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January 7th, 1920.

Mr. John H. Reisner,
Kiang-an,
Nanking, China.

My dear Mr. Reisner:-

First, I wish to say that I have greatly appreciated your feeling friendly enough to write me just such a frank letter as you have written. I expect that the story that you report could be duplicated by many, if not most of our missionaries. We have for sometime felt that something material must be done for our missionaries in all the fields and I suppose we should not have waited so long. We have, of course, been waiting for word from the various Missions as to the increases that were needed. Some of them have now reached us, but yet they are lacking from a number of the Missions. However, the Board, at its meeting yesterday decided to make the increases through all the Missions with the understanding that later adjustments could be made if we had not been right in any of the amounts fixed. Throughout China an increase of 20% was voted, though the China Council we understand has very considerably asked for an increase of \$100.00 only. We sincerely trust that this increase of 20% will come somewhere near meeting your requirements and if not, the matter must be presented again at the time of the Post-War Conference. It was voted likewise to increase children's allowances from \$100.00 to \$150.00 up to the age of 10, and between the ages of 10 and 20 \$150.00 to \$200.00.

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This is not meeting all the suggestions in your letter, which suggestions I have passed under Mr. Speer's eye, but it will go a ways at least.

Your letter was written in fine spirit and I do wish that you and others would help us by writing frankly regarding this or any other subject just as you have done in this instance. It is far better than holding these things from us until they make trouble. We cannot think of having you valuable people embarrassed and yet I think that you know that it has not been easy at this particular time to meet the situation because we are carrying a big deficit and are not at all clear yet as to the outcome of this present year.

With very kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Associate Treasurer.

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January 7, 1920

Mr John H. Reisner
University of Nanking
Nanking, China

Dear Mr Reisner:

I have pleasure in reporting to you that today following my letter to you of yesterday, I have at last received check from Julian P. Friez & Sons covering the amount of charges incurred on the shipment of forms to you shipped in error. I have had to tussle hard enough to get this full amount repaid. Under date of November 11th they wrote assuming responsibility for the charge of \$3.10, claiming they were not responsible for the charge of \$9.89. I went back at them under date of November 14th and was just about to write them again when their check in the full amount was received. Our statement is already drawn up as of January 1st and therefore this credit will not appear until our next statement. This is the reason for my writing you, as you may think it strange that the credit does not appear on the present statement.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer.

P.S. You advised us Jan. 17, 1919, that we should receive from Iowa State College C/oa check for \$9.15. This amount has not come to our hand. Will you kindly tell us where the Iowa State College is located. We made inquiry through several sources and finally addressed a note to Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa in the hopes that this would bring us a reply but to date we have not received any.

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Nanking

January 30, 1920.

TRANSFER

Sir John Jordan,
Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps,
Peking.

Dear Sir:

There are certain funds, we understand, connected with the Chinese Maritime Customs from which appropriations may be made for the improvement of Chinese agriculture and industries, and in view thereof, we solicit consideration of the request made below for aid in developing certain parts of the work of the College of Agriculture and Forestry of the University of Nanking.

We are submitting herewith very brief statements of the work now being carried on by the College of Agriculture and Forestry, of government and other co-operation, a list of the men asked for, and our present budget and future increase from mission sources.

It should be noted that we are asking for funds only for specialists able to carry on practical investigations in connection with particular and important agricultural industries, in which thoroughly scientific information is greatly needed, looking forward to material improvements and extension of the industries affected. The list includes ten outstanding needs for specialists in their respective lines, and we would solicit the support of any five, or more, if the Diplomatic Corps is so disposed.

For the support of five specialists, as procurable, the College of Agriculture and Forestry would ask an annual appropriation of Mexican \$24,000 for salaries, and Mexican \$10,000 for running expenses in connection with the investigation to be carried on. This is on the basis of \$4,800 for salary expenses and \$2,000 for running expenses in connection with his work. Should this request be granted, it is understood that the College of Agriculture and Forestry will secure men, suitable by training and temperament to carry out the several investigations as called for.

With deep appreciation of your consideration of this request, I am,

Very truly yours,

John H. Kenner

Dean.

College of Agriculture and Forestry.

Approved by

Acting President,
University of Nanking.

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STATEMENT OF THE WORK NOW BEING CARRIED ON BY THE
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY.

Sericulture and Mulberry

In co-operation with the International Committee for the Improvement of Sericulture in China, the College of Agriculture and Forestry has (1) undertaken quantity production of good mulberry trees, at low cost price, in order to encourage mulberry planting. This calls for one hundred thousand production the first year, and one hundred fifty thousand second year, entailing a nursery of at least 400,000 mulberry seedlings and trees, occupying about fifty mou of land; (2) a collection of mulberry varieties, covering eleven mou of land, already one of the largest in China, for careful investigation and experiment; (3) a mulberry orchard of 6,500 trees, covering thirty-one mou, to be used later in connection with the production of certified eggs. A total of about ninety mou is in mulberry each year. (4) a short course in sericulture of three months, given every spring and summer, costing only \$19.00 to the student to cover his food, room, light, laboratory fees, etc.; (5) production of silkworm eggs according to the Pasteur method; and (6) sericultural investigation, principally along the lines of breeding and selection for improved quality. The grant this year was \$3,858. Development plans call for a sericultural building two and one-half storeys high, 43 ft. by 129 ft., to cost about \$18,000 Mexican.

Cotton

The work of cotton improvement is being supported by the Cotton Millowners' Association of China (foreign) and the Chinese Cotton Millowners' Association. The former have guaranteed the salary and working budget of Mr. J. B. Griffing, with special cotton training and experience in the United States, for three years, and the latter have provided this year's expenses of our cotton experiment station. The cotton work has been done heretofore mainly with foreign varieties, but emphasis will from now on also be placed on the improvement of the native cotton. Last year about twenty-five co-operators in eight provinces joined in the foreign cotton experiment.

Cereal Improvement Work

Improvement work has been carried forward with corn, rice, and wheat. Seeds from improved corn (Chinese) are ready for distribution for this next year. Corn produced this last year on the University farm from selected seed yielded twice as much as the fields near by. Over one hundred different lots of wheat are under experiment, and there are a number of co-operators. Valuable results may be expected within a few years, as indicated by results already secured.

Experiment with Fruits

About one hundred varieties of fruits, Chinese and mostly foreign, are under observation and experiment. A number of foreign fruits have been found adapted to Chinese conditions and are being propagated for general distribution.

Seeds and Nursery Stock

Last year tree seeds for forty nurseries were sold, thirty-one under Chinese and nine under foreign direction. Twelve hundred dollars' worth of foreign vegetable seeds were sold, which not only afforded foreigners living in China an opportunity to secure good seed at a low cost, but helped to maintain the practical work of the Department. A seed trade is being developed with foreign countries, the profits going to the maintenance of the field work. Eighteen hundred dollars' worth of nursery stock was sent to all parts of China, mostly for Chinese forestry undertakings, and the proceeds turned back for maintenance and development work.

School Nurseries and Arbor Day

School nurseries have been given an impetus by the publication of a pamphlet giving detailed directions for starting school nurseries. The publication is in both Chinese and English. Details are given for one-half and one-mou nurseries, and species listed for (1) the region north of the Yangtze, (2) the Yangtze region, and (3) the region south of the Yangtze Valley. Seeds are supplied postage paid, for a half-mou nursery yielding about twenty thousand trees, for \$1.50 to \$2.00, and for a mou nursery yielding about forty thousand trees, \$3.00 to \$4.00. It is hoped by this development to very greatly stimulate interest in Arbor Day.

University Nurseries

There are about 950,000 seedlings and transplants in the University nurseries, comprising forty-four species and covering over forty mou. The collection of tree seeds this year totals about six tons, and the present outlook suggests the needs have been underestimated. Nursery stock and tree seeds are sold as low as possible to encourage forest nurseries and reforestation.

Farm and Experiment Station

The College of Agriculture and Forestry has about 400 mou of land under cultivation. One hundred and fifty mou of land for their permanent farm and experiment station of 1,000 mou have already been secured. Money is in hand for more land as it can be bought. There has been a permanent field staff of thirty-five during the past year, which will have to be increased this spring to about fifty, and for the busy last spring and summer seasons there was a pay roll of about eighty men and women. It will be larger this year.

Faculty and Students

The College of Agriculture and Forestry offers a five years' college course in both agriculture and forestry. Ninety-six college students are enrolled. There is a staff of eight foreign-trained teachers, and two more to arrive before spring, devoting full time to the agricultural and forestry college. In addition must be included the services of nine teachers who are devoting full time to Junior College and give instruction to agricultural and forestry students along with the other students in the Junior College. This makes a total of seventeen foreign-trained teachers who are devoting full or part time to the College of Agriculture and Forestry. Five graduates of the College of Agriculture and Forestry are providing able assistance. The budget for 1920 is \$28,700 and does not include expenditures to be made for land and building as secured.

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GOVERNMENT CO-OPERATION AND RELATIONSHIP

The following provincial governments have established scholarships in the College of Agriculture and Forestry, as follows:

Shansi,	eleven scholarships in Agriculture and two in Forestry
Anhui,	five scholarships in Forestry
Shantung,	three scholarships in Forestry
Kiangsi,	one scholarship in Agriculture
Kansu,	two scholarships in Forestry
Yunnan,	one scholarship in Forestry.

The Governor of Shansi made a personal pledge of \$10,000, \$2,000 per year for five years, in lieu of government help to meet the expenses for educating the students sent, and which he said would be difficult to secure through the Assembly, in view of pressing local needs for educational appropriations. The Central Government in 1915, when they sent the students of their disbanded forest school to the University, promised \$3,000 a year for three years, but with change of ministers in the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce, refused further payment after the fourth payment of \$1,000 each. The University has continued to fulfill its part of the contract entered into with the Government at the time, with reference to the students, five of whom graduated in June 1919, and the remaining three graduating in February 1920. The Military and Civil Governors of Kiangsu, in October 1919, made a donation of \$6,000 for the furtherance of the work of the College of Agriculture and Forestry.

About ninety percent of the short course students in sericulture had official or semi-official connections, and through our forest nursery work the College is coming into contact with an increasing number of district and other minor officials.

Co-operation from Other Sources

The Forestry Fund Committee of Shanghai, administering funds remaining from contributions to the famine in 1912-1913, are paying \$5,000 a year for 1918, 1919, 1920 towards teachers' salaries in Forestry. In addition they support five forestry scholarships, and have established a \$5,000 loan fund for forestry scholarships.

The International Committee for the Improvement of Sericulture in China are providing

(1) a budget of \$2,800 for sericultural and mulberry work including an annual short course in sericulture, investigation in sericulture, collection and experimentation with various varieties of mulberries.

(2) Capital of \$2,700 for quantity production of good mulberry.

(3) Capital as needed for the production of certified silkworm eggs on the basis of eight piculs cocoons.

The Cotton Millowners' Association of China has guaranteed \$4000 a year for three years, the salary of a cotton expert, with working budget to be submitted when expert arrives on field. Mr. John B. Griffing, of the Griffing Cotton Company, Arizona, has been secured, has made a brief inspection of cotton conditions, with Mr. O. F. Cook, the world's cotton expert, of the United States Department of Agriculture, and will arrive with family in February 1920. The Chinese Cotton Millowners' Association are supporting our cotton experiment station at Hankin this year and have guaranteed \$600 toward its expenses.

LIST OF MEN NEEDED, THE SUPPORT OF FIVE OF WHOM IS ASKED FOR.

(1-4) Two cotton specialists, one of whom shall have had special training in the improvement of those varieties of American cotton that have shown themselves best adapted to Chinese conditions. Their chief work would be in advising with and helping experiment stations and seed farms, and the training of men who were capable of carrying out scientifically the practical work involved in pure seed farms, the second of whom shall have had suitable experience to enable him to bring about improvement by selection in the native varieties; or a third one who has made a special study of cotton insects, or a fourth who has made a special study of cotton diseases - or combinations of any of the above.

(5) An expert in wood (forest) products, who is capable of making a thorough survey of the present camphor, wood oil, tea oil and vegetable tallow industries.

(6) An economic entomologist who shall make a study of injurious insects of economic importance, the native materials that can be used as insecticides, and the utilization of such materials, by practical methods adapted to Chinese conditions, for the control of such insects.

(7) A pathologist who shall make a study of plant diseases of economic importance, the native materials that can be used as fungicides, and the utilization of such materials by practical methods adapted to Chinese conditions, for the control of such diseases.

(8) A pomologist capable of improving fruits through selection and managing the production of improved varieties for wider and more general distribution. China's fruit industry is one with very great possibilities of development.

(9) A specialist in wheat, who shall by the introduction and testing of new varieties, collection and testing of native varieties, look forward to the improving of the yield of wheat. Much needs to be done in utilizing all unused lands (where the climate is not too severe) in the production of winter-crops of wheat. The cotton area was reputed to have been increased 30% in 1919, and such increases can not continue without affecting the food supply. The greater use of at present unused lands in winter might well be developed. It is also important from the standpoint of the development of the plough industry.

(10) A specialist in Animal Husbandry, to investigate (a) breeding and feeding, in the first instance to improve the present animal industry, and (b) to investigate more economical utilization of stock food, notably by the utilization of silos, or some modification of them. Material that is used as fuel in China could in many cases be utilized by proper management as good animal food.

PRESENT BUDGET AND FUTURE INCREASES

Table A below shows the budget of the College of Agriculture and Forestry from July 1, 1919, as approved. Since the budget was made up, three of the co-operating missionary societies in the University of Nanking, a union enterprise, have agreed to put in a man for Agriculture. These will be secured in the summer of 1920. In addition to this, the Report of the Committee on Agricultural and Forestry Schools, presented at a meeting in October of the Association of University and College Presidents, has been heartily approved and included in the Interchurch World Movement askings. This report is appended herewith and shows proposed addition of fourteen new men, at a cost of \$105,400 for salary and running expenses. Items not appearing in the budget include the gift of \$6,000 from the two Governors of Kiangsu, and the pledge of \$2,000 a year for five years from the Governor Yen Shi-shan of Shansi.

TABLE A. Condensed Budget, College of Agriculture and Forestry. July 1, 1919.

Receipts:

Teachers' salaries	Mex. \$14,200	
Gardens and appropriation for experimental work	6,000	
Student fees	3,300	
Mission appropriations	<u>2,200</u>	\$25,700

Expenditures:

Teachers' Salaries	Mex. \$15,100	
Gardens and experimental work	6,000	
Short course in sericulture	500	
Equipment (\$2,200) and Repairs (\$400)	2,600	
Incidentals, servants, heat, light, etc.	<u>1,500</u>	\$25,700

REPORT OF COMMITTEE
on
AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY SCHOOLS

A. REQUIREMENTS OF AN AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL IN CHINA. It is obviously impossible for your committee, without expert knowledge and without time to consult authorities on the subject, to arrive at definite conclusions in this matter, but certain facts throwing light on the question may be cited.

It is believed that the estimates of the University of Nanking for staff and funds needed to carry out its plan of development during the next five years are at least not excessive. The present staff and maintenance cost of the College of Agriculture and Forestry, with proposed additions, are as follows:

Staff	Present		Proposed Additions		Total after 5 yrs.	
	Number	Cost	Number	Cost	Number	Cost
Foreign	5	\$5,575	11	\$44,000	16	\$49,000
Chinese	8	2,622	3	6,400	11	9,022
TOTAL	13	\$8,195	14	\$50,400	27	\$58,022
Sundry expenses		14,569		55,000		69,569
TOTAL		\$22,764		\$105,400		\$127,591

That this is probably a modest estimate is confirmed by consideration of the costs of agricultural schools in the United States. The Massachusetts Agricultural College, not one of the largest institutions in the United States, had in the year ending June 30, 1916, an income of \$503,125, besides \$116,000 for experiment stations and extension work. Its staff for the college alone was 61 men and 1 woman, and including experimental station and extension work, 98 men and 5 women. Considering that at present rates of exchange missionary salaries average considerably higher than college salaries in the United States, even a severely restricted programme on a missionary basis must cover over \$100,000 per annum, and with normal growth should soon require two or three times that figure.

B. ONLY SCHOOLS OF HIGH STANDARD DESIRABLE. It is believed that any school representing the Christian Church should have the highest possible standards, certainly not lower than those planned for by the University of Nanking. This is particularly true of institutions in such important centres as Peking, where the government schools have the largest measure of support, and where there are also experiment stations and technical bureaus of the different ministries, employing highly trained Chinese and foreigners.

C. ONLY ONE COMPLETE SCHOOL RECOMMENDED. The cost of a high-grade school being so high as indicated in the above figures, and considering the limited funds available for Christian educational work in this country, as well as the difficulty of securing large numbers of

experts willing to serve on a missionary basis, your committee feels that it would not be wise to recommend the establishment of more than one agricultural or forestry school of college grade under mission auspices in China.

D. UNIVERSITY OF NANKING. As the University of Nanking has already organized a college of agriculture and forestry, and by its successful work hitherto has secured a remarkable degree of recognition from Chinese provincial governments, as well as from manufacturers and farmers, your committee recommends that its application for additional staff, maintenance allowances and equipment be heartily endorsed. Nanking has the additional advantages of central location, being within easy reach of the wealthy cities and farming districts of the lower Yangtze region, and accessible by an easy journey of only a little over a day from such northern centres as Peking and Tientsin, with Tsinanfu still nearer. It is near and in close touch with one of the most, perhaps the most, influential and enterprising industrial communities in China. The university possesses a large area of available land, and can easily secure more when required.

E. CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE. The committee doubts whether it would be wise to develop a complete agricultural school at Canton. Since agricultural courses have already been successfully started in the college, it would seem appropriate that a certain amount of junior college work should be offered in agricultural subjects, but that students should be encouraged to go to Nanking for their strictly professional course. It is believed that it would be desirable to establish some relationship between the agricultural school at Nanking and the agricultural department of such a school as Canton, with a view to fuller cooperation in scientific work and teaching.

F. OTHER COLLEGES. In those colleges which have not already organized agricultural or forestry courses, it is recommended that no steps be taken to establish them in the near future, but that students interested in agriculture be advised to go to Nanking. The needs of the general arts and science courses, as well as those of the professional schools to which the other universities are already committed, are so great that it seems imprudent to attempt at present such a new department as agriculture, which is already being undertaken elsewhere. This recommendation is not intended to limit or discourage the giving of such instruction on agricultural subjects as might reasonably be regarded as part of a general education.

Roger S. Greene,
Warren H. Stuart,
Committee.

Shanghai, October 24, 1919.

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John H. Reimer
UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
NANKING, CHINA

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Dear Mr. Carter.

Thanks for your note regarding Julian P. Fries account. The matter was referred to Mr. Owen.

Thanks also for the note re/ Iowa State coll. etc. I have written them, at the same time sending bill for this seasons order.

Orders for about 1000 lbs Chinese tree seeds go off this week.

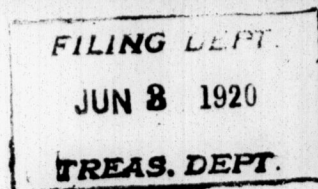
Sorry to have to bother you with these items, but they keep us a lot.

We are looking for apr May 25th. before I go to Japan, but hope to get an earlier in May boat. No miss Mr. Brown, great. Everything seems to be going well, but very rushed.

sincerely,

John H. Reimer

John H. Reischer
UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
NANKING, CHINA 4/22/20



Dear Mr. Carter:-

I am sorry I am so late with this check to cover my insurance policy of 16³⁷ for April 1st. Please note that this is not money from the field. When I get home I'll take up with you personally the matter of my life insurance, & in the meantime be assured of an appreciation of your having attended to it. With the arrival of "Sherwood Hartman" in March, & a rush of Spring work, I forgot it altogether.

We leave Shanghai per S.S. Empress of Japan, May 29, arrive Vancouver (if on schedule) June 16th, go East immediately via C.P.R. to Montreal & to Marlboro via S.H. My address is a mail to % Fred K. Betts, Marlboro, N.Y. I am having some mail sent in your care, which kind of holds for me until I call.

Kind regards to all.

Sincerely,

John H. Reischer

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John H. Reimer

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
NANKING, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

ADDRESS REPLY TO
156 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK CITY

Atlanta, Georgia,
Sept 23/1920.

Dear Miss Nickens:

You will recall your telling me that when you sent out the U of N catalogues, you forgot to include the ann. report of the College of Agriculture and Forestry, and that we would wait a while and send the report, along with the "Silk" reprint containing my report, and a copy to each of the reprint "Methodism and Agriculture in China" I am asking Mrs. Reimer to send you about 20 copies of this latter from Marlboro. When you have all these enclosures in hand, & you have time, I should appreciate your sending them to those who shared her them.

Will you please send the Nanking Yucca hand book to the following:

Sent { 2 copies to P. B. Holtzendorf, gen. sec. Yucca ✓
Clemson College, Calhoun, S.C.
Sept. { 1 copy to Philip B. Trigg, gen. sec. Yucca ✓
Georgia State College Athens, Ga.
27/20 { 3 copies to Yeh Yuen-ting, 390 S. Lumpkin St. ✓
Athens, Ga.
J.M.

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Sory to trouble you with all these things, and will
appreciate greatly your doing them.

The seed hel. U.S.D.A. for 111? + nice a stones to
coming along shortly from N. Y. State College of Forestry.
Cordial.

John H. Reiser

Address till about Oct 8 - 90 U.S. Experiment Sta.
Greenville, Texas.

November 22nd, 1920.

Mr. John H. Reisner,
Marlboro, New York.

My dear Mr. Reisner:

Just to acknowledge your letter of November 19th, and to advise that we are out of Nanking University catalogues and cannot, therefore, comply with your request.

The Board of Trustees Meeting will be held Friday, December 10th, at 2:00 P. M.

You ask whether I will be in the office the day after Thanksgiving. I expect to be from ten o'clock on. We go to New Haven for Thanksgiving and there is a bare possibility of my staying over Friday but I do not expect to.

I am enclosing you an order received today from the Naperville Nurseries. May we ask in general whether you wish such orders as this sent to you while you are in the U.S. or whether you wish us to mail them on to the field, and if the latter, should we acknowledge them to the party ordering the goods, making it clear to them that the seed will be sent from China and that we at this end cannot advise how promptly it can be shipped?

We this morning have a letter from Lewis A. Brigham, Vice President of the Boston University Nanking Association, in which he says:

"Now I have written to ask another favor. We plan our annual campaign for funds for early in December. We shall need some very inspiring and well informed speakers to aid in our work in the various departments of the University. Our Professor Perrin who taught for several months at Nanking will be a most efficient man to put this cause before the different student assemblies but we need some one else. Have you anyone in mind who is well acquainted personally with the work at Nanking and can present his ideas in a tactful and inspiring speech? Mr. Small, the engineer at Nanking, is here at Technology but, much as we like him personally, we do not think he is just the man to lead our students into a true appreciation of what their help can accomplish at Nanking. We have set our goal at \$4000. The "drive" is to be held on the week of December 6th."

May I ask whether this is the type of work that you can do effectively

Mr. John H. Reisner

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Nov. 22nd, 1920.

and whether you are free to help them at this time? If not,
have you any suggestions to make?

Very sincerely yours,

RC:M
Encl.

Treasurer

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
NANKING, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

ADDRESS REPLY TO
156 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK CITY

Marlboro, N.Y. Nov. 23, 1920.

Dear Mr. Carter,

Your letter of yesterday has just come and I am answering it immediately. Thank you for the specific information to my questions.

Answering your question concerning seed orders and inquiries would say that if you will kindly forward same to me, I shall look after them personally. This will probably be simplest.

I am writing President Bowen today and shall ask him to forward in your care a new supply of University catalogues.

With reference to the request of Mr. Brigham for some one to help on their annual Nanking Campaign, I am more or less tied up on account of the annual meeting of the International Associations of Agricultural Missions which meets all day Dec. 7th, and for which I have a paper to present, and then I have been hoping very strongly that I might have an opportunity to present in person the work of the College of Agriculture and Forestry to the Trustees at their meeting on Dec. 10th. To this end I have written Dr. Spear. On Dec. 12th, I shall likely be with the Mount Vernon people who have assumed my support, as you probably know. There is this possibility however. I am going to New England next week--will be in New Haven over Saturday and Sunday, and Monday will go to Kingston, R.I. or Amherst, Mass., and had planned to stop a day at Boston seeing Lex Small and Prof. Perrin. I may therefore be able to help out some on the preliminaries, and if they think they want me to come back for the following week, I can probably arrange for Wednesday and Thursday, by using the night train both ways. I can not tell now what day or days I shall be in Boston next week as it depends on answers to letters I have already sent to the people I want to see at Kingston and Amherst. However I was and am counting definitely on seeing Professor Perrin at Boston University.

If Dr. Hamilton (C.H.) is at Union Theological Seminary--When we left Nanking he was planning to be there this winter but we have heard nothing from them since. I addressed a letter to him there in Sep. but have had no answer--you may know or could readily find out, and if Dr. Hamilton could arrange to go, I feel sure he could fill the bill to their satisfaction.

Could not Miss Florence Warner be used to excellent advantage in working among the women students? You have her address, I presume.

I shall be in New York Friday, and hope to see you then, and if anything further develops we can discuss it in person.

sincerely,

John H. Reiser

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John H. Nelson
UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
NANKING, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

ADDRESS REPLY TO
156 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK CITY

McC. Mullsbury Penna
Dec 26/30.

Dear Mr. Carter.

I thought you might be interested in the results of my letter to Mr. Lamont, so enclose two letters which please return in enclosure.

You will be interested to know too that I have been made V. chairman, reception committee to Chinese Delegation to International Silk Exhibition, which is going to give me excellent opportunity, (1) to get in touch with many of the big silk men in Nanking, & (2) to get in touch better than I could in China - with these prominent Chinese silk men.

Had a fine trip to Washington & Balto. Think we have worked out with Mr. Swingle an excellent basis on which to build up an Chinese library, & to get a great deal of help in card cataloging it. Card cataloging Chinese books is worse than the proverbial Chinese puzzle.

Had a good visit with Prof. Cory in College Park, Md. - He is Prof. of Zoology at Md Agr Coll. & State entomologist for Md.

Had a fine visit with Mr & Mrs. Cope, Balto. The Asst State Forester of Md. I have been working on. They are willing to go, if Mr. Copes father can be placated. I hope they can go, for they are right fine folks.

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(My real reason for writing this is to learn what
is going to happen to "Clergy (R.R.) Certificates - and
Proctor's Prandi for having them renewed, a new ones
secured. Mine is up Dec 31-1920.

Me The Season's greetings to you all.

Cordially yours

John H. Reiser.

How did the Union College for Women - program come out?

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
NANKING, CHINA

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A. J. BOWEN, PRESIDENT
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January 28, 1921.

*Uncertainty
and R. Gay's
do not assume*

Mr. John H. Reisner,
Marlboro, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Reisner:-

The Treasurer of the Methodist Board writes: "Sometime ago C. Wade Jones was accepted as a missionary of our Board to proceed to Malaysia to take up work in one of our Schools. On the way there he visited Nanking University with which he was somewhat taken. Upon his arrival at Penang, S.S. he was not satisfied with the conditions in the School. He remained only about a month when he returned to Nanking and we understand has been working in connection with Nanking University. Upon his leaving America he left with us a memorandum to take care of his insurance premiums. We have made payments for his account of \$244.81. His insurance premium is due monthly, the amount being \$6.90. The next premium is due February 1st.

We have paid these premiums regularly in order that his policy might not lapse. But since he left Malaysia we have no means of handling this item for him. I am writing to ask whether you have had any word of his connection with the University and whether you could handle the premiums on his insurance. If not, we shall have to take the matter up with him direct."

Will you kindly advise us whether Jones is now connected with the University and whether it would be in order for us to send this premium charge out to the field for collection? Kindly understand that we want to play safe in the matter and do not wish to take this over from the Methodist Board unless we are safe in doing so.

Yours very sincerely,

Russell Carter
Treasurer

RC/P

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Nanking

Dear Mr. Carter.

Will you please O.K. if necessary. JHR.

Chicago, Ill.

April 15, 1921.

Mr. R.S. Steele,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Steele:

Thanks very much for sending me the copies of the telegrams from Mr. Swingle and for your letter confirming the reservation on the steamship Nanking for Miss Wead. I take it that you will send Miss Wead's steamship ticket, or order for it to her, direct at Washington, and also that you will provide travel expenses for her as is usually done. Will you also please write her as full information as possible with regard to the Korean trip? She desire to go through Japan to Korea and thence to Nanking via. Peking. If you need further details for this trip will you please write to her direct? She will probably go to San Francisco direct from Washington, D.C. In this case will you send her an order for the ticket or the ticket itself or the money to buy the ticket, at Washington?

I shall probably not be back in New York before the 25th of the month and in the mean-time I shall appreciate very much your doing the necessary in connection with Miss Wead's outgoing trip.

Her address is: Miss Katharine H. Wead, The Northumberland, Washington, D.C.

Yours very truly,

JHR.FBH

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J. H. Reiser
Chicago, Ill.

re - Katharine Wead
April 15, 1921.

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

My Dear Dr. Speer:

I am enclosing herewith certain papers in connection with Miss Katharine H. Wead, the young lady who is being sent to China for library work under the joint interests of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the University of Nanking.

Miss Wead's going to Nanking has been confirmed by cable from President Bowen, the arrangement being that the U.S. Department of Agriculture provide \$900.00 a year toward her expenses and that the balance of the expenses connected with Miss Wead's trip to Nanking and her work there be met by the University. Under the circumstances it did not seem necessary to go through the usual formality required of regular appointees under the Mission Board, but I have secured her medical papers and two or three letters of recommendation, all of which I am enclosing herewith. I sent you, several months ago, a copy of a letter from Mr. Swingle, outlining in brief the work which we hope Miss Wead to accomplish in the University.

Mr. Bowen met Miss Wead while in America last summer. I have met her a number of times on various trips to Washington and I feel quite certain that Mr. Pierce in his letter of recommendation, has not overstated the very high qualities and character of Miss Wead. She is a fine young woman and will join very heartily in the work of the University.

with her direct. I shall be glad *if you will* confirm Miss Wead's appointment. Her address is: Miss Katharine H. Wead, The Northumberland, Washington, D.C. Mr. Steele is arranging for her transportation and I have been taking care of all the other details. I am sorry that I could not have brought this to your attention in person but owing to the change in administration in Washington there was some delay in the final appointment and I had to leave New York for Chicago before word was received of the confirmation of the trip.

Very Sincerely yours,

John H. Reiser
J.H.R.FBH

P.S. Miss Wead sails May 5th, per Steamship Nanking and will take a side-trip from Japan into Korea and Peking making a study of two or three libraries in Japan, Korea and Peking.

* Dear Mr. Carter - This will be sent to you in New York in due course
J.H.R.

August 19th, 1921.

Mr. John H. Reisner,
McConnellsburg,
Pa.

My dear Mr. Reisner:

You will be interested to know that
a letter received today from Mr. Ralph A. Ward of the
Methodist Board advises that their treasurer is sending us the
\$5,000 in lieu of interest on their endowment fund.

I will quote the paragraph from Mr. Ward's
letter regarding the agricultural man.

"We have noted your intimation that there be
for 1920 a payment of \$1200 for our representative
in the agricultural department. Memorandum from Dr.
North intimates as his thought that payment for an
agriculturalist as planned by our board was not to be
made until a man was actually added to the staff.
So far as I recall, we have had no intimation of the
date on which such addition was made. As doubtless
you knew, our Board is sending to China this year a
Mr. Steward, who is our representative on the faculty
for teaching in the agricultural department. He
has already been under salary with us for some time
preparatory to going to the field."

Dr. Bowen has asked Mr. Carter to collect this \$1200 for 1920,
also \$600 for the first half of 1921. Perhaps you can
furnish us with the information necessary to make it clear to
the Methodist Board that this should be paid over to the
University of Hanking.

Very sincerely yours,

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For Mr. Carter
P.S. Enclosed you will find a letter from August Holker & Sons.

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NANKING, CHINA

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McConnellsburg, Pa.,

Aug. 20, 1921.

Dear Miss Nickens,

The bundle of letters and copies of letters has just come.

Regarding Dr. Wards letter and paragraph referring to salary of Agricultural man, may I suggest that you look up the date from which our Board started to pay on the salary of the Agricultural man. Also, I gave Mr. Carter a note as to date when the Christain Board started to pay on their man. Also will you please note how long back the Baptists have been putting in money for their agr/man. Mr. Carter and I discussed the matter as to when salaries were to be paid on the agr. man, but I have no memo. of what was decided; I left it entirely to Mr. Carter, and there probably is some memo of it in his files. I understood he was going to collect from the Boards on the same basis.

Miss Snell can give you the action taken by the Board of Trustees I think you will find that all the Boards were to begin paying at the same time, and that ~~if~~ until such time as Board appointees had been made the different Boards would pay to the University. This as you know is a fairly established custom, is it not?

If you will get this information together, I will be in New York about the first Sep. and then we can take up the matter with Mr. Scott. I am satisfied the position of the Methodist Board is wrong, but we want to back up our position with all the facts we can get. Mr. Carters files and your financial statements ought to give us good information to go on. From my files I can find out when Christains started to pay.

✓ Regarding the Kny-Scheere Corporation correspondence, will you please write to them for original order and a copy of their catalog. With these things I will go into the matter more carefully. I dont like to OK the order as it stands.

I am handling the seed order.

✓ The B.L from Sears Roebuck for engine was not enclosed .please hand to Mr. McNeil.

Please note the enclosed letter to Mr. McNeil.

sincerely,

John H. Reiser

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September 1st 1921

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Mr George Scott
Building

Dear Mr Scott:

With reference to the salary for the year 1920 and for the first half of 1921 for the agricultural man supported by the Methodist Board, desire to say that it has always been our impression that the salary of agricultural men supported by the various Mission Boards became available from January 1st 1920. This is in line with a letter to Mr Day from Mr Velte, acting for Dr Speer as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, stating that it was understood that the Presbyterian Board will begin its payment from the same date as the Foreign Missionary Society began to pay for their agriculturist.

It was agreed to, sometime in 1919, that the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, the Methodist Board and the Presbyterian Board should each provide the salary of one missionary for the College of Agriculture and Forestry of the University. The Baptist Board did not act so immediately but favorable action was later taken. We have gone on the assumption that these salaries would be paid as from January 1st 1920 as the Foreign Missionary Society has been paying.

In lieu of definite appointments by the other three Boards, we have been using their salaries at the rate of \$1200.00, this being in conformity to precedent where the Boards are obligated for a man who has not yet been definitely appointed.

Up until Mr Buck came with us in May 1920, whom we took in the expectation of paying his salary from the funds of one of these Boards, we took on Mr K S Sie and Mr C L Chen, two graduates of American institutions. We have always considered the Methodist salary as definitely going toward Mr Buck's salary until the Methodists should have their own appointee on the field as is now the case, but we now have to support Mr Buck from the general University funds.

On June 22nd I was taken over by the Presbyterian Board as their representative in the College of Agriculture and Forestry.

This will indicate that we have been confidently expecting salaries to be paid by the various Boards in lieu and until their definitely appointed representatives had arrived. I certainly hope that my interpretation of the Board's obligation will be in keeping with the attitude of the Methodist Board because we have been using the money because of the

Mr George Scott - #2

precedence which has been established with the other Boards and in the full expectation of receiving it.

The Methodists appointed Mr Stuart as their representative in the University along about July of this year. The Baptists appointed Dr Charles S Gibbs in June or July. I was taken on by the Presbyterian Board June 22nd 1920, and Mr Richie was sent out by the Foreign Christian Missionary Society January 1st 1920. I take it, therefore, that the Methodist Board owes from January 1st 1920 up to the time they made the appointment of Mr Stuart, and the same applies to the Baptist Board up to the time they appointed Dr Gibbs, and also that there is due from the Presbyterian Board salary up to the time of my appointment, June 22nd 1920.

I can bespeak President Bowen's hearty appreciation if you are able to secure this money for us because recent letters from him indicate that the University is somewhat in debt and undoubtedly a share of it is due to the money which we have counted on receiving for these salaries but which we have not received.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Reiser
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Mr. Scott.

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S T A T E M E N T

ITEMS OF UNIVERSITY OF NANKING DEBT ATTRIBUTABLE TO
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

	<u>Mexican</u>
Report of President for year 1919-20 Mission remittances	\$9,617.39
" " " " 1920-21 " "	<u>6,620.24</u>
Total -----	\$16,237.63

Against the above Mission Remittances should be credited payments from the three Boards made in lieu of their agricultural man in the University as follows:

Salary Presbyterian agricultural man, 1/2 yr.	\$ 600.	Gold
" Methodist " 18 mos.	1800.	
" Baptist " " "	<u>1800.</u>	"
This total of	\$4200.	" at
1.75 exchange would be approximately -----		<u>7,350.00</u>

which subtracted from the above would leave a balance of \$8,887.63 M

Of the The following on land purchases - \$11,662 over expenditures is noted in President Bowen's statement of the financial condition of the University submitted; the following can definitely be attributed to the College of Agriculture and Forestry:

Mex. \$3700	spent for Taiping farm
" 3000	for land for experiment station West of University
" <u>8000</u>	on experiment station west of University
Total \$14700	
Less 6000	from the Nanking Governors which was to be used
	for the purchase of land; leaving a
Total of \$ 8700	

The total of Mission Remittances diverted to the College of Agriculture and Forestry and of expenditures for land of the College of Agriculture and Forestry as estimated above, and an item of cotton and agricultural incidentals of \$1344, which appears in President Bowen's statement referred to above, make a total of \$18,931.63.

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arges attributable to Col. of Ag. and F.

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There are other items such as library purchases, scientific apparatus in which the College of Agriculture and Forestry has certainly shared, the amount of which it is impossible to determine in New York.

In the budget for 1921 the two items of administration and library total \$47,510. The enrollment in the College of Agriculture and Forestry is approximately 100 -- a little less than -- one-third of the total enrollment of the colleges, and on the basis of last year's enrollment of 917 would represent one-ninth of the total enrollment in the University. The total budget of the College of Agriculture and Forestry for the present year of \$59,000 is 16 per cent of the total budget of \$373,000-- odd for the whole University. These figures are given to indicate the representation of the College of Agriculture and Forestry in the total budget of the University and its relation to the total student body for which the administration is responsible. President Bowen, in a letter dated December 19 says: "As to the College of Agriculture and Forestry being about half responsible for the \$80,000 debt, I think that is about the case. All departments have shared about equally in the indebtedness, the agriculture and forestry department perhaps not more than others but certainly as much. This is no special reflection upon the College of Agriculture and Forestry. We have been trying to run the whole institution as a unit and do first-class work in all departments and it has cost us a good deal more than we had anticipated or were really able to carry.

J. H. Reisner.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

1921

Items of University Indebtedness

Land purchases:			324 Mexican \$11,662.
Buildings:	Language School	\$2,774.	
	Swasey Hall	5,546.	
	Severance Hall	16,624.	- taken by Mr. Severance
	Houses for Staff	5,688.	30,632.
Equipment:	Biology and Botany	2,869.	
	Chemistry	11,962.	- Less 5000 paid by U.S.
	Furniture, Office, Elec- trical and general	15,307.	30,138.
Cotton and Agr. Incidentals			1,344.
Travel of Staff in U.S.			2,000.
Suwan School Board			1,301.
Miscellaneous:	Staff loans	911.	
	Book Store	452.	
	Grounds	691.	
	Magazines	403.	
	Diplomas	471.	
			2,928.
			\$80,005.

Current Expenses - - - - -

List of approved Property* items not noted above		Mexican
A. Imperative Needs*		
5 Residences for returned students (faculty)		\$20,000.
Residences for foreign faculty		
Contingent funds for purchase of land & equipment		20,000.
Three College students dormitories equipped at 25,000 each. . .		75,000.
B. Pressing Needs*		
Library Building		120,000.
Electric Light & Water Plant		50,000.
Gymnasium for Middle & Primary Schools		8,000.
Gymnasium for University		50,000.

* Endowment

Means Producing endowment for current expenses.

\$ ad 500,000.

* Bid of Nigro Ann. Meeting Oct 1921.

John H. Reischer

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DEC 21 1921

Ans'd

New York.
December 19, 1921.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

This letter and the statements attached hereto will give you the information which you asked me for relating to the development of the College of Agriculture and Forestry as a center from which famine preventative work might be carried on.

1st. As regards the University of Nanking as the one Christian institution in China which has been agreed upon by the Association of Christian Colleges and Universities in China, by reading the minutes of their first meeting, Exhibit 1, you will see that only one complete school was recommended, that only schools of high standard were desirable, not lower than those planned for by the University of Nanking, and that in those colleges which have not already (October 24, 1919) organized agricultural or forestry courses, it is recommended that no steps be taken to establish them in the near future; but that students interested in agriculture be advised to go to Nanking. This recommendation is not intended to limit or discourage the giving of such instruction on agricultural subjects as might reasonably be regarded as part of a general education.

2nd. Nanking is situated as well with respect to constructive work in the famine area as would be Peking. Shantung University would probably be better situated so far as North China is concerned as either Peking or Nanking. Nanking is closer to the Hwai and Yellow River regions and those along the Grand Canal than Peking. With the development of railroads in China Nanking will be brought into still easier contact with these North China regions than at present. Nanking, furthermore, is very centrally located so far as the whole Yangtze Valley is concerned. The argument that the North China climate is so distinctive from the climate in Nanking is not a sufficient reason in my mind for the development of another agricultural college immediately at Peking. A few hours north of Nanking we immediately get into soil,

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climatic and general agricultural conditions that are very similar to those throughout the provinces of Chili, Shantung, Honan, Shansi, Shensi, Northern Anhwei and Northern Kiangsi.

3rd: It would not be difficult if the finances and personnel were forthcoming to make Nanking function as a center for the carrying on of preventative projects along engineering lines, such as are suggested in the report submitted by the Advisory Committee at Peking. As a matter of fact such an arrangement would be highly desirable because the relief that would be brought about by such engineering activities would directly concern the agricultural population.

A closer correlation of these interests in engineering projects and these interests in agricultural projects and a much wiser and more efficient expenditure of the moneys I believe would result.

4th. I believe that not all of the \$1,250,000 should be used for endowment, although certainly at least one-half of it should be. The remainder could be used on non-recurring items and made to cover the cost of a program that would run say ten to fifteen years. Any plan that would call for at least half of this sum of money within a period of 5 years would on the face of it be open to severe criticism.

5th. Exhibit 2 will give you an outline of a coordinated plan for the development of agricultural education so far as our higher educational institutions in China are concerned. I do not believe it would be wise to bring up such a coordinated plan before the American Committee or those who will be responsible for the final disposition of the left-over famine funds. The University of Nanking would be very glad indeed to obligate itself to do all in its power to bring about the development of agricultural education in China along the lines suggested and as soon as the time is propitious we should be very glad to lend all aid and cooperation in the further development of any one of these centers into an institution which would compare favorably in every way with the central institution at Nanking.

6th. Exhibit C will give you a list of the faculty and endowment proposed for the College of Agriculture and Forestry, with which I believe we could function in a very large way in the permanent prevention of famine through the improvement of China's agriculture and forestry. It should be noted that to bring our present faculty up to the one proposed would call for an endowment of one million dollars and for property and equipment an additional \$225,000. It should also be noted how very closely related is the suggested personnel of the faculty to the problems of reforestation and improved agriculture as a means of permanent prevention in China, as outlined in exhibit 4.

This may seem like a tremendous lot of material

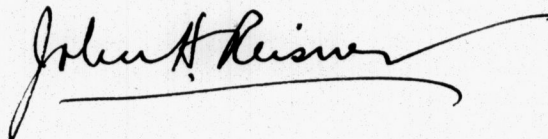
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but I want to assure you that the problem under discussion is one of very great importance and indicates that we have before us one of the greatest opportunities that has ever come to our higher educational institutions in China to make enormous contributions not only to China as a whole but to the whole Christian program in China.

Very sincerely yours,



JHR
HBB

Enclosures

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TRANSFER

December
Twenty-nine
Nineteen Twenty-one

Professor J. H. Reisner,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Professor Reisner:-

Herewith is (1) draft of letter to boards concerning language school proposition; (2) enclosure to go with letter, showing operation of plan; (3) Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting.

I am in doubt on one important point. It is clear that we intended that a board that had not paid its entire capital allotment in full should pay Property Fund Charges of \$250 per student less 5% on amount of capital paid in. Was it intended that a board that had paid up its capital allotment should pay the Property Fund Charge of \$250 less 5% of its allotment; or should it be relieved of Property Fund Charges altogether?

Please advise me of alterations suggested before Friday noon.

Cordially yours,

Enclosures(3)

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