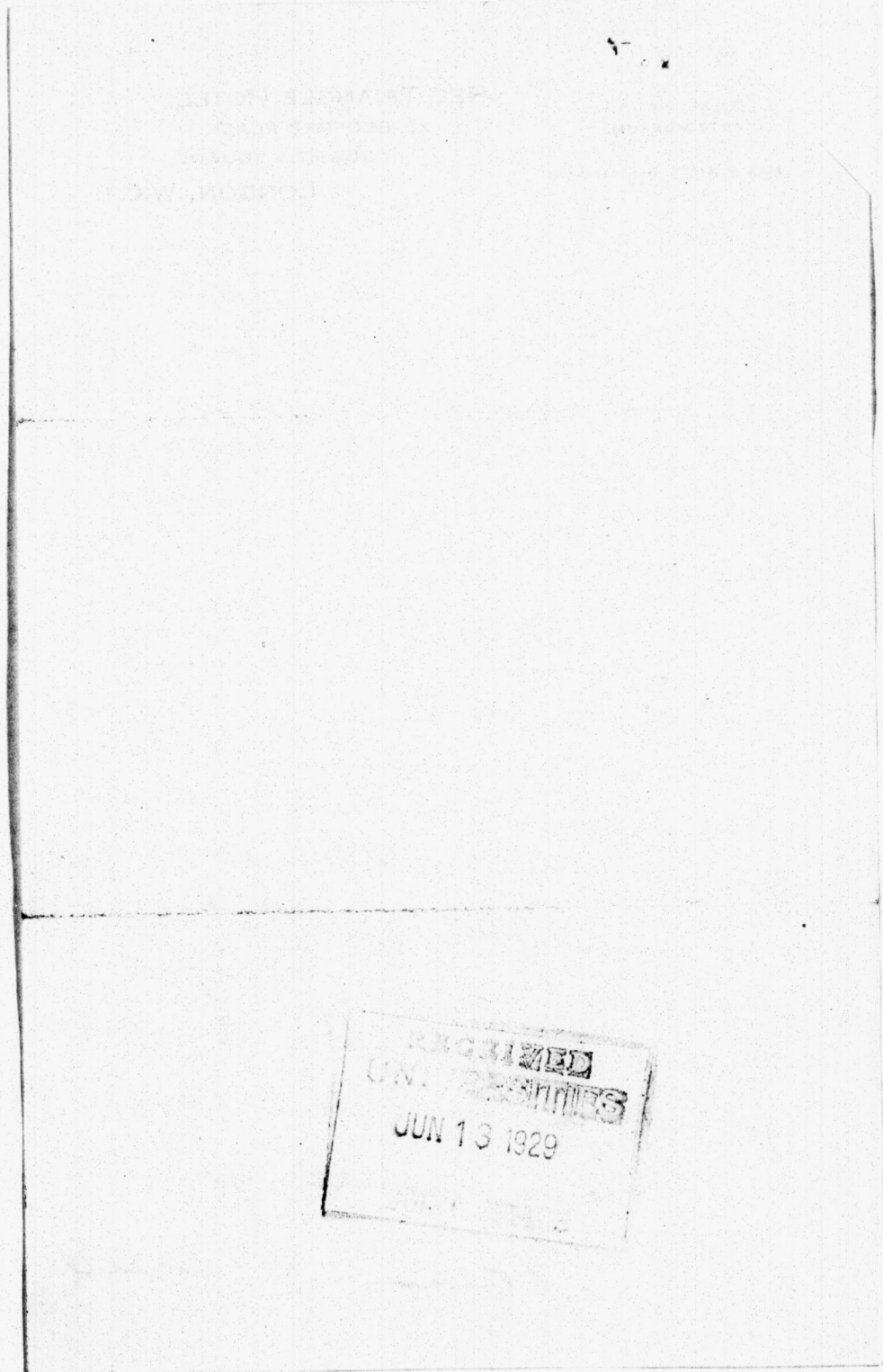
A letter from Hankins this  
morning does not give very en-  
couraging news as to the progress  
H. Brown is making in the hos-  
pital. I do hope he will regain  
his normal health before long.

Time flies, and I shall soon  
be on my way to New York.  
It will be a pleasure to meet  
you all in the office there.

Very sincerely yours,  
Minnie H. Russell

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(to Miss Priest)  
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# TRANSFER

July 16, 1929

Nanking

Miss Minnie H. Purcell,  
c/o Martha Washington Hotel,  
29 East 29th Street,  
New York City

My dear Miss Purcell,

I am writing in accordance with our conversation of today to record our understanding of the status of your account at the time of your departure for Nanking.

According to our records we have paid your salary at furlough rate (G.\$75.00 per month) to July 31, 1929. We understand that your August salary will be paid after you reach Nanking. Inasmuch as you embark at Los Angeles on July 29th, your field rate of salary technically begins on that date. This would involve a slight readjustment after you reach Nanking to cover the difference between field and furlough rates for the last three days in July.

Thus far we have disbursed the following amounts in connection with your return journey to Nanking:-

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|----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Eastern Clergy Certificate                   | \$1.00        |
| Western Clergy Certificate                   | 1.04          |
| Steamship Ticket, Los Angeles<br>to Shanghai | 300.83        |
| Cash Advance for Expenses                    | <u>200.00</u> |
| Total                                        | \$502.87      |

You are requested to keep a careful accounting of your necessary travel expenses, omitting of course any extra costs involved in side-trips or stop-overs made for personal reasons. On arrival at the University please present this accounting to Miss Priest, returning any balance remaining on the advance of G.\$200.00, or collecting any necessary expenditures above that amount if it should prove inadequate.

We take this opportunity of extending heartiest of good wishes for a safe and pleasant journey, and a most happy term of service in Nanking.

Very cordially yours,

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Copy to Miss Priest

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NANKING, CHINA

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June 24, 1930.

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

In reply to your letter of May 26 in regard to proposals for retirement allowance I shall try as far as possible to give the information you ask for.

You ask for opinions in regard to the plan for appointment and support by the cooperating mission boards. While I think that as a general policy this is the most satisfactory solution of the matter of the status of University supported western staff, personally I should prefer to remain as a missionary of the Board of Founders, but if the plan for appointment under missions should go through I would be willing to come under that arrangement. I am a member of the Episcopal Church (Church of England). I have no choice as to which of the fully cooperating Missions I should like to be affiliated with should the Mission Plan go through. A number of the staff are either Presbyterians or affiliated with the Presbyterians so no doubt the Presbyterians would have more applicants than they could take care of.

The non-contributory plan administered by the University as outlined by you on pages 5 and 6 of your letter seems the simpler plan. I approve of the age suggested for retirement (65) and think the amount of annuity mentioned (80% of salary at time of retirement) is a fair sum. As to allowance upon retirement before reaching the age of sixty-five, I think this would depend largely upon the circumstances. I can see reasons why in some cases a person might be entitled to a certain amount of support, and in such cases the suggestion that a sliding scale under which staff members withdrawing before normal retirement age would obtain a share of the University's contributions in proportion to their length of service, or their age, or some combination of these factors, is a very good one. I agree with what you have written in regard to those who should be eligible to participate in a retirement plan.

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June 24, 1930.

Following are the vital statistics you ask for:

1. Date of birth - June 12, 1883.
2. Place of birth - Shanghai, China.
3. Date you first entered service of University of Nanking as University-supported staff member - September 1, 1915.
4. Has your service at Nanking been continuous since you first began it? Yes.
5. What has been your salary since you joined the University?

Sept. 1915 to Dec. 1916 - \$600 gold at current exch.  
Jan. 1917 to Dec. 1919 - \$600 gold at 2 to 1.  
Jan. 1920 to Dec. 1920 - \$750 gold at 2 to 1  
(I think dates and amount are as stated)  
Jan. 1921 to Aug. 1925 - \$850 gold at 2 to 1.  
Sept. 1925 to Aug. 1929 - \$900 gold at 2 to 1.  
Sept. 1929 to date - 1080 gold at 2 to 1.  
(Furloughs June 1921 to Jan. 1922)  
( July 1928 to Aug. 1929)

You ask for opinions as to the desirability of the University's helping on the premiums of such staff members who find it difficult perhaps to continue payments. I think this would be a very good plan, in lieu of whatever retirement plan is adopted, provided the staff member prefers this method of help.

Sincerely yours,

*Minnie H. Purcell*

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*Purcell, November 14.*



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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING  
Nanking, China

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September 29, 1930.

Dear Friends:

President Chen has suggested that a letter be written to those who might wish to be kept in touch with the work of the University, and as the autumn semester has opened only recently, I shall give you a few items of news in regard to enrolment and other matters about which you will want to know.

Classes began September 4th and everything seems to be running smoothly. The change in time of the chapel or assembly period from the first to the last item in the morning schedule has at last been made. Classes meet from 8.00 to 11.35 A. M. and from 1.15 to 4.00 P. M. Periods are fifty minutes instead of fifty-five, with the usual interval of five minutes between classes.

Enrolment is not quite as large as usual, but particular care was taken in the selection of new students. To date there are 525 enrolled at Kuleo (143 arts, 65 science, 140 agriculture, 23 forestry, making 371 regular college students; 112 third-year senior middle school students; 5 taking the special Chinese courses; 23 special students; 3 Ginling students; 4 middle school students taking some courses in college; and seven taking graduate work) and 570 at the Middle School. Beginning with the autumn semester, 1931, to conform with government regulations, the third-year middle-school work will be carried on at Kanhoyen, and no new student will be admitted to the third year of either junior or senior middle school.

The largest class in the history of the University was graduated last June, there being eighty-two in all - thirty-four arts, nineteen science, twenty-seven agriculture, and two forestry.

There have not been many changes in the faculty this semester. Mr. Yuen Ching-hsien has succeeded Mr. Tsu Sing-fu as Chinese Secretary to the President, and Mr. Wu Shan takes the place of Mr. Ni Tsing-yuen as proctor and business manager at the Kuleo. Miss Rachel Lee is giving part time to the work of Dean of Women. In the College of Arts, Dr. K'o Siang-feng (1923), who recently received his doctor's degree from the University of Lyons, is teaching economics and sociology, and Mr. Kao Ping-chwon (1928) is teaching Chinese and giving part time to the work of the Dean's office. New full-time members of the College of Science faculty are Mr. Ching Pu, a returned student, who is teaching physics; two graduates, also in the Department of Physics, and one graduate in the Department of Chemistry. In the College of Agriculture and

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Forestry four graduates have been added to the staff of the Department of Agricultural Economics, one to the Department of Plant Pathology, two have joined the Department of Agronomy, and two the Department of Agricultural Education. Mr. Chu Hwei-fang, a returned student from Germany, is teaching forestry, and Dr. Hoon K. Lee, from Korea, who recently received his Ph. D. from the U. of Wisconsin, is teaching in the Department of Agricultural Economics. There are few changes in the Middle School faculty.

As regards western members of the staff, we are glad to see Dr. and Mrs. Steward and family back. They arrived August 25 and will live in the house previously known as the Griffing house. Miss Maude Whipple is at the Middle School again. Dr. and Mrs. Daniels reached Nanking on the 27th and are living temporarily at "Ingleside" until they can go into the old Owen house. Mr. and Mrs. B. Burgoyne Chapman, formerly of Central China Teachers' College, Wuchang, are now generously giving their services to the University in the College of Agriculture and Forestry and have entered enthusiastically into the work. Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Jones of the Methodist Episcopal Mission, who served two terms in Hinghwa, Fukien, are now with the University. Mr. Jones is one of the Methodist quota on the staff and is teaching advanced English. We regret very much that John Reiser, Junior, has been very seriously ill with infantile paralysis so Mr. Reiser's return has been delayed for a year at least, probably. The sympathy of all is with the family at this anxious time.

The attendance at the first joint Sunday morning service with Ginling in Sage Chapel was very well attended, the preacher being a young man who had just returned from Oxford. On the 21st the preacher was General Chang Chih-chiang and the large congregation gave him very good attention. The preachers on the other two Sundays were Mr. Chapman and Mr. Marx. The Fellowship Group meets every Sunday morning at 6.30, and every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 P. M. at the home of Mr. Wang Poh-chi (the "Nunnery").

There have been a number of visiting professors at the University recently. Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Wiggins of Cornell will be returning to the States on October 10th. Dr. Wiggins has been continuing the work begun by Dr. Love and Dr. Myers in former years, and with Mr. Hsu Ching-ming, Dr. Shen Tsong-han, and Mr. Wang Shao visited as many of the cooperative stations as political conditions permitted. A Summer Institute of Crop Improvement was held at Yenching University in August, and Dr. Wiggins and Dr. Shen went to Shansi and Inner Mongolia to study the conditions under which the foreign sorghum was growing, which had been introduced last spring by a big organization. They have prepared a report on their observations.

Professor Walter F. Willcox, the statistical expert, also from Cornell, spent a fortnight at the University on his way to the Conference of the International Statistical Institute recently held in Tokyo. He gave a most interesting series of lectures on statistics relating to population, deaths, births, marriage and divorce, international migration, the races in the United States, the evidence of the prolongation of life, the increase of China's population in modern times, and the increase of the population of the earth.

Dr. Warren S. Thompson, Director of Scripps Foundation for Research in Population Problems, will come to Nanking after the conference in Tokyo and is expected to remain a year. Dr. Thompson will give expert help in the project in land utilization and population being undertaken by the Department of Agricultural Economics. This project is well under way and there are about seventy-five engaged in it, of whom the greater number are securing data on the field in various provinces while the remainder are busy computing the data thus secured. Dr. Thompson will be accompanied by Mrs. Thompson and three children, also Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. Dewey. They will live in the Reischer house.

Mr. Buck's book, "Chinese Farm Economy," has been completed and is now on sale. The University of Chicago Press are the publishers in the United States and the Commercial Press are sales agents in China. Mr. Buck is to be congratulated on providing such a tremendous amount of information on the farm business in China and living conditions among the rural population.

Three very attractive bungalows have been put up in the western part of the Hutcheson compound. A new double faculty residence is in course of construction on the site between the "Nunnery" and where Mrs. Keen's house stood. The University is again in possession of Meigs Hall and preparations are being made to accommodate single members of the staff there, or married members whose families are not in Nanking. As soon as the present occupants of Keen Hall move into the new buildings of the Judicial Yuan opposite, on the site of the house that used to be occupied by the head of the International Export Company and which was known as "The Meat Safe," Keen Hall will be used partly by the Chinese Cultural Studies Institute, the Department of Agricultural Economics (for the project in land utilization and population), and for Alumni offices and guest facilities.

To some of you it will be news that the University has received a gift from Mr. W. H. Hoover of North Canton, Ohio, of \$50,000 United States currency, to be used over a period of ten years at the point of greatest need. The Board of Directors considered one of the most pressing needs at the present time to be the strengthening



of the teaching force in the way of helping toward the support of more high-grade men, so the money is being spent for this purpose.

The University Hospital has been making steady progress, gradually increasing its staff and the number of beds. The latter have been limited necessarily by the shortage of staff, but 130 beds now in use are in constant demand. The larger salary offers made by the government institutions, the decreasing Rockefeller support for budget, and the general restlessness of the times add to the difficulties of keeping a permanent staff. The return of Dr. Daniels will bring much relief to the busy staff as he takes over the direction of the work. The Training School for Nurses is doing good work and the laboratory continues to render helpful service. Miss Bauer is at present in the P. U. M. C. Hospital, having recently had another operation on her nose and she is hoping that this will put an end to the sciatica from which she has been suffering.

We are having delightful autumn days now, lovely weather for walks in the country. Nanking is quiet and peaceful and we are looking forward to a good year of school work. The students are busy with their studies.

With kindest regards from all at the University,

Sincerely yours,

Minnie H. Purcell.

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HONORABLE  
MEMBER OF  
CONGRESS  
WASHINGTON  
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With kindest regards from all at the University to  
you and yours,

Sincerely yours,  
Miss H. Daniels

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*Miss H. Russell*

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING  
Nanking, China

February 19, 1931.

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Dear Friends:

Since writing you on September 29th, the autumn semester has been completed and the spring semester just begun. Winter vacation came at Christmas time this year, December 21st to January 10th; the semester closed January 31st, and classes began again on February 12th. So far there are 517 enrolled in the Colleges and the last year of middle school, and over 600 in the other years of middle school. All students were required to have a physical examination before registering. A few new teachers have been added to the faculty, including Mr. Ma Wen-hwan, who returned from the United States early in the month and is teaching history, and a number of graduates.

Some of you may not know that the College of Arts and Science has been separated into the College of Arts and the College of Science, because government requirements are that an institution must have at least three colleges if it wishes to be classified as a university. The reorganization facilitates administration and makes for more efficiency in instruction.

Life on the campus was rather badly disorganized in 1927 and the campus became more or less of a public thoroughfare so that it was difficult to control what went on. A new gateway has been erected southeast of Sage Chapel, which is a help in remedying this condition. A new gatehouse has been put up consisting of a waiting-room for students' guests and a place for the distribution of university mail, a telephone for student use, and servants' rooms. The Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank is contributing a sum of at least \$2,000 to construct a small building south of the gateway, to serve as one of its branch offices. The main entrance to the college campus is thus becoming an important and convenient centre of student life.

The new building of the Rural Leaders Training School (formerly the Rural Normal School) was formally opened on October 18th, when many delegates from government institutions and several of the old graduates gave addresses. The following extract from the monthly notes of the school, edited by Mr. Chang Chi-wen, express very happily the spirit prevailing in the school, and there is no doubt that it is meeting a great need:

"Both students and teachers are required to board in school. They work together, play together, eat together, and live together. Thus in every walk of life the teacher can be a very good example to the students. This accounts

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for the reason why our students can study hard, work hard, and are willing to do all kinds of social service. This is because they see their teacher is doing the same and they just follow his example. When a task is assigned to them, they just undertake it naturally and pleasantly and never feel as if they are compelled to do it. There is a very good atmosphere in our school.

"Our graduates, when they are out of jobs, are urged to come back to school to stay with us. We have rooms set aside for them. While in school, they are allowed to attend certain classes and to use the library for references. When an opportunity comes, we send them out. When they are at work, we keep in touch with them by constant correspondence. So they always feel that the school stands behind them and encourages them. They appreciate this very much."

Dr. J. C. Ferguson of Peiping is presenting his valuable collection of Chinese porcelain, jade, bronze, paintings, and books to the University. It is hoped that funds can be raised to erect a building which can be partly used for the housing of this collection and partly for offices and class rooms for the College of Arts.

President Chen is expecting to leave for a visit to the United States. He will spend as much time as possible making contacts with people interested in the University, in visiting educational institutions and trying to secure teachers. He also hopes it will be possible for him to spend some time studying.

Mr. Sarvis spent a day in Nanking in December, on his way down from the North. He is a member of the Fact Finding Commission sent out by the Laymen's Foreign Missions Inquiry, who spent from February 1 to 10 in Nanking. They are under the leadership of Dr. Paul H. Douglass and made a very favourable impression on the people of Nanking by their sympathetic and understanding attitude towards mission work and its problems. They have gone South and will spend April and May in the North. They were entertained at lunch by President Chen one day and paid a brief visit to the University afterwards.

Among other visitors have been Dr. R. H. Tawney of the London School of Economics, who gave a series of lectures in December; and Dr. Kenyon L. Butterfield, who is interested in promoting rural work. He will return to Nanking in March to hold conferences and an institute.

Dr. T. Z. Koo was in Nanking for a few days at the end of January. One day he spoke to a small group of Christians - faculty and students - on his observations of Christian work in the various institutions of higher learning he had visited recently. He feels that the initiative in Christian work should come from the Christian students rather than from the faculty or some Christian organization. The students, he thinks, ought to be left to organize



meetings and the faculty participate in them at the request of the students. It is inevitable, of course, that mistakes will be made, sometimes very foolish ones, but the faculty should stand ready to help at such times. Dr. Koo has felt the importance of organizing Christian work in this way and has given up his connection with the Y. M. C. A., partly because he feels he might do more effective work if it were known that he did not have the assured financial backing of an organization, and partly because he desires to give more time to the personal work with students and not to be hindered by much routine work. He has some means of his own and to supply the rest needed for the support of his family, he hopes to derive some income from literary work in his spare time.

The annual congregational meeting of the Union Church this year was preceded by an excellent Chinese dinner at the Community Centre, to which about a hundred sat down. Afterwards a few musical numbers were given and then the report for the year was read and officers elected.

You will all have heard that the Book of the Month Club has selected Mrs. Buck's latest book, "Warm Earth," as the book for the month of March, and Mrs. Buck has received congratulations from many quarters. Many of you will have read it, as well as her "East Wind, West Wind."

The Thomson family will be going on furlough in May and will be much missed in Nanking. We are all glad that Mr. Reisner will be arriving in a few days. Dr. and Mrs. Myers arrive at the same time, with their son, who is ready to enter college. Dr. Myers will devote his time to the crop improvement work being carried on in cooperation with Cornell, as well as to organization of the agricultural work of Yenching University, which in future will be carried on under the direction of Nanking. Mrs. Myers, who is a trained librarian, will give her services in helping with the work of the library. With Mr. Reisner will be Miss Hilda M. Anderson, the new secretary for the College of Agriculture and Forestry, who is very badly needed.

The University Hospital is gradually taking its place again in ministering to the needs of the sick of the city. The patients enjoy clean and comfortable surroundings and appreciate the attention they receive. It means hard work on the part of the staff to keep things going in an orderly way, but it is all for the benefit of the patients. Very much more could be done for the poor and needy sometimes, to keep them in hospital a little longer than they feel they can afford to stay, if only there were a fund from which to draw to cover the expense involved. The enclosed statement regarding the Hospital will interest many of you, and perhaps some of you could think of ways in which you could help.

We have had an abundance of snow this year, though with the exception of a very cold spell early in January it has been a very mild winter.

School has opened up well, political conditions are very satisfactory, and we hope to have another peaceful semester.

With kind regards from all at the University,

Sincerely yours,

Minnie H. Parcell.

P. S. Since writing this letter Dr. and Mrs. Myers and their son, Mr. Reisner and Miss Anderson have arrived (February 21st) and are entering into the life of the University with much interest. Dr. and Mrs. Myers are staying with Miss Wixon; Mr. Reisner is with the Chapmans; and Miss Anderson is sharing the apartment with Miss Priest and myself.

M. H. P.

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UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL BULLETIN  
TO THE  
NANKING COMMUNITY.

With the hope that the University Hospital may increasingly hold its cherished place in the hearts of the Nanking foreign community, the following brief report is given at this time, merely to explain the reason for new rules and regulations and rates. An explanation in advance often avoids many unpleasant misunderstandings. The sincere cooperation and backing of our foreign friends is earnestly sought, for we desire to serve them as well as the Chinese people.

It is the aim of the hospital to consider all its constituency without regard of racial distinctions, but it is apparent that our foreign friends do demand better hospital service than most of the Chinese can afford. Since the Special Ward, formerly called the Foreign Ward, was reopened two years ago, the hospital charge was set as before. However, the doctor's professional charge was omitted, to be in keeping with the rest of the hospital, where the doctor's services are considered as a gift from the Mission Boards.

Considering that the support from Missions comes only from three Boards, each giving one doctor's salary and \$750 Gold a year, it will be seen that it cannot go far toward our total budget of \$125,000 Mex. We are hoping that these and other Boards may each come to the support of a nurse also, which is the least they should do considering the support given to their non-union denominational hospitals in other places.

The Rockefeller Foundation has given greatly appreciated assistance for the past 14 years, which has met a large proportion of our gold salaries, but



this has been decreasing for the past four and next year will see the final gift of \$3,000. It was their policy, and a reasonable one, hospitals should be helped toward higher standards until they should become self-supporting. This anticipation suffered a severe blow through the interruption by the 1927 incident, with its losses and the complete disruption of the organization and staff for over a year. The total losses are estimated at practically \$100,000 Mex., making up nearly one-third of the total University losses, for which no claim was made nor remuneration received. Following this, the Chung Shan Road cut off one-third of our newest building, the Peden Nurses' Home, built at a cost of \$40,000, and the remaining two-thirds hang pleadingly over the edge of the road, not knowing whether nor when the further widening of the road may occur. Last but not least, of our major financial difficulties, comes the increase in rate of exchange and duties. Our foreign friends, above all, are those who demand the services and drugs, which are paid for in gold.

With this brief financial review, it will doubtless be understood how the hospital expenses last year exceeded its receipts by many thousand dollars. We should be glad for endowment, or special gifts. We hope the wealthy or official Chinese will recognize us with financial aid. We feel it is only fair to ask our supporting Missions for support more in proportion to that given to their other non-union hospitals. We feel the business firms in the city should make real contributions as done for many other hospitals in China. To illustrate, one of our new esteemed residents recently visited a friend in the hospital. He expressed great surprise to find such medical service available, and immediately sent for his family, whom he had left in Shanghai for the safety of their health. Such security means better business. The necessary restriction in administering to the poor and needy,

honored accompaniment of a mission  
and the criticism of becoming a com-  
mercialized institution are most unpleasant, but  
if these other resources can be tapped, our only  
recourse is a general raise in rates. The follow-  
ing are announced.

### NEW RATES

#### FOREIGN OR CHINESE

*Those employed by church  
institutions or non co-  
operating Mission Boards*

|                                 | <i>Those employed by church<br/>institutions or non co-<br/>operating Mission Boards</i> | <i>Others</i> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Office calls ... ..             | \$2.00                                                                                   | \$ 3.00       |
| Home calls:—                    |                                                                                          |               |
| Inside city, by day ... ..      | 4.00                                                                                     | 6.00          |
| (7 p.m.-7 a.m.) by night ... .. | 8.00                                                                                     | 12.00         |
| Outside city, by day ... ..     | ...                                                                                      | 10.00         |
| by night ... ..                 | ...                                                                                      | 15.00         |
| Hospital Charges Per day:—      |                                                                                          |               |
| Special Ward ... ..             | 8.00                                                                                     | 12.00         |

#### CHINESE

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Hospital Charges per day:—       |                |
| Regular 1st Class ... ..         | \$3.00 Minimum |
| 2nd Class ... ..                 | 1.50 "         |
| 3rd Class ... ..                 | .60            |
| Dispensary Charges:—             |                |
| During hours, First call ... ..  | .20            |
| Subsequent calls ... ..          | .10            |
| First Class-Ahead of turn ... .. | 1.00           |
| Outside of hours... ..           | 2.00           |

Extra charges are made for everyone for  
medicines, laboratory services, X-ray, operating  
and delivery fees, or other special services. Trans-  
portation on home-calls is to be provided, or paid  
for by the patient. An automobile is expected  
for distant calls, and a minimum of \$0.50 may be  
expected for near calls. For extra people seen on

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home calls half rate extra per person, charged. Special exemption from fees for and home calls will be granted, as in the past, missionaries of cooperating boards and for the families or firms under special contract.

#### NEW REGULATIONS REGARDING HOURS

|                                   |                        |          |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Office calls (Foreign) ...        | Tues., Thur., and Fri. | 2-3 p.m. |
| Dispensary (Chinese) ...          | 9:30-11:30 a.m.        |          |
| Drug Room (Foreign) ...           | 8 -10 a.m.             | 2-5 p.m. |
| Laboratory (Foreign) ...          | 8 -9 a.m.              | 2-4 p.m. |
| Hospital visiting hours (for all) | 10 -11:30 a.m.         | 3-5 p.m. |

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR THE WELFARE OF THE PATIENTS

Home calls should be for the patient's health rather than for his convenience. They interrupt the hospital work.

Messages to the doctors, drug room, or laboratory would best come at 8.10 a.m. Foreigners are urged to avoid the later morning hours when the dispensary rush is on.

Office hours for foreigners are limited now, but will be increased as found necessary. Special appointments should be made for other hours.

Visiting hours in the hospital are arranged chiefly for the patients' welfare. Interruptions during periods for rest and for treatment should be avoided. Children as visitors are unwelcome, for it is a risk to them and seldom a help to the patients as a whole.

In all these hospital affairs, our primary aim is to hold high the standards of Jesus Christ in touching and healing the lives of men, and to this end we ask your hearty cooperation.

RECEIVED UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL.

NANKING, CHINA, November, 1930.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING  
Nanking, China

June 23, 1931.

Dear Friends:

The summer vacation has begun. Yesterday was Commencement Day and the exercises were held at two o'clock. The weather was ideal. There was a good attendance. Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Industries, gave the commencement address, which was preceded by an address by the Vice-Minister of Education and followed by one from the Commissioner of Education of the Municipality of Nanking.

There were forty-one graduates in arts; fifteen in science, including one premedical; thirty-one in agriculture; seven in forestry; thirty-six from the Rural Leaders Training School; twenty-five from the senior middle school; sixty-four from the junior middle school; and forty from the higher primary. If all the Class of 1931 had been present there would have been a very impressive attendance, but many of the autumn, 1930, graduates were not able to be here for commencement so only about half the class was present.

After the presentation of diplomas the allotted number of graduates were received into the Phi Tau Phi Society, and then awards were given for best scholarship, to the winners of athletic events, and to the ones who looked after their dormitory rooms best. The Class of 1931 presented the University with a sum sufficient to put in a cement walk in a certain section of the campus.

The Alumni Banquet was held at seven o'clock in a restaurant which occupies the site of the old Y. M. C. A. on Hwa Pai Lou. It was very well attended - over two hundred being present - and it was a pleasure to see so many familiar faces around the long tables. Everybody seemed to enjoy the gathering thoroughly. Mr. Tsu Tseh-ling presided. Dr. Tang Chi-yu has been elected president of the Nanking branch of the Alumni Association for next year.

Baccalaureate service was held on the preceding Sunday, Dr. J. T. Wu of the National Y. M. C. A. being the preacher. For Class Day on the evening of June 21st there was a play, preceded by several musical items.

You will be interested to know that the University has been asked to hold as a designated capital fund the amount now standing to the credit of the fund that was raised to estab-

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lish a Keen Memorial Fund for the purpose of building up a Keen Memorial Collection of Books Relating to China. The fund amounts to over \$10,000 Chinese currency and will be known as the Keen Memorial Fund, the interest on which is to be used in accord with the original purposes for which the collection was organized. There will be a Keen Memorial Fund Executive Committee of three members, consisting preferably of former language school students during the administration of Mr. Keen, of which Mr. Bates will be chairman. There will also be a Library Committee of the Keen Memorial Collection of Books Relating to China, composed of four members - the University Librarian and the three members of the Keen Memorial Fund Executive Committee.

Three members of the faculty will be going to the States this summer for advanced study at Cornell. Funds are being provided from the Famine Fund budget for this purpose. The names of these men are Messrs. Shen Sheo-tsuen and Wang Sheo of the Department of Agronomy, and Chang Chi-wen of the Department of Rural Education, Principal of the Rural Leaders' Training School, formerly the Rural Normal School. Some of you will likely meet these men while they are in the States, and I am sure they will be glad to see you.

Many of you will be interested in knowing what has been done with the money that had accumulated in the account of the Woman's Auxiliary. There was in all over \$12,000, part of which was in current account previous to 1927, part being reimbursement for losses in 1927, and the remainder being made up of interest on accumulated funds. As there is no certainty that the organization will function again the way it did, the members still in Nanking last March met and voted to dispose of the money in the following manner: To reserve \$1,000 for payment of outstanding accounts; to give \$2,000 to the Middle School for a residence for a Chinese member of the faculty, either to build one or to go toward the expense of building one; \$5,000 to the University Hospital either for a Chinese doctor's residence or to apply towards the expense of erecting a nurses' home; and \$5,000 to the University for a residence for a Chinese member of the faculty. Any funds remaining after all accounts have been paid are to be divided equally between the Hospital and the University.

The Thomsens left for furlough in May. Many from Nanking are going to Kuling this summer, more than have gone there for several years. Madame Chiang Kai-shek and Mrs. H. H. Kung are to be there also. I understand the latter has rented Dr. Barrie's hospital.

General Chiang Kai-shek has gone to Kiangsi to direct operations against the Communists. This term is generally applied to bandits and disloyal troops also. Some of these are

merely victims of circumstances who have been forced to appear to be Red in self-protection! The disturbed conditions of the past several years have reduced the people in a large area to great misery and in desperation many of these have perhaps at times resorted to violence, and they are in a very ready state to accept the teachings of the communists. It will take time and better economic conditions to change this state of affairs. In the opinion of many this is a greater menace than the much-talked-of war with the South, which, we hope, will not eventuate.

An agreement has been reached with Yenching University whereby Nanking becomes responsible for directing the agricultural work at Yenching and for North China. For the present the work will be chiefly in crop improvement. Dr. Myers, from Cornell, was largely responsible for working out the agreement, which seems a very satisfactory one and will no doubt be capable of being carried out to the satisfaction of all.

Mr. Reisner spent four busy months in China closing up his work as Co-Dean of the College of Agriculture and Forestry and his resignation was regretfully accepted. As you know, he is taking up the secretaryship of the Agricultural Missions Foundation, and his headquarters will be in New York. It is hoped that this Foundation will be instrumental in enabling the College of Agriculture and Forestry to put some of its new programme into effect.

Dr. H. H. Love, with Mrs. Love and their daughter and youngest son are here for about three years. Dr. Love has come at the invitation of the Central Government and the Chekiang and Kiangsu Provincial Governments as adviser in crop improvement, and he is also devoting some time to the University, making his headquarters at the University.

You will be disappointed to hear that Dr. Chen was not able to leave last spring for a visit to the States. The Board of Directors considered it advisable for him to wait until after the opening of school in September so that he would not be away for both the closing of the spring semester and the opening of the autumn semester. If conditions are favourable at that time he may be able to leave, but there are always matters needing his attention so it is difficult to tell just when it will be possible for him to go. His brother, Yu-hwa, returned recently from the States.

Hoping this finds you all well and enjoying summer vacations,

Sincerely yours,

Minnie H. Purcell.

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117 Gordon Road,  
Shanghai, China,  
February 15, 1932.

Nanking

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Mr. B. A. Garside,  
Dr. A. J. Bowen.

Dear Dr. Speer, Mr. Garside, and Dr. Bowen:

Dr. Chen has asked me to write you something of the situation in general and as regards the University. There was a scarcity of news in Nanking, for, until the time I left, practically no mail had come through from Shanghai, from about January 30th, as railway traffic and boat traffic were alike interrupted for a while and the head post office being in the district under Japanese control it was difficult for the postal staff to come in to work as so many of them lived in the Chinese territory being attacked by the Japanese. Consequently, the mail simply piled up in Shanghai. At present it is being sent by motor ~~from~~ <sup>from</sup> Nanzhang, half-hour by rail from Shanghai, and then taken by train the rest of the way to Nanking.

The lack of actual news of what was going on in Shanghai made it difficult to know what was best to be done or just how soon the situation in Shanghai would react on the troops in and around Nanking. Some of the men in the community arranged, through the courtesy of Reuter, to circulate Reuter's telegrams and other items of news secured from reliable sources every day and these were a great help under the circumstances. Chiefly because of the reaction that was feared from the troops around Nanking when the Chinese could no longer hold out against the better organization, equipment and training of the Japanese, soon after the outbreak of hostilities in Shanghai on January 28th the American Consulate encouraged as many of the women and children as possible to leave Nanking, as there was a prospect of communications being cut off later. The first group of Americans left about the middle of the first week of February. The Weeks family, who had reached Nanking on January 22nd only, decided to return to Shanghai then, as they felt they might be a burden on other members of the staff. On February 5th, the Consulate decided to ask all women and children and those men who were not engaged in any specific work at the time to leave, so on Saturday, February 6th, the majority of the Americans connected with the University left, about half the community going to Peking and the rest to Shanghai. Those of the University group who went to Peking that day were Miss Hilda M. Anderson, Mrs. M. S. Bates and children, Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Brady and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Buck and child, Miss Mary Nelson Lee, Dr. and Mrs. Lewis S. C. Smythe, <sup>and baby</sup> while Mrs. J. H. Daniels and

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children went to Tsinanfu. The train also carried Mrs. Willys R. Peck, wife of the American Consul-General. Mr. Buck is working on his survey while in Peking and is also giving a series of lectures at the Language School there. Miss Anderson will be able to help him in his survey work.

Those of the University group who left for Shanghai on February 6th were Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Illick, and children, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Jones and children, Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Love, Miss Love and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Mills and children, Mrs. A. N. Steward and children, Mrs. C. S. Trimmer and children, and Dr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Warren. The Warrens have since gone to the Philippines.

On February 9th, the British Consulate sent out notice advising women and children to leave, and, much as I disliked doing so, I decided to come to Shanghai next day, as it seemed to be merely a question of staying on a few days longer and I did not want to be an unnecessary worry to the men if things did get serious. Miss Wixon also left that day. Mr. Bates very kindly offered to help Dr. Chen with any of the things which ordinarily would have been attended to by me, and Mr. Young also kindly volunteered his services along office lines. Nanking is really a far safer place just at present than Shanghai, however, for, until last night, steady firing had been going on at intervals during the day and night, sometimes lasting for three hours. The Japanese apparently did not expect the resistance from the Chinese that they have encountered and so began hostilities before they were really prepared and had only the navy to depend on. Yesterday and today they landed two divisions of troops and the next few days will no doubt be critical ones and should give some idea as to whether or not the trouble can be settled by negotiation.

With the exception of Dr. Brady, who was advised by his Mission to go to Peking, all the hospital staff are still in Nanking. Miss Bauer had a hip bone put in place two weeks before and has still two or three weeks to lie face downwards. Mr. Bates, Miss Priest, Mr. Steward and Mr. Young are still at the University. It is possible that eleventh-hour negotiations will make it unnecessary for those remaining to leave. I brought down the University deeds for safe keeping at the Associated Mission Treasurers but doubt whether the top floor of a building is the safest place for such things when stray shells from anti-aircraft guns fall all over the settlement and fighting is likely at any time to extend into and over the settlement. The American and British Ministers, as well as

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the others, are doing all they can to get the two sides to negotiate. One wonders where all will end and what the day of reckoning will bring to the Japanese.

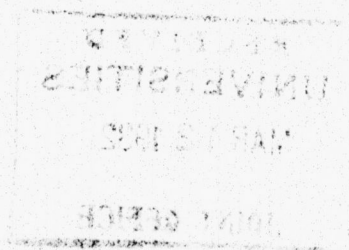
Registration for the spring semester was scheduled for February 1st and the administration were in doubt as to the wisdom of opening school at that time but did not feel sufficiently justified not to open. However, on January 31st, the news made it advisable to postpone opening for at least ten days, but there was not time to notify the out-of-town students so about sixty arrived in Nanking. Some of these have since returned to their homes. At the end of the ten days it was again decided to put off opening for a while until conditions made it seem wise to begin school.

There will no doubt be difficulty in tiding the finances over the term if school does not open, as the faculty and staff must necessarily be retained pending an opportunity to open school, and without fees to cover salaries the administration will have a serious problem to face.

We all hope that the next few days will see sane counsels prevail on both sides and that an end will be put to the reign of terror that exists in the districts controlled by the Japanese. Dr. Chen has a heavy responsibility on his shoulders and needs your prayers.

Sincerely yours,

*Minna H. Russell*



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Nanking, China

Circular Letter.

April 6, 1932.

Dear Friends:

Your thoughts have no doubt often turned towards China in recent months and you have wondered just what was actually taking place here. It has been an anxious time for everybody and the situation will continue to give anxiety for a long time to come. From what we are told, the newspapers in foreign countries publish pretty accurate accounts of what is happening, so there is no need to go into detail about events here. At present, everything depends upon the way the negotiations in Shanghai develop, but since these call for very delicate handling, one cannot be sure what the outcome will be.

Ever since the outbreak of trouble in Manchuria last September, schools have had a difficult time trying to maintain schedules. The students were out a good deal of the remainder of the autumn semester, engaged in patriotic demonstrations of various kinds. The intention was to devote two weeks at the beginning of the spring semester to completion of the autumn's work and final examinations. The fighting in Shanghai started on January 28th, however, and with the spring semester scheduled to begin on February 1st, it was difficult for the administration to decide whether or not the schedule should be carried out. They finally voted to postpone the opening for ten days, and then, as the situation did not show any signs of clearing up, there was a further postponement. Classes eventually began on February 29th, with an enrolment in the colleges of over two hundred, which has since increased to 330, and 460 in the Middle School. The smaller attendance and reductions in Mission Board contributions cause serious financial problems. The students are studying diligently and everything is going on quietly. To make up for the month lost in February, the term is being extended into July and will close on July 28th. Central University has not opened yet this term, chiefly because of lack of money to do so. The schools in Shanghai have been badly hit by the trouble, many being either destroyed or occupied by the Japanese. In the latter class are Fuh Tan and Chi Nan Universities. The University of Shanghai, being in the district under Japanese control, deemed it advisable not to open in the school premises but recently made arrangements to carry on classes in different centres in the International Settlement.

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After the trouble started in Shanghai and the firing of a few guns from the Japanese gunboats in the river at Hsia-kwan on the night of February 1st, the various consuls felt it would be wise for the women and children to leave. About half the people who evacuated went North, chiefly to Peiping, and the rest to Shanghai. Those who went to Shanghai heard a good deal of the firing that kept up for so many weeks, and later were able to visit Chapei and see the destruction that had been wrought there. Chapei is like a city of the dead, with no one living at present among the ruins off the North Szechuen Road extension, which road is once more under the control of the Shanghai Municipal Police. It was somewhat of a surprise to find the walls of the North Station and of the Commercial Press buildings still standing after the weeks in which they had been the target of Japanese firing. Practically everybody who left early in February has returned within the past week and all are glad to be back. All seems very peaceful here, and while the negotiations continue things will likely remain quiet, although it must be hard to keep the soldiers on both sides from attacking each other again.

Several members of the Laymen's Foreign Missions Inquiry Commission visited Nanking recently. Their investigations were made chiefly through personal interviews or meeting with small groups in a social way, rather than through larger, formal meetings, and they seem to have made a good impression in Nanking. Dean Sie has accompanied Dr. Henry C. Taylor, the firm economics expert of the Commission, to Peiping.

There will be several additional Americans on the faculty next term. These include Mr. and Mrs. Goodsell, who are spending this year at the Language School in Peiping, Mr. Goodsell being the United Christian Missionary Society representative in the College of Agriculture and Forestry; Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Slocum, representatives of the Baptist Mission in the College of Agriculture and Forestry, who will spend their first year in language study in Peiping; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Riggs, also for the College of Agriculture and Forestry, formerly missionaries under the American Board at Shaowu, Fukien; and Mr. and Mrs. William P. Fenn, who will be under the Presbyterian Board. Mr. Fenn has been specializing in English and will receive his doctor's degree in June. He is to be head of the Department of Foreign Languages but will be at the Peiping Union Language School for a year before coming to the University. The Thomson family will be returning, and it is possible that Mr. W. R. Wheeler and his family will be with us if the doctors consider it advisable for his youngest son to live in China.

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Mr. Bates and Miss Wixon are at present in the University Hospital, Miss Wixon with 'flu and Mr. Bates for rest and observation. There does not seem to be any new development in his case but the doctors are trying to find the source of any infection that might be draining into his system. Miss Bauer was operated on in January in an attempt to relieve the pressure on her sciatic nerve. On account of uncertain conditions here in February she was taken to the P. U. M. C. and is still there, feeling rather discouraged at the slow progress she is making. Little Helen Daniels came down with scarlet fever in Peiping just about the time people were ready to return to Nanking, and now Harriet has it too.

Mr. Heh Ching-ming, of the Department of Agronomy, is leaving in a few days for America. He plans to be at Cornell for about three years specializing in plant breeding. Miss Wixon expects to go on furlough after the close of the term. The Bucks also go on furlough this summer.

A University Catalogue in English is just off the press. A copy is being mailed direct to many of you, but if any should fail to receive one we shall be glad to forward a copy if you will write us.

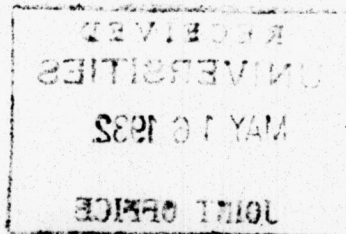
The country is looking very attractive now that the blossoms are beginning to open and trees to leaf. There has been very little rain so far this year but it is badly needed by the farmers.

With best wishes from all at the University,

Sincerely yours,

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

By Minnie H. Purcell.



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With best wishes from all at the University,

Sincerely yours,

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By Minnie H. Percell.



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Nanking

June 29, 1932.

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Yesterday we mailed you forty copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 20th. These were sent in two parcels, A third parcel contained the Treasurer's report and copies of the minutes of the Hospital Committee of May 16th, in case you wish these to be distributed, also ten copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive-Finance Committee of May 19th. Only ten copies of these last were sent, as the actions are all covered in the Board minutes and it is possible you will not want to distribute them to all the members of the Board of Founders.

The forty copies of the minutes of the Board of Founders of April 15, 1932, have come safely to hand and have been distributed to the Board of Directors. As they contain late actions of the united boards in regard to the correlated programme, they have also been sent to the Deans and a few members of the faculty.

Will it be possible for you to send us a few extra copies - six or seven or even fewer - of the minutes of the Board of Founders of November 27, 1931, to which were attached the minutes of the Committee on Salary, Retirement and Status of University Supported Staff of November 23, 1931, or, rather, the recommendations of that committee as to the revision of the schedule of salaries and allowances for university supported staff? As these minutes were especially interesting to some of the members of the staff, they were distributed too freely, and we find we do not have sufficient copies for the files. If you could spare a few copies we should appreciate it very much, but if not, we can have copies made here.

Dr. Chen will be writing you soon.

Sincerely yours,

*Minnie H. Russell*

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Nanking

July 29, 1952.

Miss Minnie H. Purcell,  
University of Nanking,  
Nanking, China

My dear Miss Purcell:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 29th.

We have now received the three parcels containing the Minutes of the May 20th meeting of the Board of Directors, the Field Treasurer's report, Minutes of the May 16th meeting of the Hospital Committee, and the May 19th meeting of the Executive Finance Committee.

We are sending you at this time five additional copies of the November 27th, 1951 meeting of the Board of Founders, with attached recommendations concerning the schedule of salary and allowances for University-supported staff. I am sorry to say that these are all the extra copies of this material we still have in our files. I hope there will be enough for your needs.

I trust you will find time for a real vacation this summer. All of you at Nanking have had an unusually strenuous year, even for such harried times as these.

Very cordially yours,

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Nanking

September 14, 1932.

ack. 10-10-32

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of July 29th, and the five copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Founders of November 27, 1931, have come safely to hand. The five copies are sufficient for our files, and thank you very much for sending them.

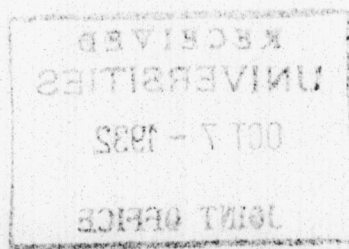
Some day I hope to get a complete set of the minutes of the Trustees and Founders, and Managers and Directors bound, beginning from 1909 or 1910, and may have to trouble you to see if you can supply any minutes that are missing. They will take a little time to put together, especially as many of the copies are faded or soiled with time, or are on unsatisfactory paper, and so will need to be copied first.

I was away for a while in August, in Tsingtao, and had the satisfaction of escaping most of the second bad spell of heat of the summer. I hope you did not have an unusually hot time this year and that you had a good vacation.

Again thanking you for the minutes,

Sincerely yours,

*Henri H. Purcell*



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Nanking

October 10, 1932.

Miss Minnie V. Purcell,  
University of Nanking,  
Nanking, China

My dear Miss Purcell:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 14th.

We will be very glad to assist in any way that we can in your efforts to get a complete set of the Minutes of the Nanking governing boards. Here in the Central Office we have duplicate copies of the minutes of most of meetings of the Trustees and Founders, particularly during recent years; but our only complete set of these minutes is the bound copy of permanent minutes which we keep in our safe. If the gaps in your set are not too large, we could have copies made here in the office of any material which cannot be found elsewhere.

I am glad that you succeeded in avoiding most of the summer heat by escaping to Tsingtao.

I hope that the work of the autumn semester is now going forward peacefully, and that political and military disturbances will not arise this year to add to your burdens.

Very cordially yours,

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May 2, 1934.

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Mr. B. A. Garside,  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Up till now I have neglected to write you about a detail in connection with my pension policy. In that policy, my sister, Henrietta Harris Purcell, is named as the beneficiary and her address is given as 117 Gordon Road, Shanghai. Her address has been changed since the policy was made out and is now 70 Route Delastre, Shanghai. I do not know whether this makes any difference so far as the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada is concerned but I shall appreciate it if you will make a record of this change of address in case it is necessary to refer to it at any time. Anything sent in care of my brother, R. H. Purcell, c/o Messrs. Liddell Bros. & Co., Ltd., 4 Peking Road, Shanghai, will also reach my sister safely.

Sincerely yours,

*Minnie H. Purcell*

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Note 10/3

September 3, 1935.

Dear Mr. Evans,

As you no doubt know, I am leaving for England next week via the United States. As I may be about two months in the United States, it is rather a problem to know what to do with my two trunks, as storage would come to so much if I bonded them through to New York. Miss Priest has suggested that you would perhaps be willing to take charge of them for me until I leave for England and so reduce the cost of storage. I am sorry there is no time to get a reply from you, but I hope you will not mind looking after this matter for me if I send you the checks in due time. I shall be most grateful if you will do so.

The trunks are fairly small and not strong so I am wondering how they will stand the rough handling across the continent.

May I take this opportunity of asking you and Mrs.

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Garside to hold my salary until you hear from me again?

In case of need, I may be reached in care of Miss Kate G  
Miller, 1230 South Brook Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Thanking you in advance for your help, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth H. Purcell



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1230 South Brook Street,  
Louisville, Ky.,  
Oct. 14, 1935.

Mr. C. A. Evans,  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your letter of October 3, regarding my trunks. I had to pass these through the customs at San Francisco but have checked them through to New York on my ticket. If they are not taken delivery of within a month, from time of leaving San Francisco, however, I am told they will be sold as unclaimed property.

My friends are delaying my reaching New York longer than I had anticipated and it is going to be impossible for me to be there much before November 10. Under the circumstances, I am taking advantage of your kind suggestion that I send you the checks for my two trunks and a suitcase so that you can claim them and hold them until my arrival.

The checks are numbered as follows (issued by the Southern Pacific Co., San Francisco Ferry):

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| No. 42809  | for 1 trunk  | (via El Paso, New |
| No. 42810  | " 1 "        | Orleans and       |
| No. 103096 | " 1 suitcase | Chicago)          |

In case it will be inconvenient for you to store this baggage, would it be possible for you to arrange with the company to extend the storage period? I believe the cost of storage is more reasonable than I thought.

As I have sufficient cash at present, I shall appreciate it if you will continue to hold my salary until my arrival in New York.

With many thanks for your help with regard to my baggage, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Thinnie A. Durcell*

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| Storage       | 3.00   |
| Taxi & porter | 1.75   |
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1230 S. Brook St.,  
Louisville, Ky.

Oct. 25, 1935

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Dear Mr. Evans,

I am just sending this line to thank you for your letter of October 16th, and for your kindness in taking delivery of my trunks and suitcase. I will settle up for the amount you advanced when I see you.

I am leaving for Chicago tomorrow and shall be there a week with Miss Lillie F. Abbott, at 5805 Ohio Street. From there I continue on to New York and shall

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expect to see you and Mr. Garrison  
before long.

With renewed thanks for your  
many courtesies, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Minnie A. Purcell

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Miss Minnie H. Purcell  
c/o Mrs. Walter King  
94 Purley Downs Road  
Sanderstead  
Surrey, England

My dear Miss Purcell:

It is our verbal understanding that you desire to discontinue your annuity contract with the Sun Life Assurance Company, and that you wish to have any available accumulations returned to you. The effective date, we believe, was to be December 31, 1935.

It is desired that you put this request in writing, which will give the insurance company the protection it wishes. Incidentally, it would be just as well for us to have the information in writing ourselves for the completion of our files. Just a brief statement as to your attitude signed by yourself will be all that is necessary.

We all here in America join with our English friends in mourning the loss of King George. Apparently, however, the kingdom is in good hands, and we trust that the new monarch will be as efficient and human a being as his predecessor.

With sincerest wishes to you, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

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17 Murray House,  
Vandon Street,  
Buckingham Gate,  
London, S.W.1,  
England,  
February 13, 1936.

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Dear Mr. Gerude,

I have been delayed in sending you the statement for The Sun Life Assurance Company with reference to the discontinuance of my annuity contract. I trust the accompanying letter will serve the purpose.

Paid 2/26/36  
No 5355

I understood from Miss Priest that my salary was to continue through December, but since I have not received the December salary, I am letting you know, in case it was sent and has gone astray.

My travel account is enclosed. I received U.S. \$400 from the University Treasurer, so there is a balance of U.S. \$4.58 due the University. Should I be entitled to December salary and it has not been sent, would you kindly deduct the \$4.58 before sending it?

The death of King George is a great loss to the British Empire. King Edward, however, has had a splendid preparation for kingship and is a fine man, with the interests of the people at heart, so, as you say, the kingdom is in good hands.

I have taken the above apartment till the end of April. After that time, please address me again in care of Mrs. Walter King, 94 Purley Downs Road, Sanderstead, Surrey.

With appreciation for your many courtesies and help,  
I am,

Very sincerely yours,  
Minnie H. Purcell



Travel account - Minnie H. Purcell - 1935

Sent by  
Miss Purcell  
letter 1/3/36

|                                                             |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Railway ticket, Hankow to Shanghai -                        | U. S. \$ 6.33 |
| Ch. \$ 16.35 @ 2.58                                         | 3.70          |
| Taxis and handling of luggage, Hankow, Shanghai             | 296.36        |
| Ticket, Shanghai to London, £ 59-17-5 @ 4.95                | 10.00         |
| U. S. Visa                                                  | 5.00          |
| Revenue tax on departure from U. S.                         | 1.50          |
| Wheel chair - Pacific                                       | 14.00         |
| Tips - Pacific and Atlantic                                 | 25.13         |
| Sleepers - San Francisco to New York                        | 11.45         |
| Tips and meals " " " "                                      | 3.60          |
| Cartage on trunks " and " "                                 | 8.05          |
| 2 days in New York - Hotel (\$4.00), tips and meals         | 3.30          |
| Taxis & handling of baggage - arrival & departure, New York | 2.00          |
| " " " " " Plymouth                                          | 5.00          |
| 1 day's expenses at Plymouth                                |               |
|                                                             | \$ 395.42 ✓   |
|                                                             | 400.00        |
| Received from University Treasurer                          | \$ 4.58 ✓     |
| Balance due University                                      |               |

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17 Murray House  
Vandon Street  
Buckingham Gate  
London, S.W.1  
England  
February 13, 1936

Mr. C. A. Evans  
Associated Boards for  
Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

In reply to your letter of January 21, 1936, with reference to my annuity contract with the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, I am writing to confirm the verbal request I made when in New York, that my contract be discontinued after December 31, 1935 (I presume now it would mean at the time this letter reaches you), and that all available accumulations be sent to me, my understanding being that such accumulations amount at present to over US\$1,000.

I shall appreciate it if you will take the matter up with the Sun Life Assurance Company and send the money to me at the above address.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ MINNIE H. PURCELL

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University of Nanking

February 26, 1936

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Miss Minnie H. Purcell  
17 Murray House  
Vandon Street  
Buckingham Gate  
London S.W.1, England

My dear Miss Purcell:

Your letter of February 13th came to hand, enclosing authorization for us to discontinue your participation in the annuity plan at the University of Nanking. Quite naturally the contract will terminate on the same date you severed relations with the University, which was December 31, 1935. Application has been made to the Sun Life Assurance Company, and as soon as the remittance is received, it will be forwarded to you immediately.

Our understanding was that your salary would be continued to December 31st; and as I recall it, we discussed this matter when you were here, when you stated that you desired to take only the October and November salary with you, indicating that you would let us know where and when to send the balance.

We are enclosing herewith check for the December and concluding payment, less the December insurance deduction and travel balance of \$4.58, which you state is due the University. This leaves a balance of \$68.09, which pays you in full for salary to December 31st. I sincerely trust you will have no trouble in cashing this check. The report of the travel will be mailed to Miss Priest at Nanking.

You left New York in good season to avoid what has been one of our worst winters in this whole area — not because of its great severity, but because of its peculiar nature in the shape of sleet which turned to ice and has stayed with us since early in January. Only the last couple of days has the thermometer moved above freezing, which has made it exceedingly difficult throughout the whole area. Europe has had its share of inclement weather, but we have seen no record of where London has suffered to a like degree.

With cordial good wishes to you, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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March 7, 1936

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Miss Minnie H. Purcell  
17 Murray House  
Vandon Street  
Buckingham Gate  
London, S.W.1, England

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My dear Miss Purcell:

On February 19th we had a meeting of the Executive Committee of our Nanking Board of Founders. At that meeting the following action was adopted: -

VOTED that the Executive Committee, in taking note of the resignation of Miss Minnie H. Purcell, express its appreciation for the excellent service she has rendered to the University during the past twenty years. The good wishes of the Trustees go with her as she returns to her home in England.

You may be assured that all members of the Nanking Board of Founders join in extending to you their warmest good wishes, and their hope that you may find life in England a very comfortable and happy one.

Very cordially yours,

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17 Murray House,  
Vandon Street,  
Buckingham Gate,  
London, S.W.1,  
England,  
March 16, 1936.



Dear Mrs. Evans,

Your letter of February 26th has reached me and I thank you for it and for the check enclosed covering December salary, less insurance and balance due the University on my travel account.

The winter in America must have been a very trying one and I hope your spring will not delay too long. I was glad I crossed to England when I did, for though the trip was a rough one, the weather was even worse later. The American Farmer is a very small boat and the first few days out from New York she pitched and tossed a great deal and rolled the rest of the way as far as she could from side to side without actually going over (or least that was how one felt!). I have not minded this winter in London and have been so thankful for the mild weather. It has been colder in the country than here.

I suppose the eyes of the world are on



London these days while the League Council  
is meeting here. We are all hoping that France  
and Hitler will come to their senses and listen  
to reason.

Very sincerely yours,

Minnie H. Purcell

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March 19, 1936

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Miss Minnie H. Purcell  
17 Murray House  
Vandon Street  
Buckingham Gate  
London, S.W.1, England

My dear Miss Purcell:

We have received from the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada a check for \$1,091.04, which was made out to Nanking University.

We have deposited same, and have issued a University check for the amount of the cash surrender value of \$1,091.04. This, therefore, closes the annuity account with the University.

With all good wishes for your future, and with sincerest regards, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

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P.S. We also enclose the voucher stub coming from the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, which is for your files.

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17 Murray House,  
Vandon Street,  
Buckingham Gate,  
London, S.W.1,  
England,  
April 9, 1936.  
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Dear Mr. Garaiside,

I appreciate very much your forwarding the action of the Executive Committee of the Board of Founders with reference to my service to the University, and I shall be grateful if you will express my thanks to the Committee for their action and their good wishes for a happy life in England.

About the middle of next month I leave for Scotland with Miss Jeffrey and shall be there a month. On my return, I expect to settle down in Brockley, London, S.E.4. Life is full of interest here and I look forward to a pleasant future.

Thanking you for your many courtesies,  
I am,

Yours sincerely,

Minnie H. Purcell

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17 Murray House, *frb*  
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Buckingham Gate,  
London, S.W.1.,  
England.

April 9, 1936.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I acknowledge with thanks your letter of March 19th enclosing a check for \$1,091.04, representing the cash surrender of my insurance under the annuity plan of The University. It may interest you to know that this amount exchanged for £220-4-9.

With much appreciation of your good wishes for the future and of all your help in the past months, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Minnie H. Purcell

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