Nanking
Corrs.
Thompson, Warren S. 1929-1930
Thomson, Claude 1917-1945
Thomson, Margaret 1945

W.S. Thompson
1929-1930

Nanking

TRANSFER

December 23, 1929

Dr. Warren S. Thompson,
Miami University,
Oxford, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Thompson:

It is customary for our Board of Founders in New York to invite all visiting professors to the University of Nanking. Professor Buck has presented your name as one who is interested in going out to assist in the conduct of the land utilization-population project. At the meeting of the Board of Founders on December ~~5~~ 20, 1929, the following action was taken:

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"The Board of Founders acknowledges with deep appreciation the assurance from Dr. Warren S. Thompson of a year or more of service at Nanking and a grant of several thousand dollars, all for the purpose of supplementing the funds already in hand for the China land utilization-population project. The Board therefore heartily welcomes this opportunity of cooperation in this way and desires to record its deep appreciation of the generosity of Dr. Thompson in offering his services and in supplementing the study with further funds."

We sincerely trust that your year at Nanking will prove of considerable benefit to you professionally and that you will find considerable opportunity to render real service to the University and to the Chinese people.

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. Garside, Secretary,
Board of Founders.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY
OXFORD, OHIO

SCRIPPS FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH
IN POPULATION PROBLEMS
WARREN S. THOMPSON
P. K. WHELPTON

Nanking

January 9, 1930

TRANSFER

Mr. B. A. Garside
University of Nanking
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

I was away when your letter of the 23rd of December containing the invitation of the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking arrived.

This is to acknowledge its receipt and to inform you that as soon as our board of trustees have taken definite action, I will let you know the exact arrangements made. At present, I hope to have $7500 available to put into this study, aside from my own living and travelling expenses, or a total of approximately $15,000. You will understand that I cannot state this definitely until our board of trustees has acted. But I see no reason to anticipate that my recommendation will not be approved in full.

Yours very sincerely,

Warren S. Thompson

WST:CC

Warren S. Thompson

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OXFORD, OHIO

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IN POPULATION PROBLEMS
WARREN S. THOMPSON
P. K. WHELPTON

January 28, 1930

Nanking

Mr. B. A. Garside
University of Nanking
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Garside:

I am sending you a copy of the letter I wrote to Dean Reisner several days ago. I did not think to send this at the time. It will explain my personal attitude on this matter, and I do not see how I can do more until I know the exact conditions under which contributions in cash must be made in order to be matched.

Yours very sincerely,

Warren S. Thompson

WST:CC

Warren S. Thompson

Encl.

COPY

January 24, 1930

Mr. John H. Reisner
Coachella, California

Dear Mr. Reisner:

I have your letter of the 16th regarding the conditions of our cooperation with you on your land utilization-population project.

Personally, I should be more than glad to cooperate in this matter, so that the funds we put in may count as "funds secured in cash." I may state exactly what I have recommended to our trustees in this matter and what our president has approved, so that you will know what we contemplate.

My salary is $5000 a year and I expect to spend a year in China, possibly a little longer in case there is need and the population end of the study should not be in position to leave at that time. In addition to this, I have a special grant of travelling expenses for my family, amounting to $2500; and I am setting aside in our budget $7500 for work in China and my personal travelling expenses while there. Out of this $7500 must also come my return expenses to this country. My expenses in going to China will be provided for from a fund for a Russian trip which I contemplate, and I will stop in China at the end of this trip. The total amount, therefore, that we contemplate spending directly on this work is, as you will see, $15,000. If you will secure a definite interpretation of what is meant by the term "funds secured in cash," and a statement of exactly what control you must have over these funds in order to carry out your end of the work as contemplated by your donors, I will see whether we cannot meet these conditions, so that the major part of this $15,000, or at least a considerable part of it can be included under this head of "funds secured in cash."

I should state that I feel almost certain our president and trustees will not authorize the granting of these funds in such a way that they will pass out from under my control so far as expenditure is concerned. Within this general limit, I shall be only too glad to recommend full cooperation and would be delighted, indeed, if we were the means of securing for your work several thousand dollars in addition to that already in hand. I should consider that both the land utilization project and the population work would profit by these additional funds.

Trusting that I have made this matter clear and assuring you of my desire to cooperate in every way possible, I am

Yours very sincerely,

WST:CC

Warren S. Thompson

February 12, 1930

Mr. John H. Reisner
Coachella, California

Dear Professor Reisner:

I have your letter of the 4th and am delighted that the foundation matching other gifts for the land utilization-population study is inclined to be so liberal in this matter. My interest, of course, is solely in getting some more information regarding China's population than we now possess. Consequently, since every dollar turned into that purpose will make the information more available, I very much hope that we may be able to further this project by having our contribution counted.

I have been wondering whether the fact that my family is going out to meet me there would bring them under the missionary classification, which I understand is allowed five per cent reduction from the ordinary boat fares across the Pacific. This is not a serious matter to me, personally, because my family's expenses are being met with a special fund granted for that purpose, but it might mean fifty or sixty dollars more to put into other things if this is done. I would appreciate having any information you can give me on this point.

I have heard nothing from Dr. Condliffe yet, but inasmuch as I expect to be in Oxford practically all the time for the next few weeks, I think there would be no difficulty in making arrangements to meet him if he comes this way.

Yours very sincerely,

Warren S. Thompson
Director of Scripps Foundation

WST:CC

C O P Y Sent to B. A. Garside

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OXFORD, OHIO

SCRIPPS FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH
IN POPULATION PROBLEMS
WARREN S. THOMPSON
P. K. WHELPTON

Nanking

March 5, 1930

Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside:

I very much appreciate your letter of the 26th regarding your willingness to assist us in getting steamship passage to the Orient.

Mrs. Thompson has for years wanted to see the Panama Canal, consequently I have been making some effort to find a boat which went to the Orient from New Orleans and on which the rates would not be greatly in excess of railroad fare ~~on~~ regular passage from a Pacific port. I find that the Osaka Shosen Kaisha runs monthly service from New Orleans, stopping at Los Angeles, on to Yokohama and Kobe at a rate which, when differences in railroad fares are considered, is not more than $75 in excess of the regular fares from Pacific ports. Consequently I think that she would prefer to go out that way. It so happens that my colleague, Professor Whelpton, found out about this line when he was in South America, and his wife came from Rio de Janeiro to New Orleans by it, and she found it quite satisfactory. For this reason we do not feel any hesitancy in taking it.

I have had some correspondence with the agent in Los Angeles regarding it, but I presume this would not preclude buying the tickets through you and getting the five per cent agent's discount which you mention. Before we finally decide, there is one other thing we want to know about this, that is, the connection that could be made in Kobe for Shanghai, as this particular boat goes from Japanese ports directly to Hong Kong. I understand, however, that this same company has a Seattle service to Shanghai by way of Kobe, and the fare quoted from New Orleans to Shanghai ($436) included transfer to this line at Kobe.

There is a boat leaving New Orleans on the 20th of August and another on the 13th of September. The connection made in Kobe might influence the decision as to which of these boats was best to take. I do not want to impose on you, but naturally I should like to save the five per cent by dealing through you, and if you cared to take up the correspondence with the company at this point and find out about connections at Kobe, I would appreciate it; and by the time you have this information, we can undoubtedly decide definitely which of these boats we want to book passage on. I may say that just at present another element of uncertainty in the situation is that my movements in Russia are not definitely fixed, and naturally I want to arrange to be at Shanghai or some Japanese port when my family arrives.

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TRANSFER

I believe I have told you that I am going to spend the summer in Russia, and I wonder if tickets across the Atlantic can be bought through you in the same way as those across the Pacific. If they can, as soon as I can arrange my dates exactly, I will let you know and will forward the money for my ticket to you.

Yours very sincerely,

Warren S. Thompson

WST:CC

Warren S. Thompson

P.S. I am awaiting a visit from Dr. Cordliffe before moving further in the matter of having our contribution to the land utilization - population project definitely settled.

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Nanking

Thompson

March 11, 1930

Professor Warren S. Thompson,
Miami University,
Oxford, Ohio.

My dear Professor Thompson:

I have made inquiries at the New York office of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha Steamship Line as to their services from New Orleans to Shanghai. They have given me the following information: SS Santos Maru leaves New Orleans August 20 and arrives in Yokohama September 26. It is a combined passenger and cargo steamer with a gross tonnage of 8,000 tons and a displacement of 13,000 tons. It has accommodations for 40 passengers. The cost of a ticket from New Orleans to Yokohama is $390 from which we would secure a missionary reduction of $39, and probably also an agency discount of $17.55, making the net cost $333.45. The Santos Maru does not go beyong Yokohama. The O.S.K.office recommends that passengers go from Yokohama to Nagasaki by train and thence by the N.Y.K.Line to Shanghai. The trip from Yokohama to Nagasaki takes about one day and costs approximately 15 yen, or around G$7.50. the N.Y.K.Line has two boats each week from Nagasaki to Shanghai. The cost of transportation on these boats is approximately 25 yen, or around Gold $12.50.

Thus the cost of a journey from New Orleans to Shanghai by this route would be around $353.45 plus hotel and other expenses while in Japan. If one were to go by the Santos Maru to Yokohama and spend two or three days in Japan he would arrive in Shanghai about the first of October.

Occasionally people go out to Shanghai via the Panama Canal traveling on the Dollar Steamship Line Round the World boats. These steamers sail from New York on alternate Thursdays. Between New York and Shanghai they stop at the following ports:- Havana, Cristobal, Balboa, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Honolulu, and Kobe. The President Johnson sails from New York August 14 and arrives in Shanghai September 19. The cost of a minimum first class ticket from New York to Shanghai is $590.00 less missionary discount, $34.80, and agency commission, $26.07, giving a net cost of $533.33. The Dollar Line steamers are much larger and more comfortable than the Japanese boats. The cost of a journey by the Dollar Line is, however, around $180.00 more than by the O.S.K.Line from New Orleans. This difference is somewhat decreased by the fact that your railway transportation from Oxford to New York is less than from Oxford to New Orleans. This difference, however, is not more than about twenty dollars when one is traveling at clergy rates.

We usually estimate that the normal cost of a journey from New York to Nanking is G$500. For points West of New York the cost is

proportionately less as the expense for railway transportation to the West Coast decreases. Thus the cost of a journey to Nanking via the Round the World boats from New York is somewhat greater than the normal cost, whereas a journey by way of the O.S.K. boats from New Orleans is somewhat less than the average.

Our office will be glad to arrange for transportation by any of the routes you may prefer to take. Of course, if the more expensive travel by Round the World boats from New York were selected some adjustment for the cost above the estimate for a normal journey to Nanking would probably be necessary.

Our office does not have any agencies for Transatlantic steamship lines so I doubt whether we could purchase tickets for you across the Atlantic to advantage. I would, however, be glad to assist you with arrangements in any way I could. When we have an occasional call for a Transatlantic passage our office deals with the Transportation Department of the Methodist Board. The Transatlantic lines do not allow any missionary reduction in fare so your ticket would cost exactly the same however it may be purchased.

Please call on us freely whenever we can be of any assistance.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

Enc.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY
OXFORD, OHIO

SCRIPPS FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH
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WARREN S. THOMPSON
P. K. WHELPTON

Apr. 9, 1930.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 - Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Garside:

I am enclosing a check for five hundred ($500.00) dollars ~~for~~ with which I wish you would buy Shanghai dollars. I believe you said that you frequently bought Chinese currency in this way & left it on deposit in some ~~Chinese~~ American bank in Shanghai on interest provided it was left some time. We shall not need this for 6 mos. or more. I should like it placed in a joint account for Mrs. Thompson & myself (signatures enclosed) so that either of us could draw on it. This is personal money. I am trying to get the University to send some money out too. It may take some time. Sincerely Warren S. Thompson.

Incl. check of $500.00

Nanking

Transcript

University of Nanking

April 14, 1930

Professor Warren S.Thompson,
Miami University,
Oxford, Ohio.

My dear Professor Thompson:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 9 with its enclosed check for$500. We have today purchased a Shanghai draft for $1,459.85, Shanghai local currency, which is the equivalent of Gold $500 at today's rate of exchange.

We are sending this draft to Miss Elsie M.Priest, the Field Treasurer of the University of Nanking, with a request that she open a joint account for Mrs.Thompson and yourself at one of the strong international banking corporations of Shanghai, preferably the National City Bank; arranging the deposit in such a way that the money will draw interest at the best possible rate until you need it.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

MIAMI UNIVERSITY
OXFORD, OHIO

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WARREN S. THOMPSON
P. K. WHELPTON

April 15, 1930

Nanking

Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

I would very greatly appreciate it if you would untertake to reserve for my family passage from New Orleans to Yokohama by way of the O S K Santos Maru, leaving New Orleans August 20th. The party will consist of my wife, our three children (aged nine, seven, and four), and Mrs. Dewey, my wife's mother. If two adjacent cabins could be secured it would be somewhat more pleasant than though one has to go out into the main passage to pass from cabin to cabin. For the four-year-old, a cot could be put in one of the cabins; or possibly, if the berths are fairly wide, the two smaller children could sleep in a single berth.

It is just possible that we shall want to change these reservations to the Rio de Janeiro Maru, sailing the 13th of September, because of some uncertainties regarding my trip in Russia. However, I think the thing to do is to reserve on the Santos Maru, as said; and then if this change becomes desirable, to see whether it can be made. If it cannot, I will simply have to adapt my Russian trip to meet the exigencies of the case.

If you should get a telegram from me asking to make this change, you will understand what it means and will also understnad that if it cannot be made, it is all right.

I trust that we shall have some more funds to transfer to China before long.

Yours very sincerely,

Warren S. Thompson

WST:CC

Warren S. Thompson

Nanking

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University of Nanking

April 30, 1930

Professor Warren S. Thompson,
Miami University,
Oxford, Ohio.

My dear ProfessorThompson:

We have now received word from the O.S.K.Line that they are reserving cabins #17 and #19 on the M.S."Santos Maru" sailing August 20 from New Orleans to Yokohama. I am enclosing a folder sent us by the O.S.K.Line on which you will find on the inside of the back cover a cabin plan of the Santos Maru showing the location of these proposed accommodations.

The O.S.K.Line has given us the following figures as to the cost of these tickets: -

"Mrs. Thompson	$390.00
Mrs. Dewey	390.00
Child -(9 Yr.Old)	195.00
Child (7 ")	195.00
Child (4 ")	97.50
	$1267.50
Less discount 10%	126.75
	$1140.75
Less commission 5%	57.04
Total Passage Fare	$1083.71"

You will note that they are giving us the ten per cent missionary discount for Mrs.Thompson's mother, as well as for Mrs.Thompson and the three children. In a telephone conversation with the Assistant Manager of the New York office I told him that I was not sure whether Mrs.Dewey would be entitled to this $10% discount but he assured me that the Line would be very happy to grant it in her case.

Will you please let me know whether these accommodations are satisfactory? If so, I will at once confirm them. The O.S.K. has also suggested that we should make a deposit of 25% when the reservations are made. If the reservations are satisfactory can you conveniently send us a remittance to cover this deposit or do you wish us to advance the amount from Nanking funds subject to later adjustment?

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H
Enc.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY
OXFORD, OHIO

SCRIPPS FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH
IN POPULATION PROBLEMS
WARREN S. THOMPSON
P. K. WHELPTON

May 3, 1930

Nanking

THMSPER

Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of the 30th has been received. I appreciate very much your kindness in getting this passage for us. I feel certain that you have saved us money in arranging it.

I notice in looking over the plan of the boat that cabins 17 and 19 are opposite the entrance to the gentlemen's toilet. It seems to me that for this reason cabins 16 and 18, or other cabins on the same side as 16 and 18, would be somewhat preferable since our party is of women. If this cannot be arranged, however, without too much trouble, let the matter stand as it is.

Within two or three days I will send you funds covering the deposit of 25 per cent, it will take this long to get a check from our business office. No doubt the company will send us definite information as to the exact time at which the boat sails from New Orleans as well as the pier at which it is to be found.

Thanking you again for your kindness in looking after this matter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Warren S. Thompson

WST:CC

Warren S. Thompson

University of Nanking

May 13, 1930

Professor Warren S. Thompson,
Miami University,
Oxford, Ohio.

My dear Dr.Thompson:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 7 with its enclosed checks totalling $280.00 as a deposit on the reservations we have made for your family on the Santos Maru sailing from New Orleans August 20.

We reported to the O.S.K.Line the suggestion in your letter of May 3 that it would be more suitable to shift accommodations from those originally proposed to the opposite side of the boat, preferably cabins #16 and #18. After a considerable amount of telegraphing the O.S.K. has now succeeded in having cabins #16 and #18 reserved for your party. I am, therefore confirming these reservations today and amforwarding the $280.00 received from you.

In my telephone conversation with a representative of the O.S.K. this morning I was informed that it would be quite satisfactory to them if we completed the purchase of these tickets about a month before the date of sailing. I am, therefore, informing them that we will complete the purchase of the tickets about July 15. We would appreciate it if you would send us about July 10 the balance of $803.71 due on these tickets so that we may complete the transaction. As soon as the tickets are received we will forward them to Mrs.Thompson. Will you please let us know the exact address to which these tickets should be mailed?

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

Enc.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY
OXFORD, OHIO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
W. P. ROUDEBUSH
Secretary

Nanking

July 10, 1930

TRANSFER

Mr. B. A. Garside
c-o China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing our check for $550.36 and check of Mrs. E. D. Thompson for $253.35, the two checks making a total of $803.71 and representing the amount still due as transportation for Dr. Thompson's family as indicated in your letter of May 13. Will you kindly forward all of the tickets to Mrs. Thompson addressing her as

Mrs. W. S. Thompson
East Chestnut Street
Oxford, Ohio

Yours very truly,

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

W. P. Roudebush
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

WPR:H

Encl.

$253.35 check encl.

also $550.36

Dep. 7/17/30 CR. 64.

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OXFORD, OHIO

SCRIPPS FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH
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WARREN S. THOMPSON
P. K. WHELPTON

Nanking

July 15, 1930.

TRANSFER

Mr. C. A. Evans
China Union Universities
University of Nanking
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

We are in receipt of your letter of July 12 addressed to Dr. W. S. Thompson in regard to the money for the tickets as ~~as~~ reserved on the O. S. K. Line that you should have received on July 10. This matter has been taken up with both Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Roudebush, of the business offices, and we have found that by an over sight in the business offices the money had not been sent at the proper time. However, Mr. Roudebush assures us that the check for $803.71 will be sent out today. We trust that you will receive this in due time, and very much regret any inconvenience this delay may have caused you.

Thanking you very much for bringing this matter to our attention, we are,

Very truly yours,

Scripps Foundation

J. H. Shera

J. H. Shera, Bibliographer

JHS:ED

Nanking

TRANSFER

University of Nanking

July 21, 1930

Mrs. W. S. Thompson
East Chestnut Street
Oxford, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Thompson:

We are enclosing herewith exchange order for tickets on the "Santos Maru."

We are quoting paragraphs from the letter from the Company and trust you will be able to conform to the suggestions contained therein.

"We are pleased to enclose herewith Exchange Orders Nos. 918 and 919 issued in favor of this party. Will you please advise this party that these Exchange orders are to be exchanged at New Orleans for the regular passage ticket before sailing?

Our M.S. Santos Maru is scheduled to sail from New Orleans August 20th, P.m., and it might be necessary to advance the sailing date of this vessel one day, i.e., August 19th, in order to accommodate passengers and freight at Galveston. However, the sailing date from Galveston has not at present been changed, and will sail from there on August 24th, therefore we trust you will advise this party of the above, asking them to arrive at New Orleans within ample time to secure their tickets before the vessel sails."

Very truly yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
University of Nanking.

Enc.
CAE:C

Claude Thomson

1917 - 1945

B.Sc. Rutgers College.
1906-1910. Undergraduate work with electives and special work in Chemistry and Biology.

M.Sc. Rutgers College.
1910-1911.
Van der Poel Fellowship in Chemistry.
Major subject - Organic Chemistry with Professor R.G.Wright.
Minor subject- Inorganic Chemistry with Professor H.B.North.
" " - Bacteriology with Professor Jacob Lipmann.
1911-1912.
Van der Poel Fellowship in Chemistry.
Assistant in the Department of Inorganic Chemistry.

B.D. New Brunswick Theological Seminary.
1912-1915.

M.A. Columbia University.
February 1915-June 1916
Chemistry of Food and Nutrition with Professors H.C.Sherman and A.W.Thomas.
Inorganic Chemistry with Professor Alexander Smith.
Sociology with Professors Franklin H.Giddings and A.A.Tenney.
Rutgers College.
1916-1917. Instructor in Inorganic Chemistry.
Research work with Professor H.B.North on some new reactions with Thionyl and Sulphuryl Chlorides. The results have gone to press.
Columbia University. Seminars in Food Chemistry with Professors Sherman and Thomas.

Florence Thomson

Dr. Williams

TRANSFER

Nanking

June
Eighth
1917

Room 607
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

Mr. J. Claude Thomson,
11 Union Street,
New Brunswick, N. J.

My dear Mr. Thomson:-

I have just been in conversation with Mr. Speer and Dr. North with reference to the possibility of your going to Nanking. We should like very much to see you next Monday if at all possible. Could you come in to my office. I can see you almost any time up to twelve o'clock or any time after 3:30, but would prefer to see you in the morning.

Very sincerely yours,

RED
MMA

J. Claude Thomson

University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.
March 22, 1918.

Mr. Russell Carter,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Carter:-

Last October when I was in your office just before we started for Nanking the question came up concerning the outfit allowance which I was to receive. You said that the customary allowance for the missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in Nanking was $200.00 Gold per person, or $400.00 Gold for a married man, but in my case, as I was to take the place of a Methodist man here in the University I should doubtless have one of the Methodist houses; and as it would be unnecessary for us to buy the heavy furniture which is furnished in all Methodist houses here, our allowance would be $200.00 Gold,-the same amount that the Methodist families receive. For three months we boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Drummond of the Presbyterian Mission; then last month houses were assigned and as there were no vacant Methodist houses, or any houses furnished with heavy furniture, we were given the University house in which we are now living. The house was unfurnished so it was imperative that we buy the necessary articles of furniture. Fortunately for us we were able to buy most of it second hand from several American families who are leaving and selling some of their things. Even with this help the things which were absolutely necessary have cost us more than $430.00 Mex. and in order to meet this need I have had to borrow $300.00 Mex. from one of the banks in Shanghai. Will you please favor me by taking the necessary steps so that I may receive the additional $200.00 Gold at your very earliest convenience?

If there is any question concerning the use of the first $200.00 Gold of the outfit allowance I will refer you to the inclosed list of my expenses for outfit before we left America.

Mrs. Thomson and I are both well and we are sure that we are fortunate indeed in having the opportunity of working in Nanking. I do not

beleive there is any other place in China where one could find such a delightful community of workers. Although we have been spending most of our time in the Language Department of the University we have already had some chances to meet the Chinese students and we have found them to be a fine lot of men. I believe the University has a great future and we shall be much intetested in watching its growth.

Will you please give my best regards to Mr. Speer, Mr. Reed and Mr. Scott. With best wishes for yourself, I remain

Sincerely yours,

J. Claude Thomson.

J. Claude Thomson

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

NANKING, CHINA

May 9, 1919

My dear Doctor Williams,

I have just finished writing out the inclosed order and I would like very much to write you a letter telling of the University work but we want this to catch the Empress of Russia tomorrow so the time is too short.

I hope very much that you can see the Eimer and Amend men personally and have all of these chemicals sent out to us at the earliest moment. We shall need them very much this fall. The chemicals from Braun-Knecht-Heimann have just arrived and we have taken these into consideration in making out this order. There is no overlapping.

As we shall have about one hundred twenty students in our Chemistry courses next year and as each student pays five dollars a term or ten dollars a year to cover the cost of chemicals we shall receive from them about $1200.00 Mex. to pay for some of these chemicals we are ordering. All breakage bills are paid by the students in addition to this term fee of five dollars.

With kind regards

J. Claude Thomson

A. J. Bowen

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

NANKING, CHINA

May 9, 1919.

Dr. J. E. Williams,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U. S. A.

My dear Williams:

Mr. Thomson has made out a list of chemicals that will be needed for the courses next term, which amounts to, approximately, G.$750, according to the latest price list we have from Eimer and Amend, New York City. If you could find time to take this list to Eimer & Amend yourself, we believe you could get a substantial reduction in prices.

Next term we shall have seven or eight courses which will be given throughout the year till June 1920. This year we have a few over one hundred students taking courses in chemistry and we shall have at least as many next year, so you will readily see how important it is that we are well supplied with these items for the laboratory work. We have cut down the list as low as possible, so it is absolutely necessary that we have everything in the list if possible.

The students pay $5.00 each a term for laboratory fee, making $10.00 a year from each student, and so from the one hundred odd students, we would receive $1000 at least a year, and this sum will go a long way in helping to pay for these chemical supplies.

As I pointed out in a previous letter, the Commission that is looking into higher education will be here this fall probably, and we simply must make some kind of a showing if we are to receive any benefit from their visit; and as I said before, the China Medical Board are not flooding us with money for science equipment, and until we do make a better showing it looks as though we cannot expect much from them.

If you will be good enough to attend to this matter for us and have Eimer and Amend forward the shipment at the very first opportunity, shipping by the fastest route, we shall be very grateful, as we should like to have the things for the fall work.

With kindest regards,

As ever, cordially yours,

A. J. Bowen
M. H. O.

P. S. We are also enclosing an order for chemicals for Ginling College, through Miss Chester, which, although addressed to the Baker Chemical Co. is intended for Eimer and Amend. If there would be any saving by having the two orders packed together, it will be all right with us as we can make the necessary distribution here.

It would seem that in ordering so much they should give a discount of from 20% to 30%, if not more. Anyway, we know you will do the best you can and we shall be very much obliged if we get the things early in the fall.

A. J. B.

Nanking

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
Department of Chemistry
Nanking, China

TRANSFER

Nanking

January 29, 1930

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Reverend George T. Scott, D.D.,
Board of Foreign Missions,
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Dr. Scott;

The Ad Interim Committee Action of the China Council No.30119 reiterates the request for the appointment of Dr. and Mrs. E. V. Jones for service within the Boards quota on the staff of the University of Nanking and I wish to add my personal word to this request.

As you may recall Dr. and Mrs. Jones came to us in the autumn of 1922 after approximately nine years of most successful missionary work as a teacher of chemistry in Soochow University, Soochow. In fact he is considered by many to be the most able teacher of chemistry which the Mission colleges of China have had for many years. His term of service at Nanking was abruptly ended by the trouble here in March 1927. After spending a year in graduate work in the University of California Dr. Jones adcepted a position as Professor of Chemistry and Head of the Chemistry Department of the Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama. We were very anxious to have him return to Nanking Last yeat. At that time the University Board of Directors placed his name at the top of the list of those foreign members of the staff whom they wished to return to Nanking, but he was not able to return because of Mrs. Jones uncertain health. I have just received a letter from him, written December 23 in which he states that Mrs. Jones is now well so, that which prevented their return last year has been removed.

In this last letter Dr. Jones also indicated that one of the problems concerning their return which perplexed them very much was that of an adequate pension allowance at the age of retiremant. Inasmuch as they do not have any independent income they must depend entirely on their savings or the Pension when the time comes for retirement. He feels that in order to live on the Pension which is allowed they must have credit for the past years which they have already spent in China as representatives of the Mission Board of the Southern Methodist Church. I do not know what the rules of our Presbyterian Board are in this matter but I hope very much that an adjustment may be made which will make it possible for the Joneses to become members of our Kiang-an Mission and arrive in Nanking for the opening of the University work here in the first week in September.

The changes in the University faculty following the trouble of 1927 have left us greatly in need of Christian teachers. In spite of all of Dr. Y.G.Chen's efforts it seems impossible to find well trained Christian Chinese teachers to fill our teaching positions, so that again and again we have had to engage non-Christians to take the place of the Missionary teachers who have left. This has resulted in a definite loss in the Christian influence of the University which greatly distresses us. I cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of having our Presbyterian quota for the University staff filled this coming summer, for

It seems as if the Christian work of the University were being seriously impaired by these gaps in our Missionary staff. Dr. and Mrs. Jones have proved themselves to be effedtive, devoted missionaries here in the University of Nanking. Their colleagues on the staff and their old students all desire their return. Personally I feel that there is no one else who can possibly take their place in rendering the service which there is for them to do here.

In the Chemistry taching in particular the need for Dr. Jones this autumn is greater than I can possibly say. Dr. Chen's administrative duties have become so heavy that we can only count on him for one course each year. We postponed our furlough last year because Dr. Jones could not return then, but the strain of the past three years on my family has been so heavy that it seems imperative that we leave China for our furlough this summer, and there is no one whom we can find here to take my place. Inasmuch as Dr. Jones carried on the work of this Department during my furlough in 1923 as well as other heavy duties in the University he will fit into the work of next year perfectly and the work will go well. May I count on your help in doing everything necessary to make it possible for Dr. and Mrs. Jones to join our staff in September?

Mrs. Thomson joins with me in sending your family and you our best wishes. I wish you might be here to enjoy the festivities of the Chinese New Year. We are all hoping that you may be able to visit Nanking and our other stations in China soon.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ J. C. THOMSON

J. C. Thomson

"INCULCATE NEW YORK"

COPY TO MR. GARSIDE

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TELEPHONE WATKINS 8191

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

Nanking

June 29, 1932

The Rev. J. Claude Thomson,
44 Alexander Street,
Princeton,
New Jersey

N.Y. Address
c/o H. W. Fenn
766 Chemistry Lab.
Columbia Univ.

Dear Mr. Thomson:

Dr. Fenn (now absent on vacation) handed me a few days ago copy of your letter of May 31 to President Chen of the University of Nanking raising the question of the extension of your furlough by a few months in case you should find it impossible to complete the work and examination for your doctor's degree. In your letter, you requested Dr. Chen to cable his decision to our Board. On June 27, we received the following cablegram: "Inculcate, New York - Thomson extension approved Chen." We then inquired through the Secretary of the Board of Trustees whether the Trustees would probably be willing to ratify any favorable action that might be taken by the Presbyterian Board. Mr. Garside stated that the Trustees doubtless would approve.

The Executive Council of the Presbyterian Board met this morning and I laid the matter before them, hoping that the Council would see its way clear to approve the extension with the customary Presbyterian allowances. Council is naturally interested in the work that you are doing and sees how the University would wish you to carry it through to completion; however, a number of similar applications, three of them related to three different institutions in India, had recently been declined,- that is, the Board was not willing to make the exception to the Manual rule which disallows the extension of furlough allowances for the purpose of study. But in order to go as far as possible toward assisting you to remain beyond the limits of your regular furlough for such short time as may be necessary, the Council voted that, during such extension, you would receive children's allowances and pension payment and, during the period of the extension, the proportionate financial equivalent for vacancy,- that is, at the rate of $1,500. Gold a year. The Council feels that, if the University has requested you to stay, it would be prepared to supplement the above payments of the Presbyterian Board.

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In taking its action, the Council assumes that the Nanking Station and Kiangan Mission will endorse the extension of furlough requested by the University.

I have summarized the above information to Mr. Garside by telephone and will send him a copy of this letter. He tells me that the Nanking Trustees will probably meet in New York next week so I suggest that you write him anything you may desire him to have prior to that date.

Trusting that this effort to meet your situation within the regulations and customary practices of the Board can be worked out in

some way satisfactory to you, I remain

With warmest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

(G. T. S.)

George T. Scott.

P.S.- It will probably be best not to make the above action of Executive Council a formal record of the Board until it is known that it is actually necessary to extend your furlough.

G.T.S.

Copy to Mr. Garside

GTS-G

TRANSFER

Nanking

University of Nanking

August 3, 1932.

Rev. J. Claude Thomson,
c/o H. W. Thomas,
766 Chandler Laboratory,
Columbia University,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Thomson:

I have already reported to you informally the action of the Nanking Executive Committee taken at the meeting held on July 12th:-

"VOTED, to assent to the extension of the furlough of Professor J. Claude Thomson in order to complete his Ph.D. degree, and to provide from the 1931-32 gain on exchange account a supplementary allowance of G. $50 per month for a maximum of three months."

The Presbyterian Board informs me that they are temporarily discontinuing your regular salary as of July 31st, and are sending to us, beginning with this present month of August, monthly remittances of G. $108.33, being their usual cash payment for a vacancy on their quota at the University of Nanking. They are, however, continuing to send remittances on children's allowances direct to you, and are keeping up their payments on the Presbyterian pension fund. (I do not know what they are doing with regard to your own contribution toward the Pension fund payment, but no doubt you are clearing this direct with Mr. Carter.)

We will therefore, send to you about the 25th of August a check for $158.33, including the remittance we receive from the Presbyterian Board and an additional $50 taken from our small surplus in last year's account. Will you please give us instructions as to where and how you would like this sent to you? We will make similar remittances for the month of September and October if you need to remain in America that long to complete your Ph. D. work. Should any further extension of furlough beyond October 31st be necessary, we would need to make a restudy at that time of further continuation of your support.

I sincerely hope that your work at Columbia is going forward satisfactorily and that you are finding an opportunity to get a little rest and recreation during the summer months.

Very cordially yours,

B A Garside

BAG:PW
CC: Accounting Office

TRANSFER

Nanking

University of Nanking

February 15, 1933.

Mr. J. Claude Thomson
Middlebush, N. J.

My dear Mr. Thomson:

I have just received a letter from President Chen in which he writes as follows regarding the continuation of your salary and leave of absence:-

"We quite approve of your continuing Mr. Thomson's salary till the end of January on the present basis - that is, giving him the G. $108.33 that the Presbyterian Board is paying each month in lieu of one place on the quota at the University, together with a small supplement taken from the Founders' surplus account. You ask what policy you should follow in regard to his salary after that. Since we have approved of his remaining till the end of February, it is only fair that the present arrangement be extended till then, but it is a question whether it is a good policy to extend the salary beyond the end of February, especially when his case is likely to be quoted as a precedent in the event of other board-supported faculty members desiring to remain away longer than the regular furlough period. It has involved careful planning to rearrange our plans to care for the courses that we had hoped Mr. Thomson would carry in the spring and the G.$108.33 per month paid by the Presbyterian Board in lieu of a vacancy may be needed in this connection. We have given Mr. Thomson salary for six months beyond his regular furlough and this seems about as much as we should allow him, so if he should not be ready to start for China by the end of February, he will need to make his own arrangements for support during the remainder of the time he is away. We are sorry if this should work a hardship on Mr. Thomson but we shall leave the matter to you for final adjustment."

In accordance with this expression of the field's judgment, we will send you the $108.33 received from the Presbyterian Board for the month of February, and will thereafter remit this amount to the field to apply on any necessary substitute salary.

I trust that your work is now moving along satisfactorily, and that before long you will be able to turn your faces again toward Nanking.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:PW
CC: Accounting Office

Nanking

April 13, 1933

Mr. and Mrs. J. Claude Thomson,
Middlebush, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Thomson:

As I have already intimated to Mr.. Thomson our Nanking Founders are having a dinner on the evening of April 21st, at which the Staff members of the University now in America are to be the guests of honor. The Committee in charge of arrangements has requested that I extend this invitation to both of you, and to assure you that we are very anxious to have you present.

The Annual Meeting of the Nanking Founders will be held in Room 300, 150 Fifth Avenue on the afternoon of April 21st, beginning at 1:30 P.M. You are also invited to be present at that meeting. This will give you a chance to meet the members of the Board, and to share in its discussion.

The hour and place of the dinner have not yet been definitely determined. It will probably begin about 6:30 P. M. and will be held at one of the hotels near our office.

The dinner will be quite informal. Our discussion will probably deal most directly with the agricultural work of the University, but the research that Mr. Thomson is now carrying on will be of great interest, and will have a direct bearing on the general theme of our discussion.

Hoping that both of you may be present at both the business meeting and the dinner, I am

Very cordially yours,

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38 Alexander Street,
Princeton, N.J.
January 26,1943.

Dear Oliver,

I am inclosing herewith the list of articles which my wife and I packed into a new Pullman case on October 19th,- last and took to Olin Stockwell's Hotel that evening.

As he was not in my wife came back to New York the following day to give him thirty dollars to help cover transportation costs, and also to give him the key to the suit case. As he was not in, the morning she left the key and the thirty dollars with either Joe Mickel or Miss Faye Robinson of the Methodist Board at 150 Fifth Avenue. She saw both of these people that morning,-and at this late date she is not sure which one finally tooke the money and the key for Olin Stockwell.

When I saw Olin Stockwell that morning of the 19th I asked him whether he could take some of the clothes,medicines,films,photographic material and radio equipment which I had bought for the people on the campus. He said he would be glad to take the suitcase of things as far as India and then he thought he could take 8 or 10 pounds of the most needed articles along with him in the plane,- from India to China. He would leave the rest of the things at the most promising place in India,- hoping that others from India or China would be able to plan to get the rest of the things into Chengtu later. As I talked rather fully about the nature of these things in the presence of all the three men who were going, it would seem as if none of these men had any idea that there were restrictions on the articles I was planning to send.

Personally I did not know that there would be any difficulty taking any of these things out of the USA in such small amounts as this list includes. My only difficulties had been with freight shipments of much larger amounts ten months or so earlier.

Inasmuch as these articles represent a rather large expenditure,- especially for the Fenns,-I shall be exceedingly grateful if you can do what should be done to locate and rescue any part of the shipment which may have been seized along the way.

It was nice seeing you again Saturday. I hope everything is going well with youa and all the members of your family. I wish we were nearer.

Best wishes always.

Sincerely yours,

Claude Thomson

Dec

January 30, 1943

Mr. J. Claude Thomson
38 Alexander Street
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Claude:

Thank you for your letter and the list of the goods which you entrusted to Olin Stockwell. We have been trying to check on the whereabouts of the confiscated material, but so far have discovered absolutely nothing. Joe Mickle says he knows nothing about these things, and so far we have not been able to locate anyone else who might be better informed.

After talking the matter over with several people, it seems to be the concensus of opinion that most of the items were not in any sense contraband, and therefore, probably Olin was able to take them with him. However, all of the electrical supplies and the film certainly were on the priority list, and they seem to have disappeared. Normally, goods seized in this manner are sold at auction by the government.

I will try to check further, and may be able to discover what actually was done with the articles in question. If they were not definitely confiscated, they must be lying around some place, and we should locate them.

It was a pleasure to see you when you recently visited New York, and we hope you will make it a habit to call on us.

Cordially yours,

OJC:MM

O. J. Caldwell

38 Alexander Street
Princeton N.J.
May 2nd 1943
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My dear Mr. Evans,

My husband and I regret deeply that we cannot be at the China Colleges dinner to-morrow evening to hear Dr. Wu and see the many friends who

will be present. Please give Dr. Wu our most affectionate greetings and congratulations on her safe arrival. I am looking forward very much to seeing her on Friday at the Qinling meeting.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Evans from

both of us, Jane,
Very sincerely yours
Margaret Thomson

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May 24, 1943

Dr. J. Claude Thomson,
School of Public Health and Hygiene,
Johns Hopkins University,
615 N. Wolfe Street,
Baltimore, Md.

DR. LOBENSTINE SAYS UNNECESSARY YOU ATTEND MEETING MEDICAL COMMITTEE TUESDAY TWENTYFIFTH NO NEW INFORMATION.

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June 2, 1943

Dr. J. Claude Thomson
School of Public Health & Hygiene
Johns Hopkins University
615 N. Wolfe Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Dr. Thomson:

We have searched our files for a copy of an agreement supposedly entered into with the American Friends Ambulance Unit, but without success.

It is our understanding that the trucks which we purchased were to be used in transporting the medical supplies then in shipment to Chengtu, and thereafter the trucks were to be turned over to the University or purchased by the Ambulance Unit.

I wonder if you have any definite information as to the exact terms of the agreement.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

July 12, 1944

Dr. Claude Thomson
Payne Hall
38 Alexander Street
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Thomson:

Have you had any luck in the matter of your passport? We are greatly interested to know as your fortunes in that matter have some bearing upon efforts which may shortly be made on behalf of others. We would appreciate very much any news as to how the matter stands or may probably develop.

Very sincerely yours,

EHB
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July 26, 1944

Dr. Claude Thomson
Payne Hall
38 Alexander Street
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Dr. Thomson:

We have just been told that Dr. Chen reaches town at 6 o'clock this evening. He has a reservation at the Hotel Devon, 70 West 55th Street, but it is possible that he will not remain there for the entire length of his visit to the city which will be about a week. We expect to see him tomorrow but have no detailed knowledge of his plans at the moment.

Cordially yours,

EHB
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cc: to Mountain Rest
Lithia, Mass.

Mt. Rest,
Lithia, Mass.
August 22,1944.

Dear Doctor Ballou,

Under date of August 18th I have just received the following information from Dr. Lloyd S. Auland of our Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York,N.Y. :-

" The British Passport Office turned down your request for a transit visa for India for you. This was due to the fact that there has been a congestion in India of people awaiting air passage to China. As most of our Presbyterians are now"over the hump" I believe that about September 1 we can press again for a transit visa for you. Only with the assurance of that visa and a China visa can we secure your passport. I think the prospects are fairly favorable in September".

If my earlier understanding was correct,- the above indicates a change in the granting of passports by our State Department,to the extent that now one must obtain the India Transit Visa and the China visa before one can get the U.S.A. passport.

In the meantime I shall be glad to hear of the progress which Mr. Cameron and Mr. Evans have been making with the many items for the freight and air shipments to West China which the Arthur H. Thomas Company and other firms have been working on for several months. If some of these parcels,-wrapped for Air shipment from India to China, can be boxed and sent on to India by freight so that they will be on hand when I arrive in India,- it may be a means of expediting their arrival in West China.

I am looking forward to seeing President Chen sometime soon,- at his convenience. I hope that he is having a good rest after his very hard years of War life in China and that his months here will be of benefit to him in many ways. As you have an opportunity to talk with him I shall appreciate it very much if you will emphasize the desire which I have to put into practice on the campus and in nearby areas of West China the newer knowledge and training which have come to be during this past year at Johns Hopkins and in the visits to nutritional clinics and to nutritional surveys in operation in various parts of our southern states. There is much that we can do there to improve the nutritional situation on the campus and in our out-stations if we can be sure of the hearty cooperation of President Chen and the Deans of the Colleges, so that I may make definite requests for funds from interested people here in the U.S.A. and so that several of us on the University staff may give part time to this project.

With best wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

J. C. Thomson

Dr. Earle H. Ballou,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, 11,
New York.

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August 23, 1944

Dear Dr. Thomson:

Mr. Ballou has asked that I report to you on our progress in securing the supplies for Chengtu.

I am sorry to say that not much has been accomplished. We have been unable to secure the information requested from the Arthur Thomas Co. the day you ~~was~~ were here in New York. I have written to Mr. Liggett and Mr. Evans has talked to him by telephone. He tells us that the order involved more work and personal supervision than he had anticipated and that he has been away for his vacation but promises to give us the information desired very shortly.

In the meantime, I have placed an order for all the pharmaceuticals listed in the entire order with the Sharp and Dohme Company of Philadelphia. Their salesman tells me that there should be no difficulty in securing most of these items. They are to be delivered direct to the Arthur Thomas Company. All of the office supplies requested are now in our hands and ready to be shipped to the Arthur Thomas Company for packing when additional small items to be packed up here in New York are in hand.

I have secured export permits for the 25,000 vitamin tablets we are holding, as well as the diamond dies, carbide dies and novacine being held here. Since you ~~was~~ were in the office we have received an additional order from Miss Priest for chemicals for the University of Nanking and Ginling College to be substituted in the place of some items that were on the order and had already been shipped to China. These chemicals are on order with the Eastman Kodak Company.

She also included one Hand Centrifuge and one Electric Centrifuge which I am getting from the Arthur Thomas Company and an order for one wattmeter and one Megger which I am having some difficulty in securing as they are both on the critical list and will require at least an additional four weeks if we secure a fairly high WPB rating. They are being ordered direct from the Westinghouse International Co.

There is very little that we can do until we have word from Mr. Liggett and know how much he can supply and how much we can secure from other sources.

I have definitely come to the conclusion that most houses are ~~surely~~ swamped with orders and either for necessity or for other reasons place orders that require more work or special attention at the bottom of their pile of work to be done.

I am sorry to have to send such a discouraging report but it seems that there is nothing more we can do to rush the matter.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES A. CAMERON

JAC/mc

File

August 23, 1944

Dr. Claude Thomson,
Mountain Rest,
Lithia, Mass.

Dear Dr. Thomson:

Thanks very much for your letter of yesterday which has just arrived. When I can get Dr. Ruland on the phone I shall be interested to inquire a bit more as to the background of the paragraph you wrote from his letter. Searle Bates is just making his application, and your experience of course throws light on what he may expect.

I may add a postscript as to the freight items after consulting with Mr. Cameron. Mr. Evans is at last getting a little vacation, and I am just back myself from a two-weeks' absence, one at work in the pleasant environment of the Maine coast and one loafing in Vermont.

See enclosed letter

I wanted to speak especially about your contact with President Chen. Perhaps you are not aware that at present he is in Amherst at the Lord Jeffrey Inn. There he is supposed to be reading and resting and doing nothing beyond what he wants to do. Soon, however, he starts on a tour of visitations which will take the better part of a month and I wonder if you should not make an approach to him at once if you wish to see him before late in September. His itinerary includes Williams, Smith, Mt. Holyoke, Hamilton, Syracuse and points even farther toward the west. Probably he is getting in visits at Smith and Mt. Holyoke from Amherst as a base and will be stopping off at Williams enroute west. Perhaps that will be the easiest place for you to see him. I write all this because in any case he is not here but in Massachusetts and I do not know that any one here has heard within the past fortnight just how his schedule is working out.* I suggest therefore that you write him at Amherst if you have not recently been in communication with him. If he is like several other of our Chinese friends he is likely to write no more letters than he has to!

Very sincerely yours,

*At Amherst till after Labor Day

KHB:D

0539

August 29, 1944

Dr. J. Claude Thomson
Mountain Rest
Lithia, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Thomson:

Congratulations! Dr. Ruland was in here this morning with the good, and rather astonishing, news that your passport is going to materialize. How it fits in with the information we received a week ago that a further stumbling block had been put in the way of all travelers toward China in the shape of a British requirement that visas be granted only on consent to stay in India for the duration we do not know, but perhaps the log jam is broken and others sooner or later will share your good fortune.

Dr. Ruland says he hopes you may get started by or soon after the middle of September. He raised the question of your shipments, and I inquired of Mr. Cameron how things at present stand. The answer was that not much progress has been made since writing you last. He and Mr. Evans will put their heads together tomorrow in an effort to speed things up, perhaps by looking to other houses for some of the things wanted. If your ~~letters~~ lockers can not all be filled and cleared at the customs by the time you start, it probably could be arranged for others to escort them.

With the hope that all may move smoothly as you complete preparations for departure, and that Plumer Mills and Searle Bates may soon share your good fortune, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

EB/mc

File - gac 11/25/44

Brooklyn N.Y.
Sept 11 1944

Dear Mr Cameron

Hereafter you will find a list of the items for which I shall I have need hereinafter. Will you please help me by getting them as quickly as you know how to do so

Will you also please get me a Priority Permit for buying the small S.V.E. Projector. I have ordered it from their office in upper Broadway. I am going to use it in my teaching work in China.

Will you also please order for me

1000 - Squibb Special Formula Vitamin 17.10

Rec'd shipped 11/25/44

Rec'd TAKEN BY Thomson

Thank you very much

Sincerely

J. C. Thomson

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November 22, 1944

Associated Boards for the
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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, 11, New York

Attention: Mr. James Cameron

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing a bill for several books originally ordered by and sent to Mr. James C. Thomson.

We are making this transfer in accordance with a notation dated November 8th signed by Mr. J. C. Thomson. Trusting you will find this in order, we are

Very truly yours,

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November 24, 1944

To Whom it May Concern:--

This will introduce Dr. J. Claude Thomson, who is returning to China to serve in connection with the Associated Hospitals of the medical schools now located on the campus of West China Union University at Chengtu. Dr. Thomson has for years been himself a member of the faculty of one of these institutions, the University of Nanking, but he has been preparing himself for wider service, especially in the fields of Public Health and Nutrition. He is taking with him various supplies to be used in the work the hospitals at Chengtu are hoping he will be able to do. Any courtesies or assistance which it may be possible to extend to him will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Earle H. Ballou
Executive Secretary

EHB:mec

November 24, 1944

Dr. J. C. Thomson

Dear Dr. Thomson:

I am hurrdly attempting to jot down a few of the questions which continuously arise when we attempt to make shipments to China. It will be most helpful to us if you can answer these questions by your experiences in getting this present shipment into China. They are as follows:

1. How much baggage can a passanger take over the "hump" without paying access.
2. How much excess baggage is he allowed.
3. What is the charge for extra baggage.
4. Is there a freight service available by air.
5. What is air freight per pound.
6. What arrangements can be made with the Indian customs officials for storage in bond and the release of bonded shipments in small quantities for air shipment to China.
7. Is there any parcel service from India to China. If so, what are the rates.
8. Who is the best party to consign merchandise to in India.

These are a few of the questions most frequently asked. I will write you again c/o The American Express Co. in Calcutta, with any other questions that may arise.

I am enclosing herewith Chinese Consular Invoice together with all available invoices and packing lists for the shipment. These will, I believe, be sufficient to see you through.

Please let me know what you think of the idea of employing someone in India to act as the representative of the various mission boards to expedite shipments into China after you have had an opportunity to look into the situation in India.

I hope you have a pleasant voyage.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES A. CAMERON

JAC/mc
encls.

November 30, 1944

Dr. J. Claude Thomson
c/o American Consulate
Lisbon, Portugal

Dear Dr. Thomson:

We have just this morning received a letter from Mr. Yong Chang Chu, a member of the University of Nanking staff, who left America for China on January 1 of this year. It contains some information which I believe will be of definite value to you in clearing your shipment in India and in securing passage for some of it from India to China. I am enclosing a carbon copy of a portion of the letter.

This is the type of thing I have been needing for some time and I shall appreciate it a great deal if you will add any additional information that you secure in India to this in order that we may ship more intelligently.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES A. CAMERON

JAC/mc

encl.

December 13, 1944

Dr. Claude Thomson
c/o American Consul
Lisbon, Portugal

Dear Dr. Thomson:

I am writing this in the hope that we will get you before too far advanced on your return trip to China. The primary reason for this letter is to let you know about the exchange situation in China and the possible need of reviewing your financial plans.

Dwight Edwards tells us that Express Checks, Letter of Credit and Bank Travellers Checks are worth only 20 to 1 unless traded on outside of official channels which you would not want to do. Thus if you have any amount of surplus funds in such paper it would seem advisable to return same to America if you cannot dispose of it properly in India.

With what we gave you and together with the amount secured through the Church Committee you would seem to be well prepared for an emergency.

The Church Committee tells me that another $300.00 has just come in, (from a Princeton Church, I believe) and I am suggesting that this be held here pending definite instructions from you. It might be well for us to have a complete statement of the amounts received from various sources toward your projects and the expenditures, as I fear otherwise we will face a complicated situation. I will trust you to take care of this at your earliest opportunity. It might be well for us to know of any approaches you have made for assistance in case funds come in without definite designation. I mean others in addition to the $300.00 just received by the Church Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via Air Mail

January 15, 1945

Mrs. J. Claude Thomson
38 Alexander Street
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Thomson:

The following cable dated Lisbon January 13th was received this morning from your husband:

"ALLS WELL MOVING NEXT ADDRESS CARE WENDELL CLELAND INFORM FAMILY"

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Addresses for J. Claude Thomson

From November 25 - December 6

c/o American Consulate
Lisbon, Portugal

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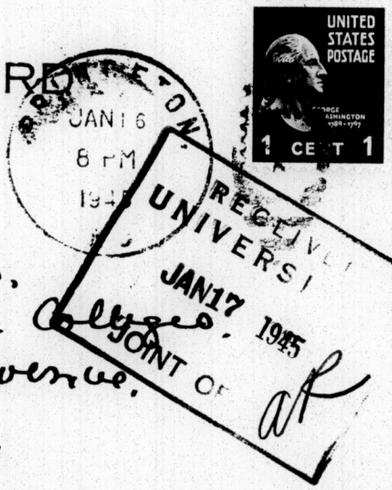

Mr. C. A. Evans.
c/o The China Colleges.
150 Fifth Avenue.
New York 11
N.Y.

MRS. JAMES CLAUDE THOMSON 38 ALEXANDER ST. PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

File 1/17/45

Dear Mr. Evans -

Thank you very much for sending Claude's cable on so quickly. I am glad he has not had to wait longer in Lisbon and hope he can move on as promptly from his next stop. The news of transportation into China sounds a little better. Yours sincerely, Margaret Thomson

February 19, 1945

Dr. J. Claude Thomson
c/o Mr. J. W. Prentice
P. O. Box 92
Bombay, India

Dear Dr. Thomson:

Your cablegram of January 15th came to hand and the orders were placed as requested after we had established the fact that additional funds approximating the cost of the order had been received through the Church Committee.

We immediately passed on to your family word about your continuing voyage.

A recent change in the classification of items on your list compelled us to secure licenses, but we anticipate that we will receive the license to proceed within a very few days.

We have received word that Robert Thompson, Assistant China Director of the C.I.M. is establishing an office at 13 Willington Square, Calcutta. He is prepared to serve all missions and it is suggested that the missions share expense. We do not know how long this will be required and are hoping that commercial transportation will be opened up over the Burma Road at a not too distant date.

We hope you are progressing satisfactorily on your journey and that you are not encountering too much difficulty.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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c/o Mr J N Pranhio
P.O. 92

April 25, 1945

Mrs. James Claude Thomson
38 Alexander Street
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Thomson:

I am enclosing herewith two tickets to the Associated Boards Annual Dinner on May 7th.

We are not arranging a seating list but I am quite sure that it will be possible for you to arrange to be at the same table with Mr. & Mrs. Mills.

You will be glad to know that all of the supplies we were able to secure on Dr. Thomson's order have now been shipped.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES A. CAMERON

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RUSH SHIPMENT ALL REMAINING THOMAS ORDERS INCLUDING MINE
NOVEMBER TENTH AND VITAMINS TRANSPORTATION PROSPECTS EXCELLENT
LOVE TO MY FAMILY

J. CLAUDE THOMSON

Copy Sent
Mrs. Thomson
4/30/45 - Ja.

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38 Alexander Street - File
Princeton, N.J.
April 30th 1945 JAC
5/8/45

Dear Mr. Cameron,

Thank you for the tickets. I am enclosing a cheque for $2.00 more for another guest, my younger daughter, Mrs. Robert Brown.

I am delighted to hear that all my husband's shipment is on the way. I have not had a letter from him since one sent March 21st from Bombay. He wrote me then that he had been able to send all his boxes across India in bond and

he hoped to get everything into China by the middle of May. On March 12th Miss Priest telegraphed that she had not received the invoices from 150 Fifth Ave and so could not get permits (Mr Chao) for bringing the freight in. Claude was sending her copies of the ones he had & hoped that would help things along. She must have them now at any rate.

A friend who saw him in Delhi said that he was looking very well, and was collecting University stuff in Karachi that has been held up there, and was hopeful of getting it in soon.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the China Colleges dinner. Yours sincerely,
Margaret Thomson.

April 30, 1945

Mrs. James Claude Thomson
38 Alexander Street
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Thomson:

We have this morning received the following cablegram from Dr. Thomson:

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LOVE TO MY FAMILY

All of his November 10th order and the vitamins, together with such equipment as the Arthur Thomas Company was able to supply, has already been shipped. Dr. Y. G. Chen of the University of Nanking is returning by plane shortly and I am planning to send duplicate copies of all of the invoices and other necessary documents with him as far as India. This will be faster than sending them by air mail as it often takes over a month for delivery to India.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES A. CAMERON

JAC/mc

May 11, 1945

Dr. J. Claude Thomson
c/o American Express Co.
Calcutta, India

Dear Dr. Thomson:

Your cablegram arrived several days ago and we have been busy preparing copies of the invoices requested on light paper in order to save space and to get at least one complete set within the two ounce limit for one envelope. With this letter I am enclosing a running typewritten copy of the various invoices included in this shipment of 15 cases, together with a signed copy of the American Export Lines Bill of Lading No. 77 and a copy of the United Shipping Corp. Bill of Lading.

Also enclosed is a carbon copy of a letter to Miss Priest in which we enclosed copies of these invoices for her use in securing importation permits from the Chinese government.

You will note that your order of November 10th for powdered milk and your vitamins are included in this shipment. Everything that I could secure delivery of from the Arthur Thomas Company was also included.

I will mail you one copy of each of the original invoices in the next mail.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES A. CAMERON

JAC/mc
Encls.
CC to Miss Priest

See copies of invoices attached to Elsie Priest letter we wrote of May 11, 1945

ACA 6/14/45

Calcutta
May 25th 1945

"....I'm perturbed that I haven't received any word from Mr. Evans, answering my cable of March 30th, asking him to tell me when to expect the next shipment or shipments here in India; and how much the total weight would be. I need the information to plan for the Priorities to send the stuff on to Chengtu. Cables may be very slow, or - horrible thought - Mr. Evans may not have shipped any of the remaining things yet. I'll Wait another week before sending another cable, hoping to hear from him. If I don't look after that shipment I see no chance whatever of its getting into Chengtu until the war is over. So, what shall I do? I feel I must wait here sometime longer if the stuff is really coming."

Dear Mr. Evans -

This came to me in a Canadian air mail letter to-day. If you have not cabled my husband I'll be glad to have you do it at my expense if necessary, so he may know how things stand. He has sent in 2000 pounds of supplies by air which they promised would be in Chengtu by May 22nd. Apparently only shipments

that are personally supervised get done. If he leaves it to be done after he departs the chances are it will be forgotten or overlooked.

We hope very much that our older son may be seeing him or perhaps may have already seen him in Calcutta.

With best regards to you, Mrs. Evans & Mr. Cameron.

Yours, Yours very sincerely.
Margaret Thomson

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6/14/46
gac

38 Alexander Street.
Princeton. N. J.
June 12th 1945

over

Dear Mr. Cameron.

We are having to leave this apartment. May I send you in storage the files of scientific periodicals that my husband has been keeping in the University when it returns to Nanking or when the way opens to get them to Chungtu. I think there will be between five and ten cartons.

From the latest word - May 15th - Claude is still waiting

for the last shipment and papers. He has permission to ship everything in by air and to go in himself. I hope he can go soon.

Can you tell me when Dr. Chen reached India? also if you have any idea when the final shipment will reach there?

When I consider how nasty Princeton is these humid days, I hate to think of Calcutta. Claude gives thanks in each letter our lot has been cast in "clean

cool China".

With best regards to you

Jane,

Yours very sincerely.

Margaret S.C. Thomson.

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Margaret

to

John Sealbury Thomson

Lieutenant, j. g. United States Naval Reserve

on Friday, the eleventh of May

Nineteen hundred and forty-five

St. Louis, Missouri

PRINCETON, N.J.
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

UNIV
JUN 20 1945
JOINT

Mr. James A. Cameron
Room 903
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11 N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Cameron - I am glad you ~~cabled~~ Claude even tho the things ~~arrive~~ very soon. It will make him feel more in touch. In his last letter of May 20, he said that "the U.S. Army air captain in charge of transportation over the Hump has assured me that all my 2000 pounds of supplies in Calcutta would surely be in Chungking by Tuesday of this week, May 22 nd." - He adds "I'll believe it when I hear it has arrived."

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thornton

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June 14, 1945

Mrs. J. Claude Thomson
38 Alexander Street
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Thomson:

Your letter of the 12th, regarding the storing of the magazines, arrived yesterday afternoon and this morning's mail brings your special delivery letter with the quotation from Dr. Thomson's letter to you.

I am unable to give you a definite answer today regarding the storing of the Nanking periodicals here in our New York office. At the moment we are receiving over 400 assorted periodicals for the various universities and have been storing them here. However, we are now at the point where we must go out and rent space to take care of periodicals that are coming in. I will try to give you a definite answer on this within the week.

We have had no word from Dr. Chen since he left the United States.

I am a bit concerned about the cable of March 30th which Dr. Thomson mentioned. The only two cables we have received from him was one sent in January ordering Brewers Yeast, Klim, vitamins, etc. The second one was dated Bombay, April 26th. I sent you a copy of this on April 30th. Although Dr. Thomson said he was urgently in need of total weights, approximate dates of arrival and etc., no mention was made of the necessity for a cable and we therefore did not send one. However, we had sent him on May 11th by air mail, c/o the American Express Co., Calcutta, a complete copy of all of the invoices for the 15 cases, together with a signed copy of the American Export Lines Bill of Lading, and a copy of the United Shipping Corporation's Bill of Lading. This shipment completed all of the order which we can secure at this time. He should have received at least one copy of these lists by now.

These 15 cases left Jersey City by the American Export Lines not later than April 20th. I have just checked with the steamship lines and as you know they are not allowed to give any specific dates, but they do say that the shipment should have arrived or will arrive shortly.

I am sorry that we have been so slow and that Dr. Thomson has been delayed so long in India, but we have done our best to get these things going as promptly as possible.

Mr. Evans will not be back in the office until tomorrow morning. I will discuss this matter with him and if he thinks it necessary, we will cable Dr. Thomson, giving him the total weight of the shipment and the approximate date when it should arrive in India.

However, I am inclined to believe that he has received our letter and copies of invoices by this time.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES A. CAMERON

JAC/ms

June 16, 1945

Mrs. J. Claude Thomson
38 Alexander Street
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Thomson:

I have this morning talked to Mr. Evans regarding the storage of the scientific periodicals you are now holding as well as the sending of a cable to Dr. Thomson.

We will make space for the periodicals if you will express them to us. Please make certain that the address includes our room number. It should be as follows:

Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
Room 903, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N.Y.

We have this morning sent the following cablegram to Dr. Thomson c/o the American Express Company Calcutta India:

"FIFTEEN CASES SHIPPED INVOICES AIRMAILED YOU MAY ELEVENTH SHIPPING AGENCY INDICATES SHOULD BE CALCUTTA NOW OR SOON INFORM US PROGRESS."

I am also writing to Dr. Thomson today by air mail giving him further information.

We will appreciate it very much if you will continue to pass on information regarding these shipments as received from Dr. Thomson.

Sincerely yours,

JAC/mo

JAMES A. CAMERON

P.S. Please let us know the date on which the shipment of periodicals leave Princeton in order that we may be on the lookout for them.

J. A. C.

June 16, 1945

Dr. J. Claude Thomson
c/o American Express Company
Calcutta, India

Dear Dr. Thomson:

Yesterday we received from Mrs. Thomson quotations from your letter of May 25th to her regarding shipments to you.

I hope you have already received our May 11th letter enclosing copies of invoices and shipping documents for the 15 cases which left here on April 20th by the American Export Lines.

I am extremely sorry that we were unable to make the shipment before this day, but we ran into some unforseeable delays both with the shipping space and the securing of additional export license. You will note from the invoices which we have mailed to you that your order was fairly well cleared up by the Arthur H. Thomas Company and that the items contained in your cable of April 26th was completely taken care of.

If you have an opportunity, we would like to know of your progress and the procedures that are necessary to secure priorities for shipments from India to China in order that we may pass them along to other staff members returning from time to time. Dr. Kilborn and Dr. Struthers are planning to return possibly in August and are taking quite a few supplies to West China. Any information that you may have would, I am sure, be helpful to them.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES A. CAMERON

JAC/mc

P.S. We did not receive the cable of March 30th referred to in your letter of May 25th to Mrs. Thomson.

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CALCUTTA, (INDIA)

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CARL EVANS

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