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University of Nanking

April 2, 1930

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Mr. John H. Reisner,
Coachella, Cal.

My dear Reisner:

Yesterday and today Mr. A. L. Carson has been here in the city and I have had an opportunity for several long talks with him relative to the work at Nanking and at Cheeloo. Carson has also done some good work in talking with others here in New York concerning some of the questions now pending in these two institutions.

Possible support for Middleton. Yesterday afternoon Carson had a talk with Dr. Howard of the Baptist Board, and during the conversation strongly urged that the Baptist Board make every effort to send Middleton to Nanking this year. He tells me that Dr. Howard stated to him, in very much the same way as he did to me a fortnight ago, that since the budget for the new year has already been drawn up it would be difficult to find funds sufficient to get Middleton and his family to the field and to carry their support during the coming year. He stated that the Baptist Board would probably be willing to allocate the \$1,300 they are sending to Nanking in lieu of a staff member toward the support of Middleton. Carson also gained the impression that the Baptist Board would probably be willing to assume Middleton's support as one of the Baptist quota at Nanking as soon as they can make the necessary adjustments in their finances, which would probably be at the beginning of their next fiscal year in 1931.

Do you think there would be any possibility of the University carrying during the coming year the expense, over and above the \$1,300 supplied by the Baptist Board, necessary to get Middleton and his family to the field and pay their salary, with the understanding that the Baptist Board would assume their support after the beginning of their fiscal year in 1931? Probably the Baptist Board would consent to accept Middleton as a member of their quota on some such conditions as these if the University were willing to make them. I expect to continue urging the Baptist Board to try to find funds to take on Middleton's support immediately; but we might keep some such proposition as this in the background for use if the Baptist Board states that it is impossible for them to find additional funds needed for Middleton this year. Have you any other suggestion as to how we might keep from losing Middleton if the Baptists are unable to undertake his support immediately.

Mr. R. H. Tisinger. Carson has been very enthusiastic in his recommendations of Mr. Tisinger, and has reiterated his hope that Tisinger

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can be secured either for Nanking or for Cheeloo. He feels that the prospects for getting him out to Nanking are considerably brighter due to the closer relationship between Nanking and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Carson tells me that during the present year Tisinger has been doing a great deal of work in statistics at Cornell, and has expressed the belief that he should be able to do the statistical work for Mr. Buck which Dr. Condliffe proposed that Mr. Vial might undertake. Carson talked with Dr. Condliffe about this possibility yesterday afternoon. Dr. Condliffe expressed his interest and stated that a little later this week he expected to see Dr. Pierson of Cornell under whom Tisinger has been working this year, and would take up with him the question of whether Tisinger would be qualified for this statistical work. I am at this time writing an informal letter to Dr. Bartholomew of the Reformed Board, broaching the subject of Tisinger's possible appointment, in order to secure his general reaction to the proposal. I am anxious, however, to have your own judgment in the matter before we proceed very far.

Agricultural program for China. Two or three weeks ago Dr. Warnshuis suggested to me that if we could lay before the Agricultural Missions Foundation some well thought out and concrete proposals showing what help that Foundation could give to some phase of our agricultural work in China during the next few years, it would be of great value in getting the Agricultural Missions Foundation actually started, and would, at the same time, be of great assistance to the agricultural work we should be doing in China. Dr. Warnshuis' original suggestion was that we lay before the Agricultural Missions Foundation a program of help requested from them for Shantung Christian University. I passed Dr. Warnshuis' suggestion along to Carson, and after he had thought the matter over for a while and had discussed it with various people at Cornell he made the suggestion that, in stead of preparing a program for only one of our institutions in China, we should give the Agricultural Missions Foundation a program showing the whole scope of agricultural education among our China colleges, and showing how the work at Nanking, Shantung, Yenching, Lingnan, and possibly other centers, would fit into such a united program. If such a comprehensive program were found too large for the Agricultural Missions Foundation to undertake immediately they could probably choose more intelligently any specific projects they felt that they could best support if they had a general understanding of the entire program. Also, acquainting the Foundation with the entire program at this time should be of future value to the work.

I heartily agreed with Carson as to the desirability of having a comprehensive program for our agricultural education in China which we could lay before the Agricultural Missions Foundation; but am not certain as yet whether we can formulate such a program without so long a delay as to risk losing the interest of the Foundation. I certainly wish we had you here in the East for a while so that we could consult with you on this proposal. Cressy arrives in New York this week, and I presume that he can give us valuable information as to the attitude of the field on the various proposals for agricultural work among the China colleges. If you, Cressy and Dr. Love could get together for a while I believe you could formulate a program that would be in accordance with the recommendations of the field, would be in line with

educational principles, and would be concrete enough to secure the interest and support of the Agricultural Missions Foundation. Since there does not seem to be any immediately likelihood of you three getting together, possibly we can make reasonably satisfactory progress by correspondence. As soon as Cressy arrives here in the city I will see what information he can give us, and will then probably try to get him and Dr.Love together to see what they can work out. If they accomplish anything concrete we will pass it along to you for your criticism.

Do you think that any such program of agricultural education can properly be worked out here in the West, or should we leave it to the field either to take the initiative in working out such a program or to pass judgment on any suggested program formulated here in the West?

I am today trying to arrange meetings between representatives of the Board of Founders and Dr.Ely and his associates on the Institute for Research in Land Economics and Public Utilities; and also between representatives of the Nanking Founders and Dr.Love, Dr.Condliffe and Mr.Carter. Unfortunately Dr.Speer has only two available dates during April so our range of choice is very limited. Here again I wish we could have you here in the East for a while for we need you greatly at both these proposed conferences.

With all good wishes, I am

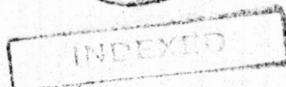
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University of Nanking

April 2, 1950

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Mr. J. H. Reisner,
Coachella, Cal.

My dear Reisner:

Just after Miss Harter and I had finished a three page letter to you I received your good letter of March 25. I am accordingly writing this supplement to my earlier letter today.

Secretarial candidate. I quite agree with your judgment concerning Miss Ely. I feel that while she might possibly turn out to be a very excellent secretary, the result is too much a matter of speculation to justify the experiment.

A few days ago we received some correspondence from Miss Elsie L. Bantly, Azusa, California. Miss Bantly is primarily interested in a secretarial position at Yenching but since there is no opening there at the present time she may quite possibly be interested in your secretarial vacancy at Nanking. I am enclosing herewith all of the original correspondence from Miss Bantly, together with a copy of the letter I am writing her today. You will note that I am suggesting to Miss Bantly that if she is interested in the Nanking opening she get in touch with you direct. If, after you have gone through this correspondence from her, you think she may be the young woman you are looking for, you may possibly wish to take the initiative in corresponding with her.

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Since I am sending you the originals of this correspondence I would appreciate it if you would return the material to us after you have finished with it so that we can keep this information in our files. If Miss Bantly is interested in the opening at Nanking we will need this material in following up her case; and if she is not interested in Nanking I would like to keep this correspondence on hand for our future reference.

Let me know the results of any correspondence you may have with Miss Bantly so we will have these facts in hand both in connection with the present opening at Nanking and in connection with any other opening for which she might be considered later.

Mr. Middleton and Mr. Vial. My earlier letter today has discussed the cases of both these gentlemen and also the question of Mr. Tisinger in connection with the need for a statistical expert. I believe there is nothing more that we need to add at this time. In case it develops that Mr. Tisinger is not available or is not qualified for the statistical work

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at Hanking it would undoubtedly be worth our while to see whether Mr.Leavens could be secured.

Your return to China. I am very much gratified indeed to have your comments on what I wrote on March 21 concerning your return to China. When Carson was in our office yesterday and again today we spent most of our time together discussing such matters in connection with your return as I mentioned in my letter of March 21. I will go ahead as rapidly as I can with the steps I referred to on page four of my March 21st letter.

I am returning herewith the carbon copy of your letters to Dr.Condliffe and Mr.Buck.

I hope you had a pleasant and profitable conference with Dr.Wiggans when you saw him on the West Coast. We also most earnestly hope that the improvement in your health is continuing.

Very cordially yours,

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

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College of Agriculture and Forestry

Coachella, Calif.
April 5, 1930.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.



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My dear Garside:

Your letter of March 31 came yesterday and I am replying by AIR MAIL at once. I do not altogether understand Condiliffe's attitude in regard to Vial's support. I should not so far as I can see, assume that the University has the least responsibility in finding support either in part or the whole for Mr. Vial. If they have only money enough to cover half of Mr. Vial's expenses, I would suggest they go out and find another man who would not cost so much to send out for the two or three years. You are right, of course, in discussing the matter as proposed with Condiliffe with members of the Nanking Founders, but I hope as you anticipate, they will not fall in with Condiliffe's suggestions. I have just written a letter to Condiliffe asking him to send me a brief report as to the progress which he has made in a number of his plans as he outlined them here to me at the time of his visit in January. He then hoped with the backing of the research committee he would be able to secure sufficient funds for the project to make Vial's appointment possible as well as to carry forward the work at Nanking. Perhaps if and after I have heard from him I may be able to make some further suggestions, but I have nothing more now than contained in a recent letter to you.

Thank you for all the material regarding cooperation with Dr. Ely's institute. I hope we are not moving too rapidly. I should hate to be responsible for spending a half million dollars on land research in China in the next five years. Our big need in this whole field right now is to know what the problems are that require investigation and research. Land research is entirely too general as you will easily perceive. I wish that we might be able to get a good man first of all as the beginning of the proposed cooperation to go to China, spend six months or a year there, and develop a research program on the basis of which definite projects could be laid out and provision made for personnel and finances which would of necessity chiefly come from America. One of the results which we hope will come out of the present land utilization project now being carried forward by Mr. Buch is a very much better understanding of just what the problems are in China in relation chiefly to land and population and food supplies ~~for~~ and I have no doubt that when the present study is completed we will be very much more intelligent about the whole general situation.

Just how the above idea can be gotten across to Dr. Ely I do not know, though I wish very much you would explain the situation to him as I see it at the present time. Furthermore, it seems to me to be vitally necessary to refer this whole matter even at this stage of the game to Nanking, *etc.* to Mr. Buch and get his reaction to the thing with such constructive suggestions as he is able to make. There would be a distinct advantage in refer-

In care. Buch via Dr. Chen.

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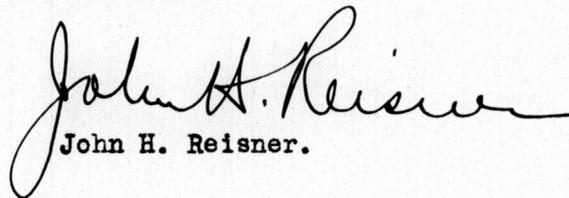
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ing the matter to him immediately because of the presence of Dr. Shaw, a lam utilization expert, one of the best we have here in the U.S., who after his experience of this Spring in Nanking and after his travels in China should be able to make a very valuable suggestions and recommendations as to fruitful lines of research and investigation.

My suggestion therefore, is that you refer this whole matter to Mr. Buck either directly or through President Chen, asking for definite suggestions and recommendations from them. In the meantime, possibly Dr. Ely could be a little more specific with regards to definite lines of research which he has in mind. The one project which you could put up to him to be financed and carried out immediately would be the one I suggested above, namely, of securing the services of someone who could go to China and study the situation ~~and~~ from six months to a year and work out a research program that might cover a period of years.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,


John H. Reisner.

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University of Nanking

April 8, 1930

Mr. John H. Reisner
Coachella, Cal.

My dear Reisner:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your note of April 2 which you attached to the letter Mr. Tisinger wrote you on March 26.

As I wrote you some days ago, while Carson was in New York City I talked over with him the case of Tisinger. As a matter of fact, Mr. Carson showed me a preliminary draft of the letter Mr. Tisinger wrote to you.

I have already written you at some length concerning Tisinger but it may be in order to comment a little further on the three major problems involving-

(a) The date when Mr. Tisinger could go to China. You are quite correct in your notation to the effect that it appears that Mr. Tisinger would probably not be able to reach China earlier than the fall of 1933. As a matter of fact, however, I understand that if Tisinger found some attractive opportunity of service in China, and were able to clear off the indebtedness he owes, he would be ready to sail for China this summer. That would probably mean that he would have to delay the completion of his Ph.D. until sometime in the future. I believe Mr. Carson had some thought that Mr. Tisinger might be able to go out to China in the summer of 1930 and still complete his dissertation while on the field. Presumably this would mean that on the acceptance of his dissertation the degree of Ph.D. would be confirmed in absentia. I am not familiar enough with the requirements at Cornell to know whether this would be possible. Such a procedure would not be possible at Columbia or at several other universities with which I am acquainted.

(b) Tisinger's indebtedness. This indebtedness is, of course, a serious obstacle to Tisinger's early return. Mr. Carson hoped that if the Institute of Pacific Relations found Mr. Tisinger qualified for the statistical work at the University, they might be willing to make a special grant to clear off this indebtedness, with the understanding that Tisinger would thus be free to return to China under the Reformed Board. Carson also hoped that if Tisinger went back to the field this summer the Reformed Board might be willing to assume at least a part of his indebtedness, since Tisinger has not received all the furlough salary and allowance to which he is entitled.

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(c) Tisinger's qualifications for work at Hanking. Possibly the suggestion that Tisinger might undertake the statistical work which seems to be so urgently needed at the University may materially affect the questions whether Tisinger's qualifications are such as to enable him to undertake a worth while piece of work at the University. I will reserve judgment until I have your comments on this point.

I am returning herewith the original of Tisinger's letter. We are having a copy of this letter made for our files in case we may need this information at some later date.

Very cordially yours,

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See "R.M. Tisinger" 3/26/50 B A GARSIDE

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

College of Agriculture and Forestry

Coachella, Calif.
April 9, 1930.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.



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Dear Mr. Garside:

This letter deals entirely with your statement on the ruralized program for Cheeloo which you sent to me for such changes or additions as I thought might be helpful. I am taking you at your word. First let me say the statement is a very good one and one that needs to be made. My only general criticism of it is that a little more emphasis on the ruralization of Cheeloo seems to me to be very necessary if Cheeloo is going to do what the words used in the correlated program as prepared by the council on higher education seem to me to mean. I am numbering the suggestions for sake of clarity.

1. Instead of the first three paragraphs on page one, I would suggest the following--"The council on christain higher education in China has assigned to Cheeloo as their special contribution to the whole of the program of christain education in China" the building up of strong christain rural communities". The program as stated by the council of higher education was very brief as follows---quote the paragraph dealing with Shantung University as found on page 22 of the printed copy of "Correlated Program for Higher Christain Education in China, 1928".

Should be in caps, heavy type & underscored in quotation.

2. Delete the fourth paragraph on page one.

3. Referring to page two first paragraph, is this information essential to a state such as you have in mind and which you entitle "THE RURALIZED" Program for Cheeloo.

4. Delete last paragraph on page two.

5. On page four last paragraph seventh line, I am not sure that the three methods suggested should come in at this time. I think that the matter needs a little more consideration from the other end and with the consideration of ~~the~~ fourth method, namely, the conclusion on the Cheeloo staff of a few men together with some basic courses in general agriculture that would include some soils, farm crops, horticulture, control of insect diseases etc. etc. As I see it is going to be impossible to ruralize Cheeloo's program without putting in a good bit of real down right agricultural instruction into it, to which I have no objection whatever. There is no idea of competition or duplication involved. Our object now is to do what is necessary to make effective these new duties and responsibilities which have been assigned to Cheeloo.

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6. Would delete first paragraph under the School of Medicine on page six.

7. Under the School of Theology, page seven, instead of the first sentence I would suggest: "The School of Theology has made a beginning in applying itself to some of the specialized problems of the rural church and has already made some progress in the direction of ruralizing its curriculum and its objectives."

8. If this whole statement is to be mimeographed or printed might I refer to the January 1929 number of Cheeloo Sketches on page seven of which is a very fine statement by Mr. Lobenstine. This might be used as introductory material to the specific recommendations regarding the individual ~~parts~~ ^{departments} of the University.

9. It seems to me that Cheeloo must add to what it now has ^{an} experiment and demonstration station that could work on the improvement of crops, make demonstrations as to the use of fertilizer, develop control methods of insect and diseases etc. etc. And secondly, there must be added also a department of extension which will be able to develop extension projects so as to give some realization in fact to the contributions which Cheeloo has in mind to make to the rural and town populations. The ruralized program at Cheeloo is never going to be very successful or contribute very much to the solution of problems of ruralization in Shantung unless it provides some of the actual means of improving agricultural and rural life. I ~~therefore~~ particularly refer to those that are not of the literature or text book order. What Cheeloo will have to do ~~for~~ its students, for the schools which come under its influences, for the churches to which it is addressing itself is to develop some real practical everyday helps that can be used as christain services among the rural people of China. So in a word, I think you should add to the statement in the way of new work, an experiment and demonstration station, and a well developed extension division. These two organizations would of course, serve not only the College of Arts and Science, but the School of Theology, as well as provide extension projects, extension courses and extension materials for wide use and application ^{in local communities.}

If I can be of any further service to you please let me know.

Yours very sincerely,


John H. Reisner.

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Would delete first paragraph under the School of Theology on page

Under the School of Theology, page seven, instead of the first sentence I would suggest: "The School of Theology has made a beginning in applying itself to some of the neglected problems of the rural church and has already made progress in the direction of eliminating the criticism and the objection."

If this whole statement is to be misquoted or printed might I refer to the January 1929 number of Church Extension on page seven of which is a very fine statement by Mr. Tolson. This might be used as information or material to the credit of the individual ~~author~~ of the University.

Secretary

It seems to me that Church Extension will aid in the work of experiment and demonstration which is the basis of the improvement of rural churches. It is the use of Church Extension which will also develop of interest to the rural church. And secondly, there must be a department of extension which will be able to develop extension projects so as to give some realization in fact to the contributions which Church Extension has in mind to make to the rural and town populations. The rural program of Church Extension is never going to be very successful or contribute very much to the solution of problems of ruralization in Church Extension unless it provides some of the actual means of lowering ruralization and rural life. I therefore particularly refer to those that are not of the literature or text book order. What Church Extension will have to do for its students, for the schools which come under its influence, for the churches to which it is addressing itself is to develop some real practical everyday help that can be used as Church Extension goes among the rural people of this country. In a word, I think you should add to the statement in the way of new work, experiment and demonstration a well developed extension division. These two organizations would of course, serve not only the College of Arts and Science, but the School of Theology, as well as provide extension projects, extension courses and extension material for wide use and application in local churches.

If I can be of any further service to you please let me know.

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The University of Nanking,
College of Agriculture and Forestry

Coachella, California,

April 8, 1930.

Miss Elsie L. Bantley,
Azusa, Calif.

My dear Miss Bantly,

Mr. Garside, of our New York Office, has forwarded to me your correspondence with him as well as his reply to you, in all of which I am very much interested. I am looking for a secretary for myself, as Codean of the College of Agriculture and Forestry, and who serves also in a general way as english secretary of the College, as well. A copy of a recent report of the College of Agriculture and Forestry being sent to you under separate cover will give you a little idea of what it is all about.

I am taking the family into Pasadena this coming Saturday, if present plans carry, and will try to stop in to see you for a few minutes, at the bank most likely, if I may, depending on what time we shall be passing and to make arrangements for a longer interview. We shall be staying at The House of Rest, 170 S. Marengo Ave, Pasadena and I hope it may be possible for you to spend an evening with us when we can be uninterrupted and have plenty of time to explore the possibilities of an appointment to Nanking.

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reiser
John H. Reiser.

April 9 -
Letter in from Miss Bantley this a.m. - seems
very much interested on basis of your letter to her.
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The University of Maryland
College of Agriculture and Forestry

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April 8, 1930.

Miss Elsie L. Bantley,
Arden, Calif.

My dear Miss Bantley,

Mr. Garbide, of our New York Office, has forwarded to me your correspondence with him as well as his reply to you, in all of which I am very much interested. I am looking for a secretary for myself, as a general secretary of the College of Agriculture and Forestry, and who serves also in a general way as an English secretary of the College, as well as a copy of a recent report of the College of Agriculture and Forestry being sent to you under separate cover will give you a little idea of what it is all about.

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Yours very sincerely,

John H. Rejzner.

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My dear Reisner,

Your letter of February 1st. came two or three weeks ago; the intervening time has not been one of delay but of hastening some thinking and enquiry we were already beginning.

We were probably too impatient and in haste last August - September, but things were also rather puzzling from the Nanking end. Their reply was to a cable of ours which had merely said an offer was coming by letter, to which letter we asked reply after consideration. That made us wonder how carefully it was being considered whether there was really a job for us, especially as the cabled reply did not say they were writing to us. As a mere matter of fact we never received such a letter: what we did receive distinctly later was an informal, private letter from Mrs. Bowen who was naturally then very depressed, and did not suggest that there was anything very useful or stable to do. At the same time the need of educational service in Madras was presented very urgently and so we made a very rapid decision.

Since then two or three things have happened to change the situation.

1. News came to us, which should have reached us much earlier, that our old Chinese colleagues and Church leaders, etc., in Wuhan had expressed great desire for our return there on personal grounds (though there proved to be on detailed questioning from our friends no suitable work for us there at the time nor still is there that I know of.). This was a very heartening general reassurance after

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long silence.

2. We had been told that English only was quite adequate in Madras but have found Tamil both much more necessary and much more difficult than we had dreamed and that is a long, and to me weary prospect.

3. I knew the Christian educational situation here was unsatisfactory and needed change, but we were not given any idea until arrival how profoundly bad it was, how strong are the forces opposing effective change, and how very slowly everything moves here, so that (without going into detail which would weary you) for five years at least there seems little to do here which would satisfy anyone with the ideals of a Chinese missionary educationist. That I am over forty makes my position very different from that of a new missionary of twenty five who can wait.

4. Now your letter comes and seems to make a concrete proposition. (Almost by the same mail we have a request from Lingnan University)

As a basis of consideration of return to China we ought to state certain things:-

(a) We should require no salary nor allowances, but would want a house and would like the heavy furniture also in this not to be our property though, if necessary we could ourselves provide this.

(b) As to what I could teach:- My specialist subjects are Bible and Christian religious thought, History, and Geography (especially on its Humanistic side, I would not like to go into University work on mere Physical Geography). In education the two things I should be keenest on would be a general course in Education and its place in society and the shaping of the curriculum, and the practical supervision and criticism of teaching. Special educational subjects

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would be better taken by young Chinese specialists. I do feel that I know something about school organization and life and should be glad, for instance, for some association with some Middle School in a consultative or assistant capacity. I could not change cleanly to Nanking dialect and it is an assumption that my Chinese will nearly all come back, that I could get some help with Chinese from a Wuchang or Hankow speaker, and that this dialect is intelligible in Nanking.

(c) I don't want to be responsible for any discipline or authoritative administration in the new China but I don't want to shirk my share of administrative or drafting jobs such as I have been trained to do expeditiously. It makes all the difference to such jobs (1) to believe in the general cause they serve as heartily as one believes in your aims and spirit and work, (2) to keep them within the limits where they will subserve that cause and not take its place as ends in themselves. At the same time I feel that the most worthwhile service might be by friendship and cooperation and consultation with those facing concrete problems.

On the above general basis we should like a reply to certain questions.

(d) There were a very large number of foreigners in Nanking University now there are very few I believe-(you might give us approximate figures and a few names). If so many are not back, are we really wanted back and why?

(e) Why are so many not back? Is it because the Chinese do not want them or because the work gives to them no prospect of permanence and is too liable to strikes and other futilities?

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(f) What are the general conditions? Is tolerable domestic service obtainable? How far can a lady move about Nanking without risk? Are the Chinese students and staff hyper sensitive and ready to see slights and "imperialism" everywhere? etc. etc. We ask these questions merely for information: it does not raise as essential points as (d) and (e).

If the conditions (a) to (c) seem to you acceptable (please supplement and criticise freely) and you ^{feel you} can give us a tolerably satisfactory prospect on puzzling points (d) and (e) then please do so to us by as speedily as possible a mail (or mails, for some points you can answer and on some you may feel you have to consult), as the immediate issue is whether we go on putting in time and energy on Tamil. Your indicating as far as you can what I would be asked to teach might enable us to get rid of a number of books here.

(g) And at the same time there should go direct to the Secretaries Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, 24 Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2 England, a request that we be permitted to serve you without any financial obligation resting on the Society. We have no official connection now with any person or organization of our Mission in China, and on our side there is no negotiation of any kind to be done in China.

(h) A very strong letter and forcible appeal, explaining the needs to be served would be needed; remembering that they know absolutely nothing about Nanking University.

(k) Two copies of this letter should be sent to me at Madras, one for the Chairman of the district here and one for myself, and the London folk should be told you are doing this.

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(l) At the time of mailing these letters please cable me addressing "Chapman Wesleyan Madras". As indication that the points (a) to (e) can be met satisfactorily, please say "^{substantive} ~~satisfactory~~" and then give estimated date of arrival in London of your application for us that I may expedite matters by sending papers from here (both re. your appeal and as to lack of scope here) to reach London ^{as} ~~as soon as~~ ^{near} to the same time as I can.

(m) I have sought enough advice to make it seem thoroughly worth your while making this application but more advice is still to come in and it is barely possible for the situation to develop unexpectedly here or from the action of the Secretaries in London; so that I can give at the moment ^{actual} no assurance as to the final outcome.

(n) I am awfully sorry to hear of your ill health and that of your family and of the BOWENS. I hope things are now much better for all. We are both fortunately in excellent health.

I shall send this, I think by air mail to London and get a friend to repost it to you. If it seems formal or petty that is because one means business.

I shall not now try to thank you for the generous kindness of your letter: it follows much other kindness from you. It may be that you will have given a new and the right direction to our remaining missionary service and that is not a small matter to us. I do not need to tell you how much or how long we have admired the work you are identified with and what a privilege it would be if it proves the right thing for us to be associated with it.

Yours as ever

B. Burgoyne Chapman

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b. Burgoyne Chapman. Academic Record & Teaching Experience.

- at Sydney University, N.S.W. Australia.
- 1904 1st. Class Honours or Medal at Matriculation in Latin, et Greek, English, French, and History of Europe; Morehead sqq. Scholarship, '05, '06, '07; (Captain of Sydney Grammar School 1904 & Deputy Senior Prefect); Scholar of St. Andrew's College (within the University of Sydney) '05, '06, '07.
1905. 1st Class Honours in Latin and in Greek; 1st in English.
1906. 1st Class Honours in Philosophy and in History (Wood Prize).
1907. 1st Class Honours at Graduation in Philosophy and in History (Fraser Graduate Scholarship, '08, '09).
1908. M.A. Examination, 1st Class Honours, in History: Thesis 20th Century Socialism. Tutor (resident), and lecturer in Philosophy, St. Andrew's College (within the University).
1909. Reappointed as above and Sydney University Extension Lecturer (History and Political Economy).
- 1909-10 Resident Master for 4 or 5 months each at The King's School, Parramatta, N.S.W. and Wesley College, Melbourne.

1910. James King of Irrawang Travelling Scholarship from Sydney University (also Orient R.M.S. Navigation Co's. University passage award) held.
2. at Trinity College, Cambridge, 1910-12.
1911. Cambridge Secondary Teachers' Diploma; 1st Class Honours; with distinction in the Theory of Education and endorsement as a specialist in History: teaching in representative English schools.
1912. (June), Advanced Student's Degree in Theology; special subject Philosophy of Religion and Christian Ethics.
3. at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York.
- 1912-13 Fellowship in Education. 1913 M.A. in Education (Columbia) and Master's Diploma in Education, Teachers College.
- c. 1917. Took out Cambridge University M.A.
4. in China etc.
- 1913-14 Chinese Language Study.
1915-17 Assistant Master at Wesley College, Wuchang.
- 1918-26 Principal, Central China Teachers College, Wuchang.
During most of this period also General Secretary of the Central China Christian Educational Association and latterly Secretary of the China Christian Education Association General Board.
- 1927-28. On furlough in Australia and Europe with some renewed residence at Cambridge and visitation of English schools. Scut Training Course at Gillwell Park.
- 1928-29. Second Master and Head of Departments of History, Geography and Religious Education at Sidcot School, a long established Quaker Public School in Somerset.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

College of Agriculture and Forestry

Coachella, Calif.
February 1, 1930.

Mr. B. Burgoyne Chapman,
c/o Weslian Missionary Society,
24 Bishopsgate,
E.C.2 London, England.

My dear Chapman:

You will think me an awfully poor fellow for not having replied earlier to your letter of August 1, sent to Nanking first and then finally reaching me at Indio, California. Your later cable I suspect to Dr. Bowen was duly received and taken care of, but results were all a great disappointment to me. I am terribly sorry I was not in Nanking either when the cable came or when the letter arrived.

It was awfully nice to learn of your wanderings and doings. After leaving China with your roots as far down in China as I suspect they were, it was no surprise to me to find you turning your mind Eastward again. What I can't quite fully understand is why your good wife or your Missions Board ever let you go to India when there is such a big place for you in China. I am not going to try to influence you at all, but I do want to suggest the following to you. Come to the College of Agriculture and Forestry and help us in our rural education and or in geography, and in furthering the ruralization of a legitimate part of the christian program for China. We won't load you down with class work but there are courses in general education which the agricultural students all ought to have and which our Normal School students particularly ought to have. I will promise to keep you out of administration work and give you all the time you want for student contacts--in other words, I am quite sure if you should come to us, we can lead you to just about exactly what you want to do. If Mrs. Chapman has any further suggestion as to how we might make your stay and work in the college more attractive, will you not please ask her to write to me, or to convey the idea indirectly to you and I will endorse it later on. I am really quite sincere in making this proposal to you. China needs you and more even than the work of instruction, it needs the fine christian personality which both you and Mrs. Chapman enjoy to such unusual degree. You already have a fine command of Chinese, which so few of us younger missionaries have, and after all those years of yours it just seems to me to be almost a sin to have you taken away from a situation where you would become increasingly helpful.

In your cable and letter you speak of being self-supporting missionaries, and that would be splendid indeed. It seems to me the University on their part ought to provide a home for you and should you be willing to come to the College of Agriculture and Forestry, I should be glad to recommend to the University authority that either the University or the College provide the house for you.

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#2. B. Burgoyne Chapman.

I am not going to write further at this time. I have already stated as clearly as I am able how I feel about your return to China, and have tried to express how happy we would be to have you come and share our lot with us. In spite of all the changes which have taken place in China during the past three years, I am quite sure you will find the Chinese essentially the same, except that I do not know of any finer group of Chinese in all China than we have associated with us right there at the University.

On account of infected antrons, for which I had nine operations and scores and scores of treatments in New York last winter, I was unable to return to Nanking as originally planned last Fall-- instead the Doctors sent me out to Southern California to see if the climate would not do what the various operations and treatments had failed to do. The family joined me here on December 1 after the Doctors had given me a very careful check up and had recommended another six or eight months of desert air. I am glad to be able to report very great improvement, although progress seems rather slow. However, we are definitely planning to return to Nanking next August, subject, of course, to the Doctor's final approval. After separation of some months, it certainly is fine to have the family here with me and to be all together again. Mrs. Reisner was not awfully well and Jessie had also developed a nasal infection, so they are also being very much helped by being here.

Do write to me whenever you can and let know how the above proposal strikes you. I realize of course, that you have some obligations in your present position and you could not summarily leave, but I do hope that your situation is such that your return to China is still within the range of easy possibility.

Mrs. Reisner joins me in most cordial regards and every good wish to both yourself and Mrs. Chapman.

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reisner.

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P.S. My address will be the above until June 1. After that--
c/o Presbyterian Board Foreign Missions, 156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

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Copy of letter from B. Burgoyne Chapman

to John H. Reisner

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c/o W.M.S.
24 Bishopsgate,
E.C.2 London, England

August 1, 1929.

My dear Reisner:

We were pretty hard hit by the closing of our work in 1926-7 and after some months excellent holiday in Australia and Italy, had a most refreshing year at Cambridge, I as a resident M.A. in my old college (Trinity) getting into touch with English life and thought, scouting, some reading in History and Geography but chiefly in travel seeing English schools and getting up to date in things educational.

I have just finished a year (following that) as second master at the best secondary school I know in England, Sided School, a Quaker co-educational "Public School" (what you better in U.S.A. call "private school") in Somerset. Here I have also been Form-master of the Fifth form boys and Head of the departments of Religious education, Geography and History, having entirely to recast the curricula of the first two subjects and revise some of the teaching methods in the 3d. My wife has had a big job reclassifying and modernizing the library.

All this experience has been most valuable to bring me up to date and as actual teaching practice, but as we are not going to become quakers the time has come to settle down in a school of our own Methodist church (perhaps as headmaster or as house-master or chaplain) either in Australia or England, unless we are to return to the Foreign field. The future can hardly be left indefinite longer. Latest advices indicate that Theachers College is not likely to be restarted soon and both secondary and university work in Wuchang seems on a very limited and tentative basis for a while. In any case it is pretty clear that we are not wanted in that centre; it is a definite disadvantage to have held a position of responsibility.

Is there any work we could, on a self-supporting basis, do under the University of Nanking in one of its departments or schools—education, history, religious education, geography suggest themselves; we do not want to do a lot of mere English language teaching and would rather do none. We would like time free for friendship and some language study.

I write to you with the request that you will consult with Dr. Bowen and one or both of you present the enquiry to your president and the appropriate authorities. All the formalities are perfectly easy to fix up rapidly with our board if there is the suitable job; it practically lies between me and Rev. C.W.Andrews in London (address as on letterhead).

An opening in Australia, England, Manila (do you know of any missionary educational job there, preferably not administrative, for there is no language to learn) India or elsewhere may materialize any day now which may pledge the future for several years and that means cutting out China for good, I suppose. So we are anxious to hear by the first possible mail if there is anything (cable Chapman, Wesley, London, C.I.M. code) though we could not easily leave England before Christmas. You already know our long standing attitude for Chinese leadership which recent events have greatly accentuated and developed, adding much distrust of oneself as a foreigner and an individual.

Always affectionately yours,

B. Burgoyne Chapman.
9/18/29-Cable just in that he has accepted position in India & cannot come *Emp*

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University of Nanking

April 10, 1930

Mr. J. H. Reisner,
Coachella, Cal.

AIR MAIL

My dear Reisner:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your air mail letter of April 5.

I am glad to have your further comments as to the securing of a statistical expert at Nanking. When you wrote you apparently had not received our suggestions that Mr. Tisinger might fit into this need since you refer only to Mr. Vial. I shall be glad to have your comments concerning Tisinger.

I have just received a letter from Carson dated April 8. He tells us that Tisinger must decide within a very few days whether or not he wishes to accept a teaching position here in America for the coming year. From what Carson says the people at Cornell feel that Tisinger is quite well qualified to handle the statistical work for Mr. Buck. Mr. Carson asks for any further information we could give which would encourage Tisinger to keep in suspense for a few days longer his plans for next year. I am pointing out to Carson in a letter I am writing him today that the dominant factor is the attitude of Tisinger's Board. If the Reformed Board is sympathetically inclined to the proposal that Tisinger be appointed to the Nanking staff we have a good basis for encouraging him to hold his plans for next year in abeyance until some definite decision can be reached. On the other hand, if his Mission Board is hostile, or even indifferent, or lukewarm, to the proposal that Tisinger be sent to Nanking, I believe we are not justified in encouraging him to pass by any attractive offers for work in this country next year. So far as I can see, there is practically no possibility of securing Tisinger's support from any other source than the Reformed Board, unless there is a bare chance that the Institute of Pacific Relations might be able to contribute the full amount of his support. Dr. Condliffe has already told me that the Institute would be unable to contribute more than approximately one-half of Vial's support and I doubt whether they would be willing to go farther than this if Tisinger were sent out for the statistical job.

We are grateful also for your comments on the material regarding cooperation with Dr. Ely's Institute. There does not seem to be any immediate danger of our Board of Founders moving too rapidly. So far as I can see, our Nanking Founders could render very little assistance in securing a half million dollar fund for land research in China during the next five years. They might give their approval to such a proposal and assist with the presentation of an appeal to a group of interested individuals, but that is about the maximum we could expect from them. Dr. Ely's

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proposal has not been couched in very definite terms as yet so it is a little difficult to know whether he is willing to have the Institute undertake such an appeal with nothing more than a blessing and endorsement from the Nanking Founders, or whether he expects the University would cooperate actively with the Institute in a campaign to secure this fund. I pointed out to him during the luncheon we had together ten days ago that one hundred thousand dollars a year is a much bigger sum in the eyes of our China colleges than would be the case in an American institution. We are trying to steer a rather tortuous course between the danger on the one hand of having Dr. Ely feel that the University is indifferent to the proposed cooperation with his Institute, and the danger on the other hand that the University may make some commitment that would involve it in expenditures or promotional activities which it cannot afford to undertake.

I quite agree with you that we should have the judgment of the field on these matters before any very definite steps are taken. You will remember that I wrote to Mr. Buck and President Chen reporting these proposals in general at the time of the first luncheon we had with Dr. Ely. The suggestion made in your letter, that we begin by having a good man spend six months or a year in China developing a research program on the basis of whatever definite projects could be laid out and could be staffed and financed from funds coming chiefly from America, is a most excellent one. If the Institute begins cooperation on this definite basis, even though it is smaller than what we hope will be the ultimate outcome, it would be far better than starting in hastily on a grandiloquent program that could never be carried out. Possibly we can get across some such suggestion at the luncheon we are arranging for Dr. Ely and his colleagues on April 16.

Very cordially yours,

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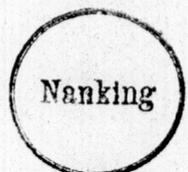
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University of Nanking

April 17, 1930

Mr. John H. Reiser,
Coachella, Cal.

AIR MAIL

My dear Mr. Reiser:

I am enclosing herewith the confirmation copy of the night letter we sent you concerning the possible appointment of Tisinger to the University of Nanking staff.

On Saturday, April 12, Mr. Tisinger was here in New York and stopped in our office for a discussion of the prospects for going to Nanking this year. Just before Mr. Tisinger came in I received a long letter from Dr. Bartholomew of his board, stating that this board is very sympathetically inclined toward Tisinger's appointment to Nanking. I am enclosing a copy of Dr. Bartholomew's letter and also of the reply I have just sent him.

dated 4/11/30

dated 4/16/30

From my conversation with Tisinger I understand that he will be willing to go out to Nanking this fall if the University wants him, and if he can clear off the indebtedness he has incurred during his extended furlough in this country. Tisinger thinks that if no help on this indebtedness could be secured from the Institute of Pacific Relations, his own Mission Board would probably be willing to clear off the indebtedness for him.

We tried to get in touch with Dr. Condliffe on Saturday, but found that he was not in the city. Condliffe arrived in the city sometime on April 15 and sailed on the Aquitania early the following morning so I did not have an opportunity to talk with him further concerning Tisinger. I did, however, send a radiogram to the Aquitania yesterday, asking Condliffe what he thought of Tisinger's qualifications for the statistical assistant Mr. Buck seems to need so urgently; and in my inquiry mentioned to Condliffe that Tisinger is quite willing to spend the rest of this term, as well as the summer term, in Cornell doing further specialized work in statistics. In sending this radiogram to Dr. Condliffe I knew that he had had some correspondence and one or two conversations with Professor Pearson under whom Tisinger has been studying statistical methods at Cornell, so he was well acquainted with the work Tisinger has done in this field. Condliffe sent a reply by radio as follows:

"Pearson considered Tisinger unsuited for this particular task; would make excellent professor own field."

That is the way the matter stands at this time. I am reporting

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all these facts to you by air mail, so you will have full information at the earliest possible date. The Western Union reported to us yesterday that the night letter we sent you was undelivered due to the fact that you are away from Coachella for a few days. Possibly, therefore, this letter will reach you at about the same time as our wire.

Obviously the decision of the University in regard to Tisinger must depend largely on the action taken by the Reformed Board at its meeting about April 24. If the action of the Reformed Board is a negative one, there is probably nothing more to be done at this time. We should, however, have our minds clearly made up as to whether we want Tisinger at Nanking next year, without waiting for the Reformed Board to take action. If it is clear that we want Tisinger at the University, the exact nature of the work he is to undertake can probably be decided a little later when we know that the Reformed Board is willing to send him out. I presume it would be wise for us either to report the matter to Nanking by cable and ask them to wire us their judgment as to the place where Tisinger can serve to the best advantage, or else to send them all these facts by mail and ask them to wire us a reply.

Please give us the benefit of your recommendations and suggestions.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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CC: A. J. Carson

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

College of Agriculture and Forestry



Coachella, Calif.
April 25, 1930;

Mr. B. A. Garside,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City

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Dear Garside:

I fear my trip to Pasadena has interfered seriously with my replying to your letters of April 2, April 8 and April 10. Your letter of April 17 arrived the day after I got back.

Re: Tisinger: Enclosed find confirmation of night letter sent to you on the 18th. I hope the matter of his appointment to Nanking and of his work there is now settled. Condliffe and I feel the same way regarding his ability to carry the statistical work and after all his preparation for rural education it seems to me it would be a foolish thing for him to sidetrack himself for two or three years for the other work.

There is really no reason for me to write at further length regarding Tisinger. I heartily approve all you have done and haven't one single suggestion to make. I do hope the Reform Board has agreed to send him to Nanking as a cooperating mission of their board and that Tisinger will be able to accept on this basis.

Re: Middleton: I am disappointed again that Middleton feels he is unable to go to China this year. I do wish we could get him tied up or down which ever way would hold him and then get the Baptist Board to agree to send him out. In this connection will you not please send a formal letter to the Baptist Board so that there can be no further reason for their not knowing the University of Nanking is extremely desirous of their filling their quota of two men on the staff of the College of Agriculture and Forestry. We want Middleton for one and should be glad to consider any other favorable candidate in almost any field of agriculture in which they can find a highly qualified man.

Agricultural program for China: So do I wish I were somewhere near to help in its formulation. I have been thinking it over and have put a few things down on paper which I may send in a little later on. You know, of course, that the College of Agriculture and Forestry is cooperating actively with nine or ten mission stations in the development of a rural or agricultural program. In the case of six of these stations we are making appropriations to their budget. One project which seems to me could very well be put up to the Agricultural Missions Foundation would be to help Nanking in the further development of its cooperative work. This would have one very great advantage of keeping the agricultural work coordinated and a second advantage would be that the effects of the foundations could be centered in work that is already going, but greatly in need of further support.

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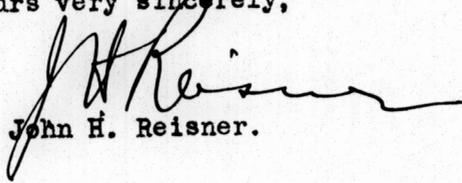
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It seems to me too that in putting up a program to the foundation we should not begin a lot of new projects--rather concentrate on some that have been going for a few years, have some experience, need help, and of which we are assured are in a position to make definite contributions along rural lines.

I have been invited to attend the meeting of the organizing committee of the Agricultural Missions Foundation called for June 28 at Lake Mohonk. Am planning to be there if the doctor will let me leave California. I have also accepted an invitation to give one of the two main papers at the Open Forum at the country life section at the Institute of Public Affairs to be held at the University of Virginia early in August. I have quite a number of things to do before I go back which I hope can be done in the latter part of June and July and the first part of August. All this of course, will depend upon what my nose doctor has to say when I see him again.

Remember me kindly to Mr. Cressey. I appreciate all he has done to coordinate higher education in agriculture and am sorry that he has not been able to bring about a greater strangulation percentage.

Yours very sincerely,


John H. Reisner.

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It seems to me that in writing up a program to the foundation we should not begin a list of new projects--rather concentrate on some that have been going for a few years, have some experience, need help, and of which we are assured are in a position to make definite contributions along rural lines.

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Remember me kindly to Mr. [Name] and Mrs. [Name]. I regret that I cannot coordinate higher education in agriculture and am sorry that he has not been able to bring about a greater strengthening of contacts.

Yours very sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]
John R. [Name]

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TRANSFER April 15, 1930.

Dr. John H. Reiser,
The University of Nanking,
College of Agriculture and Forestry,
Coachella, California.

Dear Dr. Reiser:

Your letter of April 5 has just reached me on the eve of my departure for Europe. I have been working with Mr. Carter and Mr. Garfield trying to discover some way in which Mr. Buck could get the statistical help he so urgently needs. The difficulty has been to get the University to appoint a professor who has the scientific qualifications we require. My chairman was unwilling to provide the whole cost of the additional appointment, but was willing to subsidize the cost so that a figure might be offered which would attract a first class statistician. This ran into difficulties connected with the policy of the Board.

The name of Mr. R. M. Tisinger was suggested to me and I explored that possibility. In reply to a cable, Buck said he would welcome Tisinger's help if you approved, but Professor F. A. Pearson at Cornell would not guarantee that Tisinger was ready to give the statistical assistance which is Buck's greatest need at the moment.

I am going across myself and will be at Nanking in the latter part of July. At this time I will be able to see what the exact position is and will be able to recommend Mr. Howland either by cable from Nanking or when I return to this country in September. I am very hopeful that a statistician may be sent out to help Buck some time in the fall.

You will be interested, perhaps, to know that I am going to teach at Michigan for the academic year 1930-31, retaining my position with the Institute and continuing to supervise the general conduct of the research program. The plan is for me to return full time to the work of the Institute in June, 1931.

With best wishes to Mrs. Reiser and yourself,

Sincerely,

J. B. CONDLIFFE

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AMERICAN COUNCIL
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122 West 58th St., New York

REPLY

April 15, 1930

TRANSFER

Dr. John H. Johnson,
The University of California,
College of Agriculture and Forestry,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Your letter of April 5 has just reached me on the eve of my departure for Europe. I have been working with the London office since my return from the States and I have been unable to get to the States since my return. The difficulty has been to get the University to appoint a professor who has the scientific qualifications we require. My appointment was made to give the work of the additional appointment. It was a matter of some time to get a person who would be offered a position which would be a first class position. This was into difficulties connected with the policy of the Board.

The name of Dr. J. H. Johnson was suggested to me and I explored that possibility. In reply to a cable, I said that he would be a very good person to help in your work, but Professor J. H. Johnson at Cornell would not guarantee that Johnson was ready to give the statistical assistance which is such a great part of the work.

I am going across tonight and will be at London in the latter part of the week. At this time I will be able to see what the exact position is and will be able to recommend Mr. Johnson after my talks with him. I am very hopeful that a decision may be made out to help him some time in the fall.

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With best wishes to Mrs. Johnson and yourself,
Sincerely,
J. H. Johnson

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SENT BY: John H. Reisner, Goashella, Calif. May 7, 1930.

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SENT BY John H. Reisner, Coachella, Calif. May 9, 1930. ✓

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Urgent.

Coachella, California,
May 10, 1930.

Dear Gardide:

Subject: Statement to be included in formal
letter to Wesleyan Miss. Socy re Appoint-
ment B.B.Chapman to Nanking.

I am happy to be able to enclose copies of correspondence and cables looking forward to the appointment of Mr. B. B. Chapman, formerly head of the Central China Teachers College, Wuchang, China, member of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, London, to the college of Agriculture and Forestry of The University of Nanking.

1. Approval of President Chen and Mr. Sie, Co-Dean of Coll. of A.&F. will be noted as of copy of cable in reply to my cable to them jointly. Steps toward this appointment will be noted in Mr Chapman's letter to me (1) of Aug. 29, 1929 (replied to favorably by cable from Nanking but too late and in meantime Mr. Chapman had accepted position in Madras (2) my reply to him of Feb. 1st, 1930. (3) his reply from Madras as of April 10. (4) My cable to Pres Chen and CoDean Sie as of May 7, (5) President Chens Reply by cable of May 8 (6) My cable to Mr Chapman of May 9th. Copies of all these documents are attached herewith.

2. Having carried on so far, I am now turning over the matter to you for formal action by the Trustees and to request favorable action from the Wesleyan Missionary Society London. Please note (G) of Mr. Chapman's letter of April 10th. In addition to the letter to the Society, please send two copies to Mr. Chapman at Madras as per his request.

If any questions arise in New York, or further information is desired will you not please use the Western Union services. As you will note, time "is of the essence" etc etc.

3. You likely know Mr. Chapman, personally. Dr. Speer and Mr Scott, I am sure know him. The methodist members of our Board will at least all know Mrs. Chapman, who was Miss Elizabeth Goucher, daughter of Dr. Goucher of Goucher College, Baltimore, and a member of the Methodist Foreign Board. There are no finer missionaries anywhere. Chapman was (and is) one of the finest missionary educationalists in China, and had the only honest-to-goodness normal school in China. His interest was tending increasingly to the rural field and problems of rural education. In order to be concrete and as per his own suggestions, our cables have had to do with his teaching education and geography--two much needed subjects in the college of agriculture and Forestry. So many of our graduates go into teaching, without any knowledge of technical education--quite like a good many missionaries in this regard. But as I am writing to him, we shall be glad to hold open the question of specific teaching and extension duties to be decided during the year after he has been able to study the situation, has made the acquaintance of ~~our~~ his new colleagues and everyone concerned has had a chance to make his ideas known. It isn't a question of one or two subjects. We want him to do what seems to be the greatest good and with his fine training and practical experience I am sure we can offer him unlimited scope and with the hearty cooperation of all concerned. We can promise him a minimum of administration.

4. It should be also noted with appreciation and gratitude that Mr. Chapman is a self supporting Missionary and that The University has agreed to furnish house. I am taking up directly with the field the question of grant for heavy furniture..

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Yours sincerely,

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University of Nanking

May 15, 1930

Mr. John H. Reisner,
Coachella, Cal.

AIR MAIL

My dear Mr. Reisner:

Let me acknowledge receipt of the following letters of April 25, May 7, May 9, and May 10.

The most important of the above letters is the one you wrote on May 10 relative to the appointment of Mr. Chapman. I was able to obtain a meeting of the Committee on Instruction at luncheon yesterday. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the minutes of that meeting. You will notice that the Committee very warmly approves the invitation to Mr. Chapman to join the staff of the College of Agriculture and Forestry. I am today sending letters to the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society and to Mr. Chapman, copies of which I am enclosing herewith. I am also sending a deferred rate cablegram to Mr. Chapman so as to further reassure him of the fact that the University is anxious to secure his appointment and is taking the necessary formal steps to that end as rapidly as possible.

You will note that the action of the Committee in regard to Miss Bantley was a tentative one. The end-of-April rush of meetings delayed for a few days my correspondence with Miss Bantley, but I am hoping that we may soon have full information from her and can secure formal approval of her appointment from the special sub-committee appointed with power yesterday.

I am enclosing herewith a check for \$54.07 covering the two expense statements forwarded on May 7 and May 9.

Let me report on a number of matters now pending:-

Mr. Tisinger. I am sorry to say that at the present time our negotiations with Tisinger have struck a snag due to the reluctance of the Reformed Board to take any definite action in regard to his appointment to the staff at Nanking. I have had no direct word from Dr. Bartholomew since the meeting of the Reformed Board during the latter part of April, but Carson writes me that Dr. Bartholomew informed Mr. Tisinger that the Board took no definite action concerning Tisinger's appointment at that meeting. Carson and Tisinger both feel that the Board simply side-stepped the matter, and they are afraid that the Board either is unwilling to assume the responsibility for Tisinger's return to China just at this time when he has heavy financial obligations and has not fully completed the work for his Ph.D.; or else that the Board is not quite ready to permit itself to co-

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operation in the University of Nanking through the appointment of Tisinger to the staff there.

I have been hoping that Dr. Bartholomew would give us some report on how the matter stands in response to the assurances that we have already given him that the University desires Mr. Tisinger's appointment, but since no word has been forthcoming I have written him again telling him of the interest manifested by the Founders at their meeting on May 6 with regard to this proposed cooperation with the Reformed Board, and have again expressed the hope that they may find it possible to send Tisinger out this year. I have also asked Dr. Warnshuis to use his good offices in urging the Reformed Board to give favorable consideration to this appointment. Unfortunately Dr. Warnshuis does not have a sufficiently intimate acquaintance with Mr. Tisinger to enable him to make as strong a recommendation as he would if he knew Tisinger's work more intimately.

Mr. Middleton. I have had no further reaction either from Mr. Middleton or from the Baptist Board since I last wrote you in regard to him. If you have not already gotten in touch with him direct it might be well for you to do so. It seems that the only thing we can do just now is to try to retain his interest in getting back to the field in another year or so. You probably have Middleton's address already, but in case you do not, it is State College Station, Raleigh, N.C.

I am writing a formal letter to the Baptist Board calling their attention to the fact that the University of Nanking is desirous of their filling their quota of two men on the staff of the College of Agriculture and Forestry. I doubt whether this will produce any results, however, until some suitable candidate appears on the horizon.

Mr. Goodsell. Mr. Goodsell has sent us his application for appointment to Nanking in the Department of Plant Breeding. In accordance with the suggestion in your letter of May 7, I am sending copies of these papers to Dr. Love and Dr. Myers for their judgment on his professional qualifications. I am also enclosing a copy for your information. I am securing information from the men he names as references.

If the information we receive from these sources indicates that Goodsell is the man we are looking for, what is the next step? Do you think it would be worth while to suggest his name to the Baptist Board as one of their quota? If the Baptist Board cannot undertake his support, where else could we turn?

Agricultural Program for China. A few days ago Harold Smith and I had a conversation with Dr. Warnshuis in regard to the presentation to the Agricultural Missions Foundation of some kind of a project for work in China which might enlist their interest and support. We discussed the question of whether it would be better from a psychological and practical standpoint to present an appeal for support for an inclusive program of agricultural education in China, or on the other hand, to present one or more definite pieces of work, as for example, the specific needs at Chaeloo or the specific needs at Nanking. Dr. Warnshuis stated that he feared that too large ^{and} generalized a program would not be likely to attract as much concrete interest and support as would smaller and more definite needs; and that a large, generalized program might cause the Agricultural Missions Foundation to fear that we were simply setting up another paper plan. The agreement the three of us reached was that the best procedure might be to prepare an appeal that would outline rather briefly the whole program of agricultural education in China, and

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would then present in full detail one or more specific projects such as the needs at Cheeloo and Nanking.

On the basis of information we have been receiving from Cheeloo Smith has prepared a statement showing both the immediate need for next year, and the larger need to carry on the rural program recommended for the University. I am going over this material now in an effort to put it into shape for sending along to you and Dr. Warnshuis for your comments. I will probably not be able to enclose this material with this letter but will try to forward it to you within a few days. Dr. Warnshuis, Smith, and myself, all three, agreed that you are the one whom we should ask to prepare an appeal to the Agricultural Missions Foundation along the lines I have suggested above- that is, a statement which would outline briefly the whole field of Agricultural Education in China and would then appeal concretely for such definite projects as the need at Cheeloo and at Nanking. If you are willing to undertake such a job will you not take the material I will be sending you regarding Cheeloo, revise it as you may find it deserves, and add it to whatever appeal you may be preparing for Nanking or for agricultural work elsewhere, finally embodying the specific appeals in the one unified statement?

Dr. Warnshuis told us that he is hoping to have a preliminary meeting of the Agricultural Missions Foundation sometime during the latter part of June. If we could have such a statement as we have just described in Dr. Warnshuis' hands well in advance of that preliminary meeting it would be advantageous.

As to Tsinan. I believe I reported to you during the latter part of March that I was passing on to Shields the suggestion that we might prevail upon you to spend some time at Tsinan after your return to China. I asked Shields to take up the suggestion immediately with the powers that be on the field, and proposed that he cable us in regard to the matter so that we could proceed more rapidly from this end. Thus far I have had no reply to the letter I wrote Shields in March, which, on the whole, is not surprising considering the number of tasks under which Shields is struggling these days. I, therefore, sent another cablegram some days ago asking Shields to cable us the recommendation of the field as soon as he possibly can. Meantime I have talked over this proposal in a general way with our friends across the street. Since they are interested equally in Nanking and in Cheeloo I believe they will be able to weigh the proposal dispassionately. Apparently they are favorably inclined, both because of the health aspects of the matter, and also because they recognize the fact that for you to spend some time at Cheeloo just at this stage of its attempt to set up its rural program would be of large and permanent value to the whole field of rural education in China. I hope that within a very few days we may be able to take some definite action on the matter.

Very cordially yours,

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Nanking

Coachella, Calif.,
May 19, 1930.
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Re: Chapman Appointment.

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b. If you have not already done so, please send copies of your letters to London and to Mr. Chapman, directly to President Chen.

Your letters to Chapman and his Board were both fine, and I do hope result in Chapman's acceptance.

Sincerely,

John H. Reischer.

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Cochran, William
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Wm. H. Keeler
Secretary

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Coachella, California,
May 15, 1930.

President Y. S. Chen,
The University of Nanking, and
Mr. K. S. Sie, Codean,
College of Agriculture and Forestry,
Nanking, China.

Copy sent to Mr Chapman

Dear President Chen and Dean Sie:-

Enclosed please find a complete file of correspondence concerning the appointment of Mr and Mrs B. B. Chapman, including confirmation of my cable to you of May 3, copy of your reply, and copy of my cable to Mr. Chapman as well as copy of my letter to Mr. Garside of May. 10th. I was greatly pleased with your quick reply. I do hope Mr. Chapman will accept for I am sure he will be a great addition to our faculty, both professionally and personally. This applies also to Mrs Chapman, who for some years was a member of the faculty of Ginling College.

In addition to our supplying a house for Mr and Mrs Chapman, I would like to recommend a grant of not over five hundred dollars gold for heavy furniture, as suggested in Mr. Chapman's letter, paragraph (a). I do not know how tight our budget is for 1930/31, but I do hope it will be possible to make this grant. I feel we should do it. I would have mentioned the matter in my cable, but the cable was already long and costly, and as Mr. Chapman had not made it a condition to acceptance of appointment, I have taken this method of handling the matter.

I think I need not add to this letter. I have tried to cover everything in my letters to Mr. Chapman and Mr. Garside. You will have a cable from Mr. Chapman in time for Mr. Sie to include the two classes suggested definitely, Gen. Education and Geography, in the schedule. These are for College students. I have not suggested anything in the Rural Normal School thinking it best not to schedule Mr. Chapman too heavily for the first term at least as he will want some time to brush up on his "Wuchang mandarin". I feel sure Mr. Chapman might be glad to consider a class in the Rural Normal, but that can be decided after his arrival. Please note also the other suggestions I have made regarding his work-- and especially the one that final decisions be not arrived at until after he has gotten into the work a bit.

If Mr. and Mrs Chapman decide to come to Nanking, I certainly will feel as if my furlough extension had served some useful service to the University.

Dr. Hurnicut, my nose doctor, told me Monday last, after an examination, that he would recommend my returning to Nanking as per schedule that is, Pres. Taft, out of Los Angeles, August 25th. He wants me to spend June and July here in Calif which makes considerable change in my plans for the summer necessary. But I will write more about this later.

With highest regards and best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reiser.

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Coachella, California,

May 16, 1930.

My dear Chapman:-

Enclosed please find a complete file of all our correspondence, cables etc in connection with your appointment to Nanking. I shall now attempt to reply in detail to your full letter of April 10th. It should have gone forward a few days earlier than this but we have been rather upset over an injury Jessie has received making it necessary for her to have a cast about her neck, which incidentally involved a two days trip from the desert here into Pasadena. Happily, I think the Doctors have located the trouble and that everything will come along nicely though slow.

For sake of clarity and easy reference I shall use your paragraph designations. Where paragraphs are not discussed, please consider our points of view are in agreement.

Please note also that I took no formal action until I had the approval of President Chen and Mr. Sie, Co-dean of the College of Agriculture and Forestry. Also that wherever views are expressed in the following lines, I feel sure they would have the hearty approval of President Chen and Dean Sie.

Needless to say your letter of April 10th was most welcome and we hope earnestly for a favorable final decision on your part.

In order that arrangements for a house can be made, and that we know what to plan in the way of classes will you please cable at our expense using following address: President Chenyugwan University Nanking (China) giving date of arrival and whatever other information you deem desirable to send.

(a) We greatly appreciate this generous arrangement on your part. The University agrees to provide a house. Regarding the item of heavy furniture, please see my recommendation to President Chen and Dean Sie. Personally feel sure that some help will be forthcoming at least.

(b). Please see my letter to Mr. Garside. To begin with, I would suggest two classes, one in general education and the other in Geography. You will want some time to review your spoken Chinese. We want you and Mrs Chapman to save a good share of your time and energies for personal contacts. I am hoping also we can work out some helps of an extension nature especially for rural primary schools. We want too to utilize your interest, training and experience in Religious education. But it seems to me, rather than decide or try to decide by correspondence, just what shall be your duties, it would be much better to discuss this with you in person, and after a few months at the University. We are not trying to sidestep the question but to arrange for a mutually satisfactory final decision.

(d).(e). It is true that the number of foreigners in the Univ. is much less than before March 1927. The number of Board supported teachers is about the same, including vacancies which the Boards have been unable for financial reasons to fill, though they have been paying in to the University a cash so-called equivalent for such vacancies. In case of direct University supported foreigners, all went or were sent or were allowed, ~~taxes~~ or were advised to go home, by action of the Board of Directors as formerly constituted before reorganization. It was necessary of course to secure Chinese teachers to carry on. Finances were tight as you will readily perceive and have been ever since. The changed conditions over that previous to 1927, have in some cases made it either or both unnecessary or undesirable for some of the foreign teachers to be returned--as in the middle school. The University authorities feel the desirability and the need for more foreigners on the staff ~~at~~ than at present and they will be welcomed by faculty and students alike.

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The only impression I have received from the foreign teachers who have remained is that their work has been very much worth while, and several have felt that recent years have been more satisfying than formerly. With one exception we have had a most satisfactory student body to deal with. They have been both loyal and reasonable-- had they not been we would never have been able to carry on as we have. My guess is it will be a good many years, if ever, until we have a student body (or any other institution has) with a temperament characteristic of pre-1926/27 days. The foreigners place has changed, as was inevitable, but I do not believe his influence or his contributions to Christian education has been lessened a whit. There probably always will be a few students and maybe a few faculty who are antiforeign as there always have been-- we are apt to be more on the lookout for it after recent experiences, and feel it more keenly since we are not in the administrative saddle to the same extent as formerly. But the situation, in the se regards is not such as to be in any ways a determining factor for a foreigner to work in the Univ. Speaking for the College of Agriculture and Forestry, I know that every foreigner on the staff has been repeatedly invited back by their Chinese Colleagues, and that in every case, other factors than the attitude of Chinese faculty and students have been responsible for their nonreturn.

Of the former foreigners now at the University there are: Miss Priest, Treasurer of the Univ., Messrs Bates, Thomson, Buck, Illick, Smythe (1928) Schaeffer (1929) Young (1929). The Misses Hynds, VanVliet, Bauer, Jeffries-- all in the Hospital, Wixon, Purcell (Secy to Pres. Chen) Dr. Bowen is returning on account of health. Dr. Steward, Botany and I, with families return to Univ. this fall. Dr. Daniels returns also this fall to Hospital where there is also Drs Trimmer and one more whose name has slipped me. Jim Speers and Dr. Hutcheson and several others have been trying to get back but Boards at home have intervened. We have also had several foreign Specialists-- two there now one for Univ of Calif and one from Cornell-- and another going out in the fall from Scripps Foundation.

I see no reason why there is any more question of "permanence", or of futility of efforts-- than there ever has been at the University.

(g). What are the general conditions? It depends a good bit on whether a pessimist or an optimist has the floor. There have been times in the last two years when the situation has seemed rather tense, and it was deemed best to evacuate women especially those with children. This happened twice, I think, though the special acuteness feared, did not develop. There has been no trouble on the score of domestic service, so far as we have heard. I have touched on the latter part of (f) under d and e.

Finally, I would add, there is nothing in the situation at the University, that should make you hesitant to accept appointment, that the conditions of good will and of making good will are as satisfactory as anyone could expect in these days of revolution and change in China. I look forward with keen pleasure to the renewal of my associations with what I think is the finest group of ~~AMERICAN~~ associates to be found anywhere, Chinese or foreign.

(g, h, k.) are being taken care of by ~~Mr.~~ Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary, Board of Founders, University of Nanking, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Cable address is NANFUSHAN New York City.

(l) Cable has been sent to you, as per confirmation enclosed after receiving approval from Nanking.

College usually opens early in September. For health reasons we are not leaving until late August and will arrive Nanking around September 23.

Do hope after full consideration your answer will be "Accepting". You and Mrs Chapman can be assured of a hearty welcome and satisfying work.

Mrs Reisner join me in best wishes to you both and hope that we shall see you in Nanking this fall. sincerely, *J.H.C.*

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Nanking

Coachella, Calif., May 19/30.
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Dear Garside:-

Many thanks for your letter of May 15th in on this morning's mail. Matters re Chapman are handled on enclosed letter.

Re Tisinger// I am not surprised, though of course somewhat disappointed at attitude of Reformed Board. Tisinger raised a good many personal problems in his long letter to me several months back, as you recall-- debt- sickness of child--- unfinished degree-- uncertainty what to do, which of course the Board would assume responsibility for, if they appointed him now to be sent out this Fall. There is of course the question of policy in joining the Univ. of Nanking. I hope it works out alright. You have certainly done all you could to consummate the arrangements. With all the personal difficulties suggested above, my feeling is it were better for Tisinger to get his degree by 1931 and go out then. This would give time to clear illness of child, and I hope arrange for his deficit. I would under no circumstances recommend his going out with such a large personal debt hanging over him if he had no way of liquidating it- except on Missionary salary. In the meantime I should also hope the Reformed Board would take favourable action. //

Re Goodsell; I have had him in mind for work in the North, if present negotiations in China go through for Nanking to take over the crop improvement program at Yenching.

I wonder if his Christian Church affiliations would not make possible his acceptance by the UCMS for their agr Man-- to take Ritchey's place. He is now a southern presbyterian by transfer only. He could easily transfer to his home Church if any technical problem was involved in their appointing anyone who was not in the Christian Church membership.

When I come East this Summer I shall try to see him. What are his chances of getting by the nominating committee?

Please consider my second paragraph above carefully. If Cornell approve him professionally, I would be willing to move toward UCMS appointment at once. We could use him might well at Nanking.

Re Baptist Board: Glad you wrote that letter. They cant use the old excuse that they didnt know we wanted anybody appointed and therefore had not provided for him in the budget.

Re Agr. Program for China. I will do what I can when the material comes. I have one program in mind for our cooperative work at Nanking which I am trying to get in shape. I have been invited to the meeting of the organizing com. of the Agrs Miss. Found. June 28, Lake Mohonk with Mann. Mott, Jones et al, but I find I can not attend. Dr. H unnicut, my nose Dr. Hasse "released" me but wants me to spend June and July yet in Calif. in the High Sierras. So we will return Nanking ex Pres Taft from LA Aug 25. I will be East for August until sailing from SF Aug 29.

Saw Miss Bantley last Tuesday and urged her to get in her application at once. She thinks salary a little low(I thought Directors had boosted it to 1980+ though I didnt say so to her) and mother is opposed but father approves. She would be splendid. fine spirited and a good head on her. She carries \$150 insurance premiums which she does not want to give up.

we leave here for Pasadena end of month.

With appreciation and best wishes,

sincerely,

John H. Reser
John H. Reser

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May 23, 1930

Dr. John H. Reiser
Coachella
California

My dear Reiser:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your two letters of May 19th.

Appointment of Mr. Chapman:— I am glad that you were satisfied in general with the steps we have taken regarding the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman. Sorry that we went somewhat further in the matter of heavy furniture than you contemplated. I am sending President Chen copies of my letters to the W.M.M.S. and to Mr. Chapman.

Miss Bantly:— We have now received Miss Bantly's formal application and have sent out the usual inquiries to the references she named. Within a few days we should receive a sufficient number of replies to permit definite action by the Nanking Committee on Instruction. I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter I wrote Miss Bantly yesterday. In her letter of May 16th Miss Bantly made the following statements which may or may not indicate a serious financial difficulty:—

"Permit me to be frank with you, Mr. Garside, It is necessary for me to arrange for the payment of an insurance premium in the amount of \$150.00 each year, as well as taxes on a business lot I own in this city amounting to \$50.00 a year. Deducting \$200.00 from \$960.00 leaves \$760.00 for all other expenses including board. My only hesitation is on account of the above obligations. Is there a possibility of advancement in salary or is \$960.00 a fixed amount for this position?"

I doubt whether there is any likelihood that the Founders will in the immediate future increase the salary for single people much above the rate they adopted on May 6th of \$960.00 per year. While this is substantially less than the figure recommended by the Special Committee of the Board of Directors, it is somewhat higher than that paid by any of the missionary boards cooperating with Nanking, and even higher than the salary scales of our other China colleges.

Possibly the pension plan we are now working on for Nanking may relieve Miss Bantly to some extent of the burden of her insurance premiums. As far as her lot in Azusa is concerned, it seems that such a piece of property should be an asset rather than a liability. Do you think Miss Bantly can live happily in Nanking on the funds she will have available

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after meeting these initial obligations?

Mr. Goodsell:- We have now received replies from most of the inquiries sent out concerning Mr. Goodsell. Upon the whole they seem to be quite satisfactory. I hope that by the first of next week I can send a full set of the papers concerning him to Cornell and also to you. The suggestion that he might be accepted by the U.C.M.S. is a very interesting one. It is quite worth following up. I doubt whether the U.C.M.S. will be able to send out another man this year though possibly this could be done after they were sufficiently impressed by the need and by the man available. I hope that when you come East this Summer you will not only be able to see Goodsell but will also find it possible to take up his case with Corey if you consider him the man you need.

Baptist Board Quota:- Dr. Howard of the Baptist Board is now writing as follows concerning their vacancies at Nanking:-

"I have yours of May 19 in regard to Mr. Middleton. I have already heard that Mr. Middleton could not go to Nanking.

We do not have on our list any men who would be acceptable for the College of Agriculture and Forestry at Nanking. We have just lost one couple whom we hoped to send to Burma but who could not pass the physical examinations.

If either you or Mr. Reisner have definite names to suggest, I would be more than happy to bring them to the attention of our Board. In the meantime we will keep this matter in mind, if Mr. Alden should find suitable candidates."

Developments in the situation at Cheeloo: Within the past few days we have been greatly distressed and disturbed by news from China that the Senate at Cheeloo has voted adversely to the return of Mr. Harold F. Smith. As you probably already know, Smith is in America on furlough this year and is getting his Ph. D. at Columbia in the department of rural education. His dissertation has been written on the subject of "Elementary Education in Shantung, China". I have been counting on Smith as one of the key men in building up the rural program at Cheeloo. With him and Carson on the job there permanently we would have a good nucleus about which to build up such a program. We have also been counting on your presence on the campus next year to take the lead in initiating the University's whole rural program, and have been hoping that Dr. Butterfield's visit would add stimulus in China as well as lending strength to our appeals for support here in the West. If Smith is to be absent from the Cheeloo Campus it will make Carson's task considerably more difficult.

So far as I am able to analyze the situation, the adverse action of the Senate is due primarily to lack of enthusiastic support in the University of the proposed rural program, and also to the hope that if Smith is dropped from the Presbyterian Quota it will give the University an additional \$1,500.00 in cash for employing one or more Chinese members. The reason stated in the action of the Senate for not asking Mr. Smith's return is that the University should now have a Chinese Registrar and that the closing of the Middle School next term still further reduces the need for Mr. Smith's return. A personal letter from Shields also mentions some of the stock criticisms levelled against Smith as they

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are against all of us Westerners when our Chinese colleges^{29,03} decide they can get on better without us;- as for example that he is too inflexible in his opinions, is not perfect in his Chinese, and is not popular with the Chinese staff or with the student body. Much could be said in Smith's defense on all these points, but it is my own personal viewpoint that neither the criticisms nor the defense are fundamental to the issue.

I hope we may still be able to secure Smith's return to Cheeloo under conditions that would be satisfactory to him and to the University, but the prospects look very doubtful at present. If Smith is not to return to Cheeloo, would you want him at Nanking? I presume that he would do his best work there in the department of rural education. I discussed the proposition informally with Dr. Scott and while he was unwilling to commit himself too definitely I believe the Presbyterian Board would be willing to appoint Smith to Nanking in one of its two present quota vacancies. Let me have your frank opinions.

I return herewith the copy of Dr. Bowen's letter to Dr. Beech regarding registration.

Very cordially yours,

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Coachella, Calif., June 1, 1930

Dear Mr Garside,

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Enclosures: self explanatory and for your reference. (See "Institute for Research" etc. letter to Nank 4/15/30)

Last Meeting with Ely. Was anything made of my suggestion to send a man to Nanking for part of a year and find out what profitable lines of research could be undertaken? And finances required?

D-367 (Last meeting Bd Directors Mar 28/30). What does it mean. Do the single ladies in the univ. only get excahnge of 2 to 1 on their salary, or Current rate. Would like this information for Miss Bantley when I see her about the 8 or 9 th or earleier.

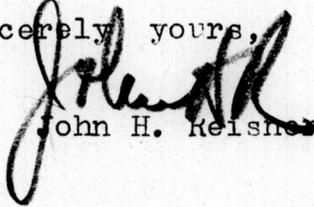
Harold Smith for Nanking. Chapman is going to be able to help us out in rural education some and with later possibility of getting Tisinger don't just see how we could use another foreigner in rural educ. Darn shame if he cant go back to Cheeloo. What is he studying this furlough and where? Pres Chen would not approve any more Presbyterian quota for A & F, anyway. Do hope you can get Cheeloo situation straightened out so he can go back. Let him forget Administration and let a Chinese do it. He is more valuable for other things. Personally I wouldnt think of administering student relationships in A & F. My thought has been that Smith would be one of the key men in realigning objectives at Cheeloo and I do hope he can go back.

John Jr seems to be getti ng along pretty well. We re anxious to get hi up to Pasadena as soon as possible. Bowen arrives there today. Will see him as soon as possible. Have heard from him from S.F. and PaloAlto. We are out quarantine June 7th and want to go to Pasadena 7th 8th or 9th at very latest where we can get better medical service than here on the desert. Meanwhile our plans are up in the air. I hope to make Institute Public Affairs for Aug. 14, where I speak on Agricultural Missions, in connection with the Country Church roundtable. I ought to be in the east about a month for there are a lot of things I need to do especially s people to see. Of course I have to give up the Meeting of Agr. Missions Foundation, Jun 28th with Mott, Mann, Jones etc.

Wont write more. Have a great stack of correspondence here, I don't know when I shall get answered. I hope the Board doesn't think I have been entirely loafing on the job here, especially since Feb. 1st when I really began to turn the corner.

Do hope you are all well and that a l is going well with everything.

sincerely yours,


John H. Reisher.

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June 4, 1930

Mr. John H. Reisner,
Coachella, Cal.

My dear Mr. Reisner,

I have been profoundly distressed to learn of John Junior's attack of infantile paralysis. We all most earnestly hope that the case will prove a very mild one, and that it will respond speedily to treatment. We also hope that the other children have escaped the danger. We will wait anxiously for further word. You have certainly had more than your just share of difficulties during your sojourn in America.

A cablegram just received from Nanking contains the following cryptic message:-

"MELVIN PEARSON URGED BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER. MAINTENANCE, TRAVELLING EXPENSES PEARSON ONLY ON CONDITION THAT NOT (or NOTHING) AVAILABLE STATISTICIAN".

Can you help us understand this? Thus far I have not been able to identify Melvin Pearson. I know of Professor Pearson in Cornell, who passed judgment of Tisinger's qualifications as a statistician, but his initials are F. A., and I had not heard him mentioned as a possible staff member at Nanking. I have looked through our files and made inquiries of the Presbyterian and Methodist Boards, all without results. I will continue my investigations tomorrow, but am passing on this inquiry to you in the hope that you can help us out.

Cordially,

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University of Nanking

June 12, 1930

Mr. John H. Reisman,

Coachella, Cal.

My dear Mr. Reisman:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 1, together with the documents you appended thereto. I am sorry that you have been forced to devote so much of your time to clearing away your stack of correspondence when John Jr. has been struggling through his attack of infantile paralysis. I certainly hope by the time this letter reaches you he will be well on the road to recovery.

Luncheon meeting with Dr. Ely. At practically every conference we have had with Dr. Ely I have made the suggestion that it should be possible to begin the cooperation between the Institute and the University by sending out during the coming year at least one man who could make a start along the lines of the proposed cooperation. It seems that such a start could be made without the necessity for prolonged delay in the hope that a substantial amount of money could be secured which would enable the cooperation to start out from the beginning with a large program and staff. Most of the worthwhile work developed in China has grown from smaller beginnings, rather than starting out as full grown and complete projects. However, I have not been able to get any favorable response from Dr. Ely to this suggestion for beginning on a smaller scale until we can secure larger support and can see more clearly what the need is and how it can best be met.

I am also wondering why we have not had any response as yet from Mr. Buck in reply to the inquiries I sent him in February relative to his own attitude and the attitude of the field authorities toward the proposed cooperation with the Institute. Mr. Buck's letter to Miss Leininger, of which you enclosed a copy with your letter of June 1, is the first expression I have seen from him on this subject. This letter gives the impression that Mr. Buck is reluctant to have the Institute make any public reference to cooperation with the University of Nanking until it has made that cooperation a reality rather than a hope. You will remember that it was on this point that Mr. Buck and Dr. Ely clashed just at the time that Mr. Buck was starting back to China.

Miss Bantly. We know of no further developments in connection with Miss Bantly's appointment as Secretary, beyond a brief and cordial note from her acknowledging the receipt of the medical papers we sent her. Since her medical papers have not been returned by the Los An-

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geles physician to whom we referred her, I infer that she has not as yet appeared for her health examination. Probably she is waiting to clear up any consultation with you the question whether her salary will be adequate to meet her needs before she has her medical examination.

We have been somewhat mystified at action D-367 of the Directors. As a matter of fact, our New York office has for a number of years done exactly the thing requested in this action. We have paid insurance premiums and met other personal obligations of staff members of all our Universities, and have reported these disbursements month by month to the Field Treasurers for them to make the necessary adjustments with the staff members concerned. The question of the rate of exchange at which these adjustments should be made has always been left to the field for settlement. The basis of two to one was generally accepted up to the last year or so, when exchange has fluctuated so violently that no satisfactory basis has been discovered. It seems to me that action D-367 was obsolete before it was passed for the Directors had already recommended to the Founders that the salaries of Western members of staff be paid on a gold basis rather than on a local currency basis. The salaries paid on the gold basis, the question of the rate of exchange at which disbursements made for the staff members here in America should be accounted for automatically disappears.

We are seeking further information from the field on this point. So far as I can see, however, this question would not in any way adversely affect the proposed salary arrangements with Miss Bantly.

Progress in arrangements with Mr. Chapman. Some days ago we received from Dr. Hooker of the W.M.M.S. a very cordial letter stating that his committee was considering the University's request for the sanction of the W.M.M.S. to the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman on the University of Nanking staff. Dr. Hooker's letter stated that a final decision could not be reached until they had received further word from Chapman. A few days after Dr. Hooker's letter reached us we received a cablegram from him, sent on June 6 reading as follows:- "Chapman appointment to Nanking sanctioned". I hope this cablegram means that the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman at the University is now practically assured.

Dr. Harold Smith for Nanking. I am glad to have your comments on the suggested appointment of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Smith to the staff at Nanking. At the same time I wrote to you in regard to this matter I wrote also to Dr. Bowen. I have been very much interested to note that the comments Dr. Bowen makes in connection with this proposal are very similar to your own, though at the time he wrote on June 5 he had not had any opportunity of consultation with you concerning the matter.

It is easy to see that the University authorities would not be particularly happy at having three Presbyterian members of the quota either in the direct agricultural work, or closely associated with this field as Smith would be in work in rural education. Dr. Bowen makes the suggestion that we might persuade the Baptist Board or the Disciples to appoint the Smiths to fill one of the vacancies in their quotas, but I do not believe this arrangement could be worked out. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been missionaries under the Presbyterian Board since 1910 and both some from staunch Presbyterian stock, so it would be very difficult to work out any transfer from the Presbyterian Board to any other Board. I passed on Dr. Bowen's suggestion to Smith to see how he would react to it

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but found he was rather non-committal.

I still have a faint hope that the situation at Cheeloo can be straightened out so that Smith will be able to get back on the job there. So far as I can see, however, the only possibility of his return there is dependent upon our parting company with some of the old guard at Cheeloo who have for many years maintained an attitude of passive, and sometimes active, opposition to the whole effort to have Cheeloo make a distinctive contribution to non-urban areas of China, rather than carrying on a colorless and pointless "cultural" course in liberal arts. At the present time the old guard is very strongly entrenched in Cheeloo and I feel that it will be difficult for us to arrange for Smith's return there without a sharp break between the home boards and the field groups. Of course, Mr. and Mrs. Smith have no yearnings to return to a situation where they would not be welcome and would not be able to accomplish any constructive results.

Very cordially yours,

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Coachella, California, June 14, 1930.

My dear Gabeide,

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I have just this minute deciphered part of the Nanking Cable referred to me. Melvin and Pearson are two men. In a memo left with me, which I better send on to you BUT to be returned to me when you are finished with it (Perhaps Buck left a copy with you too) Pearson is wanted for statistical work. Melvin is evidently a rural sociologist. Please note conditions of their going out as given in Buck's memo are somewhat different from those indicated in the cable and the latter should be followed.

Cable would indicate both are wanted? or maybe are wanted? Pearson is wanted only if no statistician is in sight, and so far as I know none is in sight, for longer appointment. Or does the cable mean they want Pearson but not to pay travel or maintenance if statistician is available. However ~~an~~ interpretation would under the circumstances be the same. The only question really is I suppose whether we are to interpret ~~that~~ whether an "and" or an "or" belongs between the two names in the cable. Would the fact that Melvin is named first indicate that he should be given preference over Pearson?

My guess is : Inasmuch as no statistician has been found for appointment, Pearson and Melvin are both wanted. They would contribute in quite different fields, evidently, unless Melvin is also a statistician which wouldn't appear to be so, on basis of Bucks notes enclosed.

Cable just forwarded me by Dr Scott from Chapman saying Chapman arriving Nanking early August. Fine Quick Work.

John Jr coming along slowly but so far as we can see, nicely. We have been held up two weeks longer on the desert. Pasadena evidently requires 5 weeks quarantine instead of three as here so couldn't get in House of Rest. We leave here 21st accdg to present plans.

Will you please cable Nanking re Chapman. I asked him to cable directly and gave him cable address and presume he has done so. Perhaps you could include it in your next cable out unless that would be too long ahead. Scott's telegram to me said: Reisner etc Radiogram Kodiakanal follows Reisner Presbyterian Arrive Nanking early August Chapman. GeoT.Scott.

Had a fine visit with Dr and Mrs Bowen. He looked surprisingly well. Better than when he left in Aug 1928, so it seemed to me. He found both Mrs R and me pretty well petered out on a count five continuous weeks more or less sleepless nights and last ten days of real desert heat.

What happened to China Rural Program for Jun 28th meeting?

sincerely yours,

John H. Reisner
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University of Nanking

June 19, 1930

Mr. John H. Reisner,
Coachella, Cal.

My dear Mr. Reisner:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 14.

I am mighty glad to have your explanation of the Nanking cable with reference to Professor Melvin and Professor Pearson. I am getting off a letter to Cornell in regard to them today.

Mighty glad to know that John Jr. is making fairly satisfactory progress even though his recovery is rather slow. I hope that this letter will find him much further along the road to complete recovery.

I apologize sincerely for my delay in sending you anything further on the China Rural program which we are hoping you will prepare for the June 28 meeting of the Agricultural Missions Foundation. I have been snowed under with work here in the office that this has been one of the jobs I have never quite gotten to. I am enclosing herewith a copy of "Chaofoo University Rural Program" as drafted by Harold Smith. I had hoped to do some more work on this along with Smith, but due to my rush of work and the uncertainty of Smith's plans for return to the field, we have not accomplished anything. I hope, however, that, on the basis of this outline which has been approved by the powers that be at the University, you will be able to prepare a program for presentation to the agricultural group.

I had a telephone conversation with Dr. Warnshuis this afternoon. He told me he was quite anxious to have your program in hand for the June 28 meeting. I am, therefore, sending this along to you by air mail and hope that you will be able to get something back to Warnshuis by air mail in time for that meeting.

I am to be away from the office for about six weeks beginning the end of this week. I do not remember whether I mentioned to you that I am to attend two of our Board meetings in London the latter part of June and the first of July and will then spend a couple of weeks in England and on the Continent, taking a vacation. Mrs. Carside has been planning to go along but our young daughter has been entertaining a case of measles for the past two weeks and has managed to develop various complications which may make it difficult for Margaret to go along with me. She may possibly come over on a boat sailing a week later.

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I will, however, be back in the office here about the first of August and hope I may have an opportunity to see you before you sail for China.

Very cordially yours,

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CC: Care 170 So. Marengo Ave.
Pasadena, Cal.

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University of Nanking

June 23, 1930

Mr. John H. Reiser,
170 So. Marengo Ave.,
Pasadena, Cal.

My dear Mr. Reiser:

There are two or three matters on which we wish to report:

Miss Bantly. Some days ago we received Miss Bantly's medical papers showing the results of her health examination at the hands of Dr. Barnhart of Los Angeles. Usually these medical papers are sent by the examining physician direct to the medical office of the Methodist Board, but by mistake they were sent through Miss Bantly to our office so I had an opportunity to glance over them before I turned them over to Dr. Jarvis. I notice that at several points in the papers there was a hint that Miss Bantly's family showed a tendency toward tuberculosis and it was also shown that Miss Bantly is considerably underweight but Dr. Barnhart ended his report by recommending her as qualified for missionary service.

After Dr. Jarvis had examined her papers he telephoned up to me to say that he wished to check up a little further with Dr. Barnhart the question of Miss Bantly's underweight and the possibility of her tendency toward tuberculosis before he reached any final decision as to her medical fitness. He made that statement several days ago so perhaps Dr. Barnhart has already received his inquiry and will be getting a reply to Dr. Jarvis sometime next week.

I am leaving for London but have asked Mr. Evans to take up Miss Bantly's case immediately after we obtain Dr. Jarvis' report and recommendations. If the report is favorable I think the Candidate Committee of the Nanking Trustees will approve Miss Bantly's appointment without delay. Should the medical report be unfavorable I suppose we are hopelessly stuck.

We are also awaiting some further comment from you as to any conversation you may have had with Miss Bantly on the subject of salary.

The situation at Cheeloo. Within the past week I have received a long letter from Dr. Shields discussing, among other things, the proposal that we invite you to spend as much of next year as you can on the Cheeloo campus. Dr. Shields stated that he was writing you a letter on this same subject, and since our office has already forwarded to you a letter from Dr. Shields addressed to you in our care, I presume that you already have the facts before you.

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Dr.Shields' comments in the letter he wrote me are as follows:

"In regard to Mr.Reisner, personally, and after consultation with other doctors and from personal testimony which I have had from one experienced nose and throat man, I do not think that a man with sinus trouble would get on as well in the dry, dusty climate of Shantung as he would in the climate of Nanking. I presented your letter to the Dean of the School of Arts and Science and other members of the faculty. They did not ask me to do anything, nor did they take any steps toward asking for Mr.Reisner. It is possible that the uncertainty of whether we are going to do any rural work or not next fall may have been their reason for non action. There is still an uncertainty in the minds of some as to whether the Arts School will open or not. More of this later."

As a layman, of course, I am entirely unqualified to pass on Dr.Shields' judgment as to the relative merits of ^{the} Nanking and the Shantung climates for anyone with a tendency toward sinus trouble. Dr.Dodd expressed his opinion that Shantung would be more favorable than Nanking. Where the doctors disagree we laymen take to the woods.

It is painfully obvious that the powers that be at Cheeloo can find a very good reason for keeping off the campus anyone who is sincerely interested in the development of a real rural program there. The uncertainty as to whether the rural program can be carried on this fall, and even that of whether the Arts College can be reopened, is due primarily to the fact that the folks on the campus refuse to accept any assistance and refuse to go ahead themselves. The most distressing feature of the situation is that, so far as we can tell, they have absolutely nothing else to suggest as an alternative. If the boards here at home make any suggestion or recommendation the field raises the old cry of "foreign domination" so it is difficult for us to accomplish anything from this end. Yesterday we received a cablegram from the University with the first encouraging note we have seen in a good many months. The cable reads as follows:

"PROSPECTS ENCOURAGING THIS AUTUMN OPENING ARTS COLLEGE. FOUR RETURNED STUDENTS AND OTHER TEACHERS OF HIGH SCHOLARSHIP WIDE EXPERIENCE DEFINITELY ENGAGED. GOOD STUDENT ENROLMENT ANTICIPATED. NEW DEAN MAKING ACTIVE START. PRESENT ATTITUDE EDUCATIONAL OFFICIALS REGISTRATION WHOLE UNIVERSITY BELIEVED TO BE MORE OPEN. BOARD OF MANAGERS MINUTES WERE SENT ON JUNE 8 OF THIS YEAR. L.J.DAVIES NOMINATED VICE-PRESIDENT."

I am not willing to let the work at Cheeloo go to pieces if it can be avoided and I know that you are sufficiently interested in the whole field of rural education in China to feel the same way. I hope that in some way the situation at Cheeloo will yet right itself, and that the University will go forward in a constructive way.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

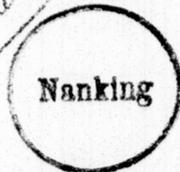
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John H. Reisner



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House of Rest,
170 South Marengo Avenue,
Pasadena, Calif.

June 24, 1930.

Dear Dr. Warnshuis:-

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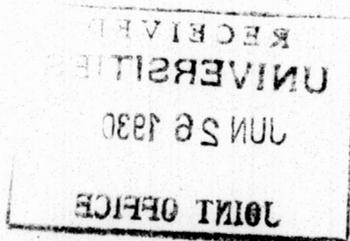
I am enclosing herewith Letter from Garside/with Rural Program of Cheeloo University attached, to be sent along to you as part of a China Program to be submitted to the Agricultural Missions Foundation at its meeting on the 28th. I do not feel that I am in any position to submit a China Program, isolated as I am here, from all the others who are also involved and interested. I have however worked out several tentative suggestions in the way of projects, one of which effects directly practically all of the present rural activities in China that are especially significant. It is I. of the University of Nanking, projects. Submitted with this are two annual reports from two of the mission stations with which the College of Agr and For is cooperating and whose policies we are determining to a consid erable extent that will give you an excelent idea of the type of Ru ral work that is being undertaken. The University of Nanki king projects are being typed and will follow by Air Mail today.

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I do hope real progress will be made at the coming meeting, as I am sure it willbe. Greatly disappointed that I can not be there. Will be East in August. We will be sailing for Nanking as per original reservation Aug 25.

Yours very sincerely,

JHR
John H. Reisner.



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House of Rest,
170 South Main Street,
Pasadena, Calif.

June 24, 1930.



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Yours very sincerely,

John B. Reamer.

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Cheeleo University

Rural Program

A. New Staff	Requested	Other Departments & Sources
1 Chinese agriculturalist	M\$3,000.	
2 assistant " s	1,680.	
2 " sociologists	1,680.	
1 rural educationalist (Department Ed.)		3,000.
2 " " assistants	1,680.	
1 home economics (Hall Estate)		3,000.
2 " " { " " }		1,680.
1 rural church man (Mission)		6,000.
1 rural Relig. Edu. (School of Theology)		3,000.
1 director	3,600.	
2 assistant directors	1,680.	
2 public health nurses	1,200.	
	14,520.	
 B. Current Expenses		
2 demonstration centers agriculture	6,000.	
2 " " education	1,500.	
2 church centers	2,500.	
Lectures, extension, campaigns	20,000.	
Rural normal center	10,000.	
Public health, dispensaries, etc.	5,000.	
Travel	3,000.	
Books	1,000.	
Supplies, printing, Christian agricul. paper, etc.	6,000.	
Contingent	1,500.	
	56,500.	
TOTAL		71,020

The Correlated Program for all China accepted on this \$50,000.00, the balance to be secured from grants approved for the Arts College

Rural Institute Budget
1930-31

<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Income from University</u>	
Salaries	1,330.	A. P. M.	750.
Schools	4280.	Hall Estate	2,000.
Operating costs	130.		2,750.
Dispensary	200.	Less Tax	220.
Travel	100.		2,530.
Rents	200.	Women's Unit	
Contingent	100.	Hall Estate	1,290.
	2,520.		3,820.
Women's Unit Rural Work	450.		
Salary			
(teacher)	840.		
	1,290.		
	3,820.		

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

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College of Agriculture and Forestry

Nanking, China

June 26, 1930

Nanking

Home of Rest
170 S. Marengo Ave.,
Pasadena, California.Mr. C. A. Evans, Associate Secretary-Treasurer,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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My dear Mr. Evans:

There are several ideas about which I wish to write.

Miss Bantly. Mr. Garside's letter of June 23rd came after I wrote to you on June 25th. Miss Bantly also received a letter from Dr. Jarvis, and she will see Dr. Barnhart as soon as possible. As soon as the medical reports are in and favorable as I hope they will be, we shall greatly appreciate your pushing through the appointment as quickly as possible.

Mr. Goodsell's papers. What has happened to these? Some time ago I asked Mr. Garside to send part of them at least to Dr. Love and Dr. Meyers at Cornell and to ask them to pass upon his qualifications. Was this done and if so what was the result? The suggestion was also made that Mr. Garside take up with the U. C. M. S. the question of their appointing him to the University as their representative in the College of Agriculture and Forestry. Was anything done on this and if so with what result? As soon as I hear from you and if the situation seems to warrant it, I shall write a strong personal letter to Mr. Alexander Paul, the China Secretary of the U. C. M. S., who has just returned recently from China and urge favorable consideration.

Bulletin on Rural Church. Please send me from your files if necessary, Bulletin issued by the College of Agriculture and Forestry, numbered somewhere between twelve and sixteen, with a title concerning the Rural Church. I forget exactly what it was. The bulletin was written by Mr. Frank Price whose name also appears on the front page. You ought to have several copies among the Nanking bulletins. I am certain there is one in your office file. I need this very badly for a paper I am preparing for the Institute of Public Affairs and should appreciate your sending it to me as soon as possible.

Trip East. I am planing to come east possibly the last week in July and will stay in the east until it is time to return here to take the S. S. President Taft from Los Angeles, sailing on August 25th.

Miss Bantly's sailing. As soon as Miss Bantly is acted upon favorably, will you please secure for her a reservation on the S. S. President Taft from Los Angeles, August 25th.

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Mr. C. A. Evans

-Sheet #2

June 26, 1930

American Association of Nurserymen. Enclosed please find membership blank in the American Association of Nurserymen. Will you please send them a check for \$25.00 to cover membership dues at your earliest convenience. This is late getting to them and if possible we should like to have our membership included in their annual badge book.

OK CAC
M. 6/21/30

Very sincerely yours,

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

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... Association of Universities. Attached please find membership
... the American Association of Universities. Will you please send me a
check for \$2.00 to cover membership fees at your earliest convenience. This
is late payment to them and if possible we should like to have our membership
included in your annual badge book.

Very sincerely yours,
W. H. ...
W. H. ...

Director of the American Association of Universities
University of California
Berkeley, California

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University of Nanking

July 8, 1930

Mr. John H. Reisner,
170 S. Marengo Ave.,
Pasadena, Calif.

My dear Mr. Reisner:

Your letter reached me at the same moment that I was dictating a telegram to you giving the doctor's decision. You evidently had some first hand information. Dr. Jarvis, the medical examiner at this end, gave a very curt and definite statement that the evidence was unmistakable and that Miss Bantly was not acceptable. She has a past history and at the present time is combating some very active symptoms. So much for that; too bad, but it cannot be helped.

We will now turn to the second chapter. Already we have opened negotiations with a young lady who is in settlement work here in New York city. She is more advanced in years, but is characterized as a most dependable, conscientious, consecrated worker, is an able stenographer and typist, and is willing to sacrifice considerable in the interest of others. The best I can do is to secure an appointment with her for tomorrow afternoon. At the same time we have been digging into the archives and have uncovered several possible substitutes. Out of the list we have three prospective names aside from the one mentioned above. At the same time I am calling up the Student Volunteer Movement and other boards and the Y.W.C.A., as you suggest, as well as the Missionary Education Movement. We will do everything we possibly can to get someone to go along with you on August 25th.

We are enclosing check for \$17.63 in payment for bill rendered for postage, cables, and supplies.

Yesterday morning I received a letter from Dr. Love. He returns the paper, and the following are comments which he makes on the situation:-

"Both Dr. Myers and I feel that it will be very desirable if Mr. Reisner can visit Mr. Goodsell, as he would be able to size him up much better for this work than we can through the references and information which he has sent.

A Mr. Clark, at the Michigan Agricultural College, is also anxious to go to the foreign field. I think that Reisner should see both of these men."

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On June 27th Dr. Myers came into the office. I had quite a visit with him in the short time that he could stay but, as at that time I did not understand that he was thoroughly familiar with Dr. Love's position, I did not press the matter. I secured the impression that he was to see Dr. Love at Lake Mohonk. However, the above is the gist of the situation. If you feel that it is the proper thing to wait and see Mr. Goodsell as well as Mr. Clark when you come East, then we will take no further steps until you pass judgment.

Reading between the lines of Dr. Love's letter, I cannot help but reach the conclusion that both Dr. Love and Dr. Myers are not sufficiently impressed with the credentials to reach a definite decision. At least they are rather reluctant to make a black and white statement regarding their decision or feelings.

The other day we received a copy of a letter which you wrote to Dr. Warnshuis. I am holding this letter so Mr. Garside can see the contents. I am sure he will be interested in your reaction.

Very cordially yours,

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Nanking, China



House of Rest,
170 S. Marengo Ave.,
Pasadena, California.

(Mailed) July 9, 1930

Mr. C. A. Evans, Asso. Secretary-Treas.,
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Evans:

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*See Clark Frank H.
Candidate file*

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Will you please send out preliminary papers in connection with Clark. It will not be necessary of course to send out medical blanks until we get more of a line on him both professionally and personally. As in the case of Goodsell, will you please send the papers to Prof. Love and Myers for them to pass on his professional qualifications.

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With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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House of Rest,
170 S. Menlo Ave.,
Pasadena, California

Mr. C. A. Evans, Assoc. Secretary-Treas.
China Union Universities
130 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

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With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,
Robert Clark

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House of Rest,
170 S. Marengo Ave.,
Pasadena, California
July 10, 1930

Mr. C.A. Evans
China Union University
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City

My dear Evans:

I am trying to locate a secretary out here to go along back with us in August. This of course is in addition to your efforts in the East. I do not know what luck I shall have. Have interviewed several, but not very promising. Shall keep on trying.

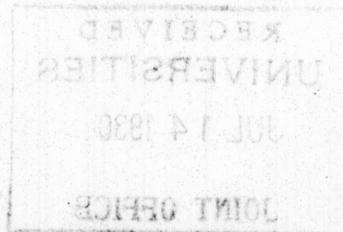
In order to avoid any possible delay will you please kindly send to me here several application blanks and the other paraphernalia which you use in handling these applications.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reisner
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College of Agriculture and Forestry

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House of Heat,
170 S. Hervey Ave.,
Pasadena, California
July 10, 1930

Mr. C. A. Evans
China Union University
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

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Yours very sincerely,

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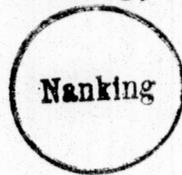
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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

College of Agriculture and Forestry

Nanking, China



House of Rest
170 So. Marengo Ave
Pasadena, California
July 11, 1930

Mr. C. A. Evans,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City

My dear Mr. Evans:

Many thanks for your letter of July 8th. The Los Angeles doctor who examined Miss Bantly did not seem to take such a serious view of Miss Bantly's condition as Dr. Jarvis evidently has. However, it is quite evident that she cannot be considered further. I am greatly disappointed as she was a most promising candidate.

Many thanks for getting busy on further candidates. As I wrote you yesterday I shall keep on the lookout here for possible candidates. Keep away from anyone much under 25 years old unless they have something very special to recommend them.

Many thanks for the check which was very welcome.

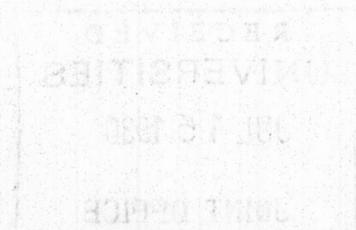
It looks as though I really ought to stop off on my way East and try to see Goodsell personally at Columbia and the same holds true of Mr. Clark. I don't want to be away from Pasadena a minute longer than is necessary, but I am piling up a good many errands to be done on this trip. A letter from Prof. Love yesterday indicates the same attitude as indicated in your letter. I shall not be leaving here for at least two weeks and before starting East I shall send you an itinerary so you will be able to reach me enroute before arriving in New York.

With kind regards and best wishes and appreciation of all you are doing for us, I am

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reisner
John H. Reisner

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College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts

Department of Chemistry



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University of Nanking

July 15, 1930
AIR MAIL

Dr. John H. Reiser
House of Rest
170 South Marengo Avenue
Pasadena, California

My dear Reiser

I have three of your letters spread out before me.

The first one was mailed July 9 and refers particularly to Frank H. Clark. Preliminary papers have been sent to him, and we shall be very much interested in the results.

Letter #2 was dated July 10, and we might say that we are very happy to have you contribute your efforts to securing a secretary-stenographer. We have had two people under consideration. One was a rather mature lady of 42, who is greatly interested in peoples of all nationalities and is now working in a community house in an Italian district. My judgment was that she would be very successful in this class of work, and in fact I am convinced that she would be successful in whatever she undertook to do. The question of age is a very important issue, and her intense interest in doing things for others might make her slightly discontented to be confined to the duties of a secretary-stenographer. However, we asked her to submit application papers which have not been received up to the present moment.

The Student Volunteer Movement gave us eight different names, all of which have been on their list for several years, and we have sent a circular letter out to all of them.

The Presbyterian Board furnished us with a file of one candidate who is now 23 years of age and has had three years of business experience, her education consisting of three years in college and one year in a business school. She is Miss Catherine Allen, sister of a Presbyterian minister at Avon, New York. She is very highly recommended, but here again age is a factor, and in the second place she has not responded to our hurried call probably due to being on vacation.

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Dr. John H. Reiser

July 15, 1930

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Mr. Tuck of the Methodist Board is endeavoring to scare someone up. The Baptist Board has no one to suggest, neither has the Reformed Church anyone on their list. The Missionary Education Movement is also working on the proposition, but they do not give us any encouragement. It is quite evident that it will be extremely difficult to get any one in readiness to leave on the 25th of August, but whatever our misgivings are, we shall not relax our efforts.

We are enclosing some blanks in case you run into any one who appears a likely candidate.

Your last letter was dated July 11. I have tried to check with Dr. Jarvis regarding Miss Bantly, but I am quite convinced that it would be useless. Recently we have had a case where Dr. Jarvis was rather reluctant to send a young man on the field, but the specialist who examined the candidate was rather reassuring, and we took a chance. As a result the young man died after six months on the field.

I agree with you that it possibly will be the best thing for you to see both Goodsell and Clark on your way east. I know how reluctant you are to pull away from Pasadena, but undoubtedly you will be the best judge regarding these people.

We shall be glad to have your itinerary, as it will be quite necessary to know your whereabouts in case something suddenly comes up.

Very cordially yours

C. A. Evans

Assistant Secretary

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July 16, 1930

#1

Mr. John H. Reisner,
170 S. Marengo Ave.,
Pasadena, Cal.

My dear Reisner:

Very unexpectedly we have what appears to be a good prospect for your secretary-stenographer position. On first thought I started to telegraph you, but decided it would be better for me to write and let you do the telegraphing.

The candidate is Miss Berry, who has been a sort of reception clerk and telephone operator, stenographer and typist, with the Missionary Education Movement, which is on the eighth floor of our building. Both Mr. Garside and I know her, and one time while eating lunch with her, jokingly suggested that it would be a fine thing for her to go to the foreign field.

When I called up the M.E.M. the other day, asking for a list of candidates, I first jokingly asked her if she didn't want to go. She immediately took it seriously and has asked all kinds of questions, and this morning is making application. Yesterday noon I made it a point to see her and fully inform her as to all of the technicalities of the position. She is 35, with Normal School training, but is very industrious. She has a splendid appearance and is in good health; rather stockily built, and very neat.

Before allowing the matter to get very far, I talked with Mr. Cogswell, who is in charge of the M.E.M. He was very enthusiastic about it, and indicated the only question in his mind was whether she would meet the stenography requirements. However, she is willing to resign immediately and devote the remaining time to her stenography in case that she is acceptable. This shows the spirit of the young lady.

I understand you are something of a whirlwind at dictating, and I don't know just how patient you would be with a person of this type. Mr. Cogswell's reaction was that if he was selecting a person for the field, he would rather pick one of the solid, dependable type represented in Miss Berry, knowing that she would eventually bring herself in line on the technical requirements, rather than pick a super-stenographer whom you knew very little about. Dr. Myers of the Baptist Board also knows Miss Berry and speaks very highly of her.

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Mr. John H. Reisner

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I am not going ahead with recommendations until you let me know, as I don't want to get the young lady too much excited.

Dr. Le Sourd, who is with the M.E.M., also says that he is quite sure Miss Berry will make good if the requirements are not too exacting for her stenography. Please telegraph me your reaction.

Very cordially yours,

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July 16, 1930

#2

Mr. John H. Reisner,
Home of Rest,
170 S. Marengo Ave.,
Pasadena, Calif.

My dear Reisner:

Since writing you this morning regarding Miss Berry, another case has been brought before us. It is a Miss Alice Goff, who has been under consideration by the Presbyterian Board. Mrs. Charles W. Williams, who is with Lester Johnson at the Board's office in San Francisco, writes as follows:-

"I had a very interesting conference today with Alice Annette Goff, 1563 - 8th Avenue, San Francisco. She is a charming girl of 22, graduate of Lowell High school with six months' work in a Secretarial School. She has been, for a couple of years, I judge, in very high grade confidential secretarial work in this city. She is a fine typist, capable in accounting work and has mainly handled correspondence not by stenographic dictation, but by having the case presented to her by her chief, she creating her letters. She is at present with the California State Automobile Association.

Miss Goff is the daughter of Captain Charles Goff of the Traffic Squad who was at one time head of the China Town squad and has worked in close relationship in the past years with Miss Donaldina Cameron in her rescue work. This young woman would like to do missionary work in China where she has friends. She would like specially to be in Shanghai since a brother who is someway related to shipping often makes that a port of call. I promised to write to inquire what probability there is of a girl so trained being sent out under our Board; if we are sending out secretaries or accounting people. Even as young as this girl is, I believe she is worth investigating and probably would be a good draw."

The above letter was dated December 1929, so you will notice that Miss Goff is under the stipulated 25 years mentioned in your correspondence. However, if you think well of her, we might mail her an application blank.

Very cordially yours,

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

College of Agriculture and Forestry

Nanking, China

House of Rest
170 S. Marengo Ave.
Pasadena, California
July 17, 1930

Nanking

Mr. C. A. Evans
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

My dear Mr. Evans:

Thanks for your letter of July 15th enclosing two sets of application blanks and for your Day Letter of the 17th. I am writing to Miss Pettus today and will let you know how matters develop.

No official change has yet been made in the date of our sailing to China though Dr. Bliss our Board doctor here, has recommended a delay on account of the condition of John Jr. and the same question was raised in a letter some time ago by Dr. Dodd, so it does not seem likely that we shall be sailing quite as early as August 25th. This might be kept in mind in the matter of a secretary, but should not influence in any way our trying to locate one as expeditiously as possible. Miss Allen whom you mentioned in your letter seemed like a possible candidate from what history you gave of her. Her age is a little bit young, but she has excellent training which would somewhat offset the scantiness of age.

Miss Bantly now realizes that it is quite out of the question for her to think of going to China. She is very much upset over developments concerning her health, but it is undoubtedly a good thing that her condition has been discovered in time for remedial measures to be taken. Certainly she is in no condition to go out.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reiser
John H. Reiser

JHR:H

The really big part of our work for a secy - is stenography
what you write of Miss Beery sounds attractive but she should
resign as suggested until we know a little further what the Bd & Drs are
likely to decide re the Reiser family - I will be in N.Y. before the 10th Aug.
Did she ever have stenographic training + is it a case of slowing up account
no need to use it in her position? also better check on her health at
once. JHR

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TRANSFER

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

College of Agriculture and Forestry

Honolulu, Hawaii

House of Rest
170 S. Kamehameha Ave.
Pasadena, California
July 14, 1930



Mr. G. A. Evans
China Union Universities
130 Fifth Ave.
New York City

My dear Mr. Evans:

Thanks for your letter of July 14th enclosing two sets of application blanks and for your letter of the 17th. I am writing to Miss Peters today and will let you know how things develop.

No official change has yet been made in the state of our affairs to China. Dr. Hines our head doctor here, has recommended a delay on account of the condition of John T. and the same question was raised in a letter some time ago by Dr. Bold, so it does not seem likely that we shall be sailing quite so early as August 25th. This might be kept in mind in the matter of a return, but should not influence in any way our trying to locate one as expeditiously as possible. Miss Peterson mentioned in your letter seemed like a possible candidate from what history you gave of her. Her eyes are a little bit young, but she has excellent training which would somewhat offset the scantiness of age.

Miss Lentz now realizes that it is a case out of the question for her to think of going to China. She is very much upset over developments concerning her health, but it is undoubtedly a good thing that her condition has been discovered in time for remedial measures to be taken. Certainly she is in no condition to go out.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Rolander
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University of Nanking

Dean John H. Reisner
House of Rest
170 South Marengo Avenue
Pasadena, California

July 17, 1930
AIR MAIL
Miss Pettus is now - W. B. Pettus' secretary in L.A. - also is his cousin - student no chaper her. J.R.R.

Dear Mr. Reisner

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She is thirty years of age and after having said all that I have in the previous paragraph I ~~would~~ think that she is a very promising candidate. Therefore I wired you this morning as follows:-

"Student Volunteer Movement suggests Lydia Pettus eleven twenty one Subway Terminal Building Los Angeles California for secretary stenographer She is thirty and recommendations are good Better look her up Evans"

You are such a good judge of human nature that you will be able to size her up on sight, and then you also know what you want.

We actually received an application from Miss Steven, who seems to be very anxious to go to the field. She is the one who is 42 years of age.

Very cordially yours

C. A. Evans

Assistant Secretary

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R. A. GARLAND, Secretary and Treasurer
C. A. EVANS, Associate Secretary-Treasurer

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University of Nanking

July 17, 1930
AIR MAIL

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Dear Mr. Keiser:
House of Rest
170 South Marango Avenue
Pasadena, California

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University of Nanking

July 18, 1930

Mr. John H. Reinger
House of Rest
170 S. Marengo Avenue
Pasadena, Cal.

My dear Mr. Reinger:

Here is another air mail letter for you and another candidate. She is a very attractive young lady, twenty-six years of age, at present employed in Forbes National Bank in Pittsburgh which is being managed by Andrew Mellon's nephew. She is his private secretary and is very efficient.

While her work at the University of Pittsburgh consisted of one year in Religious Education yet she is constantly working among University people as the bank is located in that part of Pittsburgh.

I have very carefully reviewed the entire situation with her and evidently I did not paint it black enough because in the final analysis she was more anxious to go. There is one condition attached to this application and that is no correspondence to be instituted with those given as reference unless there is an equal chance with others. In other words, if you have made any progress on the west coast and have picked a likely and attractive candidate, this young lady is out of the race.

I wish I could send you her picture but she had none with her. I assure you, however, that I am a good judge of appearances at least and in that respect she is all that could be desired.

Very cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

Assistant Treasurer,
University of Nanking.

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170 S. Marengo Ave.
Pasadena, Calif.
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Nanking

My dear Evan Inside -

I am enclosing herewith, for information purpose
of a copy of a recent letter to Pres. Chen re
my return to Nanking. When I get to New York -
in consultation with the Board, we shall have
to come to some decision. Pres. Chen may
cable ^{you} in response to my letter. I think I would
be unwilling to return to N - right now - even
without the family. Our Board & he is also very
strongly opposed to such a move - in account of Mrs. R -
& John Jr.

With kind regards to her -

Sincerely
John H. Kinsler

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

College of Agriculture and Forestry

Nanking, China



House of Rest,
170 S. Marengo Ave.
Pasadena, California
July 12, 1930

President Y. G. Chen,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China

My dear President Chen:

In view of possible cables which you may be getting within the next few weeks, I think I better write you now and give you an inkling of developments which may take place, with reference to my return to Nanking.

Yesterday morning the doctor told us that he did not think John Jr. would be able to walk again for at least six months, which you will readily understand creates very serious problems for our bringing him back to Nanking. There have been developed in certain places here in America, facilities which aid greatly in the rehabilitation of an Infantile Paralysis convalescence from which we would be entirely cut off were we to come either to Nanking or Shanghai. Furthermore it does not seem to us altogether fair to take John back to China at the present time and cut him off from his maximum chances for as full a recovery as possible.

If the delay were only a matter of one or two months I think our Presbyterian Board would raise no question about it, but as it is apt to be a longer period than that they probably will want me to resign temporarily unless there is something that I am able to do for them in the way of home base work, that is, traveling and speaking or unless the University should ask them to keep me here and put me at work in New York in trying to stir up a little more interest in the University of Nanking among its past and possible supporters. What I should also very much like to do would be to put in a few months in the financial interest in the College of Agriculture and Forestry, which up to now I have not been able to do. I could also help very definitely in finding some suitable candidates to fill the Board quotas on our college staff. There is also another possibility, that is in connection with the Agricultural Missions Foundation, some members of which are rather anxious that I should become connected with probably permanently, but I have discouraged all such suggestions because I did want to return to Nanking for at least another five years to further strengthen and develop the College of Agriculture and Forestry. Another suggestion and one which Mrs. Reiser and I have considered, is the possibility of my coming out to Nanking this Fall according to schedule and leaving the family here on the Pacific Coast. Very frankly this does not appeal to either of us very strongly, but if it seemed to be our duty and responsibility to do so, we would be willing to suffer the separation. You will realize, of course, that John's condition and the possibility of his being permanently crippled is a constant anxiety and

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a very heavy strain on our physical and nervous resources, especially coming as it does on these last two years of more or less constant illness. I am going East to New York in a couple of weeks in connection with the College of Agriculture and Forestry and to work out with Prof. Love and Prof. Myers several projects to be placed before the Agricultural Missions Foundation. They held a very important meeting on June 28th to which I was invited, but could not go, at which they determined to attempt to raise \$60,000. each year for the next three years to be used in rural mission projects around the world. The College of Agriculture and Forestry should come in for a very large share of consideration in the utilization of these funds. Then there are a number of candidates I want to see enroute. I also want to have a long talk with Dr. Ely, about whose interest in co-operating with the University of Nanking you have already learned through Buck and Garside, and I want also to make another attempt with the Silk Association of America for some help from them. There are also a number of lesser important items which I shall want to attend to.

If you have any suggestions at all I wish you would cable Mr. Garside at once, so that we might know your wishes when I confer with Mr. Scott and Mr. Garside in New York.

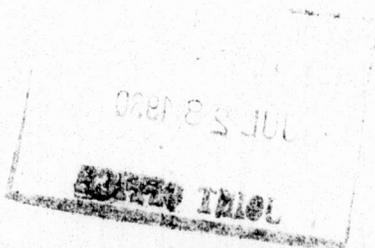
I can assure you this development is most unexpected, but we are anxious to do whatever seems the best for all concerned. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Bowen and Miss Priest and possibly I shall send a copy later on to Mr. Scott and Mr. Garside.

With kind regards and best wishes and regretting that I have to add to your burdens, I am

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reisner

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Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reiser

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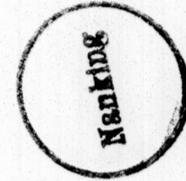
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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

College of Agriculture and Forestry

Nanking, China



House of Rest,
170 S. Marengo Ave.
Pasadena, Calif.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

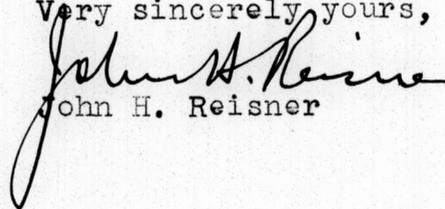
I am leaving here for the East likely Sunday night and will see you in New York sometime the first week in August. I shall be stopping at Columbia, Mo. to see Mr. Goodsell; at Chicago to see several people; possibly at East Lansing to see Mr. Clark, and at Ithaca for two or three days with Profs. Love and Myers. Our sailing for Nanking has been postponed on account of the condition of John Jr. and in view of this fact the appointment of a secretary is not quite of such immediate importance. I think therefore we better just allow the situation to remain as it is until I get to New York and confer with our Board and Mr. Garside and determine what is to be done with the Reisner family.

If anything special comes up and you want to reach me the latter part of next week, you can address me c/o Dr. Richard T. Ely Institute of Land Economics, Northwestern University, Chicago. I shall be in Chicago Friday August 1st.

I shall be in Ithaca say from August 3d to August 5th or 6th and can be addressed there c/o Prof. H. H. Love, College of Agriculture, Ithaca, New York.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,


John H. Reisner

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101 Park Avenue

August 6, 1930.



Dr. Robert E. Speer
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Avenue, New York

Dear Dr. Speer:

In further consideration of the recent conversation with you and Dr. Mott, it seems important that some definite decision be formulated with regard to Dean John H. Reisner and his possible relationship to the Agricultural Missions Foundation. As Dr. Warnshuis has been the Secretary in charge of organization plans, his departure tomorrow for China deprives us of the one executive officer to guide and correlate the organization activities. We are all convinced that Dean Reisner is remarkably prepared to take charge of the activities necessary to the final organization of the Foundation. In view of our acute need for help at the present time and because of the significance of this undertaking to Christian missions, we are turning to your Board for help. The proposal we would submit to you is:- that Dean Reisner shall be loaned to the Agricultural Missions Foundation either on part or full time for a period of from three to six months beginning September 1st. It is our hope that during this period the Foundation will secure sufficient financial support to enable us to launch its program.

As we did not have time to explain the organization and purpose of the Foundation at our recent meeting you will be interested to have the following facts:

1. That the organization is composed of representatives of three groups, namely, secretaries of mission boards, deans and professors of agricultural colleges and sympathetic business men and women.
2. That the purpose of the Foundation is to aid mission activities concerned in the evangelization and education of rural peoples and in bettering the conditions in which they live.

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I am writing this letter in behalf of Dr. Mott and the Executive Officers of the Foundation.

With appreciation of your cooperation and hope for favorable consideration, I am

Very sincerely,

Thomas Jesse Jones

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University of Nanking

August 19, 1930

Mr. John Reiser,
McConnellsburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Reiser:

We have this morning received from President Chen a cablegram reading as follows:-

"IMPORTANT REISER REPRESENT THE UNIVERSITY. APPROVE COOPERATION ELY IF EMPHASIZE TRAINING STUDENTS."

While Dr. Chen emphasizes the necessity of having you carry on work during the coming months as a representative of Nanking, I do not infer that this would interfere with your devoting part, or all, your time to work of the Agricultural Missions Foundation, since that work would be very important and very direct interest to the University.

Have you made any special inquiries or had any recent correspondence relative to the University's cooperation with Dr. Ely? I do not remember any mention of this cooperation in recent correspondence from our office so I am a little uncertain why Dr. Chen included the last part of his cablegram. We are glad to have this word of approval from the field, for they have long delayed replying to the correspondence we have sent them on the subject during the last four or five months. I should like, however, somewhat fuller information as to their attitude than could be conveyed in a cable.

What is the next step in regard to your plans for the coming months. Shall I communicate Dr. Chen's message to the Presbyterian Board, or to any others?

Very cordially yours,

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September 8, 1930

Mr. Frank T. Cartwright
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Cartwright:

Dr. Bowen was good enough to send me, a short while ago, a copy of Mr. Illick's letter to you in which the latter commented on various matters of the University. I have also seen a copy of Dr. Bowen's reply to Mr. Illick and a copy of a rather full letter which Miss Priest sent to Dr. Speer answering directly some of the misrepresentations in Mr. Illick's letter to you. Without attempting to reply to Mr. Illick's letter, I would, however, just like to make a few comments which I believe will be helpful in appraising the situation at Nanking as it actually exists.

The Religious Situation in the University. I have been connected with the University of Nanking for sixteen years and I do not remember a time when the religious life of the University was wholly satisfactory. I cannot remember a single time during that period when the uppermost interest in the mind of the administration has not been to make the University as Christian as it was possible for those responsible to make it so. The situation then which Mr. Illick calls special attention to at this time is certainly not a new one. Dr. Bowen himself would be one of the very first to recognize this fact. Furthermore, I believe there is no one who is more interested in the religious life of and problems of the University right now than President Chen. I am convinced that this consideration is uppermost in his mind at all times. He often spoke to me about it, and I remember definite occasions where he was face to face with the problems of continuing or dismissing certain of our Christian teachers who were patently incompetent to do the kind of work which the University standards require. His is no easy task, let me assure you, and knowing the situation in China as I do, I am not alarmed over the fact that such a large proportion of our faculty are not church members. We all wish it would be otherwise. I would be very much alarmed if I did not realize that Dr. Chen was fully alive to the necessity of having a faculty with as large a proportion of Christian teachers as it is possible to have or that he was not doing everything he possibly could to replace non-Christian teachers with Christian teachers.

You have been in China long enough to know that one has to distinguish between church members and Christians. I do not believe there is a single Chinese on the faculty of any of our colleges, unless it be in the Department of Chinese, who is not thoroughly Christian at heart, and I would rather have, on a faculty of mine, some men who were not church members but whose lives and influence were strongly Christian than to have faculty members whose character belied their Christian allegiance. After all the vicissitudes that the University has experienced since March 1927, I think no one could doubt the tremendous loyalty of our faculty to the University as a Christian Institution.

What I am driving at can be made a little clearer, and will come with a little more force, by quoting a paragraph from a letter written to the China Famine Fund Committee, Shanghai, by the Rev. Charles E. Patton, Secretary of

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the Presbyterian China Council in Shanghai. The letter was written after a brief visit by Mr. Patton to the College of Agriculture and Forestry in the spring of 1928. He writes as follows:-

"I think the deepest impression made upon my mind was in connection with the personnel. As we strolled about from place to place and met the Chinese faculty members in charge, one could not but be impressed by the personality and enthusiasm with which each individual took hold of us and told us all about it; I am all too familiar with the more or less flat and negative type of Christian worker among our Mission and realized all the more forcibly the real devotion to his task, his enthusiasm for the success of his project and for the promotion of his part of the work manifest in each of these workers whom we met. Their very enthusiasm was contagious and seized even me. Quite evidently a hand picked force has been selected and an organization built up having in itself a degree of life which holds great promise."

The University of Nanking, more than any other institution of higher learning in the Yangtse Valley, has always had a very large proportion of our students from other than mission institutions, and as a consequence the number of Christian students coming to the University has been relatively smaller. We have had no direct feeding high schools under mission control such as have many of the other Christian colleges and universities in China. The fact that we have had a larger percentage of non-Christian students entering the University has always been considered by the University as a special challenge.

You will recall that even before the breakup in March 1927 and before any administrative changes had taken place, courses in religious instruction in the University, as well as chapel and Sunday worship, were placed on a voluntary basis. You will remember from the personal report which Mr. Wu Chen, whom you met at lunch last Wednesday, made to you that Sunday averaged normally from 150 to 200 students, and chapel normally averaged 100 to 150 students, and on certain occasions the chapel would be filled to overflowing, depending upon the speaker. You will recall also Mr. Hsu's opinion that the Christians in the University today were more alive to their own personal responsibilities, so far as Christian living was concerned, than when we were on the old basis previously to 1927. I believe he also indicated the respect which even the non-Christian students, had for the Christians in the University and, I might add, for the Christian ideals for which the University stands. Certainly from his report one had every right to feel encouraged over the religious situation at the University. I might add that there is no member of our faculty in whose integrity and judgement we place greater confidence than in Mr. Hsu.

You have already seen the reply of the present Minister of Education to the petition of the Christian churches in China, flatly denying them the right to any religious instruction in any of the church schools. Clearly Nanking feels the attitude of the Ministry of Education more keenly than would the institution farther away from Nanking. The University of Nanking is almost under foot of the Ministry of Education, and it is only natural that the Ministry should attempt to carry out to the letter of the law such policies as they wish to see carried out in our Christian Universities. Moreover, in Nanking itself since March 1927, there has been a tremendous amount of Russian communist anti-religion teaching and propaganda. We are living in Nanking under war psychology and the government has been under considerable pressure from the radical element in the Kuomintang party. Many of our old foreign teachers of the University have left, with the consequent necessity of re-establishing a faculty and of employing the best men that could be had, No one claims that the situa-

tion at the University is ideal, but I do declare that it is very good, if not excellent, and I do not believe the Board of Founders or the Board of Directors could have found anyone in China who would have done more to maintain the Christian standard and to keep alive and foremost the Christian purposes of the Founders than has President Chen.

The College of Agriculture and Forestry. Miss Priest has supplied data correcting the ratio of students to faculty, as given by Mr. Illick, and Dr. Bowman had commented on his statement regarding expansion of the College of Agriculture and Forestry. I would like to add a few general comments, however, to indicate that the College has other interests besides students for which it is responsible. So far as I can discover, there is no institution in China, outside of theological seminaries and Bible Schools, which is attempting to reach directly for the upbuilding of the rural church in China, and all these things have to be considered in attempting to evaluate our educational efficiency and our Christian influence.

The College of Agriculture and Forestry has gained a large share of its reputation and has won the confidence of the Chinese public and our student body very largely because of the amount and serious character of its research and investigation. There is probably no institution in China in which so much of the material for instruction is directly taken from Chinese sources as in our own. This is of course immediately affecting the quality of instruction. We are not teaching American agriculture or Japanese agriculture so much as we are teaching Chinese agriculture, that is, taking our illustrative material from facts of Chinese Agriculture. Without this work we would only be a very mediocre institution if we would even stand that high.

Our large program of research, investigation and experimentation has also been absolutely essential to the development of our extension department in which our College also occupies a very unique place among similar institutions in China. The extension program must have its roots in certainties and there is no one quicker than the Chinese farmer to realize whether you are dealing in abstracts and generalities or whether your proposal has in it the elements of real helpfulness. In preparing a summary report last Winter for the American Famine Fund Committee at Shanghai I was surprised to find that in the last six or seven years the College of Agriculture and Forestry through its Extension Department had reached over half a million people, mostly farmers. Not of less interest in this connection is the fact that the largest part of these audiences total-ling half a million and more, have brought together under the direction of Missions and their rural churches, with whom we were cooperating. We publish an agriculture and forestry newspaper, issued every ten days which we conservatively estimate reaches a reading audience of between one and a half and two million people each year. Several seasons ago our department of Sericulture had individual demonstrations and personal instruction in 800 families of silk farmers in five villages. In recent years the College of Agriculture and Forestry has either had its own summer schools for rural teachers and preachers, or has cooperated in similar institutions under the supervision of Missions. Some summers we have done both. We have had numerous other courses for farmers and students. We have a very excellent rural normal school and rural training center. Men from various departments take part in Christian conferences throughout North, East and Central China.

I have just mentioned the above facts to indicate that instruction is only one of the vital functions of the College of Agriculture and Forestry and that it is quite unfair in determining student faculty ratios to include members of the faculty who are not at all responsible for, or expected to be responsible

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for instruction work. The ration as I indicated above would, I believe, be more fairly nine students to one teacher than the ration of three to one as given by Mr. Illick. Further more the College of Agriculture and Forestry is a technical institution and one would expect to find a lower rather than a higher ratio. It is also evident to a great many of us who are worrying about the institution and have been worrying now for several years that the instruction of the College of Agriculture and Forestry is not what it should be. We are weak at two points, one lack of foreign teacher, due partly to the fact that several Board quotas in the College of Agriculture and Forestry are still empty, and other is the lack of returned students. It seems to be a much more difficult problem to get a satisfactory returned student for teaching courses in agriculture and forestry than it is for teaching general arts subjects and the general sciences. We are hoping, however, that the Board vacancies may be filled soon and that we can work out a system of fellowships that will make it possible to send to America for special training some of the best of our younger instructors and associates, who have been with us already for a number of years.

My very strong conviction is that we have in President Chen a man who deserves the utmost confidence not only on the part of every faculty member, Chinese and foreign, but of every member of the Board of Directors and the Board of Founders. I know of no one who could have done his most difficult task any better or as well as he has done it, and I hope that as a result of these discussions the Board of Founders will take such action, either individually or collectively, as will indicate to Dr. Chen their confidence in him and assure him of their constant interest in his problems, their sympathy with his difficulties, and their prayers that he may be given grace and wisdom, as well as strength, to carry on at what is on certain occasions, I am sure, a rather thankless task.

Very cordially yours,

/s/ John H. Reiser

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A Report of Progress

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The College of Agriculture and Forestry.

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The Cooperative Crop Improvement Project, undertaken by the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University, the College of Agriculture and Forestry of the University of Nanking, Nanking, China, and the International Education Board, began in 1925. The two main objectives were (1) to reorganize and develop the crop improvement work of the University of Nanking and cooperating stations, and (2) to give as wide a training as possible to men engaged in plant breeding work in China. Under the terms of the agreement Cornell University was to send out one professor each year for a period of five years; the International Education Board was to provide salary for the time the Cornell professors were away from the University and not covered by Cornell University rulings with respect to sabbatical leaves and vacations; the University of Nanking was to provide travel from Ithaca to Nanking and return, and travel and maintenance while in China.

Professor H. H. Love spent the growing season of 1925 at Nanking. He was followed by Professor C. H. Myers in 1926. Because of political disturbances in China, the arrangement was suspended during the years 1927 and 1928. Professor Love returned for the season of 1929. Professor Wiggans spent the season of 1930 at Nanking, and Professor C. H. Myers will spend the season of 1931 in Nanking, thus bringing the five year arrangement to a close.

The following very brief statement of results achieved so far should be considered as a report of progress of the undertaking.

- I. In the Practical Field of Crop Improvement -
1. Reorganized the plant breeding work in the College of Agriculture and Forestry of the University of Nanking and correlated with it, as well as with each other, the crop improvement work of ~~the~~ cooperating stations in Central, East and North China.
 2. To date 28 improved strains and varieties of wheat, millet, kaoliang, corn and cotton have been put into increase fields or have already been distributed.
 3. In 1929-30, about 900 bushels of improved seed of wheat, corn and cotton were distributed.

II. In the Field of Training of Students in China -

4. Summer Institute of Crop Improvement in 1928 - under direction of Professor C. H. Myers - with 23 students and plant breeders registered and 16 visitors representing the major plant improvement organizations in Central and East China.
5. Summer Institute of Crop Improvement in 1929 - under direction of Professor H. H. Love - with 52 registered students (average attendance of 65.), with similar representation as under 4.
6. Summer Institute of Crop Improvement in 1930 - under direction of Professor R. G. Wiggins - with 20 students, representing the major plant improvement organizations in North China.
7. Special emphasis on plant breeding courses with field practice at the University of Nanking for regular college students.
8. Personal conferences were held with workers from the other institutions (Government and Mission) on special problems of plant improvement.
9. Detailed plans for small grain breeding and testing have been prepared and made available in Chinese.

III. Training of Students in the United States, at Cornell -

10. Resulting chiefly from the contacts made with Cornell professors in China, eight Chinese students are taking special work in plant breeding at Cornell, in 1930. Six of these are majoring and two are minoring in this subject.

IV. Significance of the Cornell-Nanking Project in the Field of International Education -

11. As an experiment in international education, the results to date must be considered highly significant and satisfactory. Expert professional advice and instruction in an important field of applied science has been made available to a large number of students and experiment station workers engaged in plant breeding in China. On this background of China experience and training, a significant group has already gone to Cornell for further specialized training. ~~A much larger group has received special training in China.~~
12. The Cornell Professors state that their work in China has broadened their own training and experience in the field of Plant Breeding.
13. The wide experience of the Cornell Professors in the field of agricultural education and administration has also resulted in incidental but very important contributions to other departments of the University of Nanking.

Y. Program similar to that developed at the University of Nanking adopted by Government Agencies and a Cornell Professor invited to become Chief Adviser on the Project.

R Government Interest in Plant Breeding has been greatly stimulated.

14. A program for Crop Improvement similar to that developed by the University of Nanking has been adopted by Government Agencies and a Cornell Professor, Dr. H. H. Love, has been invited to become Chief Adviser to the Project. The Central Government's Ministry of Agriculture and Mining, the Provincial Government of Kiangsu through its Bureau of Agriculture, and the Provincial Government of Chekiang through its Bureau of Agriculture and Forestry, jointly, have extended the above invitation.

VI. The University of Nanking made Central Training Center for Training of Plant Breeding Specialists by Government Agencies cooperating in VI~~4~~ above.

15. The Government Agencies represented in V-14, in addition to the Government Central University and the University of Nanking have entered into an agreement, subject to acceptance on the part of Professor H. H. Love, whereby the University of Nanking, through its College of Agriculture and Forestry becomes responsible for the Technical Training of plant breeding experts, who will be used in the extensive government crop improvement programs.

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November 28, 1930

Professor C. H. Myers,
Department of Plant Breeding,
College of Agriculture,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Professor Myers :-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I have just written to Professor Emerson, asking for an extra leave of absence for you for the months of February and March, 1931, in connection with the Cornell-Nanking crop improvement project. This is to confirm our conversation of this afternoon stating that the University of Nanking on its part will make the necessary financial adjustment for your salary for the months of February and March, which you stated to be \$550 Gold per month.

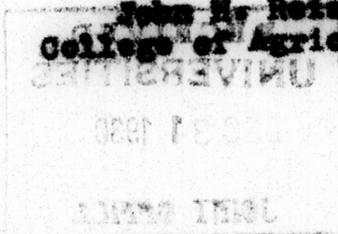
With cordial appreciation and regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

John H. Reiser, Co-Dean
College of Agriculture and Forestry

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November 28, 1930

Professor O. H. Myers,
Department of Plant Breeding,
College of Agriculture,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Professor Myers :-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I have just written to Professor Emerson, asking for an extra leave of absence for you for the months of February and March, 1931, in connection with the Cornell-Winning crop improvement project. This is to confirm our conversation of this afternoon stating that the University of Waring on its part will make the necessary financial adjustment for your salary for the months of February and March, which you stated to be \$250 Gold per month. With cordial appreciation and regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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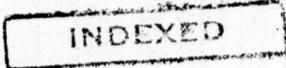
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Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Will you please go ahead with Miss Anderson's papers just as rapidly as possible; especially secure medical papers and if the latter are satisfactory get action from the candidate committee as quickly as possible. I have had a long talk with Miss Anderson this morning and she has my hearty O.K. I think there will be very little difficulty on the health end.

Also, please proceed with Mr. Frank H. Clark of the Department of Plant Breeding, Michigan State Agricultural College, East Lansing, Michigan. Especially get a check up on medical as soon as possible. Professor Wiggins says everything is favorable for his appointment by Nanking to be stationed at Yenching. Under this new agreement all personnel at Yenching is appointed by Nanking. I know there is money available. In the meantime, I shall write to Nanking and ask their approval by cable of the appointment.

Cornell-in-China is looking up. I am very hopeful that within another year they will have their own representative at Nanking. Will write more details later.

Leaving this afternoon for Pasadena.

Yours very sincerely,

J. R. Reisner

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December 9, 1950

AIR MAIL

Mr. John H. Reisner,
170 So. Marengo Ave.,
Pasadena, Cal.

My dear Reisner:

Mighty glad to learn that you have safely arrived in California and have found that John Junior is making such gratifying progress. You are certainly entitled to a prolonged visit with your family.

Your letters of December 6 with their various enclosures arrived in this morning's mail. I begin to suspect that you left town just at the psychological moment, for obviously we cannot appoint both Miss Pettus and Miss Anderson, and I believe that the one who is left behind is going to be tremendously disappointed. Miss Pettus telephoned to me several days ago and was evidently quite overjoyed at the encouraging report of her medical examiners which they had just given her. Apparently she has gotten the impression that once the question of health is settled the final completion of her appointment to Nanking is only a matter of routine. Does she know that any other candidates are being seriously considered? I am not enthusiastic about the task of breaking the news to her if the Candidate Committee should decide in favor of Miss Anderson.

I have consulted with Dr. Vaughan as to a suitable medical examiner in Ithaca and have sent to Miss Anderson a letter of introduction from Dr. Vaughan to a physician in Ithaca generally used by the Methodist Board, together with the usual medical blanks. I hope that within a few days we shall have her health report on hand. Meantime I am going ahead with arranging for a meeting of the Candidate Committee. I will try to set this meeting up within a day or two after we should normally get back the medical report from Ithaca so the Committee will be able to see the complete picture of who is available and what are the qualifications of each candidate.

We have received the application papers of Miss Elizabeth J. Davis whom you interviewed just before you left New York. Since you apparently were not particularly enthusiastic over Miss Davis I doubt whether we should take any very active steps which might raise too many false hopes in her mind, until some decision is reached with regard to Miss Anderson and Miss Pettus. However, I will send out our usual reference inquiries to the five people listed by Miss Davis.

I enclose a cablegram we have just received from Nanking. I understand that when the new Radio Corporation of America trans-Pacific service was inaugurated on December 6 they invited each of their good customers on both sides of the Pacific to send one message free on the day the service was opened. We received a cablegram from nearly all our Universities, some of them dealing with matters which I believe would ordinarily

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have been covered by letter rather than by cable. You are the best judge of the importance and urgency of the enclosed message.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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P. S. Apparently you have scrupulously refrained from indicating your preference as between Miss Anderson and Miss Pettus. I know the Candidate Committee will immediately ask which of the two young ladies you prefer, and would be guided largely by your preference in the matter. You have had more intimate contact with the two than would be possible for any Candidate Committee and are in the best position to judge their relative qualifications. Also you are the one who is primarily interested in getting the right person for this position. I hope, therefore, that you will let us know frankly in which direction your own preference lies. You can send this information confidentially or unofficially if you so desire though I see no harm in reporting your stand frankly to the members of the Candidate Committee.

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December 10, 1930

Mr. John H. Reisner
170 South Marengo Avenue
Pasadena, California

My dear Reisner

The following paragraph is a copy of a letter we have just received from Hewett P. Mulford and Company, Lebanon, Ohio:-

"In reply to your recent inquiry, we wish to refer you to our letter of earlier in the season at which time we spoke of the poor shape we felt the seeds to have been in upon arrival. Consequently we did not germinate them ourselves, but forwarded them to M. H. Elis in Georgia to germinate and give us the results, that we might complete our transaction with you. Since in breaking the seeds open upon arrival we could not find a single one that seemed to us to have a live germ. Surely you can appreciate our position in the above matter."

In handling a situation of this nature where a question of value received is involved, the way has been opened to make some adjustment. You will notice that the letter implies something of this nature. If it is a fact that this concern received seeds which were of no value to them, the question of forcing payment becomes rather serious. We do not find anything in the correspondence where previous claim has been made, and we are wondering if you recall anything in the picture or know of anything that would justify a reduction in the bill. We shall be very glad to have your reaction on the whole situation.

May I take this opportunity to extend to you and yours the Season's greetings, and I do sincerely trust that you will be able to find much to give you joy and happiness.

Very cordially yours

C. A. Evans

Assistant Treasurer

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My dear Garside,

Re your letter concerning candidates, I'd rather your candidate committee should make the decision. I think both would do the work very acceptably - so far as ranking is concerned.

But I do want you to be absolutely sure, as to health. Mrs. Piatt in a recent letter, says the illness of Percy & Shirley Peay are both such & will have to come back to USA, - one T. B. & the other some internal malady. But both died - before they left the state. I am quite sure Mrs. Anderson's physical stamina is better than Mrs. Petter - as you can judge from appraisals. I am not quite sure how Mrs. Petter would react to the cold damp winters of the LA humid summers - you will know more about Mrs. Anderson when her med. exam is in. - But don't take any chances - as either of them, medically. Yes, I think Mrs. Petter knows we are considering other candidates. In fact I know she does. She also knows she can have a position with Ag. Mrs. Ford - if she doesn't

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go to Hanking. I have already offered it to her.
Of course you will be guided by Vaughan's
judgment and not Mrs. Petter's interpretation of
her hospital exams.

In summary - my judgment is, that this
is different in many ways. Both Mrs. Anderson
Mrs. Petter would make good secretaries & no
chances should be taken as to the one or the other
as health is concerned. & we should be assured
as funds are margin of profit is possible.

Will write Dr. Chen re his call to me. I can't
get away much earlier than originally
planned. I am not anticipating the end of
the winter months in Hanking with any degree of
pleasure. Leaving about Feb 20. will still give me
1 1/2 - 2 months!

Please get action on the fee as soon
as possible. I do hope one will give OK.

Yours truly

John H. Keiser

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University of Nanking

December 23, 1930

Dean John H. Reisner,
170 So. Marengo Ave.,
Pasadena, Cal.

AIR MAIL

My dear Reisner:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 18.

We had a meeting of the Candidate Committee last week. Some days in advance of this meeting I had sent copies of the candidate papers of both Miss Pettus and Miss Anderson to all members of the Committee, so they came to the meeting well informed of the qualifications of both young ladies. After some discussion of the merits of each, the Committee voted to offer the appointment to Miss Anderson, conditional upon a satisfactory health examination. It also voted, however, that in case Miss Anderson was unable to accept this appointment a similar invitation be issued to Miss Pettus.

As soon as possible after I received the letter you dictated in Ithaca with regard to Miss Anderson I made arrangements with the Methodist Board to have her examined by their medical representative in Ithaca, but for some reason there was quite a delay in arranging the examination and a still further delay in getting the report back to Dr. Vaughan. The report reached him only a few days ago, and an examination of the doctor's findings showed that one or two points remained to be checked up before the doctor can give her a clear bill of health. For one thing the examination showed certain defects of vision which apparently had not been corrected by the use of glasses; and the urinalysis showed the presence of pus cells which may or may not be indicative of trouble. Dr. Vaughan at once wrote to the medical man in Ithaca calling attention to these two points and asking that he check them up further and report at once by wire. I am hopeful that we may have a definite decision in Miss Anderson's case within two or three days. She is naturally very anxious to have an immediate decision so that she can begin to make plans accordingly. I have been keeping in touch with her both by letter and by wire in an effort to assure her that we are doing everything possible to speed up processes.

At the same time we have been placed in a rather difficult position as far as Miss Pettus is concerned. I have been hoping that we could have a definite decision in Miss Anderson's case before making any report to Miss Pettus, because it is a little difficult to say to a young lady that she has been nominated as a second choice, and that we shall have to wait until a decision is reached with regard to the first choice before we can give her any definite word. However, in fairness to Miss Pettus we cannot delay a report to her much longer, so I plan to get in touch with her by telephone today as soon as she comes to her office, and will explain the situation to her as

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frankly as possible. The chief basis for the decision with regard to Miss Pettus was the uncertainty that still remains on the health question. After receiving the report of the hospital in Brooklyn where Miss Pettus went for observation Dr. Vaughan stated that it would probably be fairly safe from a medical standpoint to send her to Nanking, though he would not rate her more than eighty per cent on a basis of physical efficiency, whereas the normal for candidates approved by the medical office is between ninety and ninety-five per cent.

We are taking steps to secure the health papers of Mr. and Mrs. Clark, and as soon as these are in will present his name to the Candidate Committee. Will you please give me a little more explicit information as to the plan for Mr. and Mrs. Clark in case their papers are all satisfactory. When would you want them to sail? From what source is his salary to be supplied? What is the attitude of the University authorities to their appointment? Will the University be able to provide housing facilities? All these are samples of the questions the Candidate Committee will certainly fire at my head when their case is brought before them.

We have received a letter from Professor Myers in which he suggests that you and his son John occupy stateroom 126, which adjoins the stateroom already reserved for Professor and Mrs. Myers, No. 124, on the President Lincoln sailing from San Francisco January 30. The Dollar Steamship Line is holding these two staterooms for us, subject to later confirmation. Will this arrangement be satisfactory to you, or do you have other plans in mind? Please let me know promptly because we cannot hold our tentative reservation too long.

When I talked with the Dollar Line in regard to these reservations they informed me that Professor Love had also made very tentative reservations for this same steamer, and asked me whether our office had any connection with Professor Love's outgoing this time. I gave a rather non-committal answer and promised that I would speak further with them in regard to Professor Love's arrangements. So far as I know, we do not have any definite responsibility for Professor Love's outgoing travel arrangements and could not rightly ask that he secure the ten per cent missionary discount. If, however, I am misinformed on either of these two points will you please set me right?

We look forward to seeing you again in January, though we realize that it is a great shame you must be leaving your family after such a short visit with them.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I am

Very cordially yours,

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December 30, 1930

Dear Reisner,

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letters of December 23rd and December 26th.

In your letter of the 23rd you state a strong preference for accommodations amidships on B deck, and register an emphatic veto against quarters on "the top deck". You state, however, that you will be delighted to bunk in with young John Myers.

Your letter of the 26th acknowledges my letter of the 23rd, in which I reported on the proposed accommodations on the Lincoln for the Myers and yourself, but made no further comment on accommodations than to say that "I wrote a few days ago about steamship reservations."

Here's the situation:- Cabins No. 124 and 126, reserved for the Myers and yourself, are amidships on Deck A. I believe they are considered about the best space one could get on the boat at minimum rates. Most folks would prefer these rooms to anything they could get on Deck B. But are you referring to Deck A in stating that you do not want accommodations on "the top deck"? Strictly speaking, the bridge deck, which has a few special suites for de-luxe passengers, is the "top deck", and you don't need to worry about our sticking you up there. But since Deck A is the highest deck where any large number of passengers are accommodated, I suspect that you are referring to it. Probably you find it too long on noise or short on privacy, though. I am not sure that either of these factors are present with the arrangement on the Lincoln. I am enclosing a copy of the steamer plan for your information.

Miss Anderson has been booked for Cabin 11, but I have been making an effort to get her up on Deck A amidships with the idea that it would be pleasanter for her there.

I hesitate to split up your arrangements by getting your accommodation shifted to Deck B, thus taking you away from the Myers, and away from young John Myers unless you wish to pry him away from his family, until I am sure you have the situation clearly in mind and wish to make this change. As a matter of fact, if you strongly prefer Deck B it might be possible to shift Miss Anderson and whoever is her cabin-mate up to 124 and to put you and John down in 11. Frankly, I think you would lose by the change. Only two cabins on Deck B are anywhere near amidships - 21 and 23, the rest of the central part of Deck B being occupied by the dining saloon and the galley. Give me further instructions by wire or after you arrive.

Miss Anderson's health papers are now clear, and she has signed the usual contract and is going ahead with preparations. Mrs Clark's medical papers don't look good to Dr. Vaughan and he advises against their going out.

Regards,

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