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January 9, 1925

Dr. Eric North,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

TRANSFER

Dear Eric:

With reference to the question raised in your last letter regarding the personell of our mailing list, I take pleasure in sending herewith a copy revised to date. You will see that we have on it all the members of our Board of Trustees, all the members of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, practically all the men who constituted the President's Committee of 100 of the American Committee for China Famine Fund, and a number of other names, most of whom you will, I believe, recognize. With this list, you will be able to determine how to use the extra copies of the various publications which we sent from time to time. *the gree.com.*

I shall be very glad if you will go over the list rather carefully and if there are any names that should be added, please send them to us.

✓ I hope that there was no further misunderstanding or difficulty in connection with getting Professor Love started to Nanking. I thought I had sufficiently guarded my other statement so that there need be no serious difficulty arise as to the fact that we wanted Professor Love no matter the condition of his coming. The cable, and letter from Buck, would both indicate that everything is in order and that we may expect him sometime in February or March.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reisner

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January 13, 1925.

Mr. John H. Reisner,
College of Agriculture & Forestry,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

Dear Mr. Reisner:

We are enclosing herewith copy of a letter just received from Mr. R. E. Karper of the Texas Experiment Station regarding the statement recently rendered. As we had not been favored with a duplicate of this invoice and so advised you in our report of October 8th, we could not supply the information desired and wrote that you would communicate direct forwarding at the same time the list of seeds requested.

In acknowledging your letter of December 1st, we are returning your list of unpaid bills enclosed in that communication with notations thereon of the items paid since our report of October 8th, referred to above.

Our reply to your statement that the bill of \$30.44 was paid by the Northwest Nurseries, is as follows: Reference to our January 1924 Cash Statement will disclose the fact that we listed a total of \$192.19 received on Tree Seed Sales, and gave the items of Valdesian \$36.02, S. Bergholdt \$3.16 and Fleu \$122.57 as making up that total, while the three items given amounted to \$161.75 only, the item of \$30.44 paid by the Northwest Nurseries being omitted, so that you have been in reality duly credited with this payment.

We note that it is your intention in the future to send us copies of all invoices sent to the United States. This will certainly be of help to us in making collections.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
University of Nanking.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

TRANSFER

February 3, 1925

Mr. Eric North,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

My dear Eric:

Your letter of December 24th has been received.
Thanks for sending the copy of the order from J.F. Jones,
Lancaster, Pa., for seed. We have noted his credit of \$51.80.

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We had previously requested Mr. Moss to send directly to us the originals of all correspondence, particularly that which referred to seed orders. There is no particular reason why these orders should be held in New York, or that you should go to the time and trouble of making copies of them. We have intentionally not sent much information regarding seed orders and sales to New York, because there are so many ins and outs and so much technical information involved that it could only prove unsatisfactory all around. In our catalogue, we state specifically that all correspondence should be carried on direct with the field.

The matter of collecting bills is somewhat different and when we send you a bill to collect, we try to give you all the needed information.

I am sorry for the misunderstandings in connection with the coming out of Professor Love. As a matter of fact, I was waiting for further information from Professor Love. After the details had been agreed upon, then we would have sent you full information so that you could have acted accordingly. The difficulty seems to have been caused by my letter to Professor Love, a copy of which was sent to you, asking whether it would be possible for him to cover travel as well as salary in view of Mr. Ritchey's likely having to leave the field on account of his wife's health.

Inasmuch as the matter is finished, there is no point in going back to it, but I was under the impression that I had written you very clearly that should Professor Love not be able to cover his travel, that we were in a position and would live up to our original agreement, which as you know, covered the travel item. However, I am glad the matter was handled as it was in New York and that Professor Love is to be with us.

I apologize for embarrassing you and will promise at least to try not to let it ever happen again.

Sorrowfully yours,

JHR:D

John H. Reiser

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March 24, 1925.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

TRANSFER

Mr. Eric North,
China Union Universities,
150 - 5th Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Eric:

Your letter of February 3d, enclosing copies of your letters to Mr. Bowen and to Mr. Owen came a day or two ago and although the matter has been taken care of very clearly and satisfactorily by the treasurer's office, I think I should write a word or two in answer to the series of letters, which you felt called upon to write in connection with the slight error which has been made in connection with the Famine Fund budget. You will pardon my being perfectly frank in what I have to say.

I consider your letter an insult to the intelligence and character of those who are responsible for handling the Famine Funds. The letters which passed between the National Savings and Trust Company, our Treasurer, Mr. Patton, the secretary of the American Famine Fund Committee in China, who is the final responsible body in checking up the expenditures of these Famine Funds, and myself will indicate the recognition of an error, but no attempt to make it appear that dishonesty in handling these funds has been involved. The simple explanation and the clarity of the statements which we have been able to send to Washington and the attitude of Mr. Patton, as expressed in his letter to me under date of Dec. 23d, 1924, would seem to indicate very clearly that you had pyramided many times the difficulties that were involved, and should indicate to you what a little sanity and confidence in our ability and honesty would have made impossible.

Speaking as friend to friend, I would like to get this idea across to you perfectly straight - that you are no more anxious than are we that these Famine Funds be administered in such a way that there can be no possibility of criticism whatsoever. It would seem to me that until we have been proven guilty of derelict management of these funds, we have every right to expect that we shall be considered in the light of ordinary honest folk. Furthermore, while some of us probably have not accumulated as many scholastic degrees as may be desirable, as a working proposition it seems to me that it would be worth while for you to assume that we are at least of average intelligence. I can find no evidence in the way you handled this recent misunderstanding that you give us credit for any intelligence whatsoever.

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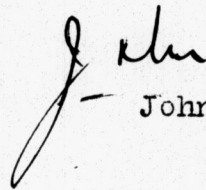
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University of Nanking, evernone is willing to do anything that is necessary to live within our budget. Not only have we lived within our budget, but well within it ever since we have been on a budget basis. We have very gladly accepted the necessary curtailment of expenditures by doing without much needed equipment and by carrying on without needed supplies to get the University out of debt. We are not automaton. We are putting our life into this proposition here and at a whole lot greater sacrifice than you are, and are just as much interested, if not more so, in the good name of the University as anyone could possibly be and to receive such letters as were received during this past week, is more than enough to make the proverbial preacher swear. I have not done that in this letter, but certainly would be justified in doing it. If we can't have the confidence of the people in New York, both as to our honesty and our ability (and I feel that I am also speaking for the Treasurer's Department) then I for one would like to be requested to resign in favor of greater ability and higher character. Your letters in general deserve little more than contempt and an apology to Owen and Miss Priest is as little as you could do to rectify the situation that you have created. It would help a great deal, hereafter, in a word, if when a mistake arises instead of working yourself up into a great frenzy and blaming us with things that we never did and imputing motives that are most unworthy, you would sit down and write for a letter of explanation, I am quite sure that the information would be forthcoming and that we would all feel much happier.

With much love, I am

Yours sincerely,



John H. Reisner.

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April 15, 1925

TRANSFER

Dr. Eric M. North,
Ass't Treasurer,
University of Nanking,
Nanking.

My dear Eric:

Thanks for your letter of March 23rd, indicating that the Texas Agricultural College had paid their bill for \$4.57 as per red sheet enclosed.

When In connection with your quotation of a paragraph from their letter, I would like to ask what objection there is to your office sending to me or to the College of Agriculture and Forestry the originals of all matters that pertain to this foreign seed business? I raised this same question some time ago, but never had any reply to it. So far as I can see, that original letter is no earthly good to you whatsoever, and that it more properly belongs in our files here. I can assure you that it would simplify matters somewhat for us as we have a very careful file with folders for these various firms and institutions in America whom we have in the past supplied with seeds, *I hope to supply in the future.*

We appreciate the services which your office can render to us in the collection of such bills as may be referred to you for collection. Outside of that, I am convinced that no good can come of your trying to manage a matter of this kind from New York, but that instead all correspondence that relates to such matters should be forwarded to us directly here.

I hope that you will be able to see this matter as we do, and that hereafter we can attend to the various requests for seeds that are referred to you on the basis of original letters forwarded to us from your office.

Speaking of the service which this central office can be to the various universities involved, you will remember that while I was in America I was quite interested in the establishment of such an office. I felt that in the matter of purchases, candidates, collection of appropriations, and the forwarding of same to Nanking and in other minor matters, such an office would perform a very real service. It may be that your letter in which you quoted a paragraph from a letter which obviously was of immediate interest to the people on the field, and which, as suggested above, could have been placed in an envelope and forwarded to us as your letter was forwarded, was written at a time when you had very little to do, but in view of the large amount of time which you recently consumed in trying to

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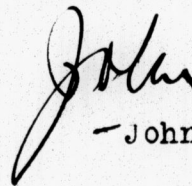
straighten out certain items of finance in connection with the Famine Fund appropriation in connection with the College of Agriculture and Forestry, and the meticulous care which you have observed in the handling of the query from Texas which by mere accident was addressed to the New York office of the University. I am wondering whether or not a little quiet detached consideration on your part of ways in which you could serve the field best, might not result in advantages both to yourself and to us here. I speak of this particularly in the light of the recent experience of Mr. Clemons and the miserably inefficient way in which his orders and his cables were attended to. These three incidents, in two of which I happened to figure, and in one of which I have only been an observer, would seem to me that there is something wrong somewhere. I may be wrong, but my general impression of the purposes and functions of the New York office was that they should be of a secretarial character rather than of the role of general manager. I don't know whether I make myself clear or not, but in the matter of purchase of books, in the matter of collections, and in other ways, I firmly believe that your central office can be of tremendous service out here. This, of course, all in addition to the secretarial work that is naturally entailed in connection with the Board of Trustees.

I do not want you to feel that this letter has grown entirely out of your letter of March 23rd. Let it be understood that I appreciate very greatly the care which you have taken in receiving the payment from the Texas Agricultural College, in crediting it to the account of the University of Nanking, in forwarding the receipt to the Texas Agricultural College, and in forwarding to us their particular query. I do appreciate all that. On the other hand, I think the statements that I have made above are fully justified and that a little consideration of what we want as well as consideration of what you feel is necessary to the managing of your office would be helpful all around.

I fear that you will think I am getting to be a terrible kicker. I can assure you that my disposition was never better than it is now and that as I write this, I can smile to think of the possible kick it will get out of you before you get down to this particular paragraph. We are all interested in the same thing and I have tried to be helpful in this letter.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,



-John H. Reisner

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May 7, 1925.

Mr. John H. Reisner, Dean,
College of Agriculture & Forestry,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

My dear John:

I have read your letter of March 24th concerning my February letters on the Famine Funds several times and thought much about it. If, in my letters, you have found slurs upon the honesty, the loyalty, and the devotion of those for whom as well as with whom I have regarded myself in a real sense as working, you have found something which never occurred to my thought and which I do not find in the letters. If anything gives such an impression, I apologize for the offending expressions, but not for the state of mind, for the state of mind never existed. Nor have I ever had any doubt that the officers on the field were as anxious as we here that these funds should be carefully administered.

But the fact that two statements, made to the Trust Company, September 12th and December 9th, did not agree with the understanding of the Company, made it seem wise to try to get at the confusion before further statement was made to them. I made the analysis and found points where it seemed to me we were in danger of being faced with a deficit - due, apparently, to overexpenditure - and a further complication in exchange, which, if the Committee were stiff, might result in further deficit. I drafted the letters, submitted them to Dr. Speer and Mr. Carter, and sent them off with their approval, and in the hope that they might be a contribution toward clarifying a situation which I still think was financially serious and confused. In other words, it was treated as an administrative problem which we all had to share in solving. The Board of Trustees, except for Dr. Speer and Mr. Carter, know nothing of the matter. Whatever comments we made, we made to no others, but directly to the men concerned with whom we are glad to be fellow-workers, and from whom we expect just such a checking-up when there is ground for it.

We regard the enterprise as cooperative and desire to be looked on as partners in it and as free to point out at any time, conditions which seem likely to make the University less successful than it deserves to be.

Affectionately, and, after meditating on the characterizations of me in your letter, quite humbly yours,

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TRANSFER

University of Nanking

May 13, 1925.

Dean John F. Reiser,
University of Nanking,
Nanking,
China.

My dear John:

I have your letter of April 15th concerning original letters from firms ordering seeds, etc. Your instructions in your letter of February 3rd, as to sending these originals have been followed out, though we have, I'm sorry to say, neglected to call your attention to our readiness to observe them.

Your letter of February 3rd made a clear distinction between, (1) matters relating to seed orders, and (2) matters relating to collection of bills. No letters relating exclusively to seed orders have been received. Letters relating to remittances have been received from various firms, and I take these you do not wish to have in originals or copy. One or two of these letters had in them paragraphs relating to other matters than remittances. These paragraphs we have promptly quoted to you in such a form that you can file them in your folder relating to that particular firm, only one firm being referred to on a sheet. As these letters refer to payments banked here we would prefer to keep the originals; otherwise we would have to make copies. If this is not satisfactory, let us know. If I may use a "forestry" phrase, I think you're "barking up the wrong tree" on this item.

We have also your letter of April 7th with reference to collections from Otto Katzenstein & Company, and will follow the procedure indicated.

We have also received copy of the credit memo issued to J. F. Jones in the amount of \$22.67.

Are we to understand that you desire us to write firms which owe the University money for seed, or are we to leave all dunning to you unless you give specific instructions in some particular case. We have not so far corresponded with any of them except on your instructions, or where they have written to us in response to reminders you have sent to them.

On October 22nd we sent you a memo as to the status of tree seed sales items. In the 1st section we have no copies of invoices or statements from you on the following: Pioneer Nursery, Monrovia, Calif. \$15.25

A.F. Fischer, Manila, P.I. 19.89

H. Campbell, Perth, W. Australia 5.97

I am thinking that in the case of these you have probably decided that the collections could be better made from Nanking. If you desire us to take steps

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to collect any of these three, we would need more information with which to proceed.

In the 3rd section the following items still remain unpaid:

F. M. Crayton	\$20.48
O. Katzenstein	41.57
"	87.73
Iowa State Coll.	1.81
C.D. Bush	5.75
Naperville Nurs.	61.83

With reference to the last item, our files show that we forwarded you a letter dated September 16th from the Naperville Nurseries, copy of which we made for our use, in which they state "We don't remember ever having given you an order for seed at \$6 per lb. Kindly look up your records and advise." In enclosing the letter to you Mr. Moss wrote, "We have received the enclosed letter from the Naperville Nurseries, and I am sending it to you for your information and reply." We do not find any further information from you, and, as noted, the bill has not been paid.

With reference to the 4th section of our report, we still have the bills, unpaid, mentioned thereon, namely: R.B. Robbins \$32.07
Parker Nursery 3.14

Please let us know if they have been paid.

In addition to these and those of Katzenstein referred to in your letter, we have the following still unpaid, recently received from you:

Thos. J. Lane	5.55
Hicks Nurseries	2.47
" "	18.44
G.A. Zimmerman	5.92

Awaiting your further instructions, I am

Faithfully yours,

JHR/CLL

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 15, 1925

Dr. Eric N. North,
University of Nanking
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

TRANSFER

Dear Eric:

Professor Love and I have both written letters to Dr. M. C. Gillis, Ph.D., Department of Horticulture, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois, regarding his coming out to Nanking for the Department of Agronomy. His work would be very largely plant improvement in connection with the project being undertaken cooperatively between the International Educational Board, Cornell University and the College of Agriculture and Forestry. It is not related to the Cornell-in-China Club proposal for adult extension. We have money to finance him on famine funds. His or another man's salary is budgeted for 1925-1926.

I met Gillis when I was home in 1921. He took his doctor's degree at Cornell. Professor Love knows him quite well. He was quite active in Christian work in the university. I do not know how he is going to react to the suggestion which we made, but we have asked him if he is interested at all to get in touch with you immediately, for application blanks, etc., etc. Will you not kindly give this matter your careful attention and do all you possibly can for us in looking up Dr. Gillis.

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reisner
J. H. Reisner

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

June 2, 1925.

Mr. John H. Reisner, Dean,
College of Agriculture & Forestry,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

My dear John:

Professor J. L. Buck has taken up with Mr. Carter the question of an advance by us for the cost of an analysis of the survey data he has on 150 farms, etc. He no doubt has written you of it. Mr. Carter told him we had no authority to make the advance, but after an exchange of correspondence, agreed to do it, Professor Buck to take the responsibility. I have, therefore, sent Professor Buck a check for \$150. - the amount he asked for and charged the Suspense Account, pending authority from Nanking for the charge and data as to the account - "A & F" or "F.F.", etc., and 1924-25 or 1925-26 - to which the charge should be made. I suggest you send us this authority by way of a requisition.

There came in a letter from Nanking lately the "A" copy of Req. #1680 on Braun-Knecht-Heiman Co., San Francisco, signed by yourself, the bill to be sent to Mr. Owen. As it evidently was not intended for us, we sent it to the Company. I trust they will honor it, even though it was not countersigned by the Treasurer!

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
University of Nanking.

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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
NANKING, CHINA



August 1, 1925.

Dr. Eric M. North,
New York City.

TRANSFER

Dear Eric,

Answering your letter of June 22, we have sent the seed list to the two seed companies mentioned. We have sent you two small bundles of the latest seed lists with envelopes which we will be glad to have you use in response to any further requests which may come to your office. The old lists may be destroyed and these considered good until a new set is sent.

Referring now to the copies of your letters to Messrs Turner and Mossof Committee of Reference and Counsel and Messrs Bovyer and Dodge, regret that these latter gentlemen question the judgment used in allocating the left over famine funds. You are right, I think, in referring the matter as you did. Some time ago I forwarded to Mr. Speer-because of his various relations- considerable correspondence on the Bovyer matter. This correspondence contained letters written by Mr. Bovyer, Mr. Patton, Mr. Dodds formerly of the Bovyer Orphanage Committee-all of which will be helpful to you. If you do not have this, Mr. Speer will let you have them I am sure, though they were sent some of them confidential.

Please note that by order of the Court, the moneys under call of the Committee of Reference and Counsel can be used only in connection with a financial campaign for a famine relief for use in China if in the judgment of the C.R.C. such a campaign in the U.S. is necessary and desirable. If such a contingency does not arise within five years, the money automatically goes to the two Universities involved. Court action would be required if other uses were to be made of the money.

Mr. Bovyer has plenty of sob stuff but no facts. He claims promises were made and ~~lack~~ of faith etc. By whom? By a few individuals or by responsible, duly constituted bodies? What requests did Mr. Bovyer or his orphanage committee ever place before any constituted famine administration bodies in China, for help? What actions were taken by these bodies on such requests? And if no requests were made or actions taken, where is there ~~breach of faith~~ breach of faith? There were millions of dollars of famine funds remaining in China, over a half millions in the hands of the Shanghai sectional Famine relief committee. Why was no request for help made from such funds. The handling of them was public. There was no secret about them that I know of. I think he claims some promises from New York and that Bible's name has been mentioned. The Christian Herald evidently knew nothing about it, as both Messrs. Patterson and Henckle, particularly Mr. Henckle as Secretary of the American Committee for China Famine Fund, was in on all the many discussions that resulted in allocation of funds to Peking and Nanking. Bible likewise was in on the discussions. I question deeply the honesty of Bovyers position.

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Furthermore I do not quite see what the Committee of Reference and Counsel can do. The funds which they temporarily control are for specified purpose nameley to be used in connection with the ~~starting~~ starting of a campaign for famine relief in China if in the judgment of this committee such a campaign should be undertaken. This money it seems to me can not be used for any other purpose than has recommended by the original American Committee for China Famine Fund, decreed by the Court, reported to the President of the United States, after which the committee disbanded. I am not sure that Boyver quite understands that the C. R. C. money is no freer than that already definitely assigned to the Univeristies.

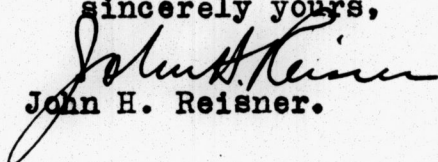
Well, I wish you and us luck! Please excuse the poor typing on this letter. Its a hot day and I have no eraser"than for which thing I have no greater need".

Please keep us posted. Will try to get you out a brief report which may be used if people ask well just what are these universities doing to prevent famines anyway? You might tell them that we have been working but a little over a year and a half, and that time is an element of success in the undertaking.

Hope you are having a good rest this summer.

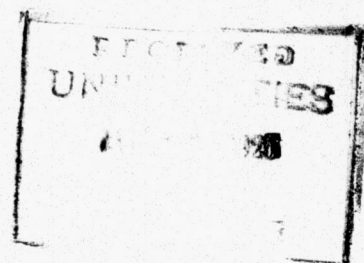
With kind regards to all,

sincerely yours,


John H. Reisner.

Mr. Scott might be interested in this letter.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

September 7, 1925

TRANSFER

Dr. Eric M. North,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Eric:

Thanks exceedingly for your letter of August 5th with the information concerning Boyer. He is just such an awful nut as to make certain people believe in him, and is quite capable of stirring up unpleasant trouble. If Mr. Patterson takes the attitude as indicated in your letter, I think we have nothing to fear. As a matter of fact, Boyer doesn't have a single leg to stand on and there is no one to whom he can turn out here who has any particular confidence in him except a few of his own kind. If all these promises he claims have been made, why under heavens does he wait four years to make his claims. He got the idea that probably the money in the hands of the Committee of Reference and Counsel could be pried loose, but so far as I can see, it can't be without the request to the Court in the District of Columbia. I shall be glad to have copies of Mr. Turner's letters and now feel very much better over the outlook.

Thanks for having written to Dr. Gillis. Don't understand why he has not written you.

We have not yet been able to get hold of the land for sericulture, due partly to the time of year and some of us being away practically all summer, so we have not been able to get together and get it finished up. We are hoping, however, to put the deal over, but I question very much whether we shall be calling on you for the money before October 1st to 15th. I had a nice letter from Mr. Peugnet, Secretary of the Silk Association, a short time ago, in which he says, "there seems to be no reason why you cannot draw on the amount after August 15th, so we will await word from your New York office concerning the method by which they wish the money transferred." The Silk Association people certainly have been good to us, and I can assure them they will get their money's worth for every dollar invested in us.

Entrance examinations are over, and optimism is beginning to course again through the veins of those who became pessimistic over the turn of events last term. I look for a normal enrollment for the University as a whole, and for the College of Agriculture and Forestry we shall have an increased enrollment of 20 to 30%. Our Special One Year Course and our Rural Normal School Course are filled to overflowing and we have already turned a number away. We are in a position to take all the college students who can pass entrance examinations.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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Dr. Eric North, Secretary,
University of Nanking
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, USA

TRANSFER

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your letter of September 28th. The last \$4,000 remitted by the Silk Association of America was a grant on current expenses and has no relation whatever to the previous appropriation of \$4,500 which they made toward the purchase price of a mulberry orchard. The two items are separate and distinct, and the total appropriation is accordingly up to \$8,500 Gold. We may not use all the appropriation for the mulberry orchard. They appropriated a maximum amount with the understanding that if we did not need it, we need not draw on them for it. This is in every way satisfactory to us.

Thanks also for your letter of September 29th, enclosing copy of Mr. Turner's memorandum for Dr. Patton in connection with the Boyer affair. Mr. Turner had sent a copy of this to me direct also. We feel here also, as you do, that Mr. Turner has performed a very real service to the university in analysing all the documents and summarizing all the steps that lead up to the allocation of these surplus funds to the university. He has not only answered all the questions raised by Boyer, but he has anticipated the answer to almost any other question that could arise with reference to the allocation of the funds.

President Bowen has undoubtedly written you with regard to the opening of school. The college of Agriculture and Forestry has 110 college students, 64 special one year course students and 26 rural normal school students, making a total of 200 under instruction. In addition to this number we have 54 men enrolled in the correspondence course, making a total of 254, an increase of approximately 25% over last year. I am utterly unable to see and have been unable to see since the May 30th Shanghai incident, any reason for feeling pessimistic over the situation. A great many missionaries in China have had an awful jolt, and the least that can be said is that the whole Shanghai affair has given us an opportunity to reevaluate our work and our position on a much clearer background of Chinese thought and attitude than ever existed before. The great danger is that now that practically everybody has gotten off with their lives after considerable scares in many quarters, that we will fall back in our more or less marked complacency and allow things to drift on as usual. The present situation is

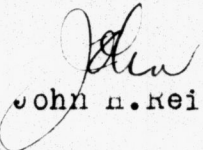
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after all nothing more nor less than one of those opportunities, which, taken at its tide, leads on, etc., I forget the exact words of the quotation, but it fits the present situation exactly.

Thanking you again for your letters and enclosures and with kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

JHR-d


John H. Reiser

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
NANKING, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

November 3, 1925

Dr. Eric North,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, USA

TRANSFER

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Dear Eric:

W.B.
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A cablegram was received from you a few days ago, asking whether you were authorized to advance passage money and travelling expenses to Professor Myers of Cornell. I think it will be possible to settle this matter once and for all by stating that in accordance with the agreement entered into between the Board of Trustees and Cornell University, the university is responsible for all travel expenses in connection with the members of the department of plant breeding of Cornell University under the Cornell-Nanking-International Education Board triangular cooperative project. This comes under the plant improvement project of our famine fund program and all expenses connected therewith have been and will continue to be budgeted until the Cornell-Nanking agreement has come to an end. If any action is taken at this end which would make it impossible for us to continue our share in the cooperative arrangement, certainly we should let you know at once. However, at the present time, there is not the remotest chance of such a condition arising.

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Expenses for Professor Myers have therefore been budgeted and I am asking Mr. Owen to authorize the expenditure by you. We are not yet sure when Professor Myers will come to China, but we have asked him to try to arrange to come sometime in February, or to arrive not later than the early part of March. When he comes is a matter that will have to be decided primarily by him and in consultation with Cornell, and any date which is set by him is acceptable to us and should not be questioned.

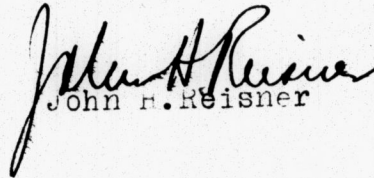
see "H.A. Love"
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Professor Love left Shanghai on the President Wilson October 29th. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the report which he made of his work. His work for the University has been of the highest order and he has made important contributions to the development and carrying out of our plant improvement program. He was most sympathetic with everything that we were doing, and I am quite sure is going to be able to do many things for us after he returns to America. No one could have entered into our work with greater sympathy and heartier cooperation and it has been a stimulus as well as a pleasure to all of us from the President down to the least assistant to have him with us this past year.

Professor Love may desire to go to New York in

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✓ person to submit his report to President Rose of the International Education Board. He may also wish to make a trip to Cambridge to discuss with several members of the Arnold Arboretum a possible cooperative project between the University and the Arnold Arboretum. There is nothing at all definite about this and we are throwing out quite a number of lines, but just as soon as we have anything definite, we shall let you know, and can assure you that we shall not involve the University officially in any way without your full sanction. The matter is of such a character that we are justified in asking Professor Love and other Cornell friends to broach the matter of cooperation in an informal way before the matter is presented officially to the Trustees. We have told Professor Love that we would be glad to bear his expenses to Cambridge in connection with the project. We are covering this matter by order requisitions which I trust will be entirely satisfactory to you.

Yours very sincerely,


John H. Reischer

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NANKING, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

TRANSFER

February 18, 1926

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
Committee of Reference and Counsel,
25 Madison Avenue,
New York City

Dear Les:

I want to write about the Keen Memorial pledges which were received through your office in New York. Evidently we have made a slip up somewhere, whether it is on the field or at home, I do not know, but we are writing to you to get us thoroughly straightened out and to collect such sums as may be still due on the pledges. The attached sheet is a copy of the records which we have of these pledges.

My impression is that the first list of pledges totaling \$117.00 came to us in the form of a check from you, but if so, all record of it has been lost. Mr. Bowen says he never cashed it and Miss Smith, the secretary, says she has never seen it. We have received Mr. Berry's check for \$200. forwarded through you, but we have not received the others.

I am sorry to burden a busy man with these little details, particularly if we are responsible for anything that is amiss, but we shall appreciate your help in the matter. We certainly do need the money.

While we have not gotten the \$15,000 which we hoped to have by now, we have received in actual cash \$10,161, of which \$6,250 is now invested at 8 and 10% interest. We also have another \$942. in Mex. pledges in addition to the gold pledges which we have not as yet cashed in, so in cash and in pledges we should have around \$7,500 toward the endowment of \$10,000 which we are striving for. \$3,587 has gone into the purchase of books. All expenses, including printing, stationery, stamps, etc. in connection with the Memorial amount to \$132.00, which with a small bank account of about \$200.00 brings the total up to ten odd thousand dollars cash which have been received in pledges to date.

We are hoping that the Language School will continue the precedent already followed by each succeeding class since Mr. Keen's time in making an annual contribution either to books or to the capital endowment fund of the library. By limiting our annual purchases to \$500, which we have voted to do, within another three or four years time we will have the endowment up to the \$10,000. All in all, we feel that we have done quite well with it. We are sorry that we could not get the total amount anticipated at the beginning, but then it was a pretty large sum to get out after. We are preparing a little printed pamphlet which will be sent out to all members of the Language School and contributors to the Memorial bringing them up to date on the status of the library and the endow-

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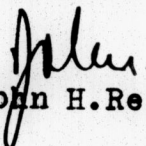
ment fund. The collection of books now numbers 585 volumes with \$1,000 worth of books not yet in. It quite changes the general atmosphere of the Language School. It is greatly appreciated and very much used.

We have just finished a very successful Conference of Christian Rural Leaders held under the auspices of the College of Agriculture and Forestry. We had 217 out of town delegates, only 16 of whom were foreigners. Decker and Ufford were both here. Decker is tremendously interested and is trying to ruralize his whole rural program. We will be sending you full reports of the conference within a short time. We shall be glad to have you make such use of them for publicity purposes as you desire. So far as I know, it is the first conference of its kind that has ever been held in China and it was an enthusiastic conference if nothing else.

Will appreciate very much your getting us straight on the U.S.A. accounts and if you can touch up any more of your friends, please feel free to do so.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,


John H. Reisner

JHR-d

P.S. Miss Smith says also there has been one check from New York for \$15.00 Gold marked "various United States friends", which evidently is outside of the attached statement.

J.H.R.

If any other checks than the \$200 Berry & P.S. \$15 check were sent, will you please see if they were cashed - r by whom - unless you have the full information on them. John.

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March 16, 1926

Mr. John H. Reiser
University of Nanking
Nanking, China.

My dear John:

Your letter of February 18th regarding the pledges for the Keen Memorial has just been received. I went over to my old office and with the help of Miss Lane we have secured the information available regarding the money received on this account.

It is apparent that if your statement of receipts on this account represents your complete understanding there is still some money coming to you from Mr. Owen totaling \$37 besides the \$117 which you refer to. I am putting the additional names with the amounts and the dates received in our office here on the enclosed statement. These, you will understand, are in addition to those contained in the list of names which you sent me and which I herewith return to you in case you did not keep a copy.

In our monthly statement for February 1924, we reported the receipt of \$100 from Mr. and Mrs. Keen. In the March statement, we reported having on hand \$142 additional. Both of these amounts were available for immediate draft. Mr. Owen drew such a draft for \$242 and sent us a receipt for it, his number 1754, dated June 3, 1924. The \$117 which you refer to was included in the \$142 of the March statement covered by Mr. Owen's receipt as just stated.

Following the drawing of the above funds, additional funds came in over a period of a year and on May 27, 1925, Dr. North wrote to Mr. Owen authorizing him to draw on account of the Keen Memorial \$262 which was included in a larger draft number 63, dated August 4, 1925 for the total sum of gold \$4397. Mr. Owen's receipt covering this is number 2788, dated June 30, 1925. This means that we have sent out to you \$264 on the Keen Memorial and if you have

not received that amount from Mr. Owen he should show good cause for not turning it over to you.

It is most interesting to see all that has been accomplished with the money that has been raised and I congratulate you most heartily on having carried out not only a very kind memorial for Mr. Keen but a project that is of such value and worth to the Language School.

It is good to know too about your conference of Christian Rural leaders. We are looking forward to receiving the full reports of the Conference and are glad to know that it was so enthusiastic. I can imagine that anything you had charge of would be enthusiastic if nothing else.

With best regards to Bertha and yourself and all our friends, I am, as always

Cordially yours,

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May 5	S. J. Shields	\$5
25	Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Lecher	5
29	W. W. Wyckoff	5
June 7	W. O. Bushnell	5
	E. C. H. Reddie	2
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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
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NANKING, CHINA

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

March 22, 1926.

Dr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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TRANSFER

Dear Dr. North:

We have all been very much distressed to receive a cablegram from the brother of Miss De Groff telling her that her mother has suffered a stroke of paralysis and that she must come home immediately. Very unfortunately she is the only one available who can help out in the emergency. She is planning to leave Shanghai April 1st on the first fast boat to Seattle, unless in the meantime she receives further word that her mother has passed on.

Miss De Groff has been my secretary for the last two years. She has one more year to serve on her contract which expires in February 1927 and she would have gone home at that time.

I should have written to you before this asking you to be on the lookout for a secretary. I would like particularly if you would talk over the matter or write to Miss Priest, Nelson, New Hampshire, who came out six years ago as secretary of the College of Agriculture and Forestry and finally worked into the treasurer's office at the time of the reorganization onto the budget system. She would probably be able to help secure a suitable secretary and in the case of all applications, I should appreciate very much her being consulted, particularly on those that look good to you.

Miss De Groff came out on a three-year basis, but it is very, very unsatisfactory and I hope above everything that you will be able to find someone who can come out for five years. Five years is long enough to give a person the idea that she wishes to come back-- three years has a tendency to make a short term proposition, without getting very deeply tied down to things in China.

With everyone who comes out there are always a lot of adjustments that must be made, so that for at least the first year, and often longer than that, one's biggest problem is to get oriented, acclimated and to the point where they begin to enjoy their work and be happy in it. I hope, therefore, that whoever may come will be on a five-year basis, as were Miss Priest and Miss Gless.

Outside of the personal qualifications which you know as well as I, I would like to suggest that if you can find someone who has had secretarial training, and experience, in filing and general administration, in addition to stenographic work, it would help tremendously. I find that lots of

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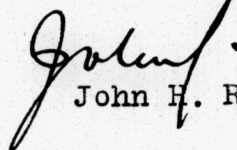
my time is taken up with administrative detail which time could be used to very much better advantage in some other things not necessarily more important, but which a good secretary could relieve me of.

If Miss De Groff leaves now, Mr. Owen will cable you early in April. However, if she does not leave, I wish you would go ahead any how and find someone, and get her out by October 1st, which would allow her to take the first four or five months in the language school, which would give her a good start on being able to get around and make her wishes known in Chinese. If she came out then, Miss De Groff could leave in February and then the new secretary could come in and take her place. If she found that she needed more Chinese at the end of that time, we could probably arrange for an hour a day for a while.

We, therefore, want you to be on the lookout for a secretary, if Mr. Owen cables you, to be sent out just as soon as she can be found. If he does not cable, we want her to come out by October 1st, to spend until February 1st in the language school and then take up her work.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,



John H. Reisner.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 24, 1926.

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TRANSFER

Write
Dr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Eric:

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Thank you very much for your letter of March 11th, telling us that the California Spray-Chemical Company had returned your check for \$42.17. We had a letter from them stating that they had returned the check to you and indicated that they would like that amount applied to an agricultural scholarship.

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We are sending under separate cover 20 copies of our last U.S.A. tree seed list for you to use as you may have occasion. There probably will be a number of requests for these catalogs come to you from people in the U.S.

Write
We are also sending under separate cover 25 copies of the Eleventh Annual Report of the College of Agriculture and Forestry, which I am sure you will read with a great deal of interest. We are also sending 25 copies each of "Revaluating the Rural Church" and "Rediscovering the Rural Folk". The latter article is an account of the Conference of Christian Rural Leaders held last February. "Revaluating the Rural Church" is a reprint from the Chinese Recorder and contains most of my philosophy of religion of agriculture and the responsibilities of the church to provide training and service for its leaders and for the rural people that will be more closely related to every day rural life. It seems to me that one of the big tasks which we have before us is to bring about recognition of rural services on a par with medical and other educational work. When this is done it will open up the great field of more specialized training for rural workers and open the door for preachers and teachers to enter the field of service projects involving the improvement of agriculture and particularly rural life.

We are also sending you a few reprints of the report of the Department of Sericulture for the last year. Copies of these have been sent to a special list of members of the Silk Association of America which has been provided for us by Mr. Ramsey Peugnet, the secretary with whom you have been in correspondence. I am also sending you ten copies each of Circulars 8 and 9, which will indicate some of the more practical applications of our work, but which will probably not be so usable from your point of view.

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reisner
John H. Reisner.

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Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. regarding the matter of the Nanking University of Agriculture and Forestry.

I am sorry to hear that you have been unable to visit the University. I hope that you will be able to do so in the future.

I am sure that you will find the University of Agriculture and Forestry a most interesting and profitable place to visit.

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Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reiser, Jr.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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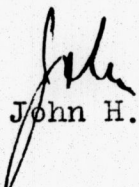
Dr. Eric M. North,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Eric:

Miss Priest in a recent letter said that you were not very happy about not receiving more printed material from the University of Nanking. We send you regularly all our publications, and I do not understand why you do not have them. Perhaps you are so busy with first-class mail that you have no time to check up on the second-class mail! At any rate, we have had pleasure in sending under separate cover some of our more recent publications, including from ten to forty numbers of each. We trust that you will not only read these carefully, but will memorize the larger portion of them. Of course, we shall be glad to have you distribute all but one of each publication sent to you and if you need more, a post script or a formal request or a postal card will result in the desired publications going forward immediately.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Yours very sincerely,


John H. Reisner.

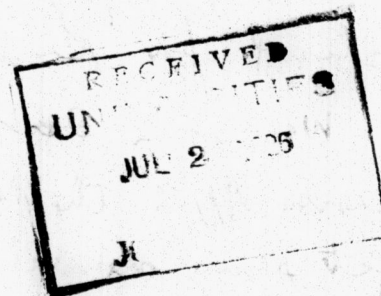
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Everything going fine - I looking forward to a big summer school for Rural workers

We are in desperate need of the secretary - need to much more office the building. I hope someone is in sight - I do get some one who is physical strong for the work is not light.

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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
NANKING, CHINA

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

June 26, 1926.

Dean John H. Reisner,
College of Agriculture and Forestry,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

My dear John:

I enclose the confirmation of a cablegram which I have sent to you at the request of Mr. Conyers B. Fleu, Jr., 6628 Ross Street, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa. In accordance with instructions from him, we shall collect the charges for this cablegram from him. His specifications in his purchase order are as follows: "Fifty pounds Ulmus Pumila Chinese Elm Seeds of 1926 Crop".

In respect to the invoices rendered to him, Mr. Fleu makes the following notes:

Regarding your order #554, invoice of January 18, 1926, he writes that what was billed as *Circis Chinensis* proved to be *Celtis Occidentalis*, though on the invoice itself he has noted that this proved to be *Celtis Chinensis*. This, he states, he could not use and still has on hand. For this he allowed 75¢ per pound, and says he can send a sample to us or return the entire item, as we desire. This reduces this invoice by \$3.75.

On order #554, invoice of February 23, 1926, he notes that the *Diospyros Lotus* was four pounds and fourteen ounces, instead of five pounds. Evidently this is a particular gentleman!

On your order #553-54, invoice of January 28, 1926, Mr. Fleu reports that the five pounds of *Pinus Bungeana* were not received at all. He also calls attention to the fact that the *Thuya Orientalis* should have had a discount of 10% on this invoice as it did on the invoice of January 18, 1926. He therefore has deducted \$10.00 for the *Pinus Bungeana* and \$1.20 for the *Thuya Orientalis* from this invoice. The total amount, therefore, which you will find entered on our statement to Mr. Owen as paid on this account is \$129.05.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
University of Nanking.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
NANKING, CHINA

July 29, 1926.

TRANSFER

Dear Eric:

not yet paid
We took out an Advertisemen in the NATIONAL Nurseryman, Hatboro, Pa., and said in the ad. that copies of our Seed List could be obtained from our New York Office. I hope you want mind. Seed Lists in their proper envelopes, all ready to be addressed and sent out to the number of 50 were sent to you yesterday. I imagine this number will cover the requests that come in to you. PLEASE send to me direct all such requests after they have been filled, formour files and mailing list for future catalogs. You will have no use for them, I am sure and I hope it will not be too much trouble to put these letters in an envelope, let them accumulate a bit, and then send them along. Perhaps Miss Priest would be willing to look after the detail for the sake of old lang sine and some profits to our Agr. Gradients account.

I hope you got the second thousand, ^{In Bailie Hall} or at least half that amount from our mutual friend and benefactor, Mr. Stitt. In Lewis' Owens last statement to you which he showed me, I think he indicated that we needed about 200 plus gold more to clear the account. So far so good but there are still some things which we need in the permanent furnish ings of the building which we should have and are properly chargeable against Building Ac. When small told us where we were heading for, we immediately stopped work, but which left a number of unfinished items. An extra three to five hundred gold can be used to excellent advantage and of course you realize it can be more easily included in present Bailie Hall than to be included as an extra extra. So here's hoping that you get a few hundred more than Owen asked for.

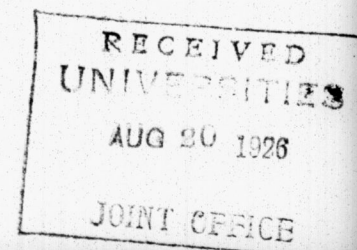
Sorry not to be hearing more enthusiastic news about a secretary. For we certainly do need her. This is my sixteenth letter today, and while I do not do this many regularly during the Summer, I have been swamped absolutely ever since Miss Gless left on her vacation. With the schedule for the fall developingas it is the need for the lady becomes increasingly patent.

We are having an enthusiastic Summer school, with over 200 enrolled, mostly teachers and preachers.

We are most mighty glad to hear that Miss Priest is "practically" decided to come back to us to "anking. Its fine that she can be with you for a while in the office in New York, but dont let her forget that she is on furlough!

sincerely yours,

John H. Reisner
John H. Reisner.



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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
NANKING, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

August 11, 1926.

TRANSFER

Dr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
China Union Universities,
New York City.

Dear Eric:

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Enclosed please find a few seed bills for which we hope checks will be promptly sent to you. I have just written a letter to Mr. Conyer B. Fleu of Philadelphia, saying to him that I do not think very much of his method of making claims six months after the shortage has been discovered. The seed left Nanking all right without any question and probably could have been located - at least, we could have gotten after our agents at Seattle. As it is, we are out \$10 gold. I told Fleu that if he allowed his customers to make claims six months after the seeds were received that we would be glad to accept his claim, but that if he insisted on claims being made within a reasonable time after discovery of the loss or shortage, then we felt that we had a perfect right to make the same demands of him. I do not care very much whether we keep his business or not. Last year it was only about two per cent of our total business and with the lot of small items that we have to bother with, it is questionable whether the account is worth the trouble and worry it makes. However, we are after volume of business and so every little bit counts and we will keep him going as long as possible.

(see copy of 2/16) ✓
We will be glad to hear further from you concerning the secretary and I have noted particularly your words of caution in connection with her.

It's hot as blazes! 94 in our house last night and it the coolest house in Nanking at that. Fortunately summer school closed last week and Miss Gless came back a week early from her vacation, which has very greatly heartened me to continue living and finish up the 100 odds and ends that seem to have been able to reach the end of the year without being confined to the waste basket or the final resting place of New Year's resolutions.

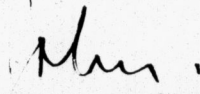
We have just had a rather serious time with our two older children, who came down very suddenly and unexpectedly with a very violent attack which turned out to be bacillary dysentery. They have been in the hospital nine days, but we hope to bring them back tomorrow.

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We are hoping to get to Taishan for two weeks rest before the opening of school.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,


John H. Reisner.

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From A. L. Hannabach's Office

EXTRACT

Nanking, China, November 2, 1926.

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omit [I am distressed by the pessimistic note sounded in the second paragraph of your letter over present conditions in China, and as it relates to the sending to China of a Rural Church expert.] I cannot see any adequate reason for being discouraged about China, or about the work of Christian missions in China at the present time. Newspapers are evidently succeeding in painting a nasty, sordid, bloody picture of present day China. While it is true that there has been considerable fighting in certain parts of China this last summer, and early fall, all other parts of China have been very peaceful and the farmers generally throughout the whole of China have harvested one of the best crops they have had in a number of years. In China itself I do not find, except here and there, any note of pessimism and most people who have any touch with the situation at all are decidedly optimistic. One factor that too many people loose sight of is the rank and file of Chinese -- the farmers, the artisans, the merchants and the literary class. There may be a number of years more of fighting (probably there will be) but in spite of the wars of the past seven or eight years China's trade has increased; nationalistic consciousness has been developed; public opinion on state matters is being crystallized; and not in the past ten years have the more thoughtful elements in Chinese population been more hopeful over the happy outcome of the present political difficulties. I just wonder who is responsible for all the devilish news items that are served up to the American public. I venture to say that a lot of these wild reports are served up by interests who are anxious to make China appear as bad as they possibly can in the eyes of the world so that they can strengthen the position of their own selfish interests. On the other hand there is no denying the fact that certain parts of China are very upset, and it is equally true that there are other provinces in China who are enjoying as great peace and protection as they have enjoyed for many, many years.

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(signed) John H. Reisner.

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NANKING, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

November 11, 1926.

Dr. Eric North,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.
U.S.A.

TRANSFER

My dear Eric:

Professor C.H. Myers, who has represented the Department of Plant Breeding at Cornell University this past year in connection with the Nanking-Cornell-International Educational Board Co-operative Plant Breeding project, returns to America on the S/S "President Cleveland", arriving about November 22nd.

President Bowen has written letters to Dean A.R. Mann, New York State College of Agriculture, Ithaca, N.Y., and to Mr. Wyckliffe Rose, President, International Education Board, 61 Broadway, New York City, and I have written to the above two gentlemen and also to Professor Emerson, Head of the Department of Plant Breeding at Cornell, and to President Livingston Farrand, Ithaca, N.Y., concerning the services rendered by Professor Myers. Both of us have also written letters of appreciation to Dr. Myers.

I would like to suggest that, on behalf of the Board of Directors, you send to Professor C.H. Myers, Ithaca, N.Y., direct, a letter of appreciation of his services, a similar letter to Dean A.R. Mann and another letter to President Rose of the I.E.B.

Professor Myers entered most sympathetically and energetically into the work involved in the co-operative plant improvement project, very greatly strengthened the undertaking through his own direct contributions and also through the very excellent training, particularly in field methods, which he gave to the men who are associated in the plant breeding work, both here, at the College and in our co-operating stations. In addition, his presence here made possible a one month's Summer Institute of Plant Improvement in which there were 39 enrolled; 23 for the full work and 16 as visitors, most of whom were teachers or advanced students from the South Eastern University, as well as a number of advanced students from our own College. The 23 regular members represented the best plant breeding work that is being undertaken in China today and much good was accomplished by the intensive course that was offered to them. I should like to point out that Cornell is already exerting a dominant influence in Plant Breeding Projects being carried on in China under all auspices. Professor Myers also spent a week at Tsinghua College, with whom we are regularly co-operating.

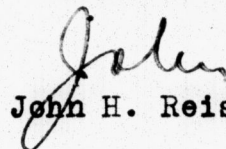
If you will do the necessary, we shall be under many obligations to you. We certainly were fortunate to get tied up with an organization like the Plant Breeding Department at Cornell. You probably do not know that it is one of the best, if not the best,

Dr. Eric North, New York City. Page 2.

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Departments of its kind in the world, and both the men who have
been here have been superior in every way.

Yours very sincerely,


John H. Reisner.

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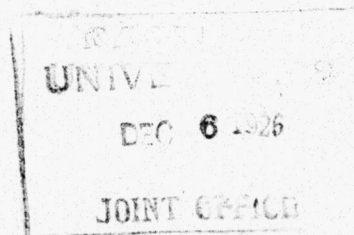
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Mr. White House, New York City.

Dear Sir: I am writing you to advise you that I have been here for some time and have been very busy.

Yours truly,

John D. White



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University of Nanking

December 3, 1926

Dean John H. Reisner,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

My dear John:

Your letter of May 11th to Dr. Speer with reference to Dr. Duggan's opinion on education in China Dr. Speer passed on to me just before he sailed in July. I have stood tight on the matter until I could meet Dr. Duggan and size him up. After going over the matter I have come to the conclusion that Dr. Speer was right, that we will not get ahead very far by criticizing Dr. Duggan directly to him or in some other way, and that meanwhile there are conferences going on that are in process, I think, of educating him to the fact that there are a number of colleges in China and that the problem of coordinated Christian education is not so simple as rolling a ball down a bowling alley and knocking down all the pins but one.

With cordial regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

Secretary
University of Nanking

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