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May 16, 1936

Mr. J. R. Raeburn
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

My dear Mr. Raeburn:

We are delighted to learn of your willingness to accept a position at the University of Nanking. While I have not as yet had the privilege of meeting you, I have heard from Dr. Love, Dr. Warren and others, of your very fine qualifications for this work.

On the basis of the information we have received from Dr. Buck our office here will be glad to assist you in arrangements for your journey to Nanking. I have not yet received any direct instructions from Nanking as to just when your presence on the field is desired, or as to the route by which they would prefer that you travel. I am today cabling to Nanking regarding these matters, but would welcome any information you can give which would aid us to render you the most effective assistance in completing these arrangements.

We hope too that before you go out to Nanking, you will have an opportunity to meet a number of the members of our Nanking Board of Founders. The Founders are always deeply interested in all members of the Nanking staff, regardless of whether they are regular members or are going out for one or two years of special service. I will probably be making another trip to Ithaca in the fairly near future, and hope that if I do I will have an opportunity to meet you. I also hope that if at all possible you can come to New York sometime before you sail for Nanking to meet the members of the Board of Founders.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MP

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NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND FARM MANAGEMENT

May 19, 1936



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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am pleased to have your letter of May 16th.

As yet I know very little about when I shall sail or what route I will take. From one of Mr. Buck's letters to Dr. Warren I received the impression that I was to be in China by September 5th. If I have any choice in the matter I would prefer sailing east and perhaps going by rail across northern Europe and Russia. Once the route is determined I would appreciate any help that you can give in making preparation for traveling. Suggestions about medical preparation, routes, visas, and the like will be appreciated by such an inexperienced traveller as myself. If you have a catalog or some description of the University of Nanking I will appreciate receiving a copy.

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W.D.

In the mean time it is doubtful if I get to New York before I sail. It may be possible at that time to meet a number of the members of the Nanking Board of Founders.

Sincerely yours,

G. W. Hedlund
Extension Instructor
Marketing

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND FARM MANAGEMENT
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, NEW YORK
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

May 19, 1936



Mr. R. A. Gerstle
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Gerstle:

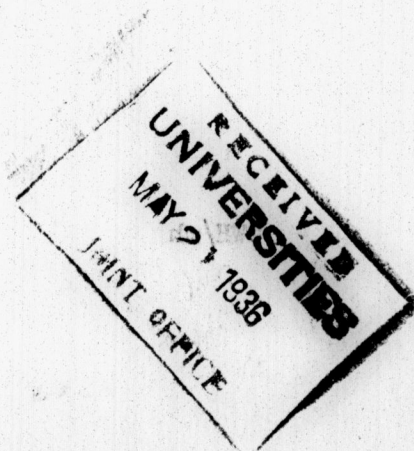
I am pleased to have your letter of May 18th.

As you know very little about what I shall
sell or what route I will take. From one of Mr. Smith's
letters to Dr. Martin I received the impression that I was to
be in China by September 25th. If I have any choice in the
matter I should prefer sailing east and perhaps going by rail
across northern Europe and Russia. Since the route is determined
I would appreciate any help that you can give in making the
journey as comfortable as possible. I would also appreciate
receiving a copy of the description of the University of Nanking I will appreciate
receiving a copy.

In the mean time it is doubtful if I get to
New York before I sail. It may be possible at that time to
meet a number of the members of the Nanking Board of Trustees.

Sincerely yours,

G. W. Hedlund
Extension Lecturer
Marketing



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NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
CORNELL UNIVERSITY

ITHACA, NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND FARM MANAGEMENT

May 20, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Very many thanks for your letter of May 16. I am sorry I was so busy when you were here a few days ago, but hope to have the privilege of meeting you soon.

Mr. Hedlund and I have been informed by Dr. Warren that Dr. Buck cabled that we should be in Nanking on September 5. My plans for the near future are indefinite but I hope to sail to Scotland from Montreal on June 5. I am anxious to get home for a short time before leaving for China as I have not been back for three years. My work here should be finished about June 3 and, although I cannot definitely promise at this time, I will try to be in New York to meet the members of the Board of Founders before going to Montreal. I hope that the details of our contracts and our travelling arrangements may be settled before that time.

I am very anxious to make the journey from Scotland to China by way of Germany, Denmark, and Russia and hope to be able to meet Mr. Hedlund in Copenhagen or some other convenient place. This journey would, of course, be more difficult to arrange than that from New York via the Pacific, and I do not know how much may be allowed for travelling expenses nor how completely you would prefer to make the detailed arrangements. I have a return, tourist ticket for a Canadian Pacific "Dutchess" liner from Montreal to Glasgow and can bear the expense of this trip myself. I will be grateful if you would let me know how the remainder of the journey could best be arranged and the other expenses met. I am willing, of course, to make myself any arrangements which might be inconvenient to make in New York City.

Yours truly,

John R. Raeburn.

John R. Raeburn

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NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND FARM MANAGEMENT

MAY 20, 1936

Dear Mr. [Name]:
[Address]
[City]
[State]

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May 29, 1936

Mr. John L. Raeburn
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

My dear Mr. Raeburn:

I am sorry that my delay in replying to your letter of May 20th necessitated your calling me by telephone from Ithaca.

As I said to you over the telephone we have been holding back a little on the completion of arrangements with you and Mr. Hedlund because of the fact that as yet we have had no instructions from China aside from the cablegram sent by Dr. Buck to Professor Warren and myself. However, we must do everything we can to reach decisions in time to allow you to sail as you have been planning.

I am enclosing herewith a health report plan and a general information blank. If you will see that these are returned to us promptly this will help to expedite matters. Our medical secretary recommends Dr. Dean F. Smiley, the Cornell Medical Advisor as a good man to prepare the physician's report. No doubt you know Dr. Smiley who is very much interested in China and will certainly be glad to give you this examination. If he charges a fee for the examination, have him send his bill to our office here and we will take care of it.

While the information blank is not exactly applicable to your own situation, we would be grateful if you would fill out the information requested, so that we can have these facts available for our records.

I am calling together the Candidate Committee of our Nanking Founders on either Wednesday or Thursday afternoon of next week. In view of the cablegram from the field and Dr. Warren's hearty endorsement, I am sure that the approval of your appointment will be very easily arranged. But it is always desirable from many angles that everyone going out to the University shall have a status that is fully recognized by the Founders as well as by the authorities on the field.

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Mr. Raeburn

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May 29, 1936

If you will let me know what time you are to be in New York City, we will arrange for you to meet at least some members of the Committee.

I hope that by the time you arrive in New York next Thursday we can conclude final arrangements with you so that if you are sailing the next day there will not remain any details to be cleared later by correspondence.

Very sincerely yours,

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INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

NEW YORK

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RIVERSIDE DRIVE
AT 124TH STREET



June 3, 1936.

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Dear Mr. Garside:

I understand that there is a possibility of Mr. John R. Raeburn, of Cornell, going out to work for you in China. He has not asked me to write you about him, but I wanted you to know one or two things before you see him.

He is one of the finest men that I met at Cornell. He has what I consider a fine Christian character of the very best type. He is steady, hard-working, reliable, and absolutely trustworthy. He helped me a great deal during my two years' work at Cornell, and this year, when I had to leave to come down here, he has worn himself almost to the bone in keeping the flag flying on this foreign student work which meant so much to us both. He has done this in practically a voluntary capacity, and sacrificed himself much more than he should. I have great admiration for him, and feel that you would be very lucky in getting so good a man.

Sincerely yours,

John R. Mott

Director.

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

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June 5, 1936

Dr. John L. Mott
International House
Riverside Drive at 124th St.
New York City

My dear Dr. Mott:

We are grateful to you for your letter of June 3rd giving us your appraisal of the qualifications of Mr. John R. Raeburn for a position on the staff of the University of Nanking.

We had a meeting of our Nanking Committee on Instruction yesterday, at which Mr. Raeburn was present. He made a very favorable impression on the Committee, which voted to recommend to the Executive Committee of our Nanking Board of Founders that Mr. Raeburn be appointed to this position. I am confident that the Executive Committee will heartily approve the recommendation of the Committee on Instruction.

With best regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between the UNIVERSITY OF NANKING and JOHN R. RABURN this eighth day of June, 1936, WITNESSETH:

That the UNIVERSITY OF NANKING hereby agrees to and does employ JOHN R. RABURN for the position of Agricultural Statistician for a term of two years on the following schedule of salary and allowances:-

1. Salary at the rate of U.S.\$2,500 per year beginning on the date of departure from home of appointee.
2. Second-class travel expenses from Ithaca New York, to Nanking China by the most direct route, and also second-class travel expenses from Nanking, China, to Ithaca, New York, at the completion of this term of two years.

The University, upon due notice in writing, may terminate this contract at any time, upon the payment of a sum equal to three months' salary from the date of said termination, and full travel expenses.

JOHN R. RABURN hereby accepts the said employment and the foregoing terms and conditions, and agrees, that if for any reason he resigns the position before the expiration of one-half the term of this contract, he will reimburse the University for such proportion of the outgoing expenses as the term of actual service bears to one-half the full term of service as above set forth, and that in case he resigns before the completion of the contract, no payment shall be made by the University for travel expenses to the United States of America, except in case such resignation is due to his serious illness.

It is further agreed that JOHN R. RABURN will give his whole time and attention to the work for which he is hereby employed, and that he will not engage in any outside occupation or activity for profit, except as may be agreed upon in conference with the President of the University of Nanking.

This agreement may be extended for a further period if signed by the parties hereto ninety (90) days prior to its expiration.

WITNESSETH the hands and seals of the parties hereto this 8th day of June, 1936.

WITNESSES:

On behalf of the UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

R. Chenick

B. A. Gaudin
Secretary

Miriam Peterson

John R. Raburn
Appointee

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INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

NEW YORK

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RIVERSIDE DRIVE
AT 124TH STREET



June 8th, 1936.

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Dear Mr. Garside:

Mr. Mott is out of town for a few days, and I therefore wish to acknowledge your kind letter to him concerning Mr. Raeburn. I'm sure Mr. Mott will greatly appreciate the consideration you have given Mr. Raeburn's application for the position at Nanking.

Yours very sincerely,

Kathleen M. Simms

Secretary to the Director.

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

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AT 121ST STREET

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June 8, 1936

Mr. John E. Raeburn
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

My dear Mr. Raeburn:

In accordance with the action taken by the Candidate Committee of the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking on this date, I am handing to you herewith the followings:-

Employment agreement in triplicate
Certification of your status as a member of
the staff of the University of Nanking.
Check for \$400 representing advance to cover
travel expenses.

If you find the employment agreement in satisfactory form, please sign and return all three copies. One copy will be executed by the proper authorities of the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking, and returned to you for your own files. A second copy will be sent to the University, and the third copy will be retained in the files of the Board of Founders.

The instructions we have received from the University of Nanking are that we are to advance to you sufficient funds to cover the cost of your travel from Ithaca to Nanking, second class, by the most direct route. This would normally mean via the Pacific. No exact figure is specified in the instructions from the field, and I do not find in our records during recent years any instance in which an outright advance has been made to a staff member who has then arranged his travel to the field by an indirect route. We request therefore that when you arrive in Nanking you take up with the field authorities the question of whether \$400 represents a fair apportionment of what the cost of a journey from Ithaca to Nanking would actually be, or whether their experience has shown that a somewhat different figure should be used. If necessary, an adjustment can then be made.

One month is usually considered a reasonable amount of time for a direct journey from Ithaca to Nanking. The date on which your salary should begin will therefore be considered as one month before the date of your arrival in Nanking. You have already received the request from the field that you arrive not later than September 9th, 1936. We understand that you probably will wish to draw your first month's salary after arriving in Nanking. Should you desire to draw some or all of your first month's salary before leaving your home we will be glad to make an advance accordingly.

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Mr. Baeburn

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June 4, 1936

We await your further instructions as to whether you wish some or all of your salary deposited in some bank here in the West, or desire the full amount to be paid to you in Nanking.

With every good wish for a safe and speedy journey and a pleasant and productive period of service in Nanking, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Copy to Miss Priest

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INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

NEW YORK

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RIVERSIDE DRIVE
AT 124TH STREET



June 13th, 1936.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Thank you very much for your letter of
June 5th about Mr. Raeburn. I am glad that you feel
about him as I do. I think you will find him invaluable
in your work in China. He is true blue.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John L. Mott.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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Dear Mr Garside,

I have received your letter of June 8 and the enclosed check and certificate for which I am sincerely grateful.

I hope to start on my journey east about July 25 and to meet Dr Hedlund in Copenhagen about August 1.

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by A.C.

As we plan to travel "hard class" in U.S.S.R., I do not believe there will be any need for me to have an advance on my salary. I will let you know after my arrival where my salary should be deposited, but meantime, I would be glad if you would have it sent to Nanking.

I am looking forward to the journey out and to the work at Nanking.

Respectfully yours,

John R. Raeburn

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August 7, 1936

Mr. John R. Raeburn
University of Nanking
Nanking, China

My dear Mr. Raeburn:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 25th written while you were in Seattle. I hope that you and Mr. Hedlund are now having a very pleasant trip across Europe and through Siberia, and that by the time this reaches China you will be happily established on the Nanking campus.

In accordance with the request in your letter, we will send your salary checks to Nanking until you give us further instructions.

Very cordially yours,

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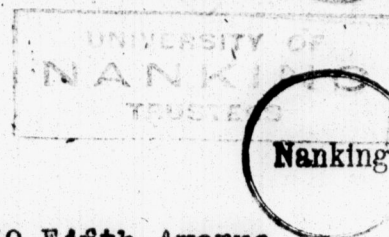
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150 Fifth Avenue
January 4, 1922.

The Rev. Allen R. Bartholemew, D.D.,
Fourteenth & Race Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. Bartholemew:-

The services which the department of Missionary Training of the University of Nanking, more commonly known as the "Nanking Language School," has been rendering to more than twenty-eight of the missionary societies in giving indispensable instruction and assistance to their missionaries in their first year of service are well known. In the last ten years more than 720 have received training, the enrolment at the beginning of the current year being 133.

It has been the fact, however, that during this entire period there has been no charge for rent, the fees paid covering only board and tuition. Furthermore, the housing of the students has been hitherto almost entirely in the homes which the missionary community have generously opened to the students. (One dormitory now provides for twenty-two students.) Conditions have now become so congested that it is imperative that these students no longer be housed in missionary homes in such large numbers. Your attention is directed to the attached statement by Mr. C.S. Keen, Director of the Language School, on this matter, the gravity of which has long been recognized by missionaries and Board Secretaries cognizant of the facts.

It has become distressingly urgent that more dormitories be erected and that increased facilities for the school be provided. The University has already set apart the site now used by the school. Plans are ready for two additional dormitories which, with the one now in use (a gift to the University) will provide for 100 students. These dormitories will cost approximately \$120,000 Local Currency.

The Trustees of the University believe that the Boards whose missionaries are trained in the school will recognize the propriety of a request for assistance in building these dormitories. The school is a service school for the boards only. It is the care of their missionaries that is at stake. For missionaries in stations it is the custom of the board to provide accommodations or rent. Surely the same should be done for these new missionaries.

The Trustees accordingly desire to suggest that your board provide \$7,333 Local Currency for the erection of these dormitories. This sum is calculated as follows: The annual average number of all students for the last five years (for all the boards having an average of one or more students a year) is seventy-two. The average number of students

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from your board in the last five years is 4 and 4/10. Accordingly the Trustees ask you to provide 4 and 4/10 seventy-seconds of \$120,000 or \$7,333.

This sum should be paid within a period of eighteen months in order that the erection of the buildings may proceed without delay. Payments may be made in three instalments, within two or possibly three of your fiscal years, but within a calendar period of eighteen months.

The boards which thus contribute to the building fund will have first call upon dormitory facilities.

In order to accumulate further sums for the administration and recitation building, only less necessary than the dormitories, the Trustees have voted to charge (1) a fixed rent for each student and (2) a property charge for each student. These charges will operate as follows:

- (1) Rent of \$100 Local Currency for the academic residential year to be paid by all students to the school. Where such students are resident in missionary homes the School will transfer to the mission providing housing the exact sum of the rent. Rents from students in School Dormitories will be accumulated in a building fund. There will be no remission of this charge.
- (2) A Property Fund Charge of \$200 Local Currency a year will be made to each board for each student it has in the school. When a board has put up capital for the buildings, its annual Property Fund Charges will be reduced by ten per cent of the capital paid by the beginning of each term. Thus a board having in one year ten students will be charged \$2000 Local Currency. If it shall have paid in \$10,000 Local Currency for the building the charge will be reduced by \$1000. The receipts from these Property Fund Charges will be accumulated in a fund for the building needed.

It should be voted further that the action of the Trustees provides for the elimination of the charges for property fund as soon as the funds for completing the buildings needed are in hand.

The effect of these actions is simply to condense the payments of rent, which would otherwise be spread over a very long period into a few years in order that your students may now have the use of proper facilities at the earliest possible moment. A financial statement of the project is attached herewith showing its working in detail.

For purposes of explanation of this matter and the answering of inquiries a conference upon it will be called during the Foreign Missions Conference at Atlantic City. I trust, however, that, if possible, you will present the matter to your board and will be able to bring to Atlantic City a favorable reply to the suggestion of the Trustees looking to the immediate building of dormitories.

Cordially yours,

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Secretary.

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REV. JAMES I. GOOD, D. D., LL. D.
PRESIDENT

HON. HORACE ANKENY
VICE-PRESIDENT

REV. ALBERT S. BROMER
TREASURER

**Board of Foreign Missions
Reformed Church in the United States**

REFORMED CHURCH BUILDING
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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

REV. ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, D. D.
SECRETARY

CABLE ADDRESS, "ALLENBARTH" PHILADELPHIA
BELL PHONE

REV. JOHN H. POORMAN
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

May 29, 1922



Rev. Eric M. North, Ph. D.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. North:

I am in receipt of the action of the Trustees of the University of Nanking regarding a rental charge of \$100.00 Mex. per student and a Property Fund Charge of \$200.00 Mex. per student. I am sure that our Board will be glad to pay this amount for we could not well do without the Nanking Language School.

At the annual meeting of our Board of Foreign Missions favorable action was taken in assuming our share in the erection of the dormitory for the Nanking Language School which we understand amounts to \$7,333 Mex. Will you kindly let me know whether all the Boards participating in the Nanking Language School have agreed to provide the funds for the erection of the dormitories?

My understanding is that the payments of the share of each Board is to be distributed over a number of years. Any information that you can give me will be gratefully received.

Very cordially yours,

Allen R. Bartholomew
Secretary.

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REV. CHARLES E. CREITZ, D. D.
PRESIDENT

HON. HORACE ANKENY
VICE-PRESIDENT

REV. ALBERT S. BROMER
TREASURER

**Board of Foreign Missions
Reformed Church in the United States**

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

CABLE ADDRESS, "ALLENBARTH" PHILADELPHIA
BELL PHONE

REV. ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, D. D.
SECRETARY

REV. JOHN H. POORMAN
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Nanking

July 8, 1924

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

My dear Friend Moss:

Your letter of June 25th is at hand. Our Board of Foreign Missions will surely pay the property fund fee of Mex. \$200 for each student who will be studying in the Language School at Nanking during the coming year. I will bring this matter again to the attention of the members of our Board and will see to it that the Treasurer of our China Mission will pay the amount to the University.

Thanking you for calling my attention to the matter, I remain, with high regards,

Very cordially yours,

Allen R. Bartholomew
Secretary.

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Nanking

July 12, 1924.

Mr. Allen R. Bartholomew, Secretary,
Board of Foreign Missions,
Reformed Church in the United States,
Fifteenth and Race Streets,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bartholomew:

Thank you for your very kind letter of July 8th regarding the
Property Fund Fee of Mexican \$200 for the Language School at Nanking.

May I indicate that if your Board is planning to send any one
to the Nanking school this coming fall, the Trustees of the University
wish that it might be possible for your Mission to make payment of this
fee of Mexican \$200 for such students, at the present time?

If this can be done by all the Boards, it will enable us to
authorize construction of the building for which the fees are being col-
lected.

Cordially yours,

Secretary, University of Nanking.

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CHARLES E. CREITZ, D. D.
PRESIDENT

HON. HORACE ANKENY
VICE-PRESIDENT

REV. ALBERT S. BROMER
TREASURER

Board of Foreign Missions
Reformed Church in the United States

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REV. ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, D. D.
SECRETARY

REV. JOHN H. POORMAN
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

July 19, 1924

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

My dear Mr. Moss:

Replying to your kind letter of July 12th, will you please let me know whether the Property Fund Fee of Mex. \$200.00 for the Language School at Nanking is in addition to the regular tuition fee? According to the First Quarter 1924 Report of the Treasurer of our China Mission, he paid Mex. \$150.00 each for three students in the Language School, for the second trimester.

We expect to have at least five, if not six, new missionaries in the School the coming fall.

Another question I would like to ask, shall the Property Fund Fee be paid here or on the field through the Treasurer of our China Mission?

Thanking you for an early reply, I remain, with high regards,

Very cordially yours,

Allen R. Bartholomew

Secretary.

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Nanking

TRANSFER

July 21, 1924.

Dr. Allen R. Bartholomew, Secretary,
Board of Foreign Missions of the
Reformed Church in the United States,
~~Schaff Building,~~
Fifteenth & Race Streets,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Bartholomew:

In reply to your letter of July 19th, regarding the Property
Fund Fee of Mexican \$200 for the Language School at Nanking, I am writ-
ing to state that this fee is in addition to the regular Tuition Fee.
Like the Tuition Fee, this should be paid on the field directly to the
Treasurer of the University, in Nanking.

I am glad to know that your Board will have five or six new
missionaries in the school this coming fall.

With kind regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
University of Nanking.

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Nanking

January 28, 1930

Rev. Allen R. Bartholomew,
Board of Foreign Missions,
Reformed Church in the U.S.
1505 Race St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bartholomew:

You will no doubt recollect the arrangements made by the University of Nanking about ten years ago to secure additional funds for constructing further dormitory and class room facilities for the Nanking Language School. At that time the enrolment of the Language School greatly exceeded the Language School accommodations and many Language School students were housed throughout the city of Nanking. To meet this situation the University adopted a plan whereby the Mission Boards sending students to the Nanking Language School were charged an increased fee for rental, the surplus of this rental fee being set aside to provide a Language School Property Fund. Between 1920 and the time the Language School was closed in 1927 the surplus in the Language School property Fund was sufficient to construct one additional dormitory and a class room and administration building, and to leave a small unexpended surplus. This unexpended surplus with accrued interest now amounts to Mex.\$18,455.66.

As you know, the Language School is now closed. The buildings are being cared for by the University of Nanking and are being temporarily used for dormitory purposes. If and when the Language School is reopened the property will be in good condition and will be at once available.

Even though the Language School is reopened with an enrolment equal to that of previous years, it is unlikely that further dormitory accommodations will be required for some years to come. It seems, therefore, that it is highly improbable that the present surplus of Mex.\$18,455.66 in the Language School Property Fund will at any time in the near future be required for new Language School Buildings. Just at this time the University of Nanking is in the most urgent need of additional residences. The Board of Directors of the University of Nanking is, therefore, requesting that Mex.\$15,000 of this Language School Property Fund be used for the construction of additional residences and that the balance of Mex.\$3,455.66 be placed in the bank at interest, the income to be used for maintenance of the Language School Property.

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The Nanking Board of Founders, after making a careful study of the actions taken both on the field and in the West during the years 1920-1927, has voted to request all the principal Mission Boards which formerly sent students to the Nanking Language School to approve the use of Mex.\$15,000 of this balance in the Language School Property Fund for the construction of additional residences on the University of Nanking campus; with the understanding that if and when the Language School is reopened these residences will be made available for the Language School staff.

I believe that this request of the Board of Founders will not meet with any serious objection on the part of any of the Mission Boards which formerly sent students to the Nanking Language School and thereby shared in the creation of the Language School Property Fund. As you know, in addition to their use of the Language School property, the students and staff of the Language School made more or less use of the other portions of the University of Nanking campus, particularly during the years before 1920 when the buildings erected for the exclusive use of the Language School were quite inadequate to meet the needs of that school. The Founders are very anxious, however, to maintain the letter, as well as the spirit, of their understanding with the various Mission Boards which formerly sent students to the Language School.

I do not know whether you will consider it necessary to bring this request officially before the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church, or whether you consider that your personal opinion, or a decision reached after informal conferences with other secretaries of your Board will be sufficient. Since we must receive replies from eight or ten Mission Boards before taking any action on this request of the Board of Directors, and since additional residences at Nanking are extremely urgent, we hope that each of the Mission Boards interested will find it possible to give us a prompt reply.

If there is any further information you need before reaching a decision on this request will you please let me know?

Very sincerely yours,

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 17, 1930.

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

My dear Brother Garside:

Your two letters referring to the Nanking Language School came to hand. I am sorry that I had to delay my reply until now, but I was anxious that our Executive Committee should take action on the matter in question.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions held March 13, 1930, I presented your letter of January 28, 1930 in which the request is made that Mex.\$15,000 of the balance in the Nanking Language School Property Fund be devoted to the construction of additional residences on the University campus, with the understanding that if and when the Language School is reopened these residences will be made available for the Language School staff; and further, that the balance of Mex.\$3,455.66 be placed in the bank at interest, the income to be used for the maintenance of the Language School property.

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions approve the request of the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking regarding the balance of Mex.\$18,455.66 in the Language School Property Fund.

Trusting this action will be entirely satisfactory, and with kind regards and best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Allen R. Bartholomew
Secretary.

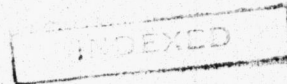
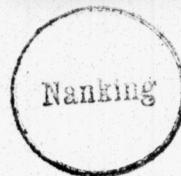
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April 2, 1930

Dr. Allen R. Bartholomew, Secy.,
Board of Foreign Missions
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Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Bartholomew:

I am at this time writing you informally to introduce the question of whether your Reformed Board might be willing to consider favorably a request from the University of Nanking that Mr. R. M. Tisinger be appointed to the staff of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry at Nanking. This is a proposal that has been frequently made during the last few months, and one that has met with very general approval by those interested in the University of Nanking, although as yet no formal action has been taken. A few weeks ago I had an opportunity to meet Mr. Tisinger and to talk over with him his plans for future work in China. I understand that he is favorably disposed toward this proposal. Possibly he may have already discussed it with you either in correspondence or in conversation.

At the present time the work of the College of Agriculture and Forestry at Nanking is very seriously handicapped by an acute shortage of staff, particularly missionary appointees from the West. As you know, Dean Reissner has been kept in America for more than a year beyond the normal termination of his furlough due to unsatisfactory health conditions. Several other former members of the agricultural staff have also been lost to the work during the last few years. At the present time Mr. Buck and the other staff members actually on the field are very seriously overworked and it is of the greatest importance that we secure substantial reinforcements for them in the near future.

So far as we are able to judge on the basis of preliminary inquiries we have made, Mr. Tisinger seems to be unusually well qualified to render valuable service in certain departments of the work at Nanking. We are making further inquiries along these lines and are also consulting with representatives of the University both on the field and here in America.

The work the Reformed Board has been doing in East China has for many years been intimately connected with that of the University of Nanking, so I know that you will have a warm and sympathetic interest in the work the College is doing, and its need for reinforcements. I sincerely hope that through Mr. Tisinger a closer cooperation between the University and your Board may develop.

We will be having a meeting of the Nanking Founders during the

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next month or so. At that time formal action should be taken inviting the Reformed Board to cooperate with the University of Nanking through the support of Mr. Tisinger on the University staff. I am anxious, however, to have your general viewpoint on this proposal in advance of such a meeting of the Nanking Founders so that more definite action could be taken at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

April 11, 1930.

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

My dear Brother Garside:

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Your letter of April 2nd is at hand. I read it with keen interest. It has given me food for serious study. You are raising a question that has been perplexing me a great deal during the past year.

If you are familiar with the situation in our Huping School for Boys at Yochow City, I need not tell you that our Board of Foreign Missions is in quest of several capable teachers. Unfortunately, we have no men in sight who are available. Mr. Tisinger is one of the missionaries on whom I have been counting to return to Huping. However, in conversation with him this morning he assures me that Rev. Edwin A. Beck is qualifying to do the work in Huping which I thought Mr. Tisinger should do. In that event, there would be no immediate loss if Mr. Tisinger were now to accept a position in the University of Nanking.

I infer from your letter that the Nanking Founders would expect our Board of Foreign Missions "to co-operate with the University of Nanking through the support of Mr. Tisinger on the University staff".

That I may be able to present this matter clearly and fully to our Executive Committee at its meeting to be held the latter part of April,--possibly Thursday, April 24th,--I am writing to you for additional information.

I take it that the Nanking Founders will expect Mr. Tisinger to become a permanent teacher on the staff of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry at Nanking. Will our Board be responsible for his salary, and all other necessary allowances? Is a home available, or would we have to pay rent? What salaries are being paid to teachers? Is there any amount for children's allowances? What is the length of the term of service? Can Mr. and Mrs. Tisinger retain their membership in our Reformed Church? Will there be any objection to their holding at least a nominal membership in our China Mission? When will it be necessary for him to arrive at Nanking? How about the outfit and traveling expenses?

You mention Mr. Buck as a member of the staff, and I am wondering whether it will be possible for Mr. Tisinger to link up his work with that of Mr. Buck?

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Inasmuch as the position at Nanking appeals to Mr. Tisinger, for which I feel very certain he is fully qualified, and in view of the further fact that a closer relationship may be established between the University of Nanking and Huping, I, personally, hope that our Board of Foreign Missions may agree to contribute Mr. Tisinger to the University of Nanking and assume, so far as necessary, his support. I shall be very thankful to have you write to me as fully as possible, so that this matter can be placed in its best light before the members of our Executive Committee.

With all good wishes and kindest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Allen R. Bartholomew

Secretary.

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April 16, 1930

Rev. Allen R. Bartholomew, D.D.
Board of Foreign Missions,
Reformed Church in the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Bartholomew:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 11. We rejoice greatly to learn of your sympathetic interest in the possibility of Mr. Tisinger's appointment as a member of the University of Nanking staff, representing the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the U.S.

I have delayed for a few days my reply to your letter because of my anxiety to send you as complete information as possible. During the last few days I have talked not only with Mr. Tisinger, but also with a number of the other people who are most directly interested in the work at Nanking. I am sure that the University of Nanking would heartily welcome Mr. Tisinger's presence on the campus and would still more heartily welcome the cooperation of your Board in the work the University is doing. From my conversation with Mr. Tisinger I understand that he would like to keep a rather close contact with the work in Nanking. It seems to me that such an arrangement could be worked out, and that it should be of real benefit to the University of Nanking through thus providing a channel of cooperation with another Christian in China.

You ask a number of specific questions which I will attempt to answer:-

1. Would the Reformed Board be responsible for his salary and all other necessary allowances? The usual arrangement between the University and the cooperating mission bodies is that the Mission Boards will be responsible for the salary, travel, medical, and children's allowances, and any other regular or special allowances which missionary appointees are entitled to receive.

2. Is a home available, or would the Reformed Board have to pay rent? At the present time the residence accommodations of the University are rather overcrowded so there have been difficulties in housing of University staff. Certain residences are being repaired this year and a few small residences are being erected so I hope the overcrowding will be somewhat relieved next year. Normally a Mission Board provides residence for its appointees, or else makes an additional allowance to cover a fair rental charge

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for some other residence occupied by such a staff member. If, however, the Reformed Board feels it cannot at this time go so far as to provide a residence or a rental allowance for Mr. Tisinger, I have no doubt that arrangements could be made to care for him on the University campus.

3. What salaries are paid to teachers? Is there any amount for children's allowances? The salary schedule at the University varies according to the missionary organization supporting each member of staff. The Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and U.C.M.S. appointees each draw the regular salaries and allowances of their respective missionary bodies. You are no doubt familiar with what these schedules are. For your information I am attaching hereto memorandum showing the salary schedules of the Presbyterian, Methodist and American Boards. I do not have available the present salary schedules for the Baptist Board and the United Christian Missionary Society, but I understand they are very similar to the three boards listed.

4. What is the length of term of service? Here too each staff member follows the custom of his own missionary organization. Most of the boards provide that the first term of service shall be five years, and that subsequent terms of service shall be somewhat longer. However, most Mission Boards allow for at least a limited furlough after five or six years spent on the field.

5. Could Mr. and Mrs. Tisinger retain their membership in the Reformed Church? Would there be any objection to their holding at least a nominal membership in your China Mission? In practically every case Mission Board appointees retain a very close relationship with their own denomination and with their own denominational missionary organization both at home and on the field. It is desirable that this close relationship with the different denominations be maintained because of the fact that these missionary appointees are always considered as representing their denominations on the University of Nanking staff.

6. When would it be necessary for him to arrive at Nanking? The autumn semester opens early in September. It would, therefore, be highly desirable if Mr. and Mrs. Tisinger could arrive in Nanking at the beginning of September, 1930. I understand that their return might be delayed somewhat beyond this date. I know that the University would be happy to welcome them at any date they can come.

7. How about outfit and travelling expenses? As implied above, these are usually provided by the Mission Board appointing the staff member.

8. Would it be possible for Mr. Tisinger to link up his work with that of Mr. Buck? I am sure that Mr. Tisinger would have a more or less close association with the work Mr. Buck is doing. How close this association would be depends upon the exact type of work Mr. Tisinger would undertake on arrival at the University. Some correspondence with the field would probably be necessary to determine exactly what Mr. Tisinger would do.

Let me again assure you of the warm and sympathetic interest of our Nanking Founders in this contemplated appointment of Mr. Tisinger. I sincerely hope that your Executive Committee will find it possible to take favorable

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action at the meeting you are holding during the latter part of this month. We are planning to have a meeting of the Nanking Board of Founders early in May. I am confident that the Founders at that time will be glad to take formal action welcoming your board into the group of missionary organizations cooperating in Nanking and concurring in the appointment of Mr. Tisinger as your representative on the University staff.

If there are any further details on which I might give you information either before or after the meeting of your Executive Committee, please call on me freely.

Very sincerely yours,

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May 13, 1930

Dr. Allen R. Bartholomew,
Board of Foreign Missions,
Reformed Church in the U.S.,
1505 Race St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Bartholomew:

At a meeting of the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking on May 6 I reported in a general way the correspondence we have had during recent weeks in connection with the proposal that your Board cooperate in the work being done by the University of Nanking through the appointment of Mr. R. M. Tisinger as your representative on the staff of the University.

Our Nanking Board of Founders expressed itself as heartily welcoming this cooperation and hoped that such a cooperation might soon become an actuality. At the time of the Nanking meeting we had no definite word as to what action may have been taken by your Executive Committee meeting during the latter part of April in regard to the proposed appointment of Mr. Tisinger as your representative on the Nanking staff, so the Nanking Board of Founders deferred formal action until we have learned the outcome of this proposal.

Dean Haisner of the College of Agriculture and Forestry has sent me a telegram, and also a covering letter expressing his hearty approval of Mr. Tisinger's appointment for work in Rural Education at Nanking. He also expresses his pleasure at the proposal that the Reformed Board may thus become a cooperating Mission Board in the University.

We are all eagerly awaiting news of favorable action by the Reformed Board. If the Executive Committee meeting held during the latter part of April was not able to take any definite action I sincerely hope that at some other meeting of your Board or its Executive Committee which may be held in the near future such favorable action can be taken.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary

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May 15, 1930.

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

My dear Brother Garside:

Your letter of May 13th gave me a jolt. I was under the impression that I had sent you the action taken by our Executive Committee at its meeting on April 24th, regarding Mr. Tisinger and the University of Nanking. I hope you will pardon this oversight on my part.

In his letter dated April 21, 1930 Mr. Tisinger made it very plain to me that he would prefer to remain in America for several years, in order to complete his thesis and pay off some financial obligations. Our Executive Committee felt it would be unwise to take an action contrary to his own personal wishes and therefore we agreed upon the following resolution:

Resolved, That in as much as Mr. Tisinger feels that he ought to remain in America until he can complete the work on his thesis, the Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions refrains at this time from taking any definite action in regard to the proposal made by Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary of the University of Nanking, of the appointment of Mr. Tisinger as a member of the Nanking staff representing the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

I trust the way may open for Mr. Tisinger to go to China, either as a representative on the staff of the University or as a regular member of the Huping faculty.

With all good wishes and kindest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Allen R. Bartholomew

Secretary.

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May 16, 1930

Dr. Allen R. Bartholomew,
Board of Foreign Missions
Reformed Church in the United States,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Bartholomew:

Let me thank you for your letter of May 15 regarding the proposed appointment of Mr. Tisinger to Nanking.

Apparently we have not had the same understanding of Mr. Tisinger's attitude to the proposal that he return to China this year. I had understood both from correspondence and conversations I have had with him that he desired to get back to the field this summer, even though this would necessitate postponing the writing of his dissertation and the completing of requirements for his Ph.D. Evidently the letter he wrote you on April 21 expressed an entirely different viewpoint.

We are happy to know that you are still hoping that the way will sooner or later open for Mr. Tisinger to return to China either as your representative on the staff at Nanking or as a member of the Huping faculty. We will await with interest further developments in his plans.

Very sincerely yours,

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November 12, 1930

Dr. Allen R. Bartholomew, Secy
Board of Foreign Missions,
Reformed Church in the U.S.,
1505 Race Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Bartholomew:

I believe I have not formally communicated to you the action taken by the Board of Founders at its recent meeting inviting the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the U.S. to become one of the missionary organizations participating in the University of Nanking. This action reads as follows:-

"VOTED that the Board of Founders express to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the U.S. its warm hope that this organization may find it possible to become one of the Mission Boards participating in the University of Nanking; this participation to consist, in its initial stage, of the appointment and support of a staff member in the College of Agriculture and Forestry."

We sincerely hope that the Reformed Board will find it possible in the near future to accept this invitation. Mr. Reisner has kept the Board of Founders informed of the conversations he has had with you relative to the possibility of the appointment of Mr. Tisinger; and the Board has been hearty in its approval of this proposal.

Very cordially yours,

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CC: Mr. Reisner

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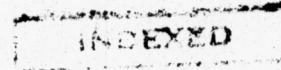
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Nov. 13, 1930. #1

Dr. John H. Reisner,
c/o New York Office, Univ. of Nanking,
150 Fifth Ave., New York.



My dear Brother Reisner:

Your welcome letter of Nov. 12th is at hand.

I was in the act of writing to you and telling you about the semi-annual meeting of our Board of Foreign Missions at the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 17th and 18th. While I would personally be very happy to have you attend the meeting, I fear it will not be possible at this time to obtain any favorable action from our Board regarding the appointment of Mr. Tisinger as a staff member in the College of Agriculture and Forestry at Nanking. There are a number of reasons why it will be unwise for us to urge this appointment at the present time: (1) We are facing a very large deficit at the end of December, 1930. The financial depression and a change in the classical year in our Church has caused a slump in the contributions. This in itself will make the Board hesitate to increase the budget for 1931; in fact the Finance Committee is demanding a drastic cut in the appropriations. (2) Our China Mission has also taken an action which seems to be adverse to our present participation in the work of the University of Nanking. (3) There is a great need for a missionary with the qualifications of Mr. Tisinger, for Huping, and our China Mission strongly urges that this need be met without delay.

I regret that I must convey to you this information, but I believe you will appreciate my being candid with you in the matter. I certainly appreciate the interest you are taking in the rural work in China and in the success of our Mission in Hunan.

With all good wishes and kindest regards,

Most cordially yours,

Allen R. Bartholomew
Secretary.

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REV. JOHN H. POORMAN
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

November 13, 1930. #2

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



My dear Brother Garside:

Your kind favor of Nov. 12th is at hand. I read it with much interest. It will be a pleasure for me to present the action of the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking to the members of our Board of Foreign Missions, at their meeting to be held in the theological seminary at Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 17th and 18th.

While I personally would rejoice to see a favorable response on the part of our Board of Foreign Missions to this kind action, I feel that the time is most inopportune to press it at the approaching meeting of the Board.

In a letter to my friend, Dr. John H. Reisner, I am giving the major reasons why I feel certain that our Board is not in a position to take favorable action at this time. I may repeat to you in brief form: (1) A heavy debt is staring us in the face at the end of the year 1930; (2) an action of our China Mission recently taken would seem unfavorable to our participation at this time in the work of the University of Nanking; (3) an urgent request to send a teacher with agricultural training for Huping without delay.

I am exceedingly sorry that the hands of our Board are tied to any new work or increase in our budget for 1931.

Kindly convey to the Board of Founders my high regards and accept for yourself my appreciation of your deep interest in the work of Missions in China.

With kindest regards,

Most cordially yours,

Secretary.

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